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Curriculum Vitae

Education

Ph.D., Borderlands History, University of Texas at El Paso, 2009.
M.A., History, with Distinction, Northern Arizona University, 2003.
B.A., History, *Magna cum Laude*, Northern Arizona University, 1998.

Areas of Specialization

Mexican-US Borderlands
United States history
Oceania history
Late colonial Pacific frontiers
Indigenous land tenure and sovereignty
Material culture

Experience

Assistant Professor, Fiji National University, 2011-Present.
Head of Department, History, Fiji National University, 2013.
Acting Head of Department, History, Fiji National University, 2012-2013.
Instructor, Clovis Community College, 2011.
Lecturer, University of Texas at El Paso, 2007-2010.
Lecturer, El Paso Community College, 2007-2010.
Facilitator, University of Phoenix, Santa Teresa, New Mexico Campus, 2010.
Assistant Instructor, University of Texas at El Paso, 2002-2007.
Instructor of Record: 2005-2007.
Assistant to Professors: 2002-2005.

Courses Taught

Fiji National University

Livestream, hybrid, and in classroom;
traditional and non-traditional students, 2011-present.

Major Research Topic: 1 section.

Nationalism in the Pacific: 1 section.

Theory and Method of History: 1 section.

Political History of Fiji Since Independence: 1 section.

Fiji's Modern History: 1 section.

Introduction to Pacific History: 1 section with A. Maharaj, and
1 section with Kelera Naborisi.

Contemporary World History: 2 sections with A. Maharaj, 1 section
with Génaro Oliveira, and 2 other sections.

Foundation History: 3 sections with A. Maharaj, 1 section with
G. Oliveira, and 1 other section.

Preliminary History: 1 section with A. Maharaj and 1 section with G.
Oliveira.

Intermediate Ethics and Governance: 3 sections with Tevita
Cokanasiga and Kereleyani Rokoderea, 1 section with Yogesh
Gupta and Thomas White, and 12 sections with T. White.

Ethics, Values, and Governance: 2 sections with Makereta Mua, and
2 other sections.

Introduction to Ethics and Governance: 3 sections with T. Cokanasiga
and K. Rokoderea.

Clovis Community College

Blackboard; dual credit students and traditional students, 2011.

History of New Mexico: 2 sections.

University of Texas at El Paso

Honor students, traditional and non-traditional students;
daytime and summer classes, 2005-2010.

Children of the Holocaust (a Learning Community with
Corinne M. Peschka and Miguel Juárez, teaching History of the
United States from 1865): 1 section.

Law for Beginners (a Learning Community with Charles W. Gaunce and
M. Juárez, teaching History of the United States from 1865):
1 section.

History of the United States from 1865: 1 section with M. Juárez, and
5 other sections.

History of the United States to 1865: 9 sections.

El Paso Community College

Dual credit students, honor students, traditional and non-traditional students; daytime, evening, and summer classes, 2007-2010.

World History to 1648: 1 section.

History of the United States from 1865: 18 sections.

History of the United States to 1865: 19 sections.

University of Texas at El Paso

Assistant Instructor; microteaching, tutoring, grading, 2002-2005, 2007.

World History to 1500 with Carl T. Jackson: 1 section.

History of the United States from 1865 with Yasuhide Kawashima, Nicole Etcheson, or Mark D. Norbeck: 4 sections.

History of the United States to 1865 with Y. Kawashima, N. Etcheson, or Jeffrey P. Shepherd: 4 sections.

Faculty Training

ProQuest Flow and Turnitin Training. Fiji National University, Nasinu Campus, October 15, 2015.

National Education Conference. Fiji National University, Lautoka Education Campus, November 7, 2014.

Moodle Online Instructor Training. Fiji National University, Nasinu Campus, January 30, 2014.

Mentor Training Workshop. Fiji National University, Lautoka Education Campus, March 4, 2013.

A Decade of Rethinking Pacific Education Symposium.

University of the South Pacific, December 7-8, 2011.

Blackboard CC Online Faculty Certification. El Paso Community College, August 14, 2009.

History Teaching and Learning. University of Texas at El Paso, Spring 2002.

