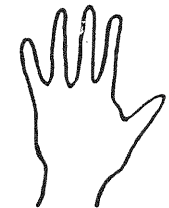


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The AAS NEWSLETTER is published four times a year and provides a forum for the discussion of current matters relevant to anthropology and anthropologists. Contributions from all quarters are welcome. Such submissions should not normally exceed three thousand words and should be typed on A4 and single spaced.

The NEWSLETTER also publishes contents of current Australian journals, notices of other publications, conference notices, notices of positions vacant or sought, and a 'co-operation' notices. The last mentioned publishes notices of information, materials or equipment sought or offered, and is free for members.

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The successful applicant will be required to teach, among other things, undergraduate courses, including (in 1986) one half-year unit on Anthropological method and one on religion.

Anthropology at La Trobe University is presently taught within the Department of Sociology, and applications would be especially welcome from persons who feel they could contribute to both disciplines.

Closing Date: 16 August, 1985
Ref. No. A2/043/053 Salary: \$26,236-\$34,467

Applications (marked confidential) including reference number, names of three referees and curriculum vitae should be forwarded to the Staff Officer, La Trobe University, Bundoora, Victoria, 3083.

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READER IN WOMEN'S STUDIES

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for appointment to the newly-created tenurable position of Reader in Women's Studies.

The University has decided to institute a new inter-disciplinary major programme in Women's Studies which will combine new topics in Women's Studies with existing topics in other areas. For this purpose, a permanent staffing of at least two is envisaged. The person appointed to the advertised position will be expected to develop this programme. It is envisaged that the Reader will develop links with the Research Centre for Women's Studies at the University of Adelaide. The location of the programme in the academic structure of the University will be determined in consultation with the appointee.

The University invites applications from persons with suitable interest in or experience of an integrated exploration and presentation of concepts and information from more than one discipline. Research and teaching experience in the Humanities or Social Sciences or other relevant areas of knowledge is necessary. Some administrative experience would be an advantage. Further information about the appointment may be obtained from Professor B. Abrahamson (tel. (08) 275 2801, telex AA89624 FLINDU).

Salary \$A46,397

Applications, including a curriculum vitae with full details of qualifications and experience, research interests and publications, and the names and addresses of three referees should be lodged, in duplicate, with the Registrar, The Flinders University of South Australia, Bedford Park, South Australia, 5042 by 30th July, 1985.

THE TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPLEMENT 26.4.85

Anthropologists defend their own race

by Karen Gold

A defence of anthropology as socially, culturally, intellectually and scientifically useful has been made to Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, by the director of the Royal Anthropological Institute, Dr Jonathan Bentham, director of the institute, wrote to Mr Norman Tebbit after he publicly defended education cuts and said the Government had taken money away from people studying "the pre-nuptial habits of natives in the Upper Volta valley".

Dr Bentham argued that singling out social anthropology for disparagement was unfair. Mr Tebbit replied that scholarship, however interesting and valuable, depended on wealth creation or its finance. Dr Bentham has elaborated his justification in the RAI's new journal *Anthropology Today*.

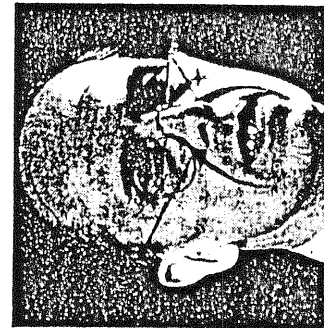
Anthropologists are increasingly doing work which is related to British

industry and the economy, argues Dr Bentham. In addition the study of primitive lifestyles had scientific importance for western society.

He instances health care, where primitive methods of treating the whole person rather than symptoms had influenced western medicine; the study of simple social structures which aids understanding of complex social processes such as economic exchange and decision making.

In an example unlikely to appeal to Mr Tebbit, Dr Bentham writes: "For instance it has often been claimed that inequality is intrinsic to all human societies. This claim is disproved by the existence of hunter-gatherer societies such as the Hadza of Tanzania who espouse a positive ideology of egalitarianism."

Anthropologists preserve cultural identity often dismissed by new societies but regretted later - for example an anthropologist is leading



Mr Tebbit: criticized research

the campaign for better treatment of Aborigines that is now gathering support in Australia. Anthropology regularly act as an advocate for tribal groups in land rights cases. Development anthropologists contribute to the Overseas Development Administration.

tion and other development projects. Almost every field of study had been influenced by anthropology and the ideas it produces. Dr Bentham cites Biblical scholarship and the theatre. Anthropology also helps break down prejudices between different societies, he says.

