

# Curriculum vitae – Simon Jefferies Foale

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## Qualifications/education

Ph.D. 1998. Department of Zoology, The University of Melbourne  
B.Sc. (Hons) 1984. The University of Queensland

## Recent employment

2012 – ongoing: Senior Lecturer in Anthropology, School of Arts and Social Sciences, James Cook University  
2006 – 2012: Senior Research Fellow, ARC Centre of Excellence for Coral Reef Studies, James Cook University  
2002 – 2006: Research Fellow, Resource Management in Asia Pacific Program, Australian National University  
1999 – 2001: Senior Technical Advisor, WWF Community Resource Conservation and Development Project, Gizo, Solomon Islands

## Bionote

Simon's Ph.D. work was on the role of customary marine tenure and local ecological knowledge in near-shore fishery management in Nggela, Solomon Islands. This cross-disciplinary study involved fisheries stock assessments and long-term village-based ethnographic research. Since then he has maintained a keen interest in understanding how coastal fishers think about their impacts on fishery dynamics. Simon has worked on a broad range of projects, including biodiversity conservation, the social and economic impact of mining, agricultural and fishery resource management on small, densely populated islands, and the resilience of coastal fisheries to varying levels of fishing pressure and modes of management. Most of this work has been located in PNG and Solomon Islands, with recent participation in two agricultural projects in Laos (ASEM-2011-075; ASEM-2012-073).

Simon recently scripted a fisheries education video called 'Fish and People' (<http://www.ecomedia.com.au/fishandpeople.html>) which, although designed for Melanesian high school audiences, is already proving to be popular in a number of countries outside of Melanesia as well. He has authored or co-authored 40 journal articles, 5 book chapters, 19 consultancy reports or working papers and a set of educational booklets on the environmental impacts of mining. Simon started teaching anthropology (environmental anthropology, and the anthropology of development) at JCU in 2012. He currently supervises 8 Ph.D. students and one honours student.

## Selected Recent and ongoing projects and consultancies

2014 – 2019: Development Anthropologist for 'Improving Food Security in the Northern Uplands of Lao PDR: Identifying Drivers and Overcoming Barriers' – ACIAR Project # ASEM-2012-073 (Project Lead: Paulo Santos, Monash University).  
Sept – Dec 2013: Chief Investigator for 'Improving Livelihoods of Coastal Artisanal Fishing Communities in Madang Province, Papua New Guinea, Through Piloting Alternative Fishing Methods' WWF WMPO 0064.

- 2012 – 2017: Socio-economic impact analyst for 'Impacts of Improving Postharvest Processing of Sea Cucumbers in the Western Pacific' – ACIAR Project # FIS/2010/096. (Project Lead: Steven Purcell, Southern Cross University).
- Jan-Feb 2009: Chief Investigator for 'A Review of the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (EAF) within The Nature Conservancy's Community Engagement Processes in Melanesia' (The Nature Conservancy).
- 2007 – 2009: Short-term Environment Advisor, Solomon Islands Community Sector Program (AusAID).
- 2006 – 2008: Qualitative Research Coordinator, 'RAMSI People's Survey', Phases 1-3, Solomon Islands (AusAID).

## Recent Grants

- ❖ Australian Research Council Linkage Project LP140100536. **AUD228,000** (2014-2017). The Nakanai Caves Cultural Heritage Project. With J. Gabriel, M. Wood, S. McIntyre-Tamwoy, C. Filer, M. Leavesley, M. Kelly, J. Specht, K. Mondiai.
- ❖ Telekom Television Ltd (Solomon Islands) contributed **AUD70,000** via Eco-Media Production Group to co-fund production and distribution of the fisheries education DVD, '**Fish and People**' (2011/2012).
- ❖ Australian Research Council Discovery Project DP0987537. **AUD200,000** (2009 – 2012): 'An Assessment of Social-Ecological Resilience in the Context of Marine Resource Management in Melanesia'. With Assoc. Prof. M.A. Macintyre (The University of Melbourne) and Dr D. Nakashima (UNESCO, Paris).
- ❖ James Cook University Seed Funding Grant. **AUD15,000** (2008): 'Marine Resource Management in Melanesia'.
- ❖ Lihir Gold Ltd: **AUD246,500** (2004-2007). 'Environmental Education Program for Lihir (EEPL), PNG'.

## Selected Publications:

See also: <https://research.jcu.edu.au/portfolio/simon.foale>

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Foale, S., P. Cohen, S. Januchowski, A. Wenger and M. Macintyre (2011). Tenure and taboos: origins and implications for fisheries in the Pacific. *Fish and Fisheries* **12**(4): 357-369.

Foale, S. J. and M. A. Macintyre (2005). Green Fantasies: Photographic representations of biodiversity and ecotourism in the Western Pacific. *Journal of Political Ecology* **12**: 1-22.

[http://jpe.library.arizona.edu/volume\\_12/FoaleMacintyre2005.pdf](http://jpe.library.arizona.edu/volume_12/FoaleMacintyre2005.pdf)

Foale, S. (2001). 'Where's our development?' Landowner aspirations and environmentalist agendas in Western Solomon Islands, *The Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology* **2**(2): 44-67.