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Current position: Adjunct Professor at James Cook University (to 2017)
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(contains most of my community education articles, 1984 to 2016)

Biodata Date of birth: 21 April 1950. Place of birth: Suva, Fiji. Gender: Male
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Qualifications BSc (Mathematics), University of Otago, N.Z.
MSc (Econ), University of West Indies, Jamaica.
D Phil (University of Sussex), U.K.

Employment

1972	Statistician, Fiji Bureau of Statistics
1973-1993	Lecturer, Associate Professor in Economics (USP)
1994-1996	Director of Planning and Development (USP)
1996-1999	Member of Fiji Parliament (and Shadow Finance Minister)
1999-2004	Professor in Economics (USP)
2005-2007	Consultant economist
2008-2011	Professor, School of Economics, USP (pressured to resign)
2012-	Consultant economist.

Work expertise:

Teaching economics, household survey analysis (poverty, labor markets, gender), regional integration, demographic analysis, electoral systems, media freedom, writing in popular media for community education.

Books and monographs published

(2016) *British Imperialism and the Making of Colonial Currency Systems*, Palgrave Macmillan.

(2010) (editor) *Population and Development in the Pacific Islands: Accelerating the ICPD Plan of Action @ 15*, Faculty of Business and Economics, Proceedings of the Regional Symposium at The University of the South Pacific, 23 to 25 November 2009. (Edited by Wadan Narsey, Annette Sachs Robertson, Biman Prasad, Eduard Jongstra, and Kesaia Seniloli).

(2010) *The Impact of PICTA on alcohol and tobacco industries in Forum Island Countries*. School of Economics, Faculty of Business and Economics, The University of the South Pacific. Suva.



- (2009) (editor) *A Voice of Reason: the writings of Savenaca Siwatibau*. The School of Economics, Faculty of Business and Economics, The University of the South Pacific.
- (2008) *The Quantitative Analysis of Poverty in Fiji*. School of Economics, Faculty of Business and Economics, The University of the South Pacific and Vanuavou Publications.
- (2006) *Just Wages for Fiji: lifting workers out of poverty*. ECREA and Vanuavou Publications.
- (2005) *Electing your parliamentarian: a hands on training kit*. Training manuals in English, Fijian and Hindi. Fiji Elections Office.
- (2004) *To Level the Playing Fields: developing our small people*. Vanuavou Publications, Suva, Fiji. 2004. (a collection of articles on economic, political and social issues in Fiji).
- (2004) *Academic outcomes and resources for Basic Education*. Institute of Education, The University of the South Pacific, Suva, Fiji.
- Pacific Regional Post Secondary Education Study: Vol. 1. Overview of Fiji, Kiribati, Tonga, Western Samoa, Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu*. (With A.Aime, D. Hamilton, Jin He and Ian P. Morris). World Bank Report No. 11351, Country Department III, East Asia and the Pacific Region.
- Pacific Regional Post Secondary Study. Volume 2. Tracer Study (Fiji, Kiribati, Solomon Islands, and Western Samoa)*. World Bank, Country Department III, EAPR. (with Ian P. Morris).
- Post Secondary Education and the Labor Market: Issues and Options. Country Studies: part of Pacific Regional Post Secondary Study*. World Bank, Country Department III, EAPR. (with Ian P. Morris). Volumes 1 to 6 for Fiji, Kiribati, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu, Western Samoa.

Books in process

- (a) 4 volumes of my popular media community education articles for Fiji and the Pacific (2 on economics, 1 on social issues, 1 on politics and governance)
- (b) A collection of my household survey (HIES and EUS) articles on Pacific countries.
- (c) Monographs on longer academic publications

Consultancy Reports

2016 *Report on FSM HIES Analysis*. For SPC, Noumea.

(2014b) “Vanuatu: Gender and Labour Market Analysis.” Background paper for *Progress of the World’s Women 2015–2016*. UN Women, New York.

(2014a). “Fiji: Gender and Labour Market Analysis.” Background paper for *Progress of the World’s Women 2015–2016*. UN Women, New York.

