

Bicultural Issues

Ko te Aka Kumara

The National Standing Committee on Bicultural Issues (NSCBI) consists of the two Bicultural Directors of the NZPsS and upwards of 12-15 volunteer members from across the country. The committee felt that it would be useful to provide a biography of its members so that NZPsS members have a better appreciation of who the NSCBI are.

The NSCBI provides direction to the Executive according to Rule 3: *In giving effect to the objects for which the Society is established the Society shall encourage policies and practices that reflect New Zealand's cultural diversity and shall, in particular, have due regard to the provisions of, and to the spirit and intent of, the Treaty of Waitangi.*

NSCBI first engaged in the task of strategic planning in 2003, with the strategic plan providing the basis for its activities. The key areas of focus for NSCBI, as outlined in the NSCBI Strategic Plan for 2007-2010 are to:

1) Increase and support Māori participation and development in all areas of psychology

Budget allocation in NZPsS budget for activities which support Māori development in psychology

Support NZPsS annual conference organizing committee to ensure Māori participation at conference, with a particular focus on ensuring conference presentations support the recognition and development of indigenous psychologies in Aotearoa

Ensure NZPsS publications support the recognition and development of indigenous psychologies in Aotearoa

Explore ways to increase Māori membership in the NZPsS
Communicate effectively with the Māori membership of the NZPsS, for example through better utilizing the NZPsS website

Work collaboratively with relevant key stakeholders (eg. Psychologists Board Treaty Committee; Māori members of NZCCP) to investigate ways of facilitating Māori development in psychology

Work with the NZPsS President and/or President's delegate on the selection panel of the Presidents Scholarship.

2) Support the recognition and development of psychologies relevant and applicable to Aotearoa

Facilitating increased publication of Māori-focused psychological research/topics

Two publications per year in the New Zealand Journal of Psychology

Three publications per year in the Bulletin

Facilitating increased publication of 'biculturally' focused research/topics

Two publications per year in New Zealand Journal of Psychology

Three publications per year in the Bulletin

Compile and publish 'bicultural' keynote addresses from NZPsS Annual Conferences

Support NZPsS Annual Conference organizing committee to ensure conference presentations support the recognition and development of psychologies relevant and applicable to Aotearoa

Extend networks with Pacific psychologists

Extend networks with indigenous psychologists internationally

Extend networks with international interest groups which have as their focus contributing via psychology to the wellbeing of indigenous communities

3) Promote bicultural accountability and responsibility within psychology

Contribute to the development and implementation of the HPCA 2002 accreditation process

Utilise NZPsS website more effectively to promote bicultural accountability and responsibility within the NZPsS membership

Focus on development of non-Māori responsibilities as Treaty partners. There is a particular focus on the responsibilities of Pākehā, as the dominant group in Aotearoa. This may include the facilitating workshop at NZPsS Annual Conferences and publication of key materials

NSCBI Members:

Raymond Nairn (MSc, PhD) (Auckland)

Ray is the current President of the New Zealand Psychological Society (2006- 2008), and a social psychologist with many years experience in community education and action around Te Tiriti o Waitangi (The Treaty of Waitangi). A Pākehā New Zealander of Scots and English descent he was a foundation member of NSCBI (1991). His current research with Kupu Taea, analysing the ways in which mainstream media tell Māori stories and stories about Māori, grew out of his earlier analyses of how Pākehā speakers construct Māori and Māori-Pākehā relations in their talk.

Neville Robertson (PhD, MSocSc, BA, DipPsych(Com)) (Waikato) (Hamilton)

Neville is a Pākehā of Scottish descent. He has been a member of the NSCBI for about 10 years and has served on the Society's Executive as Director of Social Issues (2004-06). He is a Senior Lecturer in Psychology at the University of Waikato where he convenes the Graduate Programme in Community Psychology. Neville's professional work focuses on men's violence against women and children. He facilitates stopping violence programmes and provides consultancy and training. His research focuses on community and institutional responses to domestic violence. Other aspects of Neville's work include anti-racism and Treaty of Waitangi education and the evaluation of health and social service programmes. He is married to Rosemary, a lawyer, and has two adult children.

