

Author Biographies

Ravunamu Auka is the deputy public prosecutor (courts) of Papua New Guinea and is from Kapari village, Central Province. He has held the position of deputy public prosecutor of the Office of the Public Prosecutor (OPP) for 18 years and has been in the employ of the office for 32 years. A graduate of the University of Papua New Guinea with a Bachelor of Laws in 1980, Mr Auka was admitted as a Lawyer of the Courts of Papua New Guinea in 1981. In 1991 Mr Auka was attached for six months to the Commonwealth Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions in Sydney; successfully completed the Victorian Bar Readers Course in November 1997; and represented the Papua New Guinea OPP at the Australian Association of Crown Prosecutors Conference in 2012. In addition to broad and extensive experience of conduct of trials in the National Court, Mr Auka has responsibility for conduct of all criminal appeals in the Supreme Court of Papua New Guinea.

Clara Bal is from Chimbu Province and has a degree in PNG Studies and International Relations from Divine Word University, Madang, in the year 2012. She is currently studying at the Yeungnam University, Republic of South Korea, and will graduate with her masters degree in Community Development Leadership in 2016. She has been conducting research on the Gor community's local governance structure and has recently undertaken a review for Caritas Australia. She visited Canberra in 2013 for the State, Society and Governance in Melanesia Program Pacific Research Colloquium.

John Cox is an anthropologist and research fellow with the State, Society and Governance in Melanesia Program, College of Asia and the Pacific, The Australian National University. His doctoral work on 'fast money schemes' explored the developmental values of middle-class Papua New Guineans and was awarded the Australian Anthropological Society's prize for best PhD thesis in 2012. Cox has been working in the Pacific since 1996 as a volunteer, development program manager, freelance consultant and academic researcher.

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Mark Evenhuis is a Senior Policy and Advocacy Adviser at Plan International Australia and formerly worked in Bougainville and Papua New Guinea as a human rights adviser and consultant. He has recently completed a Masters of Law and Development at the University of Melbourne.

Richard Eves is an anthropologist who has published widely on issues of social change in Papua New Guinea. Richard's work deals with contemporary issues in Melanesia, straddling the boundaries between anthropology, development and international health, with a particular focus on gender, violence and the AIDS epidemic. He also has wide experience consulting on issues of health, AIDS and gender-based violence in Papua New Guinea, having been a research adviser on two AusAID-funded projects and a consultant for Caritas Australia. He has undertaken qualitative research in numerous provinces, including Western Highlands, Chimbu, Western, Eastern Highlands, Morobe, Milne Bay and the Autonomous Region of Bougainville. In 2008, with Leslie Butt, he co-edited the important volume *Making Sense of AIDS: Culture, Sexuality, and Power in Melanesia* (University of Hawai'i Press), a collection of anthropological papers on how the epidemic is being understood and responded to in Melanesia. Much of his current research and writing focuses on gender — in particular, on forms of masculinity and how to engage men in the prevention of violence against women.

Lawrence Foana'ota OBE is a freelance researcher, Commissioner of Oaths, and honorary member of the Pacific Islands Museums Association, a regional organisation of which he was one of the founders and first chairman of its executive board until 2006. He is interested in social and cultural issues in Solomon Islands and in Melanesia generally. Recently he carried out social, health and cultural heritage impact assessments in communities along the Tina River, Central Guadalcanal, as part of a hydropower development project. In 2012 he completed a research project in collaboration with Bergen University in Norway and James Cook University, north Queensland. He was an adjunct senior research fellow with the School of Arts and Social Sciences at James Cook University from 2006 until 2013. He holds a bachelor's degree and Master of Arts in Anthropology and a Museum Management Certificate. He has written on several cultural issues and about the Solomon Islands National Museum.

Miranda Forsyth is a research fellow with State, Society and Governance in Melanesia in the College of Asia and the Pacific, The Australian National University. In February 2011 she commenced a three-year ARC Discovery-funded project to investigate the impact of intellectual property laws on development in Pacific island countries. Prior to this, Miranda was a senior lecturer in criminal

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Derek Futaiasi graduated with a Bachelor of Laws (2008), Professional Diploma in Legal Practice (2009) and Master of Laws (2012) from the University of the South Pacific. He is a senior legal officer with the Solomon Islands Law Reform Commission.

Patrick Gesch was born in Townsville in 1944. He joined the Divine Word Missionaries and entered training for the priesthood, which included seven years in the United States. He was posted to Negrie Parish in the Yangoru district of Wewak Catholic diocese in 1973. He did his doctoral studies through Sydney University on the cargo cult-type movement of the area. In 1983 he joined Divine Word University, Madang, and has remained based there ever since, with absences doing editorial work for *Anthropos* journal, and for a stay in Manihiki in the Cook Islands.

Philip Gibbs is an SVD missionary priest living and working in Papua New Guinea. He is secretary of the Commission for Social Concerns for the Catholic Bishops Conference of Papua New Guinea/Solomon Islands and a research adviser for Caritas Australia. He has published on sorcery in the Sepik: *Sorcery and a Christian Response in the East Sepik* (with Josepha Wailoni; 2009, Melanesian Institute), and on witchcraft in Simbu: *Engendered Violence and Witch-Killing in Simbu* (2012, ANU E Press).

