Tēnā koutou katoa

Welcome to the first issue of Te Pūwānanga for 2013. I hope the year has started well for you and that 2013 will be successful and prosperous for you and your whānau. This year will be another busy one for Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga (NPM). A key project is preparing our proposal for further investment by the Tertiary Education Commission post-2014 when our current contract concludes. I will visit all our Participating Research Entities over the next few months to gather ideas and discuss the shape of our proposal. I look forward to talking with you about this.

We have exciting plans for 2013, including advancing research initiated in 2012. These projects include studies of Māori men’s relational health; indigenous agroecology; Māori childrearing practices; success models for Māori students in schools; the rehabilitation of Tauranga Moana following the Rena shipwreck and much more. Our major Pae Tawhiti projects (concerning Māori economic development and Māori language) continue, as do a number of other projects, and we will endeavour to bring on yet more new research in 2013. Our established Horizons of Insight Seminar Series continues this year and we will host our Annual Research Symposium in November. The symposium topic will be “Te Pā Harakeke: Healthy and Prosperous Families of Mana” and we will provide further information when arrangements become firmer. Once again we are offering Grants and Awards which are listed on pages four and five – I encourage you to review them as they provide a wide range of opportunities.

In March, it will be our pleasure to co-host Professor Arturo Arias, a Professor of Latin American Literature at the University of Texas. Professor Arias is a well-known scholar of Central American literature (with a special emphasis on indigenous literature) and a novelist. I will conduct a joint discussion with Professor Arias on 14th March. There are two other events with Professor Arias, see page three for details on all three events.

Later in the same month, I will open our 2013 Horizons of Insight Seminar Series with a talk on “Creative Potential” – the vision and concept underpinning the NPM strategy.

Finally, there were two staff changes for us at the end of 2012. We welcome Dr Dominic Andrae, see page six. Dominic is looking after the Journal and Publications Coordinator – AlterNative role while Dr Katharina Bauer is on parental leave. Congratulations to Katharina and her whānau on the birth of a boy! Publications and Communications Manager Dr Helen Ross left her role for another position within The University of Auckland after more than three years with us. Her contribution to our publications, in particular AlterNative, was invaluable and saw it grow into the international indigenous journal it is today. We wish her well in her new role.

Ngā mihi,

Professor Charles Royal

Director

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Kei ngā maunga huahua
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Tēnā koutou katoa!

HE WHAKATAUKĪ
Whāia ngā pae o te māramatanga me te aroha
Te pae tata, te pae tawhiti
Kia puta koe ki te whaiao ki te ao mārama

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Horizons of Insight seminars 2013

Our Horizons of Insight Seminar Series starts off for 2013 on Wednesday 27th March, with a presentation from our Director Professor Charles Royal on “Creative Potential” – the vision and concept underpinning the strategy of Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga. These seminars are held the last Wednesday of every month, March to October from 2-3pm, and run for an hour with a light afternoon tea afterwards. There is time for questions within this hour, although the lively discussion continues over the cup of tea, making the seminars an excellent chance to network and engage with others in the same interest area. We aim to film all the seminars and post these on our Online Media Centre, allowing people who cannot attend the seminar in person to also enjoy it or for others to watch again at their convenience. Videos of previous years’ seminars are available at media-centre.maramatanga.ac.nz Details of upcoming seminars are updated regularly on our website www.maramatanga.ac.nz/news-events/events We hope to see you at Waipapa Marae, The University of Auckland, 27th March, 2pm for the first seminar.

News from Te Kupenga o MAI

“Building the Basics” was the theme for the 2012 MAI Doctoral Conference, 30th November–2nd December. Held in Christchurch and hosted by MAI ki Ōtautahi – Lincoln, convener Dr Simon Lambert said the conference aimed to provide the opportunity for emerging Māori scholars to present in a supportive forum, and network with doctoral candidates and established academics. The other conference committee members were Melanie Shadbolt, Dr Amanda Black and Ekara Lewis.

Over the weekend, there were 27 presentations from doctoral students, ranging in topic from contemporary indigenous business leadership, to the oral and written tribal histories in Taranaki, to Māori-focused health literacy.

Attendee Dr Melinda Webber said she always feels so proud to learn alongside the Māori doctoral students who attend and present their mahi at the conference.

“They excel across such a wide spectrum of areas and have so much to offer their various disciplines. Their ability to integrate mātauranga Māori and Māori ways of knowing into their discipline-specific mātauranga is excellent.”