Fiji Women and Men at work and leisure: changes 2004-05 to 2010-11 (for Fiji Bureau of Statistics and AusAID) (based on analysis of Fiji Employment and Unemployment Survey 2010-11. Suva. October 2014. (not published by Fiji Government for political reasons).

“Elections toolkit for voters, candidates and parties”. For, Fiji Women’s Rights Movement. April 2014.

Poverty in Fiji: changes 2002-03 to 2008-09 and Policy Implications. Fiji Bureau of Statistics. Suva, Fiji. 2012. pp. 118. (funded by AusAID).

Report on the 2008-09 Household Income and Expenditure Survey. Fiji Islands Bureau of Statistics. 2011. Suva, Fiji. pp. 96. Funded by AusAID.

Preliminary Report: Poverty and Household Incomes in Fiji in 2008-09. Fiji Islands Bureau of Statistics. 2010. Suva, Fiji. pp. 25. (Funded by AusAID).

The Quantitative Analysis of Poverty in Fiji. Fiji Islands Bureau of Statistics and Vanuavou Publications. December 2007. Suva, Fiji. pp. 145. (funded by FIBoS).

Gender Issues in Employment, Under-Employment and Incomes in Fiji. Fiji Islands Bureau of Statistics, AusAID and Vanuavou Publications (November 2007). (Funded by AusAID).

Report on the 2004-05 Employment and Unemployment Survey. Fiji Islands Bureau of Statistics. (May 2007). (funded by FIBoS)

Report on the 2002-03 Household Income and Expenditure Survey. Fiji Islands Bureau of Statistics. 2006. (funded by FIBoS).

Just Wages for Fiji: lifting workers out of poverty. ECREA and Vanuavou Publications. 2006. Suva, Fiji. pp. 145. (funded by ECREA)

The 2002-03 Household Income and Expenditure Survey Results for Fiji and Implications for Poverty. Report for the Secretariat of the Pacific Community. March 2006.

Rebasing the Food Poverty Line for Fiji. Report for the Secretariat of the Pacific Community. 2006.

Financing options for the Fiji Islands Visitors Bureau. Report for the Ministry of Tourism, Fiji Government. 2004.

A negotiating framework for EPA negotiations with the EU and fiscal reform issues for Pacific ACP countries. Report for the Forum Secretariat. 2003

The Integration of alcohol and tobacco products into PICTA. Report for Forum Secretariat. 2002.

Issues in the financing of basic education: an outcomes approach. Report for Forum Secretariat and the Asian Development Bank. 2001.

Mid-Term Review of Institution Strengthening Project, Fiji Bureau of Statistics. Report for AusAID and the Government of Fiji. March 2000 (Team Leader).

AusAID Technical Assessment Panel to assess Australian Tertiary institutions' bids to host AusAID scholarships. 2000.

"A USP Comparative Salary Index". Report for the University of the South Pacific. 2000.

"Gender Balance in the Fiji Public Service and the Task of Engendering National Budgets". Report for UNIFEM and Seminar for Pacific Regional Women Members of Parliament, Nadi. March 2000.

Expiring ALTA Leases: A Way Forward. (with Jai Ram Reddy). 1999.

The Alternative Vote System: An Elections Workshop Kit. Prepared for the Citizens Constitutional Forum. 1998.

The Internal Funding Model for Schools. IFM2: The Revised Model. Planning and Development Office, The University of the South Pacific. 1996.

Issues in the Financing of the University of the South Pacific. Report for USP and the I.D.P. Australia. 1993.

The Financing of Education in Vanuatu, Report for the World Bank and Government of Vanuatu. 1993.

Tracer study of tertiary graduates in Vanuatu. Report for the World Bank and Government of Vanuatu. 1993.

Kiribati Education Sector Review (with Mike Ratcliffe and Peter Braithwaite). Report for the Governments of Kiribati, United Kingdom and New Zealand. 1992.

Review of Technical Assistance and Training in the Pacific. Report for the Forum Secretariat and the British Development Division in the Pacific. (With David Forsyth and Ian P. Morris). 1992.

