

TE PŪWĀNANGA

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Te pae tata, te pae tawhiti

Kia puta koe ki te whaiao ki te ao mārama



Pursue the horizons of understanding and love

The near horizon, the distant horizon

So that you may emerge into the world of light

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Tēnā koutou katoa,

This year promises to be a busy and significant one for Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga (NPM). 2011 was a year of evolution for the Centre, and now we have all the elements in place to support and develop indigenous research at many levels, resulting in the transformation of our communities, New Zealand and the world at large.

In June we host our biennial International Indigenous Development Research Conference at The University of Auckland. We received an unprecedented number of abstracts and are creating a world-class programme for the four-day event. Registrations are now open, see details below and further inside this issue for more information.

At the conference, we will launch our new academic journal, *MAI Journal: A New Zealand*

Journal of Indigenous Scholarship and the 2012 NPM research projects that align with our new research priorities and themes.

MAI Journal is a peer-reviewed open access scholarly journal and the inaugural issue promises to be both interesting and academically rigorous. Turn overleaf for details.

The first volume of our Edited Collection Series, *Māori and Social Issues* edited by Dr Tracey McIntosh and Malcolm Mulholland has been published in collaboration with Huia Publishers.

We will hold a policy makers' colloquium in April to discuss the issues raised and officially launch the Series.

And while there is much to come, in February, as Artistic Director of Ōrotokare Trust, I oversaw the third annual Whare Tapere day

at Waimangō. It was a highly successful and enjoyable day for everyone. See page four for a full report.

Finally, I encourage you to review our 2012 grants and awards, listed on page seven – they provide a wide range of opportunities for research support and knowledge sharing.

Ngā mihi,

Professor Charles Royal
Director

THE 5TH BIENNIAL INTERNATIONAL INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH CONFERENCE 2012

Hosted by Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga
New Zealand's Indigenous Centre of Research Excellence

Held at The University of Auckland, New Zealand | 27-30 June 2012

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Research Excellence**

He Mihi

*Kei ngā maunga huahua
Kei ngā taumata iringa kōrero
Kei ngā wai karekare
Kei ngā awa tuku kiri a te iwi
Kei ngā nohoanga tāngata
Tēnā koutou
Tēnā koutou
Tēnā koutou katoa!*

He Whakataukī

*E noho koe ki te waewae o Uenuku
Kia ora ai te tangata*

*Sit at the feet of the Rainbow
So that humankind might prosper*

*Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga thanks all
those who contributed to this newsletter.*

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NGĀ PAE O TE MĀRAMATANGA RESEARCH PROJECT

Whatukura: A bioengineered model of the human eye



Dr Jason Turuwhenua

This study, led by Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga (NPM) Principal Investigator Dr Jason Turuwhenua, developed a computer-based bioengineered model of the human eye to provide greater insight into eye disease and treatments.

This research helps patients and their whānau better understand their eye and vision exams, and has improved clinical outcomes.

Completed in 2011, this NPM project holds extra significance for Māori as research suggests that past negative experiences for Māori in the health system affect further access, uptake and use of health care services.

The goal is to have this non-threatening model system available in clinics or even in the

home, showing family members the patient's view, and demonstrating progression and the benefits of treatment.

Such developments foster health and social wellbeing, and contribute to te pā harakeke – healthy and prosperous families of mana.