For more information on Te Kupenga o Mai visit www.mai.ac.nz
Latin American indigenous literature expert to visit

Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga (NPM) is delighted to co-host Professor Arturo Arias during March, with a series of events planned. Professor Arias is a Hood Fellow of The University of Auckland, and is being hosted by The New Zealand Centre for Latin American Studies and NPM. Arias is Professor of Latin American Literature, University of Texas. He is a mestizo (of Maya and Spanish ancestry) creative writer and specialist in critical theory whose contributions to Maya culture are recognised by their claiming him as one of their own. He is a well-known expert on Central American literature, with a special emphasis on indigenous literature, as well as critical theory, race, gender and sexuality in post-colonial studies. He co-wrote the screenplay for the film *El Norte* (1984), and edited *The Rigoberta Menchú Controversy* (2000). Having published six novels in Spanish, with two Casa de las Americas Awards, he was also winner of the Ana Seghers Award for fiction in Germany, and the Miguel Angel Asturias National Award (2008) for Lifetime Achievement in Literature in his native Guatemala. He is a former President of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA).

While in Auckland, Professor Arias will give a public lecture on “Oxlajuj B’aqtun: Not the End but a New Beginning for Maya, Indigenous Peoples and the Earth”, to be held Tuesday 12th March, 6pm at The University of Auckland, Owen G. Glenn Business School. He will discuss how on 21st December 2012, Maya communities in the Americas celebrated the end of the Fourth Era and welcomed the Oxlajuj B’aqtun, the Fifth Maya Era. However across the planet, from the US to Russia, people panicked at the idea that the world would end “as predicted by Maya astronomers”. This was a Western invention; this change does not predict the end of time but promotes continuity at a time of crisis. In this talk, he will explain the calendar’s workings and dispel the myths surrounding it. Professor Arias will also talk widely about indigenous peoples and how groups are coming together to face common issues, such as advancing decolonialisation processes, racism, shrinking territories and protecting Mother Nature.

He will also lead a hui with Professor Linda Tuhiiwai Smith, titled “Decolonisation, Research and Indigenous Peoples Today”, on Monday 11th March 9-3pm at Waipapa Marae, The University of Auckland. This day is for researchers and is about research on, by and with indigenous peoples. It will offer researchers a space for reflection on the history of decolonisation with specific local examples from various parts of the world and among different types of indigenous peoples working with their own communities and with non-indigenous groups. The focus is on the leadership that indigenous peoples have provided in moving their communities toward self-determination through healing, mobilisation, transformation, development and decolonisation in its varied phases and waves amidst unanticipated outcomes. Both hui leaders each have a lifelong engagement with and commitment to decolonised research with and for indigenous communities in Aotearoa, Abya Yala—the Americas, and the world.

Finally, on Thursday 14th March at 1-3pm at Waipapa Marae, Professor Charles Royal will conduct a joint discussion with Professor Arias and other artists and writers on the theme “Truth and Narrative”.

In the academic environment there is increasing pressure to deny the truth-value of storytelling and to privilege quantitative or measurable truth over narrative ways of knowing. The focus here will be on the transformative potential of indigenous creativity that reveals truth through various forms.

**KEY DATES**

**Monday 11th March** – “Decolonisation, Research and Indigenous Peoples Today” hui for researchers, 9-3pm at Waipapa Marae, The University of Auckland. Registration is required, please see event listing online to register.

**Tuesday 12th March** – “Oxlajuj B’aqtun: Not the End but a New Beginning for Maya, Indigenous Peoples and the Earth” public lecture, 6pm at Owen G. Glenn Business School, Lecture Theatre B4, The University of Auckland.

**Thursday 14th March** – Professor Royal and Professor Arias discuss “Truth and Narrative”, 1-3pm at Waipapa Marae.

For further details on all of these events visit [www.maramatanga.ac.nz/news-events/events](http://www.maramatanga.ac.nz/news-events/events)
All Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga (NPM) grants and awards are positioned to advance our research plan and strategic direction. Awards are primarily given to researchers or emerging researchers and students of NPM or employed in NPM research projects; and to those researchers from our Participating Research Entities (PREs). Support may be available to other researchers whose research is relevant to our research plan. For further information, please visit our website – downloadable guidelines and application form templates will be available the day the grant or award opens.

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<td>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.</td>
<td>For Māori or indigenous students who are in their final undergraduate year, or in the preliminary stages of a postgraduate study programme and attending a PRE institution or linked to a current NPM researcher. Interns must be available to work fulltime for a period of 10 weeks over the summer period.</td>
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Dr Melinda Webber (Ngāti Whakaue, Ngāti Kahu, Ngāti Hau) from The University of Auckland’s Faculty of Education will share her unique knowledge of Aotearoa’s school communities with American counterparts at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay later this month, with the help of a Fulbright-Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga (NPM) Travel Award. Melinda is currently a fulltime qualitative researcher on The University of Auckland’s Starpath Project – a pioneering research project focused on transforming educational outcomes for New Zealand students who are under-achieving at secondary school and under-represented in tertiary education. She is also co-investigator on a NPM research project entitled “Ka Awatea: An iwi case study of Māori student success”.

