

RESUME

For the Amerika Samoa Samoan Language Commission

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Professional Experience

May 2007 – Present: Director, Samoan Studies Institute
American Samoa Community College

Accomplishments

- Samoan Studies Institute as a registered publisher (2008) has published 30 publications which included Samoan textbooks for College courses, resources for Early Childhood Education, Elementary and High Schools; including oral traditions of Amerika Samoa in ongoing research titled Ua tala le tau.
- SAFF Students Association for Faa-Samoa established 2009
- Certificate of Proficiency with Certification to teach Samoan language (2022)
- Translation and Interpretation Services with local and off island agencies since 2008
- Faa-Samoa Pea Radio program aired every Saturday KSBS 92.1FM since 2010
- ANA Funded project E iloa oe i lau gagana (2022-2025)
- Amerika Samoa Cancer Coalition funded project Understanding Cancer related terminologies (2009 - 2011)
- Department of Marine and Wildlife funded project Rose Atoll, Muliava, Nu'u o Manu (2012)
- Western Pacific Fisheries Management Council funded project Amerika Samoa's Lunar Calendar (2009)
- University of Hawaii funded project Tsunami 2009 (2010)

1995 – 2007 Social Science Instructor & Department Chair, Social Sciences
American Samoa Community College

Accomplishments

- Associate of Arts with Emphasis in Political Science Degree
- Recipient of ASCC Teacher of the Year Award 2006 – 2007
- Students Service-Learning Projects with Department of Health and Centre of Disease Control, UH Manoa Department of Geography
- Faculty Advisor Club Award – 1995 and 1997
- Who's who among American Teachers – 2022 and more

1993 - 1993 Practical Teaching, Sacred Heart College, New Zealand

1990 - 1990 History and Geography Teacher, Samoa College, Samoa

Education

Diploma of Teaching (Secondary School Teaching) Waikato University, Hamilton New Zealand

Master of Social Sciences Waikato University, Hamilton New Zealand

Bachelor of Social Sciences Waikato University, Hamilton New Zealand

University Preparatory Year Certificate. National University of Samoa, Samoa

New Zealand Sixth Form Certificate, Samoa College, Samoa
New Zealand Fifth Form School Certificate, Samoa College, Samoa
(recipient of full scholarship award by the New Zealand government)

Other Relevant Experiences

Published papers

2014 “E tasi le gagana a e tele ona fati” in Tautala i lau Gagana; Fagasa & Niupac Publishing, New Zealand.

2022 “Na o sina maamaa ae faatiga vae pe a e leiloa” in Tusiaoga Vasega Faaliliu; Samoan Studies Institute American Samoa

2022 “Fesootaiga ma faasalalauga a Samoa i aso anamua” in Tusiaoga Vasega Faasalalauga; Samoan Studies Institute, American Samoa

2020 – **Book Reviewer** for Text Paths Beneath the High Trees: A historic Resource Study of the National Park of American Samoa

2025 Co-author: Cross-cultural adaptation of mental health screening instruments for Samoan adolescents, Scientific Journal for Mental Health

2008 Co-author: Bilingual Guide to Understanding Cancer related terminologies in English and Samoa.

Presenter at numerous local and international conferences, listing a few here, on topics,

- “Samoanizing Service Learning” (2004), Phoenix Arizona;
- Tofa manino a le Ofisa o Aoaoga ma Suesuega Samoa, 2007 Palmerston North, New Zealand
- E faasino ala le tuanai i le lumanai (2008) Los Angeles,
- “Cultural Resources Assessment” (2014) Washington DC;
- “O la’u Faasamoa?” (2016) Am Samoa Youth Summit.
- Samoan Language Symposium Hawaii 2016 and Utah 2018
- 2021: Panelist for G20 Interfaith forum Anti-Racism Initiative, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders Systemic Racial Challenges
- 2022 ACF Indigenous Program Conference
- 2023 NUS Measina Conference – “E le tau faanoia ni mea lelei”
- 2024 – ANA Commissioner visitation to American Samoa
- 2024 – ASCC Students Service Conference
- 2025 – ASCC BHE on Progress with the Bachelor of Samoan Studies

Served as a Standard Chair, member of ASCC Accreditation committees since 2008

Community Service

- Deacon (tiakono) for EFKS Ierusalem Fou, Tafuna (Sunday school teacher, Komiti Galue)
- Member of Komiti o Aoga, EFKS, SAMOA (2023 -)
- Vice president PTA Kanana Fou Elementary (2017 -)
- Advisor for Amerika Samoa SCOPA (Samoan College Old Pupils Association)
- Registered Matai Title – Aiono