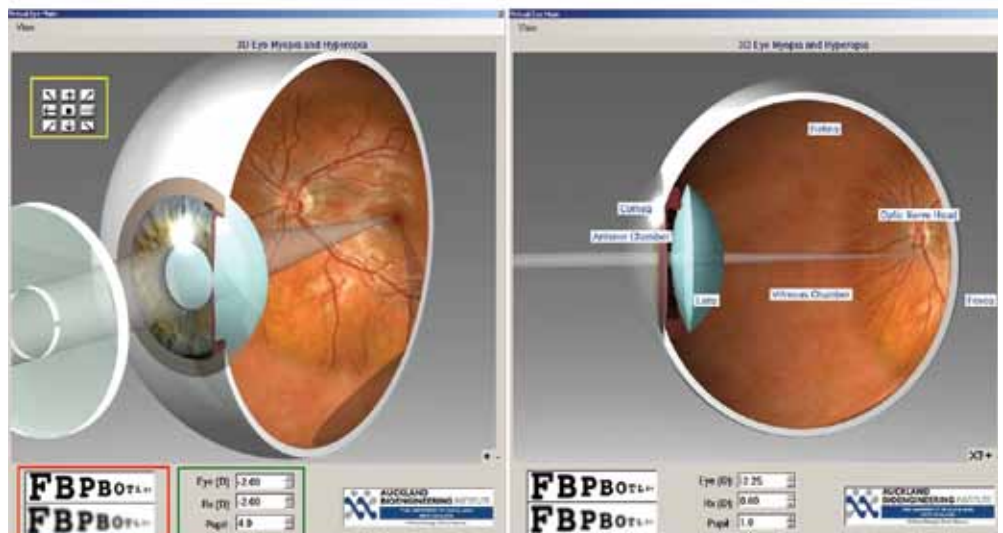
Jason (Ngāti Porou, Ngāi Tūhoe) is a NPM Principal Investigator and Research Fellow at The University of Auckland's Auckland Bioengineering Institute and Department of Optometry and Vision Science. He has long been interested in how engineering methods might be applied to problems in vision.

The idea for the project developed out of Jason's PhD which looked at optics of the eye. He says it combines three of his interests: engineering, computer science and graphics.

In this initial project the research team developed the program and completed initial testing, with positive feedback.

Late last year, Jason presented on the research at the International Conference on User Science and Engineering held in Malaysia.

The team is now looking at the possibility of using "augmented reality" or human-computer interaction in real time, and developing other aids for people with poor vision.



A visualisation of the eye is used to show the physics of image formation to patients. On the left, a cross-section eye shows the alterations to the path of light caused by a correcting lens (glasses), and on the right, a side-on view of the eye with labels allows users to access anatomical information.

The box highlighted with yellow is a navigation pad that rotates the eye around; the bottom row of letters in the red box shows what the patient would be seeing, the top row is the "normal" for comparison; and in the green box, this feature allows the user to dial up different amounts of refractive error or the blurriness that comes with poor eye-sight.

REGISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH CONFERENCE 2012

Registrations are open for the 5th biennial Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga 2012 International Indigenous Research Development Conference.

The conference, 27th–30th June in Auckland, will be all-encompassing and multi-disciplinary, welcoming indigenous scholars from many different research fields and nations to come together and share knowledge, develop ideas and create innovative approaches to research. It will highlight indigeneity and the multidisciplinary approach used for indigenous development.

The keynote speakers are leaders in their fields. The following are those confirmed so far, please check the website for more updates.

Dr Keawe'aimoku Kaholokula has a PhD in clinical psychology and is the Chair and Associate Professor of Native Hawaiian Health and Deputy Director for the Center of Native and Pacific Health Disparities Research in the John A. Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.



Dr Keawe'aimoku Kaholokula
Kānaka 'Ōiwi o Hawai'i
University of Hawai'i, Mānoa

His current research is funded by the National Institutes of Health in the U.S. to examine

biological, psychological, and socio-cultural factors (and their interplay) affecting Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander health and to develop community-based and culturally relevant interventions.

He is also a member of a Native Hawaiian cultural group, called the Halemua o Kūali'i, dedicated to the perpetuation of Hawaiian cultural practices and values and building strong leaders for Hawaiian communities.

Dr Jelena Porsanger is Rector of the Sámi University College. She is a Skolt Sámi, one of the Eastern Sámi groups in the borderland between Finland, North-West Russia and Norway. She received her doctoral degree in



Dr Jelena Porsanger
Sámi University College

the history of religion and Sámi research from the University of Tromsø, Norway in 2006. Her doctoral thesis, originally written in Sámi, deals with evaluation of source material for

the study of indigenous religion of the Eastern Sámi, within the framework of indigenous methodologies.

