

# Pacific History Association Webinar, 7 July 2022

## 10am -12 noon AEST



### *People's Histories of Christianities: Towards reStorying the Pacific Church History*

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The commonly circulated and widely celebrated narratives of the history of Christianity in the Pacific are called, learnt, and taught in seminaries and theological schools as “Church History”. The nomenclature “Church History” imbibes in it a set of problematics that are intrinsic for any colonial and imperial order and practice. It has been a colonial project that not only legitimizes the supremacy of ‘white Christianity’ but also imposes such beliefs on the indigenous multitude. However, there has been efforts, especially in different parts of the colonized contexts, to move away from such a colonial framework of historicizing faith communities. A rigorous effort to write “people’s history of Christianity” has paved way to understand the histories of Christians around the world, and particularly in the colonized contexts, differently. This presentation tries to draw lessons from such decolonizing historiographical methods and attempts to propose possible tools to reStory the Pacific Church History.

All are most welcome to join by Zoom:

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Associate Professor Helen Gardner will chair the session (and speak briefly about STAR: supporting authors in emerging regions, an initiative from the *Journal of Pacific History* via Taylor & Francis). [helen.gardner@deakin.edu.au](mailto:helen.gardner@deakin.edu.au)

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