

PASIFIKA AUSTRALIA

The Australian National University's ongoing Pacific Studies outreach program

DRAFT program for Pacific Studies workshop weekend 2009

Friday 2 – Sunday 4 October 2009

Acton and Kioloa campuses, the Australian National University

Friday 2 October

| Location | Time | Activity |
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| Acton campus | 8:30-9:15 | Informal breakfast for all students, and alumni from the 2008 workshop |
| | 9:15-10:00 | Meet with invited dignitaries (Ambassadors, High Commissioners from Pacific Island countries and territories) |
| | 10:00-11:00 | Lecture & Discussion: Katerina Teaiwa, 'Learning Oceania: an introduction to Pacific Studies' |
| | 11:00-12:30 | Tour of Menzies Library with Deveni Temu, ANU's Pacific Librarian |
| | 12:30-1:30 | Lunch |
| | 1:30-2:30 | Tour of university campus |
| | 2:30-3:30 | Seminar & Discussion |
| | 3:30-4:30 | Afternoon tea Form groups and discuss the group performances to be developed throughout the weekend |
| | 4:30-7:00 | Travel by coach to Kioloa |
| Kioloa campus | 7:00-8:00 | Dinner |
| | 8:00-10:30 | Settling in to Kioloa – induction to the site, free time |
| | 10:30 | Lights out |

Saturday 3 October

| Location | Time | Activity |
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| Kioloa campus | 8:00-9:00 | Breakfast |
| | 9:00-10:30 | First workshop: Julia Gray, 'Visual arts' |
| | 10:30-11:00 | Morning tea |
| | 11:00-12:30 | Second workshop: Julia Gray and Katerina Teaiwa, 'Dance' |
| | 12:30-1:30 | Lunch on the beach (weather permitting) |
| | 1:30-3:00 | Third workshop: Julia Gray, 'Music' |
| | 3:00-3:30 | Afternoon tea |
| | 3:30-7:00 | Group-work |
| | 7:00-8:00 | Dinner |
| | 8:00-9:30 | Pacific-themed movie night |
| | 10:00 | Lights out |

Sunday 4 October

| Location | Time | Activity |
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| Kioloa campus | 8:00-9:00 | Breakfast – discuss group projects |
| | 9:00-10:00 | Group-work – finish group projects |
| | 10:00-10:30 | Morning tea |
| | 10:30-12:00 | Group presentations |
| | 12:00-12:45 | Lunch |
| | 12:45-1:30 | Debrief |
| | 1:30-2:00 | Pack up |
| | 2:00-4:30 | Return by coach to Canberra |
| Acton campus | 4:30 | Students to be collected from ANU |

Why Pacific Studies?

Australia is closely intertwined with the Pacific through history, trade, culture, and kinship ties. Australia is sometimes called 'the largest island in the Pacific'. Yet there is very little taught in schools and colleges about the Pacific Islands or Oceania. This weekend shows how the Pacific can be studied. It is designed for students of Pacific Islander heritage, who wish to learn more about the Pacific from a broader perspective and relate it to their experiences living in Australia. It is especially designed to encourage students to consider options for higher education.

Lectures and workshops

The mini-lectures on Friday will be in the style of university lectures, with time for discussion afterwards. Each lecture will provide a broad overview of a particular topic and relate it to students' heritage and interests. The Saturday workshops, led by artist and dancer Julia Gray, will allow students to explore more creative ways to learn about the Pacific and create something they can share with the rest of the group.

Lecturers and workshop leaders

This mini Pacific Studies program draws on the resources of ANU's new Pacific Studies majors and courses, as well as the expertise of special guest teachers. Teachers will include:

- Katerina Teaiwa, ANU's Pacific Studies convenor
- Julia Gray, Director of the Darwin-based Sunameke Dance Company
- Deveni Temu, ANU's Pacific librarian

Group-work component

While the weekend aims to give students a taste of university life, and what it would be like to study the Pacific at university, we also want to hear what you have to say about the Pacific. Students are encouraged to be creative in making a short presentation about one aspect of Oceania. Time will be set aside throughout the weekend for students to collaborate on these projects. Current ANU students will be available to support or advise group members.

Kioloa Coastal Campus

ANU's Kioloa campus is situated on the South Coast of NSW, 2.5 hours' drive from Canberra. Spending the weekend at Kioloa provides space for school students and ANU staff and students to interact in a relaxed and informal way. The campus is also a short walk from the beach. Where better to learn about Oceania than right next to the Pacific Ocean? Explore Kioloa online at <http://kioloa.anu.edu.au/explore>.

Pasifika Australia

Pasifika Australia is made up of ANU students and staff who are passionate about equity and identity issues affecting Pacific Islander communities and peoples in Australia. For more information on this event or Pasifika Australia please contact Ed Boydell via Edward.Boydell@anu.edu.au, call Katerina Teaiwa on (02) 6125 4323, visit our website at http://asianstudies.anu.edu.au/Pasifika_Australia, or check out our Facebook group at <http://www.new.facebook.com/home.php#/event.php?eid=26798757674>.

Can't make it?

If you're interested in Pacific Studies, but can't make it to the weekend, don't despair! Here are some other places you can find out more about studying the Pacific:

- ANU's Pacific Studies program, which includes several Pacific Studies courses, a Pacific Studies major, and a Pacific languages major: http://asianstudies.anu.edu.au/Pacific_Studies
- Email Katerina at Katerina.Teaiwa@anu.edu.au to find out more about studying the Pacific
- Email Ed at Edward.Boydell@anu.edu.au to find out more about Pasifika Australia's other activities

Contact us – we're happy to hear from you!

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