



Richard Flores Taitano Micronesian Area Research Center 2010 Summer Newsletter



Guam Delegate Papers Published

Upon the completion of her term as Lieutenant Governor of Guam, Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo donated her papers to MARC in Spring 2003. On Thursday, June 3, 2010 MARC presented Working Paper 85 "Lt. Governor Madeleine Z. Bordallo 1995-2002 Inventory Papers". This published Working Paper is a guide to the collection of documents highlighting her term as the Lieutenant Governor. Photo 1: L-R: Carmen Quintanilla-Anderson, Dr. Marjorie Driver, Prof. Omaira Brunal-Perry, Congresswoman Madeleine Bordallo, UOG President, Dr. Robert A. Underwood, and MARC Director Dr. John A. Peterson. Photo 2: L-R: Dr. Marilyn Salas, Dr. Mike Carson, LaVonne Guerrero-Meno, Dr. Monique Storie, Dr. John Peterson, Congresswoman Madeleine Bordallo, Prof. Omaira Brunal-Perry, Dr. Marjorie Driver, Emily Rosario, Carmen Quintanilla.



MARC Director Administrator of the Year!

Special congratulations to Dr. Peterson for achieving the Administrator of the Year award. He is so deserving of it. Thanks to all who contributed to him obtaining the award. We DID it! Yea! Pictured: Omaira Brunal-Perry, Wai Yi Ma, Carmen Quintanilla, LaVonne Guerrero-Meno, Dr. Peterson, Dr. Underwood, President UOG, Perry Pangelinan, Emily DeFinis Rosario, Monique Storie, and Lourdes Nededog.



Mary with 5 of 12 focus children

Cultural Research in Chuuk

In February and March, 2010, Dr. Mary Spencer, Professor of Psychology and Micronesian Studies, conducted field research on questions of child cognitive development and family/community goals and expectations for children on Romonum Island in the Chuuk Lagoon. Her research plan was designed to build upon earlier social and cultural research done in the late 1940's on Romonum by anthropologists Ward Goodenough, Frank Le-Bar, and especially Ann Fischer - who conducted one of the few studies of children in Micronesia. Spencer's study is also aimed at building upon the largest international cross cultural research studies with children (e.g., the Six Cultures studies of Whiting and Whiting and their collaborators), and outstanding methodological and cognitive development research contributions (e.g., Barker & Wright, 1953; Rogoff, 2003) – which have done much

to shift contemporary child development discussion to consideration of the context in which development occurs. Dr. Spencer's focus was on documenting learning in the everyday life activities of Romonum children in their homes, villages, and school experiences. In general, the rationale is that children learn from what they do; therefore, to better understand cognitive development in Romonum, we must have evidence of what children do and the arrangements adults make for their activities and for their learning within these activities. Kichy Joseph, who works in the Chuuk Governor's Office, and his family on Romonum, made generous provisions for Spencer's housing and care. Arrangements for classroom observations and literacy data collection were made by Otmar Ranu, Principal of Romonum Elementary School. Twelve families provided access for home compound observations of focus children, and many community leaders and other people of Romonum offered assistance. Due to all of these contributions, Spencer succeeded in completing the data collection plan during a fast-paced 3-weeks of field work. Invaluable support was given by Dr. Harley Manner, UOG Professor Emeritus of Geography, who assisted with community relations, logistical activities, the development of geographic descriptions of the island, and still photography. He also conducted most of the interviews on goals and expectations with community leaders. Misael Emmis of Romonum provided essential translation, cultural, and logistical service to the team. Dr. Spencer is currently analyzing the still photography, digital video, language test results, and interview data and expects to conduct a colloquium at the University of Guam on the study during AY2010-11. Photographs by H. Manner



Mary videos Keina learning kon preparation from family members

Tidbits on John Peterson—Administrator of the Year:

- * Religiously walks his dog Addie every morning;
- * A proud father of 5 children: Marina, Jesse, Allie, Asa and Annie;
- * Bought a car for his wife, Virginia, as incentive for her to get her Guam driver's license.
- * Was recently acting President, Sr.VP, Asst.VP and Director of Nursing all in the same day.
- * Has a collection of antique swords;
- * Has a passion for art;
- * Secured close to \$1M in grants and contracts in his first year as MARC director.