There are around 130 social anthropologists in British university departments. "Hardly a great drain on the Exchequer," he adds. Britain is regarded as an international centre of excellence and has a superb track record in funding which should be continued, although he accepts Mr Tebbit's argument that wealth creation is needed.

Mr Tebbit said in reply he was glad Dr Bentham accepted that "Of course I could have instanced scholarship projects in almost every discipline (yes, even 'hard science') that are so remote from our present difficulties as to merit little expenditure," he said.

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Editorial

In the absence of Chris Healey, who is currently "up the jungle" in P.N.G., this issue of the Newsletter has largely been co-ordinated by me, your harassed Secretary. Chris left much of the material and detailed instructions, I am glad to say, and I had some help from Peter Mewett in drafting the planned conference sessions. However, the "committee" approach probably shows through and we apologise if it intrudes into the final product.

As you might expect, this June issue is mostly focussed on the forthcoming conference in Darwin. The plans are quite well advanced now, but we need a few more people to commit themselves by sending in the registration forms. Accommodation is likely to be a problem if advantage of our arrangements is not taken now and deposits forwarded. You will see that we have a good number of offers of papers and we are hoping that there will be time for discussion this year.

In addition to the conference, two issues have concerned the officers of the Society in the last three months. The ongoing saga of the 'Strehlow Collection' seems to be approaching some sort of a resolution with the imminent return of most of the artifacts to the Northern Territory. The executive is monitoring the situation and it may be opportune to discuss the problem at the A.G.M., if the outcome of current negotiations is clear by then. The second concern has been the questions surrounding the recent actions of the N.T. Lands Commissioner. There are discussion papers by Peter Mewett and Frank McKeowan here which I would urge all members to read. The potential problems for all Australian fieldwork may be profound.

David Mearns June 1985

BALLOT FREE AIRFARE - BALLOT

As official carrier of the A.A.S. Conference this year T.A.A. has offered two complementary economy class air tickets to Darwin from any Australian capital city.

The conference organizers have determined that both tickets should be made available to unemployed post-graduate student who might otherwise be unable to attend the conference. We have decided that the most equitable way of allocating free tickets is to draw two names out of a hat.

To qualify to draw, nominees must be:

1. Financial members of A.A.S. at the time of nomination.
2. Committed to present a paper in any session of their choice.
3. Be currently enrolled as a post-graduate student at a university in any Australian city. (Students resident outside capital cities must bear costs of travel to a capital).
4. Be not gainfully employed. (This does not exclude students on scholarships or those doing limited part-time teaching).
5. Have nominations endorsed by a supervisor of studies or head of department.

Eligible students may nominate themselves. Successful nominees will be expected to bear any costs of accommodation and maintenance.

The ballot will be drawn by Darwin-based members of the A.A.S. executive in the presence of an independent witness, at a date to be determined.

To ensure your nomination goes into the hat for the draw, return the form below before July 26th.

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P.O. Box 40146,
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Conference, to deliver a paper titled.....

.....in the Session on.....

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The Bureau of the Northern Land Council invites applications from suitably qualified people for the position of Anthropologist within the Bureau.

DUTIES: The appointee will work in a small team of professional anthropological researchers for the Northern Land Council. It is expected that the appointee will focus on a specific region, probably in Arnhem Land. The work will involve the identification of Aboriginal rights and interests in land that is subject to development proposals. The appointee will also undertake research and provide advice on a range of anthropological issues requiring attention within the Bureau of the Northern Land Council.

QUALIFICATION & EXPERIENCE: Applicants should have an Honours Degree in Anthropology or Sociology or related discipline and a relevant post-graduate Degree. Preference will be given to suitably qualified applicants with successful field work experience in Aboriginal Australia.

SALARY/BENEFITS: The position will be available for a 3 year contract period. Salary in the vicinity of \$30,000 plus district allowance as applicable. Assistance with removal expenses and housing will be discussed at interview.

Applications in writing stating qualifications and experience and nominating three referees should be addressed to:

The Director,
Bureau of the Northern
Land Council,
P.O. Box 3046,
DARWIN, N.T. 5794

by Monday 15 July, 1985.

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Enclosed, my subscription for 1984-85: \$.....
(Membership fees are \$10.00 salaried, \$5.00 unsalaried/student).

