

Critiquing Pasifika Education @ the University 2009

Biannual Conference

**Level 7, School Business, Auckland University of
Technology**

1-3 July 2009

Theme: Endangered Languages and Cultures, “What can WE do?”, understanding how researchers, students, and language community organisations can work together to address the challenges of language and cultural loss by the Cook Islands Māori, Niue, and Tokelau; Tahiti, Tongan, Samoan, Fijian, Tuvalu, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu and the Solomons Islands people in Aotearoa-New Zealand.

Final CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

There are approximately 7,000 languages spoken today and half of them are under threat from larger languages.

Keynote Speakers

**Dr David Gegeo, Senior Lecturer, MacMillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies,
University of Canterbury, New Zealand**

Current research interests: Language Revitalisation; cultural resilience in the Pacific; indigenous epistemology; indigenous ontology; indigenous philosophies; indigenous critical praxis; indigenous pedagogies; indigenous resource management; indigenous research methodologies; sociolinguistics, sociology of knowledge; conflict resolution; globalisation, decolonisation, development

and

Dr Meaola Amituanai-Toloa, Associate Dean, Pasifika in the Faculty of Education & Associate Director (Pasifika Research) at the Woolf Fisher Research Centre at the University of Auckland and Lecturer at the School of Literacies, Languages and Communications in the Faculty of Education, the University of Auckland

Dear colleagues

This is the final announcement for the **2nd Critiquing Pasifika Education @ the University** on 1-3 July 2009.

Have you registered yet for the 2009 Conference?

An exciting and inspiring conference is being organised for you! More than **NUMBER** participants have already registered for this special 2009 event for Pasifika researchers in the social sciences. The Theme – “What can We do?” – will give you insight into two topics everyone is now talking about: language and cultural development and language and cultural sustainability into the future.

PROGRAMME

Wednesday 1 July

8.00 am

Registration

9.00 am

Welcome & Keynote Speaker

Morning tea

Paper Presentations

Luncheon

Paper presentations

Light Refreshments

4.00 – 6.00pm – NZARE seminar

Thursday 2 July

8.00am Registration

Keynote

Paper presentations

Morning Tea

Paper presentations

Luncheon

Paper presentation

Afternoon Tea

4.00-6.00pm

Po Talanoa

7.00-10.00pm

Conference Dinner

Friday 3 July

8.00 Registration

9.00 Final paper presentations

12.00 - Closing speech

We are looking forward to meeting you in Auckland together with researchers, students, and other interested parties.

Kind regards,

The Conference Coordinating Committee

IMPORTANT DATES

Conference dates: 1-3 July 2009

Important Information

The Special Pasifika Supplement of *AlterNative an Indigenous Journal for Indigenous Peoples* will be on sale at the Conference see www.maramatanga.co.nz and www.alternative.ac.nz

About the Conference Coordinating Committee (CCC)

The CCC was re-formed in 2008 to organize the 2nd *Critiquing Pasifika Education @ the University* Biannual Meeting. The members are Dr Linitā Manu'atu, Chair, Dr Mere Kēpa, Secretary, Semisi Prescott, Treasurer, Dr Tafili Utumapu-McBride and Judy McFall McCaffery. In May 2008, Dr Utamapu-McBride has taken Maternity Leave. I'u Tuagalu is working in the position. The Committee has taken on the responsibility for addressing issues and possibilities of Pasifika Education @ the University in Aotearoa-New Zealand. CCC strives to create a forum to bring together Cook Islands Māori, Niue, and Tokelau; Samoan, Tongan, Fijian, Tuvalu, Kiribati, Papua, New Guinea, Vanuatu and Solomon Islands academics and postgraduate students. This purpose is pursued through setting up the forum and publishing the papers for dissemination.