

PACS 108: PACIFIC WORLDS

An Introduction to Pacific Islands Studies

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Course Description

Welcome to Pacific Worlds: An Introduction to Pacific Islands Studies. In this course you will be introduced to issues involving the Pacific diaspora, colonization, governance, regionalism, globalism, tourism, development, gender, and contemporary arts and cultures of the Pacific Islands region also known as Oceania. You will learn of concepts that draw upon a wealth of knowledge and experience across the region, allowing you to become more familiar with both the differences and connections among the islands of Oceania. In short, this course will explore the Pacific region, broaden your knowledge of the Pacific, and provide you with insights into the Pacific Islander communities living in multicultural Hawai'i.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of the course students are expected to be able to:

- a. name and identify locations of most Pacific island countries as well as their capital cities and major urban centers;
- b. discuss the nature and kinds of islands that make up Oceania;
- c. understand indigenous and colonial settlement of the Pacific and link this concept with a diverse region;
- d. demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the diversity of Pacific Island cultures;
- e. identify and explain several important social, cultural and environmental concerns in the contemporary Pacific;
- f. explain and describe aspects of the Pacific diaspora; and
- g. appreciate the interdisciplinary nature of Pacific Studies.

Readings and Class Participation

You can purchase the Reader and a set of maps (4) for \$8 at the Center for Pacific Islands Studies, Moore Hall 215. You are expected to attend every class, keep up with the readings, and contribute to class discussion. The Reader is divided into five sections: introduction, Pacific diaspora, contemporary social problems and solutions, gender, development, and struggles and 'wayfinding.' Additional readings and handouts, as well as film and internet sources will be provided throughout the semester.

Class participation also includes taking part in small group discussions and a group project/presentation at the end of the semester. The group project/presentation is intended to give you actual experience interacting with Pacific Islanders as well as working collaboratively with your peers. You will be required to meet in class (beginning in October) as well as outside of the classroom to conduct research.

Class participation and attendance is worth a tenth of your grade. A doctor's note is required for a missed exam or quiz. More than two (2) absences will result in a 2 percent deduction for each missed class. Points also will be deducted for coming late or leaving early from class.

Assessment, Grading Scale, and Extra Credit

(Details for each of the following will be discussed in class.)

Class participation and attendance (see above)	10%
Map quiz	10%
Short essays or assignments (4)	40%
Group project/presentation	20%
Final exam	20%

A+	100-97	B+	89-86	C+	79-76	D+	69-66
A	96-93	B	85-83	C	75-73	D	65-63
A-	92-90	B-	82-80	C-	72-70	D-	62-60
						F	Below 60

Extra Credit

You can earn up to ten percentage points throughout the semester through extra credit. Extra credit examples include short reaction papers about a talk on campus, an event in Hawai'i, or developing a concept in the field. To be able to do extra credit, you must be passing with a 70% or better and you must have completed all of your regular assignments.

Schedule of Events

Month	Day	Day of Week	Event	Notes
August	26	T	Introduction	
	28	Th		
September	2	T	PART I	
	4	Th		
	9	T		
	11	Th		
	16	T		
	18	Th	PART II	
	23	T		
October	25	Th		
	30	T		
	2	Th	PART III	
	7	T	(30 minutes for groups)	
	9	Th		
	14	T	(30 minutes for groups)	
	16	Th		
November	21	T	PART IV (30 minutes for groups)	
	23	Th		
	28	T	(30 minutes for groups)	
	30	Th		
	4	T	HOLIDAY: Election Day	
	6	Th		
	11	T	HOLIDAY: Veterans Day	
December	13	Th	PART V	
	18	T		
	20	Th		
	25	T		
	27	Th	HOLIDAY: Thanksgiving	
	2	T	Group Presentation	
	4	Th	Group Presentation	
December	9	T	Group Presentation	
	11	Th	Evaluation Last day of instruction Discussion of Final Exam	
	16	T	FINAL EXAM 9:45-11:45 a.m. Kuykendall 306.	

Note: Changes may be made to the syllabus and the Schedule of Events at the instructor's discretion. Lab tops in the classroom should be used *only* for note taking and class activities. Turn off cell phones and pagers before coming to class.

INTRODUCTION

- Ron Crocombe (2008). "Chronology of main periods, abbreviations, where is the South Pacific? A note on geography, terms and meanings;" "People: Moving and mixing." In *The South Pacific* [seventh edition]. Fiji: University of the South Pacific, xi-xx; 23-51.
- Ann Gibbons (2001). The peopling of the Pacific. *Science* 291(5509): 1735-1737 [1/6 to 6/6].
- Robert C. Kiste (1994). "Pre-colonial times." In *Tides of history: The Pacific islands in the twentieth century*, edited by K.R. Howe, Robert C. Kiste and Brij V. Lal. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 3-28.