**AUSTRALIAN ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE
DARWIN 1985**

DATES: MONDAY 26 AUGUST - THURSDAY 29 AUGUST
With option of extending to the morning of Friday
30 August.

VENUE: NORTHERN TERRITORY MUSEUM

Several sessions have been proposed. Those interested in contributing papers should contact the appropriate convenors as soon as possible. Anyone interested in convening additional sessions should advise the Secretary, AAS immediately.

ANTHROPOLOGY, ETHICS AND THE LAW: A RECENT DEVELOPMENT

F. McKEOWN

In a recent land claim hearing in Alice Springs, the Land Commissioner issued subpoenas against the Chairman of the Central Land Council and six researchers, including a number of Anthropologists. The subpoenas, issued at the request of the Attorney-General of the N.T, required the seven persons to appear before the Land Commissioner: "To answer questions and to produce to me the following; all files, reports, statements, letters, diaries, notebooks, memoranda, drafts, documents and writings and all maps, plans and sketches and all photographs and tape recordings which were compiled, written, made or taken, as the case may be for the purposes of a) research into the Warumungu Land tenure; b) research for the preparation" of the two Warumungu Land Claim books/CLC submissions of behalf of the claimants, September 1982, and January 1985.

I do not want here to enter into a discussion why the subpoenas were issued or to discuss in any detail the specific land claim. This of course would not be proper as it is still subjudice.

Nor can I properly enter into a discussion of legal professional privilege and of an Anthropologist's separate claim of professional privilege as defences to any such attempt by others to obtain Anthropologists' confidential field notes, diaries etc. The arguments that go to the heart of the privilege question will not be heard by the Land Commissioner until mid July and therefore it would not be proper for me to comment on them at this time.

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THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY invites applications from suitably qualified men and women for appointment as Postdoctoral Fellow/Research Fellow in the Department of Anthropology to be filled from 1 September 1985 for two years, with possible extension for a third. Under exceptional circumstances, appointment at Senior Research Fellow level would be considered. The position is for an anthropological participant in the School's interdisciplinary project on "Industrialization and the Future of Asia". As part of this project, the Department of Anthropology together with Human Geography and Pacific and Southeast Asian History are taking primary responsibility for a 'case study' approach investigating economic and social change in Peninsular Malaysia and East Java since 1950. Focus will be on urbanization, the transformation of rural areas, and the relationship between these two phenomena in the process of economic development. Research experience in either Malaysia or Indonesia, an aptitude for interdisciplinary work, and a good working knowledge of Bahasa Indonesia/Malaysia and/or Javanese will be of critical importance. The successful applicant will be expected to spend a significant portion of his or her time in fieldwork in Malaysia and/or Java and to produce a research monograph at the end of the appointment. One possible focus of the study would be squatter settlement in Kuala Lumpur, but other projects will be considered. Interested applicants should write for further information about the Project to the Department of Anthropology. Applications from persons who hold positions in other Australian institutions, and who are able to obtain long term leave to work within the Project, will be welcomed. Closing date: 31 July 1985. Salary in accordance with qualifications and experience: SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW \$34,699-\$41,390 p.a.; RESEARCH FELLOW \$24,840-\$32,634 p.a.; POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW GRADE 1 (at a fixed point) \$21,411-\$24,528 p.a. Appointment SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW/RESEARCH FELLOW for three years initially with possibility of extension, after review, to five years; POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW for one or two years initially with possibility of extension to maximum of three years. Grants towards travel & removal, assistance with housing; superannuation. The University reserves the right not to make an appointment or to make an appointment by invitation at any time. Applicants should quote the advertisement reference when requesting further particulars and submitting applications from PM White, Acting Registrar, The Australian National University, GPO Box 4, Canberra, ACT 2601. AUSTRALIA.

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"ISSUES AND DIRECTIONS"

The conference is organised by the University of Auckland, and is intended to give impetus and direction to the diverse range of Pacific interests in both the University and the wider community.

A number of prominent speakers from Pacific Island nations and New Zealand have been invited to present papers highlighting what they see as the main "Issues and Directions" in contemporary Pacific life. Each paper will have a discussant. Two Workshop sessions, one with an Arts/Humanities focus and the other dealing with issues of Political Economy, will give scope for comprehensive discussion of the themes arising from the invited papers. There will also be opportunities for the presentation of other short contributed papers, and offers and suggestions for these are welcomed. It is hoped that the conference will give general guidelines for the further development of Pacific Studies at the University of Auckland.

