



**STOUT RESEARCH CENTRE**  
*for New Zealand Studies*



## CALL FOR PAPERS

### New Zealand Oral History Conference

**Stout Research Centre for New Zealand Studies and the  
National Oral History Association of New Zealand (NOHANZ)  
Te Kete Kōrero-a-Waha o Te Motu**

**Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington  
20-22 November 2020**

### **Ko wai mātou? Who are we?**

A common thread runs through the contemporary work of many philosophers, economists, geneticists, historians and novelists world-wide. Who are we? What unites us? What separates us? As we in Aotearoa New Zealand grapple with the consequences of colonisation nearly 200 years on, questions of personal and collective identity resonate on multiple levels. Do we share any form of collective identity?

We invite papers that explore “who are we?” in different and interesting ways.

- There are multiple social and cultural dimensions to identity – iwi/hapu, family, ethnicity, occupation, class, sexuality, generation, and gender among them.
- How do we navigate the personal and collective multiplicity of identities that are part and parcel of everyday life?
- In what ways are these identities perceived to overlap?
- How do we negotiate conflicting identities?
- Past or present – which matters more when considering who we are?
- Are our life narratives our self-identities?

Through the medium of interviews and life narratives oral historians are able to record a rich diversity of perspectives and make a contribution to understanding the question “Ko wai mātou?” or “Who are we?”.

**Keynote speakers will include:**

**Sir Kim Workman** and **Julia Whaipooti**, in conversation.

**Professor Na Li**, Department of History, Zhejiang University, China (by Zoom).

**Dr Melissa Matutina Williams**, Department of History, The University of Auckland.

**Workshops**

There will be workshops on Friday 20 November – venue and topics to be confirmed.

**Book Launch**

There will be a celebration to launch Nepia Mahuika's book *Rethinking Oral History and Tradition: An Indigenous Perspective* (Oxford University Press Oral History Series, 2019).

**Scholarships**

To apply for a Conference Fees Scholarship please see page 3 of this CFP.

**To submit a proposal**

Please send a title, 200-word (maximum) abstract, and a brief (two sentence) biography, as a word document, plus an indication of the focus of your paper within the broad theme, to:

**To:** [Stout-centre@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:Stout-centre@vuw.ac.nz)

**By:** **Monday 31 August 2020**

You will be notified in early September whether your paper has been accepted.

Please note: your abstract will be used for the conference programme.

We would be very grateful if you could submit your proposal as soon as you can: space at the university is under pressure for summer courses and it would be very helpful to have an early indication of the likely size of the conference.

Further information regarding registration, and bed and breakfast accommodation on campus, will be available as soon as possible.

If you have any questions about the conference, please contact:

Anna Green: [anna.green@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:anna.green@vuw.ac.nz)

or

Ann Packer: [nohantzexec@gmail.com](mailto:nohantzexec@gmail.com)

<http://www.oralhistory.org.nz/>

<https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/stout-centre/about/events/>

We must add the caveat that should community transmission of the Covid\_19 virus re-emerge we may have to cancel the conference at relatively short notice. We strongly recommend that you book refundable or transferable flights.

## Oral History Conference 2020 Scholarship Application form

Deadline for application: **31 August 2020**. Notification of decision: **Early September**.

*The Ministry for Culture and Heritage has made a limited number of conference fee scholarships available for this conference. These are available on grounds of financial hardship or for Māori and Pasifika oral history research. Some scholarships may be available for those who are not able to offer a paper at this time.*

### Personal information:

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Occupation:</b>	
<b>University or School (if student):</b>	
<b>Why would you like to attend the conference?</b>	

### Scholarship:

<b>I would like to apply for a scholarship because I am:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Māori <input type="checkbox"/> Pasifika <input type="checkbox"/> in financial hardship
<b>Are you travelling from outside Wellington?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Will you be presenting a paper?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

### Contact details:

<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>	
<b>Phone/Mobile Number:</b>	

Please return your completed form via email to [Stout-centre@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:Stout-centre@vuw.ac.nz) by **31 August 2020**.