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NOTES AND NEWS

It is with a great deal of pleasure that we present this festschrift in honour of Prof. Jeffrey Clark. The long list of contributors that follows is an indication of Jeff’s impact not only on Sāmoan archaeological scholars but also those in other allied fields (Social and Biological Anthropology, Geography, Geology and History), as well as the wider Sāmoan community. Moreover, although this issue is devoted to Sāmoan research, as Quintus and Herdrich acknowledge in their Introduction, Jeff’s contributions elsewhere in the Pacific, and to the discipline of Archaeology at large, are significant. In the early days of my own career, Jeff invited me to join his interdisciplinary team in the study of palaeoenvironmental change and human impact along the 32-km Waimea-Kawaihae road corridor (Clark and Kirch 1983), giving wings to my budding interests in human palaeoecology. More recently our paths have intersected through our shared student, and now colleague, Seth Quintus who is also the Guest Editor of this Special Issue. We thank you Jeff, mahalo nui loa, for your scholarly insights, your generosity of spirit, and your friendship.

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Sāmoa and Use of the Macron in This Issue

Readers may note variation in the use of the macron in relation to Sāmoa in this issue; this reflects the diversity of usage in the archipelago. Here we follow the use (or non-use) of the macron by the two governments, their agencies and other institutions, as indicated by official web pages. For quotes and references we have followed the use/non-use of macrons as in the original sources. However, in this collection of papers where there is explicit or inferred reference to the archipelago at large, language, culture, practices, etc., we have included the macron in an effort to encourage its wider use and aid non-Sāmoan speakers in proper pronunciation.

Melinda S. Allen, Editor

Reference


Map of the Sāmoan Archipelago and location in the Pacific (inset).