The invited speakers will include both established and younger scholars as well as people from outside University spheres. They include 'Epele Hau'ota (Reader in Sociology at U.S.P., who will be at the University during July and August as the Auckland Savings Bank/University of Auckland Foundation Visitor) and Albert Wendt (novelist, poet and Professor of Pacific Literature at U.S.P.) as well as Geoff Bertram, Marjorie Crocombe, Hima Douglas, Malama Meleisea, Wadan Narsey, Fred Sevele, Iaveta Short, Ray Watters, and others.

Full enrolment fee for the 4-day conference is NZ\$70 (Students NZ\$10). Discounts of NZ\$10 for full enrolments by May 30.

Accommodation is available at University student hostels at NZ\$17 bed and breakfast (\$4 lunch, \$5 dinner).

The Conference is supported by a grant from the Sir John Logan Campbell Trust.

For further information, Enrolment Form and Preliminary Programme, please complete this form and mail to:

Secretary, Auckland Conference
c/- Department of Anthropology
University of Auckland
Private Bag
Auckland, New Zealand

Name and Title:.....
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- I hope to attend and will require accommodation
- I hope to attend, but will not require accommodation.
- I would like to present a paper on the following topic:.....

- I am willing to act as a discussant for one of the invited papers.

Please suggest other people or institutions to whom this announcement might usefully be sent.

Here I would simply like to draw to the attention of the society the implications this type of subpoena has, if it is allowed to prevail, not only for Anthropologists but for social scientific research in Australia generally.

No doubt the implications are immediately obvious to many. One is, that many Anthropologists and others may choose to withdraw from any research, including that done on behalf of Land Councils, so as to minimise the risk of exposure to the legal process. This of course includes withdrawal from academic as well as professional research where the courts are able to form an opinion that the researcher may be able to assist, notwithstanding that researcher's lack of tie to either party by way of employment or other contractual relationship.

Alternatively Anthropologists may choose to destroy their field notes and other records which they wish to keep totally confidential. Or they may follow the practice of their colleagues in South Africa and keep two sets of field notes, one public and one private.

Second, the Anthropologist will have to advise the people among whom they wish to conduct research about the possibility of forced disclosure of their notes by the courts. It is highly likely that many if not all the communities will refuse the Anthropologist permission to carry out research under these circumstances.

Finally members of society must now be acutely aware of the ever increasing tendency for the courts to provide Anthropologists with guidelines for professional practice in the face of a lack of written code of ethics. The day is imminent when that code will be written by lawyers and judges, effectively cutting out the group who will be saddled with it.

Professional Privilege: A Matter of Concern to all
Anthropologists.

I should like to bring to the attention of all members some legal developments that have considerable implications for all anthropologists and other social scientists.

The Warumungu land claim is currently before Justice Maurice of the Land Court. This land claim has had a particularly tempestuous history and is proving to be extremely messy. Insofar as the Society is concerned, the development of major concern has been the issue of subpoenas to all the anthropologists and others who have worked on this claim in the past and at present for the Central Land Council. The subpoenas, issued on behalf of the Northern Territory Government, who are contesting the claim, called for the submission of all field notes, diaries, tape recordings, early drafts of reports, etc. In fact the subpoenas encompassed all materials associated with data collection and analysis.

As it turned out the subpoena was contested in court and rejected on a technicality. But the matter cannot be left to rest at that. We still do not know if a revised subpoena will be issued. Above all else though, this development has thrown wide open the whole question of professional privilege for anthropological data. The implications are profound. For example, had the subpoena been successful the Central Land Council would have lodged an immediate appeal at Federal level. Had this appeal proved unsuccessful then the right of lawyers to call as evidence the field material of anyone involved in social research would have been enshrined in Federal law. And this may yet come to pass from this land claim hearing.

Obviously this issue goes far beyond the consulting or applied anthropologists working on politically sensitive issues of Aboriginal land rights and so on. It is of considerable concern to all anthropologists and other social scientists working on Australian material. I do not need to spell out the implication of no longer being able to guarantee absolute confidentiality to our informants.

The conference will be held at Valla Park resort, north of Nambucca Heads NSW, Monday-Wednesday 25-27 November. Accommodation and meals will be provided from Sunday evening to Wednesday afternoon. The AGM will be on Tuesday afternoon.