Rose Black (BSc (Massey); (MSocSc; PGDipPsc(Com)) Waikato (Hamilton)

A Community Psychologist and member of the NSCBI since

1994 when she co-authored a research report on bicultural development in the NZPsS in 1995. The NSCBI provides an opportunity to engage in debates and participate in ongoing bicultural relationships in psychology. She has many years experience in community education and action around antiracism and Te Tiriti o Waitangi (The Treaty of Waitangi) as a Pākehā New Zealander of Irish and English descent who's family settled in rural Southland. Her current PhD research is focussed on discourses that mark Pākehā culture. She was also the project researcher for the bicultural HRC funded "Success Stories: Narratives of recovery from disabling mental health problems" and co-author of the report "Kia Mauri Tau!" Rose was active in setting up the Institute of Community Psychology Aotearoa and wrote with Ingrid Huygens a chapter "Pākehā Culture in Psychology" for the latest handbook.

Waikaremoana Waitoki (MSocSc, PGDipPsych(Clin)) Waikato
Ko pukemokemoke te maunga, ko Waitoki te marae, ko waihou te awa, ko Ngāti Paoa te iwi. (Hamilton)
Waikaremoana has been a member since 1998. Waikaremoana is the co-convenor and the Bicultural Director on the NZPsS Executive. Waikaremoana previously lectured at Waikato University in the clinical training programme, and various graduate and undergraduate papers. She is completing PhD research focusing on the development of cultural competency training programmes. Waikaremoana is the deputy chair of the NZ Psychologist's Board, and has been a board member since 2002. She is a clinical psychologist with work and research interests in adult mental health, child and adolescent mental health, and addictions. Waikaremoana has a blended family with 6 girls and two boys. Her family speak Māori, (some speak Swedish, German, Spanish, and Portuguese) and are actively involved in either kura kaupapa Māori, whare wānanga, or kohanga reo.

Michelle Levy (PhD, MSocSc, BA, DipPsych(Com))
Waikato
Ko Tainui te waka, ko Waikato te awa, ko Taupiri te maunga
Ko Ngāti Mahuta te iwi. (Hamilton)
Michelle has been an active member for the past seven years. She is currently co-convenor of NSCBI and a Bicultural Director on the NZPsS Executive. A community psychologist, Michelle has worked as a senior policy analyst in Te Puni Kokiri and held an academic position in Psychology Department at the University of Waikato for five years. She is currently self-employed, providing consultancy research and policy advice, primarily in area of Māori mental health. Included in this is supporting research capacity and capability building in community agencies. Michelle has a strong interest in the development of the Māori psychology workforce and the positioning of indigenous psychologies in Aotearoa, having recently completed a doctoral thesis in this area. Michelle affiliates to Waikato, Ngāti Mahuta.

Bridgette Masters-Awatere (BSocSc, MSocSc, PGDipPsych(Com)) Waikato, MNZPsS, Registered Psychologist,

PhD candidate. Te Rarawa, Ngai Te Rangi, Tuwharetoa ki Kawerau (Hamilton)

Bridgette is a Lecturer in Kaupapa Māori and Community Psychology within the Psychology Department at the University of Waikato and is one of a small, but growing, number of Māori registered psychologists. Being registered with the New Zealand Psychologists' Board, with a current Annual Practicing Certificate (APC) in combination with her current role means she has been able to, over the past 6 years; contribute in a significant way to the supervision of interns within the Community Psychology programme. With an open commitment to Māori students and the development of a Māori psychological workforce her research interests include using applied research methods towards developing culturally appropriate programme evaluation processes for Māori. Over the past 6 years Bridgette has been involved with the bicultural development of psychology through her work on the National Standing Committee on Bicultural Issues (NSCBI) and for 3 years served as Bicultural Director on the Executive of the New Zealand Psychological Society.

Jhanitra Gavala (MSocSc, PGDipEdPsych), (Palmerston North)
Registered Psychologist, PhD candidate. MNZPsS
Jhan has been an active member of NSCBI for the past two years and recently stepped down from a two-year post as Bicultural Director on the NZPsS Executive. He is currently employed as a lecturer at the School of Psychology at Massey University, Palmerston North. Prior to this, Jhan worked as an assistant and intern psychologist at Group Special Education Support Team and as the First Episode Psychosis Co-ordinator for Te Puna Hauora at Tauranga Hospital. His research interests include Māori research methodologies, mediating factors of academic success, cyber-psychology and theoretical indigenous psychologies. His interest outside of academia and the profession includes surfing (waves and the net), SCUBA diving, fashion, tennis and Formula 1 racing. Jhan affiliates to the northern tribal peoples Ngapuhi and is also of Eastern European (Czech Republic and Hungary) descent.

