

## Selected Bibliography and Afterword: Women and Gender in Fiji

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Often the editor of a special edition writes an introduction but in this instance I considered that the papers should stand alone as original contributions to the literature on women and gender in Fiji. When I last edited a journal devoted to women in the Pacific in 1987 (Leckie 1987) I was despondent about the lacunae in this area. Now in 2005 editing a country-specific journal on Pacific women, but extending this to the more inclusive category of gender, I consider we have significantly filled some of these gaps. In 1987 I was editing a journal addressed to the theme of women and work in the Pacific but several decades on I have adopted a more holistic scope, albeit confined to Fiji. During 1987 the journal was compiled during the curfews, chaos and despair of Fiji's first coup. I literally sometimes had to write by candlelight. Consequently I chose a black cover for that issue of *The Journal of Pacific Studies*, which was in marked contrast to the colourful cover of this issue of *Fijian Studies*. It is remarkable that such optimism can be celebrated in Fiji, despite the continued turmoil after 1987. I applaud contributors to this volume for researching and writing under sometimes highly constrained conditions and even then, disentangling women and gender as a primary factor in Fiji's history and contemporary society. Often the focus in Fiji has been on race or ethnicity within academic and popular explanations and while we do not want to denounce this, it is important that gender is given a primary focus.

The following bibliography is selective but there are no intentional omissions. I worked on this at short notice and am extremely grateful for the wonderful assistance of Karin Reid. The bibliography does not include newspaper articles and has limited coverage of reports from official and NGO agencies and does not include creative works of art (such as fic-

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tion and poems). It does not include a directory of internet resources. Omitted from this bibliography are several smaller articles relating to women's reproductive health in Fiji. Most of these were published in the *Fiji Medical Journal* (a bibliography of earlier articles can be found in Simmons and Yee, 1982: 61-5). The decision to include articles on gender was problematic – but given the preponderance of male focused literature I decided to restrict gender articles to those that explicitly address gender. I also apologise if I have omitted writers who may have addressed women and or gender issues in Fiji within more general collections.

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