This year's conference will be organised somewhat differently to those of earlier years. There will be four half-day symposia on specific topics and one half-day open session. Results of recent excavations and surveys will also be presented at a poster session on Monday evening. The organisers of each topic symposium will be wholly responsible for its structure and contents, and it is they who should be approached regarding the giving of papers. The open session and the poster session will be the responsibility of the conference organisers.

Topic Symposia

1. Twenty years of Prehistoric archaeology in Tasmania
Organisers: Denise Gaughwin and Jim Allen
Prehistory, La Trobe University, Bundoora, Victoria, 3083
2. Archaeology of western New South Wales
Organisers: Jeanette Hope
Prehistory, RSPacS, ANU, Canberra, 2601
and Peter Thompson
This symposium will include any aspect of the archaeology —
scientific, culture-historical, archaeometric, political or popular
— of the area.
3. Management, research and politics in Australian archaeology
Organisers: Annie Ross and Jo Macdonald
National Parks and Wildlife Service, Sydney
4. Research with style: towards an archaeology of art
Organiser: Mike Morwood
Prehistory and Archaeology, Univ. of New England, Armidale, 2351

Open Symposium

Recent research from all over

Co-ordinators: Peter White and Phil Habgood
Anthropology, University of Sydney, 2006

Poster Sessions

These will provide an opportunity for anyone who cannot be given time to give a paper to present results of recent research. There will be one session on Monday evening: posters may be on display from Sunday evening.

Conference Fees

Registration	\$20 (students \$10)
Accommodation, with all meals	\$115
Accommodation, with breakfast and Tuesday evening spit roast	\$80

There will be a limited number of subsidised places for students giving papers or posters.

Transport

We are hoping that local organisers will be able to arrange coaches from Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne. We expect to meet trains arriving at Nambucca Heads on Sunday evening or early Monday morning.

For further details and registration forms contact:

Phil Habgood
Anthropology,
University of Sydney
NSW, 2006

The proposed theme is intended to run through the broad fields of law and order, religion, economics, kinship and marriage. Although the focus is meant to be on traditional social life, continuities and developments in colonial and contemporary situations are definitely eligible for consideration.

Eight papers are needed for this symposium. If you are interested in contributing a paper, a working title and abstract should be in my hands by August 1 1985

Dr L.R. Hiatt
Anthropology Department
University of Sydney, NSW 2006.

(b) SYMPOSIUM 2: Aboriginal Identity and the Uses of the Past

There has been some tendency among anthropologists to regard Aboriginality as unproblematic. To do so is to ignore a process of cultural construction that is integral to the working out of relations between Aboriginal and European Australians.

In describing Aboriginality as a cultural construction we are not suggesting that it is inauthentic. It refers to the ways in which Aborigines select from their experience and their cultural heritage to communicate a sense of identity to their young people, to Aborigines of differing backgrounds, and to other Australians. European Australians are also engaged in the construction of Aboriginality as 'experts', advocates and critics. The media devote considerable space to Aboriginal Affairs, constructing Aboriginality for the many European Australians who have no direct experience of Aborigines. Aborigines themselves are exposed to these influences and have to come to terms with them in their dialogue with European Australia.

The principal currency in these exchanges is the Past. The memories of old people, anthropological writings, archaeological remains, documentary records, etc. are all drawn upon to give authenticity to the competing constructions.

The Organising Committee invites contributions on the various aspects of this process, European as well as Aboriginal, local as well as national, past as well as present. Eight papers are needed for the symposium; titles and abstracts should reach me by August

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Dr J. Beckett
Anthropology Department
University of Sydney, NSW 2006.

So, what can we do? At one level we must prepare ourselves for an intensive lobbying exercise both within our institutions and on other significant bodies. We should certainly attempt to recruit the active support of other organisations whose members would fall subject to any court rulings on these issues. Perhaps we could combine with them on this issue to establish a solid front and, possibly, a fighting fund.

There is another area in which I think that action is essential. The expressed opinion of counsel in the Warumungu case was that the absence, in the AAS constitution, of a position on the confidentiality of field data, would weigh heavily against any arguments in favour of the protection of such material under the auspices of professional privilege. This suggests that we should 'put our house in order'. Insofar as I am aware the AAAA is establishing a constitution that will attempt to incorporate such issues. But we cannot leave it to the AAAA: not all anthropologists working on Australian material are consulting/applied anthropologists. Such persons do not necessarily fit under the AAAA umbrella and any protection that this might be able to offer. But it would seem that the AAS, as presently constituted, also could not offer protection.