Before becoming Rector, Dr. Porsanger was Associate Professor at the Sámi University College leading a pilot project on documentation and protection of Sámitraditional knowledge.

From 2005 to 2009 she worked at the Nordic Sámi Institute (NSI), first as a senior researcher and later as the head of the NSI. She was a research scholar and lecturer at the Department of Sámi at the University of Tromsø 1998–2005 and a lecturer at the University of Helsinki, Finland prior to 1998.

She has published many papers about Eastern Sámi traditions, religion and history, indigenous methodologies, traditional knowledge and indigenous epistemologies. She has presented at international conferences and has been an expert in knowledge and capacity building for the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

For many years she has been the chief editor of the *Sámi dieđalaš áigečála*, a peer-reviewed research periodical in the Sámi language.

Aroha Mead is a Senior Lecturer at Victoria Management School, Victoria University of Wellington. She is the global Chair of The International Union for Conservation of Nature's Commission on Environment, Economic and Social Policy.

The confirmed session programme will be available on the conference website shortly, but there are several social highlights during the conference.

- **Wednesday, 27th June at 3pm**
Welcome Luncheon held in the Wharekai at Waipapa Marae. This is included in the cost of registration.
- **Thursday, 28th June at 5.30pm**
Celebration and launch of new indigenous development journal and research in Aotearoa, New Zealand. This event will launch *MAI Journal: A New Zealand Journal of Indigenous Scholarship* and new Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga research projects, and will be held in the Wharekai at Waipapa Marae. This is included in the cost of registration.
- **Friday 29 June at 7pm**
Conference Dinner, Auckland City. Dinner is in addition to registration fees.

The early bird registration rate closes on Monday 23rd April 2012 at midnight (NZ time).

The full rate will apply after that date, so register today!

For more information and to register, visit <http://www.indigenousdevelopment2012.ac.nz>



INTERNATIONAL INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH CONFERENCE

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WHARE TAPERE 2012

Each year the Ōrotokare Trust convenes a summer whare tapere which is open to the public. This is an opportunity to share the Trust's experiments and explorations in whare tapere performance.

Whare tapere traditionally were pā based 'houses' of storytelling, dances, music, games, puppets and other entertainments.

The day, organised in collaboration with Te Whānau-a-Haunui, was held on February 4th at Waimangō, Wharekawa, Hauraki. It included Ngā Tākaro (games); Karetao (puppets); a performance of Te Kārohirohi: The Light Dances, a new dance work; and a presentation by Ōrotokare Artistic Director and Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Director Charles Royal, who is the lead researcher on the NPM research project Whare Tapere: The Creative Potential of Mātauranga Māori in the Performing Arts.

This research explores how fragments of traditional knowledge concerning the whare tapere can be used in a contemporary arts project.

For more information, visit www.orotokare.org.nz



Photo by Regan Balzer



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FULBRIGHT AND NPM AWARDS FOR 2012

Since 2010, Fulbright New Zealand in partnership with Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga (NPM) have offered a range of awards in the field of indigenous development.

The deadline to apply for the first Fulbright-NPM Travel Award of 2012 is fast approaching – April 1st.

This award is for New Zealand academics, artists or professionals to present their work in areas of indigenous development to audiences in the United States. There are a small number of Fulbright-NPM Travel Awards offered each year.

Last year Pefi Kingi, who is of Niuean heritage and from Auckland, received one of these travel awards which supported her to present her decades of work on developing a quality assurance framework for Pacific cultural practices in healthcare at the Cross-Cultural Care Conference in Honolulu, Hawai'i.

The other two types of awards offered through this partnership are:



Pefi Kingi



Natalie Coates

- **The Fulbright-NPM Scholar Award.** For a New Zealand academic, artist or professional to conduct research and/or lecture in the US for three to five months in the field of indigenous development.

Applications close July 1st, 2012.

