

Registration Form-- Trading Traditions:
The Role of Art in the Pacific's Expansive Exchange Networks
PAA Pacific Chapter Conference
Fa'onelua Conference Centre Nuku'alofa, Kingdom of Tonga
September 29 - October 4, 2015

The Pacific Branch of the Pacific Arts Association is offering registration for its 2015 conference, to be held at the Fa'onelua Conference Centre in Nuku'alofa, Tonga from 28 September to 4 October, 2015.

Recent archaeological investigations have confirmed what we already knew-- that there was widespread trade among islands and cultures across the Pacific well in advance of the European arrival. The theme of this conference offers a myriad of investigations into the role/s art has played in the exchange of objects, peoples, technologies, and ideologies in the pre-historic, historic, or modern Pacific. It is not limited to 'physical' exchanges, but also addresses complex social, economic and political arrangements/interactions between interconnected systems, structures and peoples. Among others, we seek to enhance our understanding of how art moved across time and through communities, why some exchanges were more successful than others and how geography, technology, or localized social structures influenced artistic function, meaning or traditions.

The Conference structure will include but is not limited to, paper presentations, panel exchanges, small group discussions, an exhibition, and excursions to local monuments. Film and multi-media experiences would be welcomed as well as performative or other innovative events dealing with the theme of trade and interaction.

We invite proposals from researchers and scholars, curators and artists to engage with and challenge this broad theme. Ideally, participants will be open to sharing their knowledge and experiences with other conference attendees building networks for ongoing intellectual and social exchange.

Abstracts or Proposals are due prior to 15 June to Karen Stevenson at:
ks-kf@extra.co.nz

"Significant Exchange: Eighteenth Century Tongan Arts and their Legacies"

Keynote Address by Phyllis S. Herda

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Phyllis Herda has always worked across the traditional disciplines of Anthropology, Pacific History and Gender Studies. She began working in Tonga in 1982 and continues to research, write and teach on Tongan ethnography, oral tradition and history; gender, disease and colonialism in Polynesia as well as Polynesian textiles, traditional and contemporary. She has taught Pacific History at Victoria University and is currently a Senior Lecturer in Anthropology and Women's Studies at the University of Auckland. She gained a BA at the University of Arizona, an MA degree in Anthropology at the University of Auckland and completed a PhD in Pacific History at the Australian National University.

Flight Information:

From USA- Fly from San Francisco, Los Angeles or Hawaii via Fiji

From New Zealand - Fly directly to Tonga from Auckland in less than three hours

There is one flight daily except Tuesdays and Sundays (NB: there are no flights in the Kingdom on Sundays at all....)

From Australia- Fly directly to Tonga from Sydney. There are two flights a week from Sydney

Visa Requirements: Holders of passports from Australia, New Zealand, USA and most Pacific islands do not require a visa to enter Tonga, but should have a return ticket to show immigration. Passports must be valid for six months after arrival in the Kingdom. Check for more information at <http://www.tongaconsul.com/home/paasipooti/immigration-requirements>

Tonga information:

<http://www.tongaholiday.com>

<http://www.thekingdomoftonga.com>

<http://www.tripadvisor.co.nz/Tourism-g294141-Tonga-Vacations.html>

How much is a Tongan Pa'anga (TOP)? Currently 1 NZD=1.5 TOP/2 USD

Tour of the Island:

On the half day tour of the island we will visit the village of Lapaha with the langi tombs, a lapita-era settlement area (TBC), the Ha'amonga a Maui and the Blowholes.

Food and Drink:

Cafeteria, lunch counter, luncheonette, lunchroom, snack bar, greasy spoon, hash house, chophouse, steak house, pizzeria, coffeehouse, coffee shop, estaminet, teahouse, tearoom, tea shop... call it what you will, enjoy a light meal at a Tongan cafe. There are many options available in Nuku'alofa. Grocery stores and small convenience stores are open six days a week.

Conference Dinner:

Friday evening we will go for sunset all you can eat Tongan dinner buffet and dance

performance at Oholei Beach Resort. This is NOT to be missed! Some of the traditional Tongan dishes are lobster and fish, octopus, steamed pork, suckling pig, and tropical fruits. Some of the most well liked and mouth watering dishes are devilled clams, feke consisting of squid or grilled octopus in coconut sauce, lobster, meat and onions marinated in coconut milk and baked in taro leaves, 'ota or raw fish marinated in lemon juice, 'ufi or large white yam, taro, tropical fruits and all types of salads. A typical feast includes chicken, crayfish, octopus, pork and vegetables steamed in an umu, suckling pig, and several varieties of tropical fruits. Check out their website at <http://www.oholeibeachresort.com/dinner.html> Price includes transport, dinner and show. Open bar at event.