I am not going to make any firm suggestions here. My primary intention is to inform the membership of the developments that have occurred and to point to the possibility that changes to the constitution and organisation of the AAS might be necessary. It would be inexcusably myopic to ignore the warning bells. Unfortunately this may involve the re-opening of the debate on 'professionalism'. Other than a certainty that we must do something, my thoughts have not yet clarified on what the best course of action might be. It does seem clear however, that some degree of 'professionalism' might simply be a realistic reflection of how to protect our interests in the society at large. I am also conscious of the general interest component of our membership and the need to involve this in our activities. Possibly, some 'multi-tiered' membership structure might be our answer?

Some important issues are going to be addressed at the 1985 AGM. Issues that cannot be left in abeyance or shelved for another time. It is to be hoped that I have given sufficient here to allow members to come prepared to the AGM. By that time, and in consultation with the other officers, I will devise resolutions calling for constitutional changes which, if nothing else, should get the debate going.

PETER MEWETT

MONASH UNIVERSITY
Clayton, Vic 3168

POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

Monash University is offering a number of Post Doctoral Fellowship positions commencing in 1986 and tenable for up to two years in any department of the university. Fellows will be expected to collaborate in their research with a member of the university staff.

Intending applicants should contact the Chairman of the Department in which they wish to work to discuss possible areas of mutual research interest.

Appointments will be in the Research Fellow I range (\$27,614-\$25,246), but an appointment at Research Fellow Grade III level (\$26,236-\$34,467) may be considered in exceptional circumstances.

Reference No. 90162. Applications will only be accepted on the official Application Form.

This and other details are available from: The Registrar, Mr J. D. Butchart. Applications close Friday, 30th August, 1985.

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**MASSEY UNIVERSITY
PALMERSTON NORTH**

U.G.C. POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

Applications are invited for Postdoctoral Fellowships in 1986 to be funded and awarded by the University Grants Committee and tenable within Massey University.

Awards may be made for one year or for three years. Applications from candidates wishing to work in any department of the University will be considered, but in making the awards the University Grants Committee will give priority to current growth research areas such as biotechnology, genetic engineering, electronics, engineering, chemistry etc.

The emolument payable will be at a rate to be determined but not exceeding the lowest step on the University scale for lecturers (currently \$23,622 per annum).

Applicants should have completed the requirements for the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

Application forms together with the general conditions of appointment may be obtained from the undersigned with whom applications close on 31st July 1985.

A. J. WEIR,
Registrar

**JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY OF
NORTH QUEENSLAND**

**LECTURER
(SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY)**

Applications are invited for the permanent position of Lecturer (Social Anthropology) in the Department of Behavioural Sciences.

Applicants would be expected to have a Ph.D. in Social Anthropology and considerable research experience in northern Australia, particularly with Aboriginal or Islander communities.

The Department has a responsibility for teaching in Anthropology, Sociology, Psychology, Social Work and Community Welfare, and its present staff are engaged in a number of fundamental and applied research projects relevant especially to northern Australia in keeping with its broadly based philosophy. The Department's research in Anthropology includes teaching and research in Anthropological Archaeology and Social Anthropology. Some of the research programs in Anthropology are community requested in addition to teaching Social Anthropology to honours level and supervising higher degree students, the appointee will be expected to contribute to established multidisciplinary courses in the Department and especially to multicultural programs in Social Work and Community Welfare.

The salary range for the position is \$26,236-\$34,467 per annum. The commencing salary will be determined in accordance with qualifications and experience.

Further information and application forms may be obtained from the Registrar, James Cook University, Townsville, QLD 4811 with whom applications close on 5 July 1985. In reply please quote reference number AB3065.

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POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

Victoria University of Wellington invites applications for Post-Doctoral Fellowships to be taken up during 1986 for one or three years. The Fellowships will be funded and awarded by the University Grants Committee and Victoria University and will be tenable at Victoria University.

Preference will be given to candidates who wish to work in the Departments of: Anthropology, Botany, Chemistry, Economics, Education, Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Psychology, Russian - in the Institutes of Criminology, Statistics and Operations Research and the Research School of Earth Sciences. The University Grants Committee will give priority to current growth areas of research.

The total emolument including travel expenses will be determined at a rate not exceeding \$23,622 per annum. Interested applicants should correspond in the first instance with the appropriate Chairman of Departments in the field they wish to apply for.