Erana Cooper MA(Hons), PGDipClinPsych (Auck), Registered Clinical Psychologist, PhD Candidate, MNZPsS.
Ngapuhi, Ngāti Hine (Auckland)
Erana joined NSCBI mid 2006 and is passionate about advancing Māori development and initiative. Erana and her husband Joe (no Ati Haunui-a-Paparangi) have 4 small sons, who are the source of most of their busy-ness. She is also a Clinical Psychologist, currently working full-time on a PhD. Erana is a recipient of a Health Research Council Clinical Research Training Fellowship and her research is about best practice in early intervention for whānau violence. For the past six years Erana has worked part-time at the University of Auckland Psychology Department in an academic position, where she was responsible for Māori & Pacific Programmes. This included developing and co-ordinating a mentoring programme for Māori and Pacific students and teaching in undergraduate and graduate courses on Māori perspectives

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and methods in mental health, clinical psychology, clinical neuropsychology and cultural competence. In the more recent years Erana also worked part-time in the University Health Centre Counselling Service, working with Māori and Pacific clients.

Denise Kingi-Ulu'ave (MA, Dip.Clin.Psych.) (Palmerston North)

Denise is a New Zealand-born Tongan currently employed as a Senior Clinical Psychologist with the Adult Community Mental Health Service, Palmerston North. She has previously worked as a psychologist for Department of Corrections NZ and Child and Adolescent Service, Australia. Currently a member on the NSCBI, MidCentral Pasifika Health Development Group, and Pacific Peoples Advisory Group for the Central Region DHB's.

Julie Wharewera-Mika (BA Hons) (Auckland)

Ngāti Awa, Tuhoe, Te Whānau a Apanui

Julie is nearing completion of a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology at Auckland University. Her commitment to working with Māori is reflected in her research which focuses on improving our understanding of the needs for Tangata Whaiora Māori and Whānau to ensure optimal service delivery is provided to support recovery. She has been a member of NSCBI since 2006 and brings with her 6-years mental health experience, a passion to develop cultural competency training for psychologists within Aotearoa and assist in the development of the Māori & Pacific psychological workforce. For 3-years Julie coordinated a successful support programme for Māori and Pacific psychology students focused on student recruitment and retention into postgraduate studies. Julie and her husband of Samoan descent have two children who are being educated in Kohanga Reo, Kura, and A'oga Fa'a Samoa.

Simon Bennett (MSc, PGDipClinPsych) (Wellington)

Simon is a Clinical Psychologist of Te Arawa, Ngapuhi, and Ngai Tahu descent who spent several years working at a kaupapa Māori mental health service prior to returning to an academic setting in 2005. Currently he is working as an HRC Clinical Research Fellow and is based at the Massey University Psychology Clinic in Wellington. His current research involves the adaptation and validation of Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) in the treatment of adult Māori experiencing depression.

Clive Banks MA, Dip Clin (Massey). MNZCCP (Wellington)

Clive is a mokopuna of Riwai and Mihi Wawatai from Ngāti Porou, and tracks his Pākehā side back to Australia and England. He is a graduate of the Massey University Clinical training program and completed his training around 1996. He had a brief flirtation with membership of the NSCBI during the mid 90s which was placed on hold until becoming re-involved over the past 12 months. An active member of the New Zealand College of Clinical Psychologists he is the Māori representative on their National Executive. He also sits on

the Committee of the Henry Rongomau Bennett: Workforce, Leadership and Scholarship Programme.

His career thus far has been focussed primarily on the delivery of clinical psychology to tangata whaiora Māori and their whānau. His life is rounded out with the joy of raising three children alongside his wonderful wife, and being the world's fastest Māori clinical psychologist motorcycle racer.

Past members have included: Linda Waimarie Nikora; Jim Ritchie; former president of the NZPsS Keriatia Paterson; Mahalia Paewai; Heather Hammerton; Dave Thomas; Beryl Riley; David Thomas; Pam Oliver; Fiona Cram; Hineuru Timutimu-Thorpe; Tony Waldegrave; Kiri Simonson and Kelly Gibson-van Marrewijk. Currently on leave: Melissa Taitimu and Richard Sawrey.



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