

# PACIFIC POST GRADUATE TALANOA (BRCSS)

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## **Samoan Kids in the City: The Impact of Samoan Parenting Practices on Children's Independent Mobility and Physical Activity**

**Nicola Tava'e, PhD candidate in Public Health, Massey University**

A substantial decline in children's activity levels has occurred in NZ, particularly for Pacific children. Independent mobility (outdoor play and travelling to destinations unsupervised - IM), an integral component of physical activity (PA) in childhood, has also declined radically. There is evidence that the family environment and the role of parents as gatekeepers influence children's activity behaviours. The modern reality sees extended families, traditional households and 'way of life' for Pacific people changing. Have safety-conscious parenting practices, cultural traditions and beliefs, westernisation, and urbanisation converged to produce Pacific children living increasingly sedentary lives? This study explores the impact of Samoan parenting practices on children's independent mobility and physical activity.

## **The Relationship between *Lotu* and *Ako* for Pacific University Students in New Zealand**

**Sesimani Havea, MPhil in Social Policy, Massey University**

Improving the educational achievement of Pacific peoples is a concern. My study explored the relationship between *lotu* (spirituality/ faith/ church) and *ako* (formal education) amongst Pacific university students. *Lotu* is defined within the context of the Christian tradition. The study objective was to identify the mechanisms by which *lotu* influences the academic achievement of Pacific university students. A blend of qualitative ethnography and the *Talanoa* approach provided the conceptual framework. The findings suggest a positive relationship between *lotu* and educational achievement for these students. In my presentation I will discuss some key findings and implications of this study.

## **Digital Navigators: Young Pasifika Adults Aged 18-25 in Aotearoa New Zealand Navigating Their Friendships and Social Lives Through Social Networking Sites**

**Tuiloma Lina-Jodi Vaine Samu, PhD candidate in Human Social Sciences, Massey University**

I am a second year PhD student at Massey University based at the Whariki Research Centre. My study is part of a larger piece of Marsden funded research called "Social Networking Project". I am exploring how young Pasifika adults are using social networking sites in their friendships, social lives and in the formation/creation of their identities. I will speak broadly about some of my findings to date, the background of the "Social Networking Project" and handy tips and hints for data collection and transcription of interviews.

**Host: Massey University**





**Chair: Sunlou Liuvaie**

**Monday • 16 July, 2012 • 3.00pm - 5.00pm**

**Hosted simultaneously around the country from Access Grid Nodes**

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