PART I: PACIFIC DIASPORA Mobility, Identity, and Urbanization

- Eveli Hau'ofa (1993). Our sea of islands. *The Contemporary Pacific* 6(1): 148-161.
- Francis Hezel and Eugenia Samuel (2006). Micronesians abroad [Occasional papers, Pohnpei: FSM]. *Micronesian Counselor* 64: 2-23.
- Michael Perez (2003). "Chamorro ambivalence and diaspora: Beyond U.S. racial Formations [chapter 5]." In *Global processes, local impacts: The effects of globalization in the Pacific-Asia region*, edited by Lan-Hung Nora Chiang, John Lidstone, and Rebecca A. Stephenson. Mangilao, Guam: University of Guam, 31-44.
- J. Kēhaulani Kauanui (1998). Off-island Hawaiians "making" ourselves at "home": A [gendered] contradiction in terms? *Women's Studies International Forum* 21(6): 681-693.
- Melani Anae (2003). "From kava to coffee: The browning of Auckland [chapter 4]." In *Almighty Auckland?*, edited by Ian Carter, David Craig and Steve Matthewman. Palmerston North, New Zealand: Dunmore Press, 89-110.

PART II: CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL PROBLEMS & SOLUTIONS Insider and Outsider Perspectives

- Donald H. Rubinstein (1995). Love and suffering: Adolescent socialization and suicide in Micronesia. *The Contemporary Pacific* 7(1) Spring: 21-53.
- Laurence Marshall Carucci (1990). Negotiations of violence in the Marshallese household. *Pacific Studies* 13(3): 93-113.
- Judith Modell (1997). "(Not) in my back yard: Housing the homeless [chapter 9]." In *Home in the islands: Housing and social change in the Pacific*, edited by Jan Rensel and Margaret Rodman. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, 194-221.

Cluny Macpherson (1997). "A Samoan solution to the limitations of urban housing in New Zealand [chapter 7]." In *Home in the islands: Housing and social change in the Pacific*, edited by Jan Rensel and Margaret Rodman. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, 151-174.

PART III: GENDER The Impacts of Colonialism

Margaret Rodman, Daniela Kraemer, Lissant Bolton, and Jean Tarisesei (2005). "Introduction;" "Tanna" [chapter 1]. *House-girls remember: Domestic workers in Vanuatu*. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, 1-36.

Joan Ferrante (2006). "Gender with emphasis on American Samoa [chapter 10]." *Sociology: A global perspective* [sixth edition]. California: Thomson Wadsworth, 329-365.

Teresia K. Teaiwa (1992). Microwomen: U.S. colonialism and Micronesian women activists. In *Pacific History: Papers from the 8th Pacific history association conference*, edited by Donald H. Rubinstein. Mangilao, Guam: University of Guam Press & Micronesian Area Research Center, 125-141.

Emelihter Kihleng (2008). [Selected poems] "Nahnep, on sunsets;" "To swim with eels;" "My uros;" "She needs an urohs." *My uros*. Honolulu, Hawai'i: Kahuaomānoa Press, 23; 29-30; 49-50; 51-52.

PART IV: DEVELOPMENT Tourism, Globalism, and Climatic Change

Michael Fagence (1999). "Tourism [chapter 32]." In *The Pacific islands*, edited by Moshe Rapaport. Honolulu, Hawai'i: The Bess Press, 394-404.

Victoria S. Lockwood (2004). "The global imperative and Pacific Island societies [chapter 1]." In *Globalization and culture change in the Pacific islands*, edited by Victoria S. Lockwood. New Jersey: Pearson Prentice Hall, 1-39.

Francis X. Hezel and Chris Lightfoot. Myths of the FSM economy. *Micronesian Counselor* 59: 1-19.

Donald H. Rubinstein (2001). "Climate change, and relations between local communities and larger political structures in the Federated States of Micronesia." Paper presented for the APN workshop on local perspectives on climate change and variability in the Pacific Islands. Apia, Samoa, 4-6 December 2001 [5 pages].

Carving Out Radio Series: Development in the Pacific. Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) Online, Radio Australia.
Part 10: Conserving the future (11 June 2001, 12 pages)
Part 13: Steering a new course? Pacific perspectives on development (27 November 2001, 12 pages).

Jully Sipolo (1981). *Civilized girl: Poems*. Suva, Fiji: The South Pacific Creative Arts

Society [22 pages].

PART V: STRUGGLES AND WAYFINDING

- David Robie (1989). "Belau: Trust betrayed [chapter 9]." *Blood on their banner: Nationalist struggles in the South Pacific*. London: Zed Books, 161-176.
- Gerard A. Finin and Terence A. Wesley-Smith (2001). Coups, conflicts and crises: The new Pacific way? *Race and class* (42) April-June: 1-28.
- Will Kyselka (1987). The wayfinder. *An ocean in mind*. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, 204-222.
- Paulina Yourupi (2007). The impact of the Hokule'a voyage on my life. *Pacific Educator* 6(2): 18-19.
- Winston Halapua (2001). "Introduction;" "Historical Background [chapter 1]." *Living on the fringe: Melanesians in Fiji*. Suva, Fiji: The University of the South Pacific, Institute of Pacific Studies, 15-53.
- Asenati Liki-Chan Tung. Sogi relocation and the Melanesianization of a Samoan problem. Samoalive Newslines, <http://www.samoalive.com>, Provided by *Newslines Samoa Newspaper*, 31 May 2008[1/16 to 6/16].
- Teresia Teaiwa and Sean Mallon (2005). "Ambivalent kinships? Pacific people in New Zealand." In *New Zealand identities: Departures and destinations*, edited by James H. Liu, Tim McCreanor, Tracey McIntosh and Teresia Teaiwa. Wellington: Victoria University Press, 207-229.