Barbara Gore is from Mukone village, Chimbu Province, and is a senior legal officer with the Papua New Guinea Office of the Public Prosecutor (OPP). Ms Gore was admitted as a lawyer of the National and Supreme courts of Papua New Guinea in 2008 following graduation from the University of Papua New Guinea with a Bachelor of Laws and successful completion of the post-graduate training for admission. Ms Gore has worked with the OPP, initially in the Port Moresby office and in the Goroka office, from early 2012. In mid-2012 Ms Gore was attached for a period to the Queensland Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions. Ms Gore has conducted all types of OPP prosecution matters in the superior courts in Goroka and circuit areas across Papua New Guinea.

John Himugu is an ethnographic researcher at the Institute of Papua New Guinea Studies. He has researched sorcery and witchcraft beliefs of the Huli of Hela Province, where he comes from. He was a member of the working

committee set up by the Constitutional and Law Reform Commission of Papua New Guinea in 2007 to look into sorcery and sorcery-related killings in Papua New Guinea and has travelled widely to get public opinion on the matter.

Jonathan Julius comes from Marap village in the Sawos language area, just off the Sepik River. He followed his father around Port Moresby, Lae and Madang in his schooling years, and eventually went to Madang Teachers College. His first appointment as teacher was to the remote school of Ninigo in the Nahu Rawa Local Level Government area and over the course of the following years had to deal with a murderous *sanguma* movement as it affected the community. He is married to his home place and has two daughters. His destiny is to return to Marap one day.

Philip Kanairara is the Chief Legal Officer for the Solomon Islands Law Reform Commission. He joined the Commission as a Senior Legal Officer in March 2009. He is working with other officers of the Commission on the review of the Solomon Islands Penal Code. Sorcery is an offence under the Penal Code. He has completed work on Corruption Offences and the law that applies to land below the high water mark (beaches and foreshores). Reports containing recommendations for law reforms on these subjects were sent to the Solomon Islands Government in 2011 and 2012. Mr. Kanairara graduated from the USP with a Bachelor of Laws in 2006, a Professional Diploma in Legal Practice (PDLP) in 2008, a Professional Diploma in Legislative Drafting (PDL) in 2011 and a Master of Laws (LLM) in 2012.

Mel Keenan is principal legal officer at the NSW Electoral Commission. He has previously held senior legal and policy positions with the Legislative Assembly of NSW, the NSW Aboriginal Land Council and the NSW Law Reform Commission. He is currently enrolled in the Master of Laws by research at Monash University, which is to be formally upgraded to a PhD in late 2013. At this stage of his research, his chapter is exploratory in nature, introducing the viewpoint of the legal historian.

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Salmah Eva-Lina Lawrence is a PhD candidate at The Australian National University. After a career with a global business advisory firm in London and New York, she started work in international development and has worked in gender and development for the United Nations in Afghanistan and Papua New Guinea. She has a Master of Arts in International Relations, a Master of International and Community Development, and a Master of Business Administration, all from Deakin University, and a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Politics, Philosophy and History from the University of London. Her roots in her matrilineal culture of Kwato, Milne Bay Province, Papua New Guinea, influence her research interests. Her interdisciplinary PhD project draws on international relations, political economy and anthropology and focuses on power relations between the indigenous people of Milne Bay, and colonisers, as well as inter-gender. The underlying theme of her interests are decolonial projects and how majority world peoples have managed colonialism and the colonality of power. She is associated with Professor Margaret Jolly's ARC Laureate project *Engendering Persons, Transforming Things: Christianities, Commodities and Individualism in Oceania*.

Siobhan McDonnell is a legal anthropologist who spent 10 years working as an academic and adviser on land and governance issues in Indigenous Australia before beginning a PhD on land issues in Vanuatu in 2008. In the two years she lived in Vanuatu, she worked on land and governance issues. Siobhan is currently legal adviser to Vanuatu Minister of Lands, Ralph Regenvanu. Ms McDonnell also has an ongoing position as legal adviser in the Vanuatu Cultural Centre and as a land law adviser to the Attorney-General of Vanuatu. She has provided legal advice on land and environment issues, carbon trading and World Heritage issues in Melanesia to the World Bank and to a number of non-government organisations. She is an occasional lecturer at The Australian National University and the University of the South Pacific.

Georgina Phillips is an emergency physician at St Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne, and senior lecturer and honorary fellow at the University of Melbourne, Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences. She has more than a decade of experience of capacity development work in emergency medicine in developing countries including Kiribati, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, East Timor and Myanmar. Ms Phillips is the deputy chair of the Australian College of Emergency Medicine's International Emergency Medicine Special Interest Group Executive Committee and is on the Committee of Management of the St Vincent's Pacific Health Fund.

Christine Stewart was awarded her PhD in Gender Studies of Papua New Guinea in 2012, building on a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) from Sydney University and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Papua New Guinea. She has worked for many years in Papua New Guinea and elsewhere in the Pacific in the fields of law

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