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After completing my Ph.D. in anthropology at the University of Washington, I came to Santa Clara in 1980. My primary areas of research have focused on issues of law, conflict resolution, and colonialism. The site of this ethnographic and ethnohistorical research has been in the Pacific Islands, both in Papua New Guinea and Guam. I'm particularly interested in the ways local populations adapt to legal and political systems created by colonizing powers. In addition, my interests have included studies in religion as a force for change. My courses reflect my interests with an emphasis on *Law and Society (Anth 151)* and *Conflict Resolution (Anth 155)*. I've combined my academic pursuits outside the university by serving for many years as a volunteer mediator in local community mediation programs.

*Selected Publications:*

2004 *Converted Worlds, Converted Lives: History and Opposition in Agarabi Adventism*. In *Globalization and Culture Change in the Pacific Islands*, V. Lockwood (ed.). Upper Saddle River, New Jersey: Prentice Hall.

2001 *Anthropology and Administration: Colonial Ethnography in the Papua New Guinea Highlands*. In *In Colonial New Guinea: Anthropological Perspectives*, N. McPherson (ed.). Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press.

2001 *Reading South Pacific: Colonialism and Anthropology in an Australian Journal*. *History and Anthropology* 12 (2) 159-178.

1998 *History, Opposition and Salvation in Agarabi Adventism*. *Pacific Studies* 21 (3): 51-71.

1997 *Clan Claims: Land, Law and Violence in the Papua New Highlands*. *Oceania* 67 (3): 218-233.

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