- **The Fulbright-NPM Graduate Award.** This is for a promising New Zealand graduate student to undertake postgraduate study or research at a US institution in the field of indigenous development.

Applications close August 1st, 2012.

Natalie Coates received a Fulbright-NPM Graduate Award enabling her to study a Master of Laws in human rights and indigenous law at Harvard University.

For more details about these awards and to apply, please visit www.fulbright.org.nz

MAI JOURNAL: A NEW SCHOLARLY JOURNAL FOR INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIP

MAI Journal: A New Zealand Journal of Indigenous Scholarship is a new peer-reviewed open access scholarly journal of New Zealand and a sister publication to *AlterNative: An International Journal of Indigenous Peoples*.

The inaugural issue of *MAI Journal* will be launched on June 28th as part of the Ngā Pae o te Māramantanga Indigenous Development Research Conference.

MAI Journal publishes multidisciplinary peer-reviewed articles around indigenous knowledge and development in the context of Aotearoa New Zealand.

MAI Journal welcomes papers that critically analyse and address all indigenous issues in the context of Aotearoa New Zealand. Article submissions will be accepted all year

round and we urge you to consider submitting your next article to *MAI Journal*. We publish scholarly articles that substantively engage with indigenous intellectual work. We also publish



articles in indigenous languages relevant to Aotearoa New Zealand. *MAI Journal* is peer reviewed to international standards by reviewers both here and internationally.

The Māori Association of Social Science (MASS) is a partner organisation and will, through their representatives on the editorial board, contribute to the scholarly quality and academic direction of the journal.

Our Editors are Professor Michael Walker and Dr Tracey McIntosh and our distinguished editorial board is now in place. See our website for more details.

We will publish two issues a year and articles are accepted on a rolling basis.

Please visit our website for author guidelines and the submission portal.

For all information on *MAI Journal*, visit www.journal.mai.ac.nz

NEW ISSUE OF ALTERNATIVE

The new issue of *AlterNative: An International Journal of Indigenous Peoples* (Volume 8, number 1) is available.

This issue brings together indigenous peoples issues from across various disciplines, including history, health, linguistics and information technology, literature, governance and development studies.

Suzanne von der Porten provides a literature review of indigenous governance in the Canadian context and outlines the trends and challenges of contemporary indigenous self-determination. Erica Neeganagwedgin's article "Chattling the Indigenous Other" is a historical examination of the often suppressed and ignored topic of chattel slavery of indigenous people in Canada where Aboriginal people were bought and sold like commodities.

Two Anishinaabe scholars from Turtle Island, Lynn Gehl and Lana Ray, engage with the topic of indigenous research methodologies. Gehl's article discusses Debewin Journey methodology which is a fluid methodology that involves the "circle of heart" knowledge and the "circle of mind" knowledge working together.

Gehl in developing her new scholarly methodology relies on ancient Anishinaabe (original man) traditional teachings.

In Ray's article "Deciphering the 'Indigenous' in Indigenous methodologies", she aims to raise awareness surrounding the different interpretations of indigenous methodologies as well as discuss their limitations in regards to

traditional knowledges.

In his article "Written Oral History" Ivan Sablin looks at two autobiographic works of the Chukchi writer, Rytkeu. The study seeks to provide new interpretations of identity of the coastal sea-mammal hunters of Chukotka of the 1930s and 1940s. Sablin draws attention to the research potential of indigenous literatures which he argues are invaluable contributions to the identity debate in indigenous studies.

"Nudge! Normalizing the Use of Minority Language in ICT Interfaces" is a contribution by New Zealand author Te Taka Keegan and Welsh author Jeremy Evas. Keegan and Evas investigate the uptake and use of interfaces of computer applications in minority languages by drawing on examples from Welsh and Māori cases.

Phyllis Lau and co-authors explore the barriers and facilitators for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians with chronic disease to access urban, mainstream general practice and primary health care.

Focussing on diabetes as one of the escalating health problems that burdens Aboriginal Australians disproportionately, the authors' study reveals that the history of dispossession and marginalisation continues to contribute to the persistent health inequities that exist between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples in Australia today.