Genealogy Donation

Descendants of the Quintanilla family presented a check donation of \$1,000 to Dr. John Peterson, Director of MARC on March 2010, for the purpose of obtaining equipment and supplies that can be used to conduct research and archive family genealogy data. According to family representative Karen Cruz, "It is the family wish that the funds be used to improve MARC's capability to support the interest and work of Guam families to learn about their ancestry and to protect it for future generation. Representing the Quintanilla family standing: Jeannette Quintanilla, Roland Franquez, Sr., seated: Teresita Q. Shimizu, Dr. John Peterson, Director-MARC, Dr. Karen Cruz, Dorothy Lou Peredo, and Dora Q. Camacho. Not pictured: Geri Q. Wesley, Abby Q. Cruz, Tina Blas-Perez and Agustin Quintanilla.



Representing the Quintanilla family standing: Jeannette Quintanilla, Roland Franquez, Sr., seated: Teresita Q. Shimizu, Dr. John Peterson, Director-MARC, Dr. Karen Cruz, Dorothy Lou Peredo, and Dora Q. Camacho. Not pictured: Geri Q. Wesley, Abby Q. Cruz, Tina Blas-Perez and Agustin Quintanilla.

Second Annual MARC Scholarship Gala

On March 10, 2010, as part of the University of Guam's Charter Day festivities, MARC held its 2nd annual gala event at the Guam Marriott Resort. This annual event is to raise funds for scholarships and research on Guam and Micronesia. This year the first graduate scholarships were awarded to three recipients: Rudy Villaverde, Katherine Cure and Robert Yangerluo. Rudy Villaverde will focus on connection between ancient Chamorro cave painting and star constellation. Katherine Cure's scholarship will fund her comparative study of the behavior patterns of the lionfish in Guam versus that of those in the Caribbean waters. Robert Yangerluo will research on the relationship between Yapese proper and those from the outer island as it relates to land conflict.

MARC also gave recognition to Fr. Francis Hezel, Mrs. Emily Johnston and the late Carlos Taitano for their contributions to the Micronesia Area Research Center, University of Guam and for their knowledge of Guam and Micronesia. Photos courtesy of the Cathleen Moore-Lin, Office of Integrated Marketing. Special thanks to our corporate sponsors for their continued support of MARC.

Honorary Recipients



Mrs. Emily Johnston



Carlos Taitano Family



Fr. Fran Hezel



Scholarship Awardees

MARC



Katherine Cure



Rudy Villaverde



Representing MARC: Dr. Monique Storie, Perry Pangelinan, Professor Omaira Brunal-Perry and Dr. Marjorie Driver



MARC Research Associate Honored

MARC Research Associate, Manny Sikau received a Masters' degree in Micronesia Traditional Knowledge. The Puluwat master navigator was trained by his father, master canoe builder, Orhailamin Sikau who in 1966 co-founded the University of Guam's Traditional Seafaring Society. Manny teaches traditional navigation, canoe building and canoe-house building. PDN quoted Dr. Underwood as saying: "Manny's ability to navigate Pacific waters and understand regional weather patterns exceeds that of even some geographers and meteorologists he knows."

The UOG Board of Regents in May adopted the Honorary Degree of Master of Micronesia Traditional Knowledge, agreeing to limit the award to a maximum of one per academic year. (Pacific Daily News, May 31, 2010). Congratulations, MARC Research Associate, Manny Sikau!



