Key Topics and Ideas

Marcel Mauss on the “I” and the “Me”
Ethnicity
Cultural Identity in the Pacific
Corpuscular Theory of Reality/Identity
Contextual Theory of Reality/Identity
Inclusive vs. Exclusive Identities
Correspondence Theory of Truth
Intentionality
Responsibility in Pacific Communities
Reconstructivist Model of Interpretation
Truth-Functional Model of Interpretation
Speech Act Theory
Felicity Conditions
Illocutionary Act/Perlocutionary Force
Malo Exchange/Code Related Limits
Audience as Co-Participant
Kanengamah
Privacy, Secrecy in Pohnpei
Truth and Agency in Pohnpei
Repair
Types of Repair
Structures of Nukalaelae Gossip
Collusion Sequence
The Problem of Intentionality in Yapese Gossip
Basic Assumptions of Chomsky’s Linguistic Theory
Chomsky on Competence/Performance
Two Meanings of Language Socialization
Two Strategies of Language Socialization
Three Developmental Stories (Kaluli, Samoan, N.American)
Food and Social Relatedness in Fiji
Intoxication and Culture
Masculinity and Drunken Comportment in Chuuk
European and Japanese Models of Drunken Comportment
Paradoxical Status of Chuukese Men
Forms of Spirit Possession
Function of Spirit Possession
Suicide Patterns in the Pacific
Anwunumwun
Hazel-Rubenstein Theory
Egoistic, Altruistic, Anomic Suicide
Macpherson’s Blocked Opportunity Model
Hollan’s notion of “Indignant Suicide”
The Case of Alfredo
Langue vs. Parole
Cook/Lono/Makahiki
Structures of Conjuncture
Obesekere on European Myth Models, Practical Rationality
Sahlins/Obeyesekere Debate
Too Little/Too Much Knowledge Paradox
Professional Curiosity/Ignorance
Participant Observers Paradox
Context of the Situation/Context of Culture
Malinowski on Context
Significance of the “Husk of Fiber” example
Malinowski on Types of Linguistic Action
Malinowski on Magic, Language, and Force
The “Content” and Language Ideology of Modernity
Urapamin Language Ideology and Prayer
The “Invention” of Tradition