Finally, this issue has a contribution on the dynamics of indigenous approaches employed

by local organisations in North Kordofan, Sudan. Nawal El-Gack presents findings from her empirical study which emphasises the importance of indigenous values, structures and practices that have shaped the local participatory development efforts in North Kordofan.

This issue includes one book review: Andrea Procter reviews Nicole Gombay's *Making a Living: Place, Food, and Economy in an Inuit Community*. Saskatoon: Purich Publishing Ltd, 2010.

AlterNative is a peer-reviewed interdisciplinary journal that aims to present indigenous worldviews from native indigenous perspectives. *AlterNative* welcomes articles for inclusion in general issues throughout the year. Visit www.alternative.ac.nz or email editors@alternative.ac.nz



MĀORI AND SOCIAL ISSUES



Published in collaboration with Huia Publishers is the first volume of the Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Edited Collections Series, *Māori and Social Issues* co-edited by Dr Tracey McIntosh and Malcolm Mulholland.

This book is the first in a series of edited collections that will look at Māori research in areas that are critical for Māori and for broader society.

Māori and Social Issues canvases a range of social issues that are significant for a better understanding of the experience and social environment of Māori, and important in that they highlight the need to ensure research-based solutions to these issues.

The majority of the chapters deal with social problems. However, this book is not a call to a return of deficit research. Rather it is an opportunity to collectively provide

power-centred, Māori-centred perspectives and solutions.

The second volume in the series is expected later this year.

We will hold a colloquium in Wellington on April 5th to officially launch the book and discuss research, needs, policy and contribution to addressing social issues affecting Māori.

The colloquium will inform future research, and we anticipate that a wide range of policy makers, agency representatives and community leaders will attend.

The Hon. Dr Pita Sharples is the guest speaker. For more information, visit our website www.maramatanga.ac.nz

INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE AT MAI CONFERENCE

The Māori and Indigenous (MAI) Doctoral Student Conference, hosted by Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiāraangi *indigenous-university* and supported and funded by Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga, welcomed its first international indigenous scholars in November.

Pictured (below) awaiting the call of the kaikarakia of Ngāti Awa of Wairaka Marae, the attendees were indigenous Australian scholars based in Brisbane at the Queensland University of Technology (QUT).

In their own words, Melissa Walker is a Palawa (Tasmanian Aboriginal) woman with more than 21 years' experience in nursing and indigenous health practice. Her PhD studies focus on indigenous women, wellness and social and emotional well-being. Odette Best is a south-western Gurreng Gurreng and Boonthamurra woman who has adoption ties to Koomumberri people. Her PhD titled *Yatdjuligin: The stories of Aboriginal nurses in Queensland from 1950–2005* was recently passed and she will graduate soon.

Bronwyn Fredericks is a Murri (Queensland Aboriginal) woman from the Ipswich/Brisbane region. She is Associate Professor and Principal Research Fellow with the Faculty of Health, QUT. Bronwyn led the group to Aotearoa with Adjunct Professor Mick Adams (not pictured).

Adjunct Professor Adams is a descendent of the Yadhigana people of Cape York Peninsula in Queensland, has traditional family ties with the Gringji people of Central Western Northern Territory and an extended family relationship with the people of the Torres Straits, Warlpiri (Yuendumu), and East Arnhem Land (Gurrumaruru) communities.

Deb Duthie is a descendant of the Wakka Wakka and Waramungu peoples of Cherbourg and Tennant Creek respectively.

Deb's PhD *Reinvigorating the domestic violence sector: Systemically addressing conflict, power and practitioner turnover* is in its final stage of examination and she is expected to graduate in the coming months.

Christine Peacock is a descendent of Erub in the Eastern Torres Strait Islands. She spoke of "Digitising philosophy: the dynamics of representation" and is a PhD Candidate in Creative Industries at QUT.