Current Research

Chair of a committee researching colonial Pacific history in the context of inter-imperial frontiers, resources, gender and material culture. School of Social Sciences, Fiji National University.

Writing in Progress

"Riding the Borderlands: Moto Biker Identity on the U.S.-México Frontier."
Triple-blind reviewed for a university press and under revision.

Publications

- "Il Selvaggio, diavole a rotelle, e Sindrome della Motocicletta: Foucault e immagini centauri," in *Harley-Davidson e la filosofia: Aristotele a tutto gas*, eds. Bernard E. Rollin, Carolyn M. Gray, Kerri Mommer, and Cynthia Pineo. Stella Agnessi, trans. (Rome: Casini Editore, 2015), 167-181.
- "Review of *Integrated Rural Area Development and Planning: A Micro Level Study* by Mukesh Verma." *The Middle Ground Journal*. 8 (Spring 2014).
- "The Wild One, She-Devils on Wheels, and 'Motorcycle Syndrome': Foucault and Biker Images," in *Harley-Davidson and Philosophy: Full-Throttle Aristotle*, eds. Bernard E. Rollin, Carolyn M. Gray, Kerri Mommer, and Cynthia Pineo. (Chicago: Open Court, [2006] 2012), 167-181. *Popular Culture and Philosophy Series*, ed. William Irwin. Invited contribution.
- "Police and Harley Riders: Discrimination and Empowerment." *International Journal of Motorcycle Studies* 5-1 (Spring 2009).
- "Puttin' with Sequoyah: Riding the Borderlands" and "Fifty-Three Years After Hollister: Institutional Discrimination Against Motorcyclists," in *Proceedings of the Southwest/Texas Popular and American Culture Associations (SW/TEX PCA/ACA) Years 2000-2003*. Leslie Fife, ed. Pasadena, Tex.: SW/TEXPCA/ACA, 2003. 1639-1654, 1658-1667. Compact disc.

Invited Presentations

- Submittee 1 (Humanities and Education faculty), Fiji Constitution Commission Public Consultancy, Government of the Fiji Islands. Fiji National University, Lautoka Education Campus, August 2012. Our recommended provisions to protect indigenous land tenure were subsequently included in both the first draft and the final draft of the Fiji Constitution, September 2013.
- Space, Place, and Motorcycle Tourism in the Paha Sapa. Deadwood Historic Preservation Symposium, Deadwood, South Dakota. May 2009.
- The Changing of Gender Roles in Mexican-U.S. Borderlands Riding Cultures, 1881-1947. Student Senate Meeting, Student Government Association, University of Texas at El Paso. April 2008.
- Interviewee. *The Truth about Hells Angels*, North One TV and Chrysalis Television. April 2003, aired April 2005.
- Poetry reading. Wordcraft Circle of Native Writers and Storytellers special session, Southwest Popular Culture Association (SWPCA) Annual Meeting, Albuquerque. February 2003.

