

# To Uplift Mana: International Indigenous Research Partnerships in the Pacific

In an effort to uplift the mana and aspirations of indigenous peoples and their communities, academic units at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Massey University and the University of Auckland (UoA) have entered into a tripartite indigenous partnership. Members of the Te Whare Kura Thematic Research Institute of the UoA visited Hawai'i to discuss the overall initiative as well as specific examples of research that have come from it.

## *The delegation included:*



Dr. Jemaima Tiatia-Seath is a Health Research Council of New Zealand Pacific Postdoctoral Fellow based at the Center for Pacific Studies whose research is on suicide and mental health among Samoans and Tongans in New Zealand.



Dr. Vili Nosa (Niuean) is a Senior lecturer in Pacific Health whose research focuses on Pacific health in Aotearoa/New Zealand and the Pacific region, particularly as they pertain to substance abuse and men.



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