Pacific Regional Post Secondary Education Study: Vol. 1. Overview of Fiji, Kiribati, Tonga, Western Samoa, Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu. (With A. Aime, D. Hamilton, Jin He and Ian P. Morris). World Bank Report No. 11351, Country Department III, East Asia and the Pacific Region. 1992.

Post Secondary Education and the Labor Market: Issues and Options: 6 Country Studies. Country Department III, EAPR, World Bank. (with Ian P. Morris). 1992.

Volume 2	Tracer Studies of tertiary graduates of Fiji, Kiribati, Solomon Is, Tonga and Samoa
Volume 3	Report on Fiji
Volume 4	Report on Kiribati
Volume 5	Report on Solomon Islands
Volume 6	Report on Tonga
Volume 7	Report on Vanuatu
Volume 8	Report on Western Samoa

Academic articles

(2015) "Poverty analysis for Fiji: the divide between World Bank theorists and World Bank practitioners in the field" *Journal of Pacific Studies*. Vol.35 No.3 pp. 108-126.

(2012) "UNDP/ADB Poverty Results for Vanuatu: a critical review and alternative assessment". *South Pacific Studies*, Vol.33., No.1, 2012. Kagoshima University Research Center for Pacific Islands.

(2012) "The Regression of Marine Foods Consumption in Fiji: changes 2002-03 to 2008-09" . *South Pacific Studies*, Vol.32, No.2. 2012.

(2011) "The incidence of poverty in Solomon Islands: the importance of methodology". *Journal of Pacific Studies*. Vol.31, No.1, pp.31-58.

(2008) "The incidence of poverty and the poverty gap in Fiji: unpalatable facts for ethno-centric political parties". *Pacific Economic Bulletin*.

(2006) "PICTA, PACER and EPAs: Weaknesses in current trade policies and alternative integration options" in *Pacific Futures* Michael Powles (ed) Pandanus Books. Australian National University and Pacific Cooperation Foundation of New Zealand. pp. 260-.

- (2004) "PICTA, PACER and EPAs: weaknesses in Pacific island countries' trade policies". *Pacific Economic Bulletin*, Vol.19 No 3. 2004.
- (1998) "Re-engineering Fiji for Growth". in *Fiji: Coups, crises and reconciliation*, Fiji Institute of Applied Studies. Edited by Vijay Naidu and Ganesh Chand.
- (1990) Review of "Fiji's Economic History, 1874-1939: Studies of Capitalist Colonial Development", by Bruce Knapman in *The Contemporary Pacific*, Vol.2, No.1, pp 208-213.
- (1986) "Fiji's Colonial History and Capitalist Development and Underdevelopment: a Review Article". *Journal of Pacific Studies*, Vol.16, pp 91-106.
- (1986) *The Performance of the Fiji Manufacturing Sector, 1973-1985*. SSED Working Paper No.14.
- (1987) "The Political Economy of Employment Missions: a case study of the Fiji Employment and Development Mission, 1982-84" in *Class and Culture*, edited by A. Hooper. Auckland University and Institute of Pacific Studies, University of South Pacific. pp 194-208.
- (1986) "Fiji's Colonial Monetary System and Export of Colonial Capital: questions posed for the theories of the Currency Board System and colonial underdevelopment", *Journal of Pacific Studies*, Vol.12, 1986. pp 87-161.
- (1985) "The Wage Freeze and Development Plan Objectives: contradictions in Fiji Government Policy", *Journal of Pacific Studies*, Vol.11, 1985. pp 11-44.
- (1985) "Development Plan 8 and the Nature of Development Planning", *Journal of Pacific Studies*, Vol.11, 1985. Pages 1-10.
- (1979) "Monopoly Capital, White Racism and Super-profits in Fiji: a Case Study of the Colonial Sugar Refining Company", *Journal of Pacific Studies*, Vol.5, 1979. Pp. 66-146.
- (1973) *Fiji a Developing Australian Colony*. (co-author with Rokotuivuna and others, International Development Action, North Fitzroy, Victoria, Australia. 1973.