

ASSOCIATION OF PRACTICAL THEOLOGY IN OCEANIA (APTO)

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## Weaving Theology in Oceania: Culture, Context and Practice

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## ABOUT APTO

The Association of Practical Theology in Oceania (APTO) is an ecumenical professional association for researchers, scholars and/or practitioners in the geographic area of Oceania in the field of practical theology. Members have a scholarly interest in the discipline, demonstrated by publications and/or other scholarly and practical accomplishments, including a research degree allied to practical theology.

APTO seeks to be a community of faith and research, a community of practical theologians whose members work together through scholarship and service to bring the Gospel into dialogue with the diverse cultures of Oceania. APTO is committed to the pursuit of intellectual integrity and academic freedom. In all of its endeavours APTO is dedicated to Gospel values, collegiality, social justice and equity.

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



### Archbishop Peter Loy Chong

Peter Loy Chong was ordained a priest on 11 January 1992. He obtained a Doctorate in Sacred

Theology from the Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University, Berkeley, CA, USA. He was ordained Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Suva on 8 June 2013.



### Dr Malia Keiti Ann Kanongata'a, SOLN

Dr Kanongata is currently founding a Theological Institute for the Laity in Tonga. She is a member of

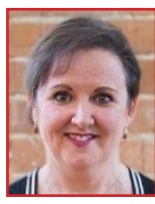
the Religious Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Nazareth (SOLN) – an order founded in Fiji. Sr Keiti has a Doctorate in Missiology from the Pontifical Urbaniana University.



### Rev Dr Upolu Luma Vaai

Dr Vaai serves as Associate Professor and Head of Theology & Ethics at Pacific Theological College. Prior to coming to PTC in 2014, Dr Vaai taught theology

and ethics at Piula Theological College in Samoa in 2001 and from 2008–2013, and at the Brisbane College of Theology from 2003–2005. He has previously worked as a board director for the government of Samoa and served in various committees. He is an ordained minister of the Methodist Church in Samoa since 1999.



### Dr Debra Snoddy

Dr Snoddy is Lecturer in Biblical Studies at the Catholic Institute of Sydney (CIS). Debra completed an STL in Sacred Scripture in

1999 at the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium, and was awarded a PhD and STD in 2014 from the same university. Debra has held positions at the Archdiocese of Armagh; All Hallows College, Dublin; and Carlow College, Carlow in Ireland.



### Rev Dr Seforosa Carroll

Seforosa Carroll is a Fiji-born Rotuman who spent her formative years growing up in Lautoka, Fiji. These formative

experiences continue to inform Sef's theological reflections on interfaith and cross-cultural relationships, and gender and culture from a diasporic perspective of a migrant who calls Australia one of her homes. Sef has a PhD in theology from Charles Sturt University, Australia. She is a Research Fellow with the Public and Contextual Theology Research Center (PaCT), Charles Sturt University, Australia.



### Professor Claire Wolfeich (via video and audio link)

Claire Wolfeich is Professor of Practical Theology and Spirituality

Studies at Boston University School of Theology. Her teaching and research interests include Christian spirituality; religion and public life; theology and practice; theologies of vocation, work, and family; lay spirituality; spiritual autobiographies; and American Catholicism. She co-directs the Center for Practical Theology and is Project Director of the Creative Callings research grant project and innovation hub, funded by the Lilly Endowment. Dr. Wolfeich is a past President of the International Academy of Practical Theology and of the Association of Practical Theology.

## ABOUT THE 2018 CONFERENCE

The conference will attract a broad range of people, including but not restricted to: theologians, sociologists of religion, research students in theology and ministry, clergy, pastoral care practitioners, and others involved in various aspects of education and ministry.

A major part of the 2018 Conference will be a three-day shared event in which APTO will partner with the Catholic Episcopal Conference of the Pacific (CEPAC) that is conducting a formation event for 80 Catholic clergy from Tonga, Samoa, Fiji Islands, Kiribati and the Cook Islands.

## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

The conference will be held at:

### Pacific Regional Seminary (PRS)

461 Queen Elizabeth Drive, Nasese, Suva, Fiji  
Accommodation for the conference will be located at:

**University of the South Pacific**, Laucala Campus, Suva. The university is a 15-20 minute walk from the conference venue.

Delegates may choose to stay at nearby hotels.

### All prices are shown in Australian Dollars

**Aust/NZ Delegates 300.00**  
Full Conference Registration (Non-Residential) for Australian/New Zealand Delegates/Residents.  
*Formal conference dinner is not included*

**Pacific Delegates 200.00**  
Full Conference Registration (Non-Residential) for Pacific Delegates/Residents.  
*Formal conference dinner is not included.*

### Accommodation 50.00 per night

Single rooms in separate blocks for men and women at the University of the South Pacific (USP).  
*(Note: no couple accommodation available at USP)*

**Shuttle buses will be available to transport delegates from The University of South Pacific to the Pacific Regional Seminary.**

Please register for the 2018 APTO Conference at this link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=394543>

If anyone requires assistance with registering for the conference, please contact Bob Dixon, Treasurer, APTO at [r.dixon@pro.catholic.org.au](mailto:r.dixon@pro.catholic.org.au).

Please check the APTO website for further information about what to bring to the conference and other specific instructions.

**Register for accommodation at The University of South Pacific by 30 September 2018.**

**Register for the conference by 15 November 2018.**