Melinda looks forward to sharing her knowledge of Māori education, cultural identity development and adolescent social psychology with a range of academic departments and programmes at her host institution. She will give presentations on the Starpath Project to staff of the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay later this month, with the help of a Fulbright-Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga (NPM) Travel Award.

Several Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga (NPM) researchers were recognised in the Marae Investigates Ngā Toa Whakaihuwaka (Māori of the Year) 2012 awards, as people who have uplifted the mana of Māori in 2012. The special show aired on Waitangi Day 2013 on TVNZ.

Professor Linda Tuhiuwi Smith was the winner in the Māturanga- Education category. Professor Smith was a founding Joint Director of NPM and is the Principal Investigator on our project “In pursuit of the possible: Indigenous well-being – A study of indigenous hope, meaning and transformation”. Nominated in the same category was Professor Sir Mason Durie, who leads another NPM project, “Fostering te Pā Harakeke: Advancing Healthy and Prosperous Families of Mana.”

Associate Professor Cindy Kiro won the Ratonga Hapori – Community Service category for being a passionate champion of children and health inequalities. She was a lead author of the Trends in wellbeing for Māori families 1981-2006 report, commissioned by NPM and published in 2010.

In other categories, NPM researchers Associate Professors Poia Rewi and Rawinia Higgins were nominated in the Reo-Tikanga category, for their work on our three year project Te Pae Tawhiti: Te reo Māori. MAI Journal Board Member Dr Ocean Mercier was nominated in the Te Ao Hangarau-Science/Technology/ Innovation category. Congratulations to all.

This is one of three exchange awards offered under a partnership between NPM and Fulbright New Zealand. For more details and to apply visit www.maramatanga.ac.nz/research/grants_and_awards
The first issue for 2013 of AlterNative: An International Journal of Indigenous Peoples is now available online and in print. Papers in Volume 9(1) come from the Arctic Circle, to Africa, Japan, Australia, Canada and New Zealand.

Two of the articles centre on indigenous education. Ylva Jannok Nutti considers Sámi teachers' experiences in Sweden in teaching of mathematics and the necessity for lessons to be taught from the perspective of the local culture – despite the fact that culturally based teaching is not specifically defined. Teachers must adapt as to how and what they teach. The second article by Lone Elizabeth Ketsitlile, Philip Bulawa and Onalenna Tiny Kgathi seeks to understand why appropriate and relevant research methods are crucial when undertaking literary research among Southern Africa's first indigenous peoples – the San of Botswana. The authors consider and develop an argument articulating the need to include a specific Southern African philosophy (Botho, also known as Ubuntu) as a theoretical framework.

Olivia Guntarik's article “Dangerous Historiographies: Minoru Hokari’s observations and lived Aboriginal practices of history” considers Australian Aboriginal notions of historiography (the methodology and development of history) which challenge existing and accepted understandings and interpretations of societies’ and cultures’ histories. Alternative interpretations (and solutions) to conventional history are often binarized as minority or oppositional groups and simply accommodated in what continues to be the dominant story.

Rāpata Wiri adds to the growing body of academic work considering New Zealand’s Treaty of Waitangi settlement through the lens of the controversial “Treelords Deal” and the application of mana whenua or Māori custom law. The article looks at the claims made for Central North Island forestry and how certain large iwi misinterpret mana whenua for their own commercial gain at the expense of smaller but significant land-owning iwi in the region.

Canada’s federal and provincial systems of government have been strongly influenced by the nation’s Aboriginal peoples. Or have they? David MacDonald argues any such influences have been largely accidental, and a concerted critique of some conventional study highlights a glossing over of Aboriginal-settler history rather that a detailed engagement with it.

Among other things, he advocates the incorporation of Aboriginal notions and concepts of power, justice and decision-making into existing institutions and potential new institutions.

Hiroshi Maruyama examines an ambitious dam project on the Japanese island of Hokkaido and the impact on the local indigenous people, the Ainu. Legislation gives priority to river development yet existing indigenous legislation and policy has yet to take firm steps towards the protection of Ainu indigenous rights. Maruyama’s paper considers the legal system surrounding river development in light of the conservation of Ainu culture and the environment.

The final article “Songlines and touchstones: A study of perinatal health and culture in Greenland” by Ruth Montgomery-Andersen and Ina K. Borup explores how family and community perceive support-giving during the perinatal period. In particular, it focuses on story-telling as a health promotion tool through an ethnographic approach. Content analysis, interviews and dialogues are used to set the stories into a cultural perspective.

