

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the first issue of volume four of *Sites* for 2007 in which we continue to feature a diverse collection of writings about Pacific societies and cultures.

In this particular issue we present the findings from researchers in New Zealand, Hawai'i and the U.S. And, while once again, most of the articles draw on issues, political arrangements or people from within New Zealand society; when viewed in total this current issue reflects rather well the contemporary complexity of New Zealand's demographics. From McKenzie's study of intimate relationships between young adults and their resulting experiences of kinship to Schafer's review of the developing role of the Funeral Director, we seem to have both ends of the life cycle fairly well covered, while Park and Littleton draw our attention to the experience of newer migrants. The continuing complexities of legislating biculturalism are explored by McCormack in her study of contested uses of Maori fisheries while O'Connor examines the paradoxes and contradictions of a potential bureaucratisation of traditional Maori healing. Frank et al discuss life at the sick/healthy divide while Webster takes a look at new ways of 'being' Pakeha. In addition we have a contribution from Yamaguchi who reintroduces the field of linguistic anthropology to our pages once more with his study of the success narrative for Japanese Americans.

On the infrastructural side of *Sites*, we are breathtakingly close to our fully searchable online edition and would like to thank Geoffrey Hughes (Otago Web Developer); Simon Høgh (IT specialist from Otago) and Heather Sadler (Senior Technician in Anthropology) as well as Prof. Glenn Summerhayes (HOD Anthropology, Otago) for the generous support of this project including the donation of a suitable computer to act as the server for the online edition.

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Happy reading!

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