

Section 2. Current Research

2.1 Staff

2.1.1 Name of researcher: Mr David Glama

Department: Governance and Leadership

Title of research: *Practices in selecting, developing and managing project teams in community based projects in PNG.*

Ethics approval granted by FASS ethics committee: 07 May, 2018

Update: Mr Glama has collected his data and is currently working on organizing his findings/data.

2.1.2 Name of researcher: Professor Patrick Gesch

Department: PNG Studies and International Relations

Title of research: *Dialogue on universalizing religion and a local religion.*

2.1.3 Name of researchers: Professor Patrick Gesch, Ms Leonie Baptiste and Mr Bernard Yegiora

Department: PNG Studies and International Relations

Title of research: *Yu stap we nau? PGIR tracer study.*

Update: An ongoing research project that started in late 2018 and is ongoing. It is a department tracer study. Data that has been collected is currently being collated.

2.1.4 Name of researcher: Ms Leonie Baptiste

Department: PNG studies and International Relations

Title of research: Custom of widowhood in Tamigidu village, Morobe province

Update: Received ethical clearance from UREC, will collect data in December 2020.

2.1.5 Name of researcher: Dr Geovanne Bustos

Department: Social and Religious Studies

Title of research: the impacts of the Marie Stopes PNG implant contraceptives.

Update: Transcription is complete (120 pages) and is currently being coded and analysed. Dr Bustos has also invited other academics to contribute towards this project, they include: Dr Miriam Dlugosz, Mr Francis Mahap, Professor Patrick Gesch, Ms Leonie Baptiste and Fr. Artur Stawarz.

2.1.6 Name of researcher: Dr Miriam Dlugosz

Department: Social and Religious Studies

Title of research: Changing perception on the role of Engan woman in the society today in Kompiam-Ambum District, Enga.

2.1.7 Name of researcher: Dr Miriam Dlugosz

Department: Social and Religious Studies

Title of research: How young is too young to be married in Enga.

Update: Is preparing for the International Conference that will be on ZOOM in July 2020.

2.1.8 Name of researcher: Dr Miriam Dlugosz

Department: Social and Religious Studies

Title of research: Christ as Kamongo (Big-Man/Leader) for Engan believers.

Update: Is writing up at this stage.

2.1.9 Name of researcher: Dr Alphonse Aime

Department: Communication Arts

Title of research: Authorship and Authenticity; unwrapping the social and cultural understanding and significance of the garamut.

Update: Book chapter has been written. The book should be published by the Association of Social Anthropology in Oceania (ASAO) this year.

2.2.0 Name of researcher: Ms Michaelyn Vamilat

Department: Communication Arts

Title of research: Messaging in times of COVID-19 at Divine Word University, Madang Campus, Papua New Guinea.

Update: Research now awaiting ethics clearance.

2.2.1 Name of researcher: Mr Steven Gimbo

Department: Communication Arts

Title of research: The Impacts of Flow Programs as Opposed to Pre-Produced Programs.

Update: Delay on the progress of this because of the Covid 19 pandemic.

2.2.2 Name of researcher: Ms Loretta Hasu

Department: PNG studies and International Relations

Title of research: Colonial Graves in Madang – A historical context and interpretation.

Update: there has been a delay (by the MULLG) in granting access to the researcher to information relating to the colonial cemetery in town. This project has been further delayed due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

2.2.3 Name of researcher: Mr Francis Mahap

Department: Social and Religious studies

Title of research: Devolution of Powers and Service Delivery

Update: collecting and reading literature.

2.2.4 Name of researcher: Mr Patrick Matbob

Department: Communication Arts

Title of research: **Keeping the Rempi culture alive: How attempts to preserve culture has created a popular form of children's songs and dances.**

Update: This paper was accepted to be presented in Jamaica last year (July). However, Mr

Matbob did not go therefore he is rewriting this paper to publish in the DWU research journal. He will also be discussing this research project in the research conversation scheduled for June this year.

2.2.5 Name of researcher: Mr Patrick Matbob

Department: Communication Arts

Title of Research: China Alternative: Changing the regional order in the Pacific Islands.

Update: Mr Matbob has contributed a chapter to this book that is yet to be published.

2.2.6 Name of researcher: Ms Deborah Pranis

Department: Communication Arts

Title of research: Facebook and Political Communication in PNG.

2.2.7 Name of researcher: Mr Gordian Kuias and Ms Leonie Baptiste

Department: PNG Studies and International Relations

Title of research: Addressing Gender Based Violence through Action Research and participatory policy-making at Divine Word University.

Update: Working in collaboration with Assoc. Prof Kylie McKenna (Centre for Social Research), Ms Grace Warua (Faculty of Education) and Mr Balinus Helapu (Student Services). Received ethical clearance from UREC and currently collecting data.

2.2.8 Name of researcher: Mr Gordian Kuias

Department: PNG studies and International Relations

Title of research: *2017, PNG national elections experience in Ambunti Dreikir electorate, East Sepik Province.*

2.2.9 Name of researcher: Mr Bernard Yegiora

Department: PNG Studies and International Relations

Title of research: The difference between the Pacific Islands Development Forum (PIDF) and Pacific Islands Forum (PIF).

Update: Writing a 3000 word write up with a focus on how both are working on addressing climate change in the region and which regional platform is best for PNG. Aims to publish this in the DWU research journal.