Other Presentations

- The New Fiji Constitution's Theoretical Antecedents. Ethics Seminar, Fiji National University, Nasinu Campus, October 2014.
- Los Renegados: Motorcycle Club Culture along the Northern México Frontier.* Arts and Ideas Seminar Series, Fiji National University, Lautoka Education Campus, March 2013.
- Bikie Material Culture in the Ciudad Juárez, México Borderlands Region. Cultural Studies Association of Australasia Annual Conference, University of Sydney, December 2012.
- Poetry reading. School of Communication and Creative Arts, Fiji National University, Lautoka Education Campus, October 2012.
- A Dissenting View of Pedagogical and Institutional Theories in Arum's and Roksa's *Academically Adrift: Limited Learning on College Campuses*. Book Seminar, School of Education, Fiji National University, Lautoka Education Campus, July 2012.
- Ethnicity, Imagery, and Historicity in Kurt Sutter's *Sons of Anarchy*. *International Journal of Motorcycle Studies* Conference, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, June 2010.
- Native Decolonization and the Use of Cinematography in U.S. History Survey Courses. Western History Association Annual Conference, Salt Lake City, October 2008.
- The Bending of Gender Role Constructs in Riding Communities of the Nineteenth- and Twentieth-Century U.S.-Mexican Borderlands. Popular Culture Association (PCA) Annual Meeting, San Francisco, March 2008.
- A History of Black Borderlands Motorcyclists. Black History Month, African American Studies Program, University of Texas at El Paso, February 2008.
- Trail to Unseen Realities: A Historiography of the Ghost Dance. Organization of American Historians Centennial Meeting, Minneapolis, April 2007.
- African American Experiences Riding in the Mexican-U.S. Borderlands, 1925-2001. PCA Annual Meeting, Boston, April 2007.
- Directions toward a Viable Historiography of "the Ghost Dance." History Department Interdisciplinary Seminar Series, University of Texas at El Paso, October, 2006.
- "Five Hundred-Year-Old Voice": A Historiography of the Ghost Dance. PCA Annual Meeting, Atlanta, April 2006.
- Ideological Exchanges in the History of American Motorcyclist Rights Organizations, 1880-2004. PCA Annual Meeting, San Diego, March 2005.
- Queer Borderlands Moto Imagery: Interactions between Myth and Realities in the Twentieth Century. PCA and SWPCA Joint Annual Meeting, San Antonio, April 2004.
- A Complete Circle: Women's Gender Boundaries in Navajo Religious Ritual, 1600-1998. Phi Alpha Theta Southwest Regional Conference, Arizona State University, January 2004.
- Women's Gender Boundaries in Navajo Religious Ritual, 1600-1998. History Department Tertulia, University of Texas at El Paso, January 2004.

Puttin' With Sequoyah: Riding the Borderlands. SWPCA Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, February 2003.
Gender and Sexuality in Borderlands Motorcycling Imagery. History Department Tertulia, University of Texas at El Paso, November 2002.
Fifty-Three Years After Hollister: Institutional Discrimination Against Motorcyclists. SWPCA Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, March 2001.
A History of Women Motorcyclists from 1910 to Present. Arizona Historical Society Annual Conference, Yuma, April 2000.

Professional and Public Service

Member, College of Humanities and Education Academic Board, Fiji National University, 2012-present.
Mentor for graduate students, 2012-present.
Providing student advising services including academic advising to degree-seeking students, Fiji National University, 2011-present.
Editorial Board Member, *International Journal of Motorcycle Studies*, 2005-present.
Member, College of Humanities and Education Academic Appeals Committee, Fiji National University, September 29, 2015.
Contributor, Department of History and School of Social Sciences Strategic Plans, Fiji National University, 2014.
Participant respondent, Pacific Post Graduate Talanoa Series, Institute of Public Policy, Auckland University of Technology, via Livestream, 2014.
Electoral Observer, Fiji National Election, Civil Society Organisations Observation Coalition, September 17, 2014.
Selected and requested materials for Library collection development, Fiji National University, 2012-2014.
Reader for Ryôta Nishino, "Ukiya Tôjirô and his Motorcycle Journey in August 1957: Crystalising Ambitions and Identity," *Studies in Travel Writing* (November 25, 2013). DOI: 10.1080/13645145.2013.858806. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/13645145.2013.858806>.
Consultant to Pulitzer Prize Winner Serge F. Kovaleski, "Despite Outlaw Image, Hells Angels Sue Often," *New York Times* (November 28, 2013).
Research Committee Member, College of Humanities and Education, Fiji National University, 2012-2013.
Successfully worked to increase the number of History departmental faculty by 300 percent, 2012-2013.
Chair, Arts and Ideas Seminar Series Committee, College of Humanities and Education, Fiji National University, 2012-2013.
Administration Coordinator, School of Social Sciences, Fiji National University, 2012-2013.
Co-evaluator, course descriptors for History, Ethics and Governance courses, Fiji National University, 2012.
Reader for Salochna Kumari, "Customer Service Quality at Nadi International Airport by Frontline Customs Officers," 2012.

Reorganized and chaired the Suva Philosophy Club for three months immediately after the Fiji Islands Public Emergency Regulations (banning public gatherings) were repealed, modeling how public meetings may be convened for the first time in several years, 2012.

Open Air Theatre Steering Committee member, Lautoka Education Campus, Fiji National University. Construction completed, 2012.