Indigenous Australian scholars at the MAI Doctoral Conference. Left to right: Melissa Walker, Odette Best, Bronwyn Fredericks, Deb Duthie and Christine Peacock. Photo and article: Marg Wilkie (Ngāti Porou, Ngāpuhi).

UPCOMING GRANTS AND AWARDS

All Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga (NPM) grants and awards are positioned to advance our research plan and strategic plan. Awards are primarily given to researchers or emerging researchers and students of NPM or employed in NPM research projects, and those researchers from our Participating Research Entities (PREs). Support may be available to others whose research is relevant to our research plan. For further information, please visit our website – downloadable guidelines and application form templates will be available on the day the grant or award opens.

Grant or Award	Size of grants	Key dates	Purpose	Criteria
Internships	\$5,000	Call for projects opens 01/08/12 and closes 11/09/12. Projects to be advertised for students to apply for 17/9/12 with applications closing 11/10/12 for a December 2012 start.	To foster and encourage promising students to enter a research career and gain research training by working closely on an investigator-initiated project with an active researcher who is able to supervise, support and mentor the intern through research activity.	For Māori or indigenous students who are in their final undergraduate year, or in the preliminary stages of a post-graduate study programme and are attending a PRE institution or linked to a current NPM researcher. Interns must be available to work full-time for a period of 10 weeks over the summer period.
Doctoral Bridging Grants	\$3,000 per month	Applications are taken year round depending on student circumstances.	To provide assistance to candidates who are not in receipt of any other significant income during the final stages of completion of their doctorate. It is also for those who have just successfully completed their doctoral studies and working on research publications or engaging in knowledge transfer relating to their research.	For Māori or indigenous students who are currently registered and in the final year of a doctoral degree or who have recently submitted a thesis for examination or recently completed the final requirements for a doctoral degree.
Publishing Support Grant	\$10,000 (max)	Opens 13/04/12 Closes 31/05/12	For researchers and emerging researchers to publish or disseminate their research findings. It is for books, book launches, writing in the Māori language and other creations including photography and web publications that contribute to indigenous research development.	For Māori or indigenous researchers and senior students, and emerging researchers. Generally a one-year publishing project.
Conference Attendance Grant	\$3,500 (max)	Opens 13/04/12 Closes 31/05/12	To support researchers and developing researchers to disseminate their research at national and international conferences, leading to the potential publication of their research findings.	For Māori or indigenous researchers and students/emerging researchers. Priority is given to supporting NPM research project knowledge sharing and/or our researchers.
Knowledge Event Support Grant	\$15,000 (max)	Opens 13/04/12 Closes 31/05/12	To run events at which research knowledge of a transformative nature is shared among key audiences. Such events include conferences, symposia, hui, wānanga, colloquium, workshops, performances or exhibitions.	For Māori or indigenous researchers and students/emerging researchers; and for Māori community groups. Supporting NPM research project knowledge sharing is prioritised.

HE KŌRERO – WORDS BETWEEN US



He Kōrero – Words Between Us: First Māori-Pākehā Conversations on Paper by Professors Alison Jones and Kuni Jenkins, published by Huia Publishers, was launched in February at Waipapa Marae, The University of Auckland.

The book traces Māori engagement with handwriting from 1769 to 1826. Through beautifully reproduced written documents, it describes the first encounters Māori had with paper and writing and the relationships between Māori and Europeans in the earliest school.

Prior to the book, Alison and Kuni took their research on tour with support from Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga.

The *Ngā Taonga Tuhituhi – Written Treasures exhibition*, comprising 18 digitally reproduced and enlarged examples of writing and drawing on paper dating from 1793 to 1826 by Māori from Northland, visited various venues in 2010 and 2011.

Professor Jones is from The University of Auckland's Faculty of Education and Professor Jenkins is from Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiāraangi.

INDIGENOUS VENEZUELAN VISITOR

David Hernández Palmar, Wayuu language activist and media producer from Venezuela, visited Auckland at the start of summer. David's visit was funded by Te Whare Kura, a thematic research initiative of The University of Auckland, and supported by Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga (NPM) and the New Zealand Centre for Latin American Studies (NZCLAS).

