

Contributors

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Epeli Hau'ofa (7 December 1939 – 11 January 2009) was born of Tongan missionary parents in Papua New Guinea and gained his PhD on the Mekeo people of Papua at The Australian National University (ANU) in 1981. He was head of the Department of Sociology at the University of the South Pacific (USP) from 1983, and later head of the School of Social and Economic Development. In 1997, he became the founding director of USP's Oceania Centre for Arts and Culture, which quickly became

a hub of Pacific artistic expression and intellectual activity. He and his wife Barbara made Fiji their home. As the late Ratu Joni Madraiwiwi wrote of Epeli, he ‘was a larger than life figure. His beard and genial visage were reinforced by an ever-present twinkle in his eye. He had a boundless capacity for humour, as well as an understated tongue-in-cheek manner’. More than any other Pacific Islander of his generation, he offered a new and positive conceptualisation of Pacific development and identity, emphasising the way in which the ocean connected rather than separated Pacific peoples.

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Labasa-born **Brij Vilash Lal** went to the University of the South Pacific (USP) in 1971 on a government scholarship to prepare for a career as a high school teacher of English and history. Instead, in 1974 he became USP’s first-ever graduate to do postgraduate studies overseas—at the University of British Columbia. He returned to teach briefly at USP before going to The Australian National University (ANU) to do a PhD. He returned to USP for three years before accepting an appointment at the University of Hawai‘i in 1983. He joined ANU in 1990 and retired from there as professor of Pacific and Asian history in 2016, receiving along the way many honours and awards for his scholarship and contributions to the humanities, including Australia’s Centenary of Federation Medal, Fellowship of the Australian Humanities Academy, and Member of the Order of Australia. He remains ever grateful to USP for the great start he got there from fondly remembered inspirational teachers.

Vijay Naidu's future was moulded by the establishment of the University of the South Pacific (USP). In 1974, he completed his bachelor's degree with a 'cafeteria combination' of sociology, politics, geography, history and economics. He then began tutoring in Foundation Politics and Advanced Pacific History courses. On a part-time basis, he completed his master's degree in political sociology. In 1989, he completed his doctoral degree in the sociology of development at the University of Sussex, UK. Over the last 44 years, he has worked at USP as tutor, lecturer, reader, professor, head of school, dean, pro-vice chancellor and acting vice chancellor. He has served as professor and director of Development Studies at USP and at Victoria University of Wellington. He has worked with colleagues at ANU including David Hegarty, Stewart Firth, Greg Fry, Jon Fraenkel and Brij Lal. Over the last 30 years, he has attended a number of conferences and seminars convened by ANU scholars. A number of his conference papers have been published in books and journals. He is on the editorial board of a number of international scholarly journals. He has served as consultant to government, non-government organisations (NGOs) and United Nations agencies. He has served in various Fiji Government Commissions. He is active in a number of NGOs.

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Claire Slatter retired from academia in 2018 after 23 years of teaching politics at the University of the South Pacific (USP). She also set up (with Dr Margaret Mishra) and taught ethics for close to three years at the Fiji National University. Claire did her first degree in politics and sociology at USP, her master's at The Australian National University (ANU) under an ANU scholarship, and her PhD at Massey University (Albany Campus). She is a gender and development specialist, a founding member and current board chair of the Global South feminist network of scholar activists, Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN), and a founding and active member of the Pacific Network on

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Christine Weir studied history at the University of Cambridge, trained as a history teacher, and in 1976 accompanied her husband Tony to the University of the South Pacific (USP), where he was employed as a physics lecturer. During eight years in Fiji, she taught in Fiji schools, learned about Pacific history, and did some tutoring at USP in social science and education. During the following years, while resident in Canberra, she returned to study at The Australian National University (ANU), completing a master's in anthropology and then a PhD in Pacific history (2003) on missionary ideas about work in Fiji and Solomon Islands. In 2007, Christine returned to Fiji to take up the position of lecturer in history at USP, which she held for seven years, teaching a variety of courses in Pacific and world history, supervising several research students, and researching colonial and contemporary Christianity in the Pacific. Since returning to Canberra in 2014, she has continued her research as an honorary lecturer in the College of Asia and the Pacific at ANU and is currently working on a biography of Bishop Jabez Bryce, the first Indigenous Bishop of Polynesia.

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