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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy Candidate. Environmental Anthropology. Present.

College of Arts and Sciences, University of Washington

Continuing: Entered program in 2002.

Dissertation sub-topics: global climate change, environmental policy, cultural understandings of natural hazards including vulnerability and resilience, traditional environmental knowledge and marine resource management. Region of focus: New Zealand and Tuvalu, South Pacific.

Masters of Philosophy. Environmental Anthropology. 2005.

College of Arts and Sciences, University of Washington.

Subfields: development, disaster, political ecology, environmental change, national sovereignty.

Bachelor of Arts with Honours. Anthropology. 2001.

School of Humanities and Social Science, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand

Subfields: Environmental policy, traditional environmental knowledge, South Pacific.

Bachelor of Arts with Honours. Religious Studies. 2001.

School of Humanities and Social Science, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand

Subfields: environmental anthropology, political anthropology, religion and the environment, religion and terrorism.

EMPLOYEMENT AND POSITIONS

March – June 2007B – Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Sciences, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington.

January 2007 – March 2007 – Invited Visiting Researcher, National Center for Atmospheric Research, Boulder, Colorado.

May 2006 – September 2006 – Consultant, South Pacific Geological Science Commission, Suva, Fiji. Primary tasks: produced report on community based research on perceptions of freshwater resources and water behavior in Nanumea, Tuvalu.

October 2005 – December 2005 – Consultant, New Zealand Institute for Geological and Nuclear Science, Wellington, New Zealand. Primary tasks: produced a report based on self-directed research into cultural understandings of natural hazards and traditional disaster response among Tuvaluan expatriates living in Wellington, new Zealand.

January 2004-September 2005 – Research Assistant, National Atmospheric Administration, Northwest Fisheries Science Center, Seattle, Washington. Primary tasks: joint project planner and research team leader on project entitled: Community Profiles for West Coast and North Pacific Fisheries (Washington, Oregon, California and other U.S. States); extensive archival, internet-based research, communications via email and telephone to obtain specific information, and fieldwork in fishing communities of the Pacific Northwest; wrote several community profiles of fishing communities in the Pacific Northwest.

June 2003-December 2003 – Research Assistant, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Alaska Fisheries Science Center, Seattle, Washington. Primary tasks: involved in project entitled: Community Profiles for North Pacific Fisheries (Alaska); extensive archival, internet-based research, communications via email and telephone to obtain specific information and fieldwork on fishing communities of the Pacific Northwest, wrote several community profiles of fishing communities in Alaska.

FIELD RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

May- October 2006 – Nanumea, Tuvalu. Conducted Community Survey on Traditional Ecological Knowledge on Fish in Tuvalu in conjunction with TANGO (Tuvalu Association of NGOs). Funded by UNESCO.

May 2006 – Nanumea, Tuvalu. Co-facilitated the Nanumea Resource Management Awareness and Planning Workshop in conjunction with TANGO (Tuvalu Association of NGOs) as the initial stage in implementing a marine protected area in the Nanumea lagoon. Funded by Canada Fund.

October 2005 – October 2006 – Wellington, New Zealand, and Funafuti and Nanumea, Tuvalu. Dissertation Fieldwork. Funded by Marine Conservation Biology Institute, New Zealand Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences, South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission.

June – July 2005 – Roviana, New Georgia, Solomon Islands. Pacific Island Field School, University of California at Berkeley, Funded by the National Science Foundation. Project: assisted to carry out a social impact assessment of marine protected areas established using traditional environmental knowledge and natural resource management systems.

September 2004 –Funafuti, Tuvalu. Dissertation Pilot research.