Conditions of Appointment and method of application are available from the undersigned with whom applications close on 1 July, 1985.

Administrative Assistant (Appointments)
Personnel Office
Victoria University of Wellington
Private Bag
WELLINGTON
Telephone: 72 1000.

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

As part of the AIAS Biennial Conference to be held at the Institute in May 1986, the Social and Cultural Anthropology Committee of AIAS is holding a three day conference (May 11-13) entitled Social Anthropology in Aboriginal Studies: Selected Themes 1961-86.

Day 1 of the conference will be devoted to a symposium on the theme of "Egalitarian and Hierarchical Tendencies in Aboriginal Social Life", convened by Dr Les Hiatt (U. Sydney).

Dr Jeremy Beckett (U. Sydney) is convening the Day 2 symposium, "Aboriginal Identity and Uses of the Past".

Descriptions of these two symposia and calls for papers are given below. The morning of Day 3 is devoted to discussion and comment on six invited review-type papers on major aspects of the social anthropology of Aboriginal Studies. (Further details to be announced later by the convenor of this session, Professor R.M. Berndt)

The final afternoon session will commence with the Conference Address, to be given by Professor J.A. Barnes, followed by what is hoped will be a productive concluding discussion among all the conference participants.

CALL FOR PAPERS:

(a) SYMPOSIUM 1: Egalitarian and Hierarchical Tendencies in Aboriginal Social Life.

Taken in sum, the ethnography on Aboriginal political life is at least paradoxical. The traditional polity is characterised by some as egalitarian, by others as gerontocratic. One school of thought has it that women are subordinate to men, another that the sexes are equal. Some say that political and ceremonial life is pervaded by corporatism, while others are impressed by its competitive individualism. A secular ethos of anti-authoritarianism is said to exist, yet the concept of 'boss' is readily accepted and cult life is permitted on submission to authority. From one perspective marriage systems are represented as a paradigm of balanced reciprocity, from another as devices for facilitating gerontocratic monopolies.

What do we make of these apparent contradictions? Are some writers mistaken, or is it a question of differing emphases on conflicting tendencies within the same culture?

Session: Anthropologists, Ethics and Professional Privilege.

Organiser: Frank McKeown, Northern Land Council, 47 Stuart Highway, Stuart Park, Darwin, NT, ph (089) 817011.

It is hoped that a number of 'applied anthropologists' will present papers in this session, focussing especially on the issues raised - for all anthropologists - by the Waramunga land claim proceedings.

Session: Miscellaneous.

Organiser: Chris Healey, Dept of Humanities and Social Sciences, Darwin Institute of Technology, PO Box 40146, Casuarina, NT 5792, ph (089) 204211.

Bob Scholte (Uni of Amsterdam) 'Trends in post-structural anthropology.'

Deane Fergie (ANU) 'Pigs for the ancestors? Sacrifice on Tabar.'

Informal Sessions: It is hoped that some informal sessions will follow from the conference proceedings. Present suggestions are for two such sessions:

1. Aborigines and Bush Tucker.

Organiser: Jeannie Davitt, Northern Land Council, 47 Stuart Highway, Stuart Park, Darwin, NT, ph (089) 817011.

2. Ethnographic Research Strategies in Complex Societies.

Organiser: Peter G Mewett, NARU, PO Box 41321, Casuarina, NT 5792, ph (089) 275688.

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Thinking about spending a few days (before/after) the conference touring the Top End?

If so, contact Larry Crissman. Larry is eager to hear from any anthropologists wishing to join him for a cost-sharing few days touring in the Territory.

Larry's contact address is: School of Modern Asian Studies, Griffith University, Nathan, QLD 4111, Phone (07) 275-7285.

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CONFERENCE SESSIONS

Already a significant number of people have promised papers over a wide range of sessions at our forthcoming annual conference. The following lists are for your information and indicate how the papers and sessions are shaping-up at present. This does not represent a final programme, and all sessions are open to offers of papers.

If you wish to give a paper simply send a note of the details to us here in Darwin and to the session organiser.

Session: The Ethnography of Complex Societies.

Organiser: Peter G Mewett, NARU, PO Box 41321, Casuarina, NT 5792. ph:(089) 275688.

Larry Crissman (Griffith University) 'Ethnic identity in the Peoples Republic of China.'

David Schak (Griffith University) 'Egalitarianism in a Chinese beggar community.'

