

Workshop Symposium: Political Life Writing in the Pacific Islands

Date: 18 October 2012

Conveners: Brij V Lal and Jack Corbett

Location: SSGM Meeting Room, Coombs Building #9

8.30 a.m. – 9.00 a.m.	Introduction Tea and Coffee Welcome: Jack Corbett
9.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	Session One (Chair: Brij V Lal) Sethy Regenvanu – ‘Celebrating My Journey – The Value of Autobiography in Recording History’ Dame Carol Kidu – ‘Was it worth it? Reflections after 15 years in politics’
10.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.	Morning Tea Tea and Coffee
11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Session Two (Chair: Deryck Scarr) Jonathan Ritchie - 'Political Life Writing in PNG: What, Who, Why?' Doug Munro – ‘Biographies of Post-1900 New Zealand Prime Ministers’ Clive Moore – ‘Solomon Islands Biography: editors, co-authors, and ghost-writers’
12.30 p.m. – 1.30 p.m.	Lunch Light refreshments

1.30. p.m. – 3.00 p.m.	Session Three (Chair: Jack Corbett) Deryck Scarr – ‘Random Thoughts of an Occasional Practitioner’ Nicole Haley – ‘Celebrating the Life of a Ritual Leader: A Story Worth Telling?’ Ceridwen Spark - 'Life writing about women in PNG: strategic celebration or propaganda?'
3.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	Afternoon Tea Tea and Coffee
3.30 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.	Session Four (Chair: Nicole Haley) Areti Metuamate - ‘George Tupou V. The Tongan, the Christian, the King’ Sam Alasia – ‘Money, Magic, Sex and Lies, the other side of politics in Solomon Islands’ Christopher Chevalier – ‘Understanding Solomon - writing the life of Solomon Mamaloni’
5.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	Closing Remarks Brij V Lal