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## TURNBULL LIBRARY FRIENDS: 2024 RESEARCH GRANT RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

The Friends of the Turnbull Library is delighted to announce two research grants have been awarded to distinguished researchers who will bring to light important holdings at the Alexander Turnbull library.

**Otago historian, Dr Jacqueline Leckie**, whose numerous publications include *Indian Settlers. The Story of a New Zealand South Asian Community* (Otago University Press, 2007) and *Invisible: New Zealand History of excluding Kiwi-Indians* (Massey University Press, 2021) has been awarded a grant to assist in a book project entitled 'Indians over 100 years in Te Whanganui-a-Tara (Wellington). 2025 marks the centenary of Wellington's Indian community and Dr Leckie intends to work alongside that community in producing their history for that significant date.

The rich resources of the Turnbull Library will be vital to this project, particularly the photographic and oral history collections.



**Dr Jacqueline Leckie**

The study will be the first overview of a prominent ethnic community in Wellington. The book will serve as a resource for the community, the wider public, and the new school history curriculum.



**Associate Professor Kealani Cook** of the Humanities Division, University of Hawai'i, author of *Return to Kahiki: Native Hawaiians in Oceania* (Cambridge University Press, 2018), has been awarded a grant to assist in his project on 'Non-Violent Civil Disobedience in Oceania', a study that will place non-violent resistance at Parihaka alongside the Samoan Mau Movement, the Ma'asina Ruru movement in the Solomon Islands, and Operation Homecoming at Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands. This is a path-breaking comparative study that will be of great interest to Pacific and Indigenous Studies scholars.

**Assoc Professor Kealani Cook** The Turnbull Library has significant manuscript holdings that will shed light both on the events at Parihaka in the nineteenth century and in Samoa in the twentieth century. Kealani Cook's research promises to highlight Aotearoa/New Zealand's history in the Pacific.

The Friends of the Turnbull Library was delighted with the number and high quality of the applications received this year. The vast collections of the Alexander Turnbull Library – a world-class research library that attracts scholars from around the globe – provide fertile soil for many diverse research projects. To ensure more scholars can make use of these rich resources through the research grants, the Friends encourage any interested donors to contact the President.

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