# THE SAMOAN IDENTITY - O LE TAGATA MA LONA FAASINOMAGA

## 25 January – 27 January 2008

#### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course will be of interest to managers of organisations providing services to the community. It is designed also to be useful for front-line employees in both the public and private sectors – for example, teachers, healthcare professionals, local body officers, policy developers. Pacific researchers and others wanting to acquire an understanding of Samoa and Samoan identity will also be welcome.

#### ABOUT THE COURSE

This is an intensive introduction to the essence of what is Samoan and what it is to be Samoan, through the exploration of the concept of *Faasinomaga*.

Over the three days *Faasinomaga* – its origins, constituent parts and philosophical underpinnings – will be considered, along with questions of whether it has migrated successfully with the Samoan people or whether it has undergone transformation or alteration in its 'transfer'. Is it relevant to life and work in Dunedin, New Zealand? If *Faasinomaga* is an ideal, how does it fare in the real world – the less than ideal world with its entrenched stereotypes of Samoans as poor, lazy, super-spiritual, "free-loving", wife-beating, childbeating (but so very friendly), constantly eating, and what about those *faafafine*...?

The issues are not new or easy to address. This course is a beginning, however, and identity is always a good place to start. The hope is to raise awareness and interest, to open lines of communication and begin a dialogue that will lead to clearer understanding, continual development and stronger communities.

#### CONVENOR

Professor Aiono Dr Fanaafi Le Tagaloa President, Le lunivesite o le Amosa o Savavau – The Samoan Indigenous University, Samoa.

FEES: incl. GST \$350 (domestic) \$518 (international)

ENROLMENT LIMIT 15 minimum

#### LOCATION

Rm GW3, Information Services Building, University of Otago Cnr Cumberland and Albany Streets, Dunedin

### DATES & DELIVERY SCHEDULE

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Friday 25 – Saturday 26 January 2008 Sunday 27 January 2008		9.00am – 4.00pm 11.00am – 4.00pm	
DAY 1			
Session 1	What is Faasinomaga?		
Session 2	Did the concept of Faasinoma to Aotearoa – New Zealand?		
Session 3	Is the concept of <i>Faasinomaga</i> Samoans? – 1	a specific to Samoa and	
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DAY 2			
Session 5 Session 6	What does the Faasinomaga "Reality Check" Faasinomaga in a less than ide	,	
	Domestic Issues Gender roles Domestic violence Rights of the child Rights of women		
Session 7	"Reality Check" Faasinomaga in a less than ideal world – II		
	Ethics Bribery and corruption Nepotism A work ethic		
Session 8	"Reality Check" Faasinomaga in a less than ideal world – III		
	Myths & Legends Cult of hospitality Cult of virginity faafafine		
DAY 3			
Session 9	Field trip – EFKS Church, Sou	th Dunedin	
Session 10	Demonstration - Toanai		

Session 11 Wrap up

### **ENROLMENT FORM**

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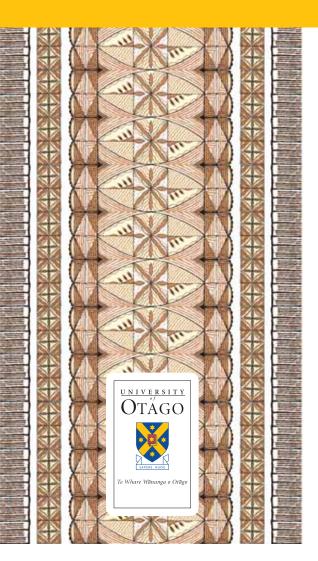
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#### COURSE ORGANISERS

Tofilau Nina Kirifi-Alai Manager, Pacific Island Centre

Dr Jenny Bryant-Tokalau Senior Lecturer, Pacific Studies, Te Tumu

Dr Claire Matthewson Advisor, Continuing Education

#### FEES AND PAYMENT DETAILS

The fees (incl.GST) for *The Samoan Identity – O le Tagata ma lona Faasinomaga* are \$350 (domestic) and \$518 (international).

The closing date is 18 January 2008.

To enrol, complete and send this form, accompanied by your course fee, to:

The Summer School Office University of Otago PO Box 56 Dunedin 9054

Cheques should be crossed and made out to the University of Otago

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#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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