Malissa Helms and David Moore (UWA) 'An argument with Aristotle: the role of gossip within formal groups.'

Marlene Edwards (Uni of Adelaide) 'Money as ritual.'

Peter D'Abbs (Dept. of Community Devt., NT Govt.) 'Integrating qualitative and quantitative data in the study of social support.'

Peter G Mewett (NARU, ANU) 'On the analysis of festival in western-type societies.' (Provisional)

John Gray (Uni of Adelaide) 'In the company of friends: reciprocity in the pub.' (Provisional)

Janice Newton (Deakin Uni) 'Nimbin and tribal values.' (Provisional)

Session: Development in the Pacific.

Organiser: Chris Healey, Dept of Humanities and Social Sciences, Darwin Institute of Technology, PO Box 40146, Casuarina, NT 5792, ph (089) 204211.

Neil MacLean (Uni of Sydney) 'The Kwima market: cash in a New Guinea highlands subsistence economy.'

- Chris Healey (DIT) 'Trade, marriage and unequal development in the Papua New Guinea highlands.'
- Jim MacPherson (DIT) Title not yet supplied.
- Mike Wood (NLC) Title not yet supplied.
- Michael Stevenson (Monash) 'Melanesian perceptions of development and underdevelopment.'
- David Hyndman (Uni of Queensland) 'Zipping down the Fly on the OK Tedi project.'
- Janice Newton (Deakin Uni) 'Marriage in modern Papua New Guinea society.'
- J Clarke (Uni of Adelaide) 'Money, marriage and gender transformations.'
- Deane Fergie (ANU) 'Traditionalist enclaves: population, production and the introduction of colonialism.'

Session: Aboriginal Australia.

Organiser: Frank McKeown, Northern Land Council, 47 Stuart Highway, Stuart Park, Darwin, NT, ph (089) 817011.

- Peter Sutton (SA Museum) 'The Aboriginal renaissance in settled Australia.'
- Jeanne Davitt (NLC) 'The best thing before sliced bread: seed use in arid Australia.'
- Les Hiatt (Uni of Sydney) 'Aboriginal religion and Plato.'
- P McConvell (DIT) Two papers on Aboriginal linguistics. Titles not yet supplied.
- Art Borsboom (Uni of Nijmegen) 'The cultural dimension of change: an Australian example.'

Session: South East Asia.

Organiser: David Mearns, Dept of Humanities and Social Science, Darwin Institute of Technology, PO Box 40146, Casuarina, NT 5792, ph (089) 204147.

- IE Mitchell (Uni of Sydney) 'Magic and marginality: Likay players in Thailand.'
- Frank McKeown (NLC) 'Iban migration and warfare in West Kalimantan.'

- Hui-Tuan Chang (Uni of Sydney) 'Kinship organisation of two matrilineal societies in Eastern Taiwan.'
- David Mearns (DIT) Title not yet supplied.
- Lesley Mearns (DIT) Title not yet supplied.

Session: South Asia.

Organisers: John Gray, Dept of Anthropology, Uni of Adelaide, and Michael Allen, Dept of Anthropology, University of Sydney.

- John Gray (Uni of Adelaide) 'Exorcism in Nepal.'
- Santi Rozario (Uni of NSW) 'Intercommunal relationships in a Bangladeshi village.'
- Anna Marko (Uni of Adelaide) 'Earth spirits in Ladakh.'
- Michael Allen (Uni of Sydney) Title not to hand.

Session: Anthropological Approaches to the Study of Art.

Organiser: Mike Gunn, NT Museum, Fanny Bay, Darwin, NT, ph (089) 824211.

- John Stanton (UWA) 'Change in Aboriginal art of the Kimberleys: a preliminary comment.'
- Deane Fergie 'Malanga: art, ritual and cosmos.'

Session: Medical Anthropology. It is expected that this will consist of two cognate sessions:

1. The Ethnography of Death and Dying.

Organiser: Deborah Rose, AIAS, PO Box 553, Canberra, ACT 2601, ph: (062) 461195.

No details of papers for this session are to hand. Suggested topics are (1) concepts of death, (2) modes of managing death, (3) concepts of social, cultural and physical causes of death.

2. General Medical Anthropology.

Organiser: Robyn Mobbs, FMECH, Level 5, Administration Block, Royal Adelaide Hospital, North Terrace, Adelaide, SA 5000, ph: (08) 2245132.