David, a member of the lipuana clan, Wayuu nation, Maracaibo, is a photographer, videographer, curator and writer.

While in Auckland he gave a public lecture on "The Centrality of Language in Indigenous Transformation". In Aotearoa and Abya Yala (America), language revitalisation has strengthened and unified local communities to challenge transnational colonial practices. David's mother is a leading language activist in Wayuu language revitalisation efforts, and during the seminar he discussed initiatives the Wayuu people use to protect their language, land and water through education, the media and political action. Following the lecture, David led a research workshop entitled "Indigenous Peoples, Participatory Democracy and New Media".

Other speakers during the day were Dr Leonie Pihama, Robert Pouwhare, Phoebe Fletcher and Mayra Gomez. They gave wide-ranging presentations on the topic area, as well as providing commentary on David's talks.

The day was organised and hosted by Dr Kathryn Lehman from NZCLAS, Dr Sue Abel from The University of Auckland's Māori

Studies department, and Dr Joe Te Rito, Senior Research Fellow at NPM. The three are collaborating in a Te Whare Kura research team.

Kathryn says one of the most important ideas that David introduced was that when some of the Wayuu elders were asked what word they use in Wayuunaiki for "democracy", they replied with the concept of "justice". If there is no justice, there cannot be democracy. Therefore participatory democracy needs to be thought of within the frame of human rights and ways in which citizenship is defined.

For many indigenous peoples citizenship is a goal which they are working toward even today and trying to achieve recognition of their human rights. Kathryn says David reiterated that media are a tool for working toward participation in creating social justice, defending basic human rights and achieving citizenship for his people.

Non-commercial media, based in local communities, have played a major role in explaining these issues to the rest of Venezuela. This is the kind of change that is taking place in David's country.

"It was a successful and worthwhile visit," says Joe. "We learnt of some very close parallels between the Wayuu and Māori. We look forward to strengthening relationships between Māori and the indigenous peoples of Abya Yala which is still very much uncharted territory for Māori people."



Left to right: Dr Leonie Pihama, Mayra Gomez, David Hernández Palmar, Dr Sue Abel, Robert Pouwhare, Kathryn Lehman and Dr Joe Te Rito

NEWS IN BRIEF

Māori of the Year

Two NPM researchers were nominated for *Marae Investigates* Ngā Toa Whakaihūwaka (Māori of the Year) 2011, as people who have increased the mana of Māori in 2011. Professor Mike Walker and Dr Jamie Ataria were nominees in the Science/Technology/Innovation category. *Marae Investigates* Producer Raewyn Rasch says Professor Walker was seen as uplifting the mana of Māori both as a teacher and as someone who has encouraged Māori to excellence in the field of science. Dr Ataria's nomination recognised his work with Māori communities to ensure their views are taken into account in the scientific arena, and encouraging Māori to better use science to benefit their communities. On the day, fellow nominee Mana Vautier won the category.

Scholarship recipients

Congratulations to the 11 recipients of our Research Methods and Skills Scholarships, via the New Zealand Social Statistics Network (NZSSN) summer programme 2012. These researchers and tertiary students were supported by NPM to attend short courses at Victoria University, Wellington during February: Suzanne Duncan, University of Otago; Moana Eruera, Kaahukura Enterprises; Francis Kewene, University of Otago; Dara Dimitrov, University of Waikato; Angela Slade, The University of Auckland; Amber Clarke, Te Rōpū Wāhine Māori Toko I te Ora ki Te Waipounamu; Mike Ross, Victoria University; Hauauru Rae, University of Otago; Mei Winitana, Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi; Maureen Muller, Victoria University; and Eamon Nathan.

MAI Scholar listserv

The MAI Scholar listserv is an international email listserv for Māori and indigenous scholars. It is free to subscribe and an excellent way to communicate your ideas, issues, events and activities, and make connections. If you would like to join, please visit the Contact page on our website www.maramatanga.ac.nz for the link.

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