Area Co-chair with Suzanne Ferriss and Lisa Garber, Motorcycling Culture and Myth (organizing and coordinating between two and eleven panels and roundtables each year), PCA Annual Meetings, 2004-2011.

Political Party Precinct Delegate to Senatorial District 29 Party Convention (Texas) and Delegate to State Party Convention, 2010.

Presentation Judge, El Paso History Day, University of Texas at El Paso, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2010.

Contributor, Student Learning Outcomes discussions, History Disciplinary Meetings, El Paso Community College, 2009.

Political Party Precinct Delegation Chair to Senatorial District 29 Party Convention (Texas) and Alternate Delegate to State Party Convention, 2008.

Candidate for Precinct Chair, Political Party Primary Election, El Paso, 2008.

Activist, Southwest Indigenous Alliance, the Twelve Travelers public history controversy, 2003-2007.

Consultant, Teachers for a New Era Faculty Summer Seminar in U.S. and World History (grant awarded to UTEP by Carnegie Corp. of New York), University of Texas at El Paso, June 2006.

Education Partner, Trail of Tears Commemoration and Motorcycle Ride Education Program. Alabama-Tennessee Trail of Tears Corridor Association, Florence, Alabama, September 2004.

Area Founder and co-chair with Suzanne Ferriss and Charlotta Koppanyi, Motorcycling Culture and Myth (organizing and coordinating between four and twelve panels per year), SW/TEXPCA/ACA Annual Meetings, 2001-2004.

Address to the El Paso City Council, the Twelve Travelers public history agenda item, 2003.

Awards and Honors

Chief Guest. Fiji Day Ceremony, Fiji National University Student Association, Nasinu Campus, October 2015.

Invitee. Public address by the Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, Fiji National University, Nasinu Campus, November 19, 2014.

Invitee. Public Conversations Series and Launch of Citizens' Constitutional Forum, "Discussion Paper 1 in CCF's Conversation Series 2014 on 'Free and Fair Elections'," Citizens' Constitutional Forum and School of Government, Development and International Affairs, University of the South Pacific, July 29, 2014.

Interviewed by Julie-Irene Nkodo. "AHA Member Spotlight: Gary L. Kieffner,"
AHA Today: A Blog of the American Historical Association,
April 9, 2014.

Chief Guest. Student Diwali Ceremony, Fiji National University,
Lautoka Education Campus, November 2012.

Invited guest. Tailevu Yasana, Adi Salusalu Festival, was served secondly
following the Chief in the *Yaqona* ceremony, Lautoka, October 2012.

Nomination for Outstanding Dissertation Award. College of Liberal Arts,
University of Texas at El Paso, Spring 2010.

Honorarium. City of Deadwood, South Dakota, May 2009.

Honorable Mention List. Ford Foundation Fellowship Programs, April 2008.

Honors Convocation List. University of Texas at El Paso, April 2008.

Indexing of *The International Journal of Motorcycle Studies* in the
MLA Directory of Periodicals. January 17, 2008.

Les and Harriet Dodson Dissertation Fellowship. University of Texas at El
Paso, Spring 2008.

Dr. W. Turrentine Jackson History Fund Scholarship. University of Texas at
El Paso, 2007-2008.

History Department and Graduate School Professional Funding Awards
(for conferences and research). University of Texas at El Paso,
October 2008, March 2007, March 2006, March 2005, January 2004,
October 2003, February 2003, January 2003, August 2002, May 2002,
February 2002.

Provost and Graduate College Travel Grants. Northern Arizona University,
March 2001, July 2000, April 2000.

Robert Nauman Memorial Scholarship. Northern Arizona University, 1999.

Dean's Top 5% List, Northern Arizona University, Spring 1997, Fall 1997,
Spring 1998, Fall 1998.

Distinguished Scholastic Achievement Award. Northern Arizona University,
April 1998.

Highest-Ranking Scholars List. Annual Honors Convocation,
Northern Arizona University, April 1997, April 1998.

William W. Tinsley Scholarship. Northern Arizona University, 1997.

Highest Ranking Senior. Northern Arizona University, 1997.

Affiliations

Phi Alpha Theta
American Historical Association
Organization of American Historians
Cultural Studies Association of Australasia
National Trust of Fiji Islands
The Royal Suva Yacht Club

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