AlterNative is a peer-reviewed interdisciplinary journal that aims to present indigenous world views from native indigenous perspectives. Access to the journal is by subscription, visit www.alternative.ac.nz for more information.

Welcome to Dr Dominic Andrae who has taken on the role of Journal and Publications Coordinator for AlterNative and other scholarly publishing projects of Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga, while Dr Katharina Bauer is on parental leave for 12 months. Dominic holds a PhD in Sociology and a MA (Hons) in Anthropology. His research has focused on working with marginalised communities and their interaction with the judicial system in New Zealand. He recently worked with Aboriginal communities in Alice Springs.
SUBMISSIONS WELCOMED

We are busily working on volume 2, issue 1 of MAI Journal: A New Zealand Journal for Indigenous Scholarship due to be published in April. Don’t forget submissions are considered all year round and we welcome papers that critically analyse and address all indigenous issues in the context of Aotearoa New Zealand.

While MAI Journal focuses on the Aotearoa New Zealand context, we welcome articles from international authors whose work may be of particular relevance to this context. We accept both articles and commentary pieces.

We have an enthusiastic Editorial Board that is composed of highly respected academics and researchers in indigenous research from a wide range of disciplines. We welcome three new board members this year: Dr Fiona Te Momo (Massey University), Dr Tahu Kukutai (The University of Waikato), and Phillip Borell (University of Canterbury).

We are honoured to have these appointments and look forward to their guidance.

Earlier this year our Publications Manager Dr Helen Ross left Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga. We would like to acknowledge Helen for her pivotal role in the development of MAI Journal and extend our gratitude for her commitment and contributions.

Please ensure that you follow us on Facebook and sign up to our mailing list to keep up-to-date with our news, and visit www.journal.mai.ac.nz for further information about the journal and to submit articles.
Dietary intake and its effect on early life course, with particular focus on Māori communities

Metabolic health issues such as Type 2 diabetes and obesity are increasingly prevalent in our community, in keeping with worldwide trends. There is now a considerable amount of evidence that events during pregnancy and early childhood influence the risk of metabolic disease in later life by affecting glucose and fat metabolism and possibly appetite regulation. To try to prevent later metabolic disease, we therefore need to look at practical ways to intervene in early life to decrease these risks – and Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga (NPM) is supporting a study doing just this.

Clearly nutrition is one area in which one could intervene. Metabolism is affected not only by the type of food eaten, but also by the pattern of eating. For example, it is now well-established that in both adults and older children, eating breakfast is associated with improved weight and glucose metabolism. An area that has been studied less, but

Dr Te Kani Kingi

naries about the child’s eating behaviour, and parental thoughts and attitudes about how their young children should be fed. Three 24-hour food diaries, particularly focussing on the time and type of meals or snacks given, will be recorded. The information gained from the study will be presented back to the community, and any potential areas of intervention discussed. The study has the approval of local iwi and the Māori Health Unit at Lakes District Health Board. The NPM researcher involved is Dr Te Kani Kingi.

He Pitopito Kōrero News in Brief

He Manawa Whenua conference
Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga is pleased to be a “Hokioi” sponsor of He Manawa Whenua, Indigenous Research Conference 2013 in July. Hosted by Professor Linda Tuhiwai Smith and Te Kotahi Research Institute at Waikato University, it will explore the pool of indigenous knowledge and research under the following three themes, “He Manawa Auaha/Innovation/Imagine the Invisible”; “He Manawa Ora/Well-Being/Explore the Potential”; and “He Manawa Toitoi/Inpiration/Defy the Impossible”. For more details visit www.maramatanga.ac.nz/kotahi_research_institute

Social Statistics Network (NZSSN) summer programme 2013. These researchers and tertiary students were supported by NPM to attend short courses at Victoria University, Wellington during February: Karleen Everitt (Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi); Maree Roche (University of Waikato); Ani Alana Kainamu; Dayle Fenton (Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi); Felicity Ware (Massey University); Dean Walker (Lincoln University); Paul Edwards (Victoria University, Wellington); Rāwinia Kāmāu (Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi); Gloria Clarke (University of Waikato); and Jonathan Kilgour (Waikato-Tainui College, University of Waikato).

Annual Report
Our Annual Report for 2012 will be available in April. This will detail the range of research we carried out, the scholars we supported, our publications and events and how we communicated with our networks. It will be available online, please keep an eye on www.maramatanga.ac.nz/proceedings

Proceedings online
In case you missed their release in the Christmas rush, the conference proceedings for our International Indigenous Development Research Conference 2012 are available. The proceedings are free to download from our website, and include nearly 40 peer reviewed papers from around the world. www.maramatanga.ac.nz/conference_proceedings