Fulbright Specialist Program



The Council for International Exchange of Scholars sent a commendation letter to Dr. Helen Whippy, Sr. Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs commending MARC Director, John Peterson on his involvement with the Anthropology & Archaeology Peer Review Committee for the Fulbright Specialist Program during the 2009—2010 review term.

According to Ed Roslof, Executive Director, (on letter dated June 17, 2010) “Peer review has been one of the hallmarks of the Fulbright Scholar Program since its establishment more than sixty years ago. Throughout that period, CIES has had the privilege of organizing and administering the peer review process and the generous contribution of time and talent by U.S. scholars has been an essential element in carrying out this responsibility...with institutions of higher education, professional associations and CIES board members, CIES develops review committees that reflect disciplinary, geographic, institutional and individual diversity. Reviews provide vital insights to the merit-based review process. Their commitment to the peer review process is indispensable to the success of the Fulbright Specialist Program. CIES is very appreciative that John Peterson is willing to serve fellow scholars in this important capacity, and thank you for your support...we look forward to your institution’s continued participation in the promotion of international academic exchanges within the Fulbright community and beyond.”

NMI Council for the Humanities Digitization Grant



In its cultural preservation efforts, NMI Council for Humanities gave MARC a grant to assist in the organizing and digitizing of archaeology reports that have been submitted to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Historical Preservation Office. For two weeks in May, MARC technical assistant, Emily DeFinis Rosario was detailed to the NMI HPO office to work and complete the scanning and organization of all HPO archaeology reports. In the short time spent there she was able to complete 80% of the huge volume of reports in their collection. The final outcome will be a searchable database that the public will have access to.

More Tidbits on John Peterson—Administrator of the Year:



- * Loves ants on a log (peanut butter on celery sticks w/raisins);
- * Owned a farm in Ohio that supported him through college;
- * Drove a school bus early in his career.



- * Enjoys a good bottle of Pinot Noir;
- * Makes great eggs Benedict.
- * Married 40 years collectively.



Summer Archaeology Field School

The 2010 Summer Archaeological Field School at Ritidian is in full operation with students from the U.S. mainland, Canada, the Philippines, Cambodia, the University of Guam, and the University of Hawaii participating. This year will be the Field School’s, third year of collaboration with the Anthropology Program at the University of Guam, the Micronesian Area Research Center through a grant from the Guam Preservation Trust, and the Anthropology Program at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. In a Pacific News Center article on June 17, 2010, Dr. James Bayman, Professor of Anthropology at the University of Hawaii at Manoa stated, “The field school provides training in archaeological field and laboratory research for graduate and undergraduate university students. Research is conducted in a manner that honors and celebrates Chamorro history, culture and traditions.” The field school also assist the US Fish and Wildlife Service with its mandate to responsibly manage, study, and preserve its rich natural and cultural resources. Through their field school research, the students establish professional connections with local archaeologists, historic preservation professionals, and members of the Chamorro community. “The Guam Preservation Trust and the State Historic Preservation Office provide support for the field school, along with the Fish and Wildlife Service,” said Dr. Hiro Kurashina, retired professor and Director Emeritus of the University of Guam.



Special thanks to all who contributed to this newsletter and to MeiMei Bayman for her artwork.





2010 Archaeology



Advance team setting up campsite.



Oil application with Jane Dregson.



Cleansing ritual with Dr. Bayman



Cultural Practitioner Leonard Iriarte applies oil onto Jesse Gunnels

Chamorro Ceremony Wildlife Refuge Ritidian, Guam



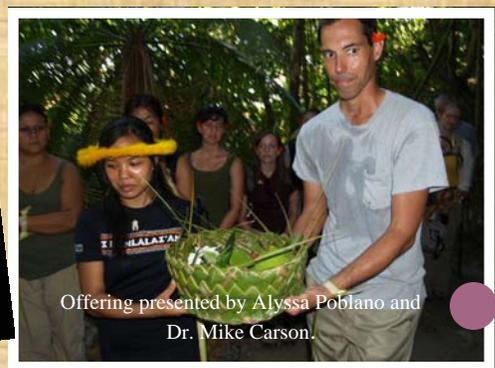
Dr. Jim Bayman, Dr. Mike Carson, Cultural Practitioner Leonard Iriarte and Dr. John Peterson



A cleansing ritual with Kirsten Garwood.