Sunday:

While some might want to depart on the Saturday afternoon flight back to NZ, we would encourage you to stay for Sunday in the Kingdom. While much is closed on Sundays there are some amazing choral performances at church services and we plan to spend the day on out of the outer island motus with a resort. The trip will be to Pangaimotu or Fafa island (TBD) and will cost approx. \$45 TOP- Boat and lunch included. NB: Boats depart before and after church and return in the late afternoon so you can do both.

Accommodation:

Little Italy Hotel:

Here at Little Italy we have 22 rooms. 10 of those rooms are ocean View Rooms, complete with a private balcony overlooking the Pacific Ocean, and 12 of those rooms are Standard View Rooms without balcony. All rooms have King Size beds, has air-conditioning, tea and coffee making facilities, a mini fridge etc... All rooms are tax inclusive, comes with Complimentary breakfast buffet every morning and free Internet Wi-Fi. Our rooms can also accommodate for a separate single bed when needed or upon request.

The rate for the rooms are as follows:

-Ocean View Rooms: TOP\$330.00 per night

-Standard View Rooms: TOP\$280.00 per night

Mention PAA conference and receive a 10% discount.

Little Italy Hotel – Front Desk Clerk

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Email: booking.littleitaly@gmail.com

Web: www.littleitalytonga.com

*Conference rate bookings must be made by August 1, 2015

Contact: LILIKA FONUA

Nerima Lodge:

Home away from home type Bed & Breakfast budget accommodation. 24/7 Free Internet (WiFi) access. Complementary fresh coffee brewed every morning along with cooked breakfast. Walking distance to Nuku'alofa CBD. Guest kitchen available. Free rental local mobile phone with SIM card. Children are welcome.

Room rates

Standard room from TOP\$65 pp.

Nerima Lodge also has a reasonable rate rental car available.

Nerima Lodge is a small accommodation -- book ASAP with Paul or Ta at

book@nerimalodge.com

Other accommodations available see tongaholiday.com or trip advisor.

Money:

ATMs are outside most banks, and they accept most major credit cards. There are exchanges and Westpac, ANZ and MBf have locations in Nuku'alofa. An exchange will be open upon arrival at the airport. Credit cards are accepted by hotels, restaurants, big shops and airline offices in Nuku'alofa but not at budget places, such as cafes or guest houses. Best to have cash available.

The Tongan dollar is the Pa'anga (TOP) and comes in \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100 dollar denominations.

Transport:

Airport Transfers: Book an airport transfer with your accommodation.

Around Town: Taxis are readily available and are reasonable – the most convenient way to get around besides walking. Most everything is walking distance in Nuku'alofa. There are buses to outer villages at the bus station but it is recommended that you stay in town rather than in the outer areas as there is little available after hours and times can be a bit erratic. Car rental companies are at the airport and in town. Check trip advisor.

Costs:

*please email copy of your enrollment or valid ID card to HS2015NZ@gmail.com

Early Bird- Expires August 15, 2015

General Registration \$NZ200.00

Fulltime Students*/Retired: NZ\$175.00

Includes:

Opening reception with wine and nibbles

Morning Tea and Lunch Daily

Afternoon Tea (when applicable)

Dinner Buffet and Show Friday Evening

Island Tour to Archaeological sites

Evening events

Post August 15, 2015

General Registration: NZ\$250.00

Fulltime Students*/Retired: NZ\$225.00

Local 'Nofokainga' Rate: TOP\$10.00 per day

Extras: Sunday excursion to Beach Resort for Lunch & Swimming approx. TOP\$45.00

Payment and Registration:

Please send an email with the following details to: HS2015NZ@gmail.com

Name:

Mailing Address:

Contact:

Use paypal for payment @ paypal.com

Deposit to NZ Bank Account: 03-0243-02401560-003

Use your name as Reference

For information or questions on registration please contact Hilary Scothorn at hs2015nz@gmail.com about your registration.