

## MICRONESIA PROGRAM

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*Technical Assistance Program* Ten graduate students have been selected to go to Micronesia on June 20 for three months to work with various government agencies on projects requested by the government. In each case, the students will work with designated Micronesian counterparts with the intention of transferring their skills to the counterpart. The students and their assignments are:

#### Republic of the Marshall Islands

Tracy Brown, UO Department of Planning, Public Policy and Management, is the team leader. Tracy will be working on the first land use plan and zoning for the Majuro Atoll.

Julia Demichelis, PPPM, will be working with Tracy on the Majuro planning process.

Jim Peters, UO Department of International Studies, will be designing and conducting a survey in Majuro which examines the income and expenditure patterns of households, and studies the potential for import substitution of locally produced goods and services.

#### Federated States of Micronesia

Michael Farber, PPPM, is the team leader for the FSM projects. His primary assignment will be the development of a solid waste management program for Pohnpei, with emphasis on recycling and reuse.

Maria Tikoff, PPPM, will work on a tourism plan with the state government of Pohnpei. The emphasis will be on practical measures to make Pohnpei more accessible for tourists who visit the island, as well as enhance the local sites for the pleasure of both tourists and local people who frequent these natural areas.

John Brennan, PPPM, will work on an urban center master plan for Kolonia, Pohnpei. The recent move of the legislature and government offices to the new capital at Palikir has created many changes and opportunities for the reassessment of the functions and land uses in Kolonia.

## *Republic of Palau*

*Julie Fischer, PPPM is team leader for the Palau group. All of the projects will be in the area of parks and recreation development and related tourism impacts. In addition to Julie, the Palau team is comprised of:*

*Jennifer Snyder, PPPM*

*Kathleen Poole, International Studies*

*Elizabeth Krause, Oregon State University Department of Anthropology*

*Undergraduate Study Abroad Program During the spring term, an orientation course is being conducted for the group of 15 undergraduate students who will be studying at the College of Micronesia in Pohnpei this summer. Faculty at the COM have designed four special courses for the group, which courses will be open to enrollment by Micronesian students as well. The courses, all taught by Micronesian faculty members, include (1) Cultures of Micronesia taught by Joe Habuchmai and Melchior Henry, (2) Art Forms of Micronesia, taught by Ideia Sackryas (3) Marine Resources taught by Ahser Edward and Spensin James and (4) Micronesian Educational Issues by Natalia Rekemesik and Makir Keller. Dean of the Faculty, Timothy Jerry is coordinating the program from the Micronesian end. UO faculty members John Baldwin and Maradel Gale will accompany the group, which will spend 5 weeks in Pohnpei, returning to Eugene via Kosrae and Majuro, where they will spend several days exploring each island.*

*University Affiliation Victoria Maui, faculty member from the College of Micronesia branch in Koror, Palau, will be on campus in the late part of May and early June to conduct a short course on the role of women in Micronesia. She will also present a brown bag seminar through the Center for the Study of Women in Society.*

*John Baldwin will work with the Environmental Protection Agencies of both the Marshall Islands and the FSM during his visit to the islands this summer as a part of the affiliation program. In addition, he will be consulting with the relevant faculty at the College of Micronesia regarding the integration of environmental concerns into the courses already taught at the College.*

*Library Workshop The Fulbright Office of the United States Information Agency and the Pacific Islands Programs Office are funding a Basic Library Skills Workshop for Micronesian librarians. This workshop will be offered at the University of Oregon from June 11-29, 1990. Trainers from the state library systems of Alaska and Washington will be involved in the workshop, which is coordinated by Mary Ann Lund, recent recipient of the Master's degree of Public Affairs in the PPPM department of the U of O.*

*Participants will spend one week on Children's and Youth Services, a second week on Collection Development and Management and Reference Skills and a final week on Planning, Administration and Promotion of Library Services in Micronesia. The workshop is designed to give hands-on experience in applying the theory taught in the course. Participants will reside in Spiller Hall on the U of O campus during the course, which will include a series of field trips to local and rural libraries, as well as a paddle raft trip on the North Umpqua River.*