

# PACIFIC STUDIES

## WHY STUDY PACIFIC STUDIES?

Delve into the languages, cultures, histories and politics of the Pacific and its people.

Whether you're interested in increasing your understanding of contemporary Pacific issues, language, history or politics – Pacific Studies has something for you. Explore the cultures, identities and experiences of Pacific peoples both in the Pacific and in the diaspora, as well as their languages: Samoan, Cook Islands Reo and Tongan. Through this rich and varied discipline you can develop your knowledge of dance and performance, health and wellbeing, innovation and sustainability, gender and globalisation, and Indigenous Pacific epistemologies.

## CAREER POSSIBILITIES

With critical thinking and problem-solving skills at the forefront of a degree in Pacific Studies, as well as diverse group settings that develop written and verbal communication skills, students are equipped for a broad range of careers. Find work in local and central governments, in the international arena, the public sector and NGOs or follow graduates into creative industries and the museum and heritage sector.

*"I delight in caring for and learning about the collection and its tāonga. Knowing the collection I care for has connections to my own ancestors gives me personal joy and makes for a more intimate work experience."*

*"Understanding Indigenous perspectives has shaped my thinking and worldview."*



### Ruby Satele

**Collection Manager Pacific, Human History, Auckland War Memorial Museum**

Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Pacific Studies + Art History

Postgraduate Diploma in Arts, Museums and Cultural Heritage

Master of Arts in Museums and Cultural Heritage



*"With Aotearoa's growing relationships with the Pacific as well as Aotearoa's youthful and multicultural population, Pacific Studies will develop students' knowledge and awareness to work with and for Pacific communities."*

**Sarah McLean-Orsborn**  
Lecturer