A cleansing ritual with Crystal Morton



Offering presented by Alyssa Poblano and Dr. Mike Carson.



Director's Page

The first half of 2010 has been period of steady progress on many fronts:

1. Funding for space reorganization at MARC was provided by the ARRA stimulus package. We will double the areas available for the general collections, manuscripts, and also will have a dedicated area for visual materials, photographs and videos. In upcoming phases we hope to add a reception foyer in the back entryway, as well as rooftop areas for curation of archaeological materials, university records, and archives.

2. We have nearly finished the digital collection of Guam CRM reports and the site atlas and search engine. We are waiting for the dust to clear from the summer field school to find time to add the final reports. In the meantime, Emily Rosario traveled to Saipan and scanned the Saipan volumes. She will prepare the index and then tackle pre-fire reports before 1992 that are housed at SWCA by David Defant. At the same time, funding provided to the YAP HPO will enable James Lukans, Francis Reg, and William Pitmag to scan reports there for their own as well as the MARC digital library.

3. Dr. Mike Carson and Mark Willis are in Berkeley attending a NASA/ICAHM training meeting on multispectral imaging and GIS. Both of our experts will benefit from the training and the access to data from NASA. In addition, Mark has been invited to lead some sessions to share his remarkable and innovative GIS projects with the trainers!

4. The fourth archaeological field school hosted primarily by MARC has been an even greater smash success. This is the third year that Dr. Bayman and the University of Hawaii has participated, the fourth for the Guam Preservation Trust - UOG – CLASS and MARC sponsorship. Mike Desilets from Garcia and Associates contributed a pro bono Ground Penetrating Radar survey of the backdune area looking for the Casa Real, and field director Andrea Jalandoni has found promising remnants of the walls or foundations. Joe Schwagerl, Refuge Manager, is hopeful that we can exhibit the remnants under a cover with an interpretive panel so that visitors can learn about the early Spanish mission at Liteykan, or Ritidian. With the support of the Trust we will provide plans and also funding for the construction for this interpretive display.

5. Cultural Landscape Inventories are a critically needed area for planning in civilian areas of Guam during the upcoming military buildup. Development on the bases will stimulate urban sprawl and uncontrolled development outside the base. We know about many areas including the Jesuit Ranchos, nine areas of 1-2,000 hectares each that were scattered throughout southern Guam; areas where medicinal and cultural plants are found; traditional cultural places such as the viewsheds of bays and coves and mountains; and latte sites around the island. MARC scholars will work with Annie Griffin and William Chapman who have experience with the framework for cultural landscape inventories, who in turn will work with local suruhanos, cultural practitioners, archaeologists, and historians to locate, describe, and evaluate these landscapes for the inventory. We will work with the National Park Service also to include their WWII battlefield viewsheds.

6. MARC co-hosted Attorney Antonio Oposa from the Philippines as a Presidential lecturer. Winner of the Ramon Magsaysay Award for 2009, Oposa is a leading environmental attorney who championed “the Oposa Doctrine” upholding the principle of “intergenerational equity”, that the rights of future generations could be protected in court. He is a leading advocate and manager of Marine Protected Areas in the Central Visayas.

7. We wait patiently for the opportunities to contribute to historical preservation on Guam through consolidation of our collections areas, acquisition of documents, support of research, and public education during the military buildup. This is a stressful time culturally and therefore emotionally, and we need to build a base of solidarity and shared purpose and energy in our community. From collections to landscapes preservation MARC strives to provide leadership and capacity for the upcoming changes on Guam.

John P. Carson

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' and 'P' that are interconnected, followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.