

We write to nominate **Richard Scaglione** for the position of ASAO Honorary Fellow.

Many ASAO members know Rich both from his publications and his long-term involvement with the association. He has attended our meetings, contributed papers, and organized sessions for more than 35 years; he has served as a Board member; and he Chaired the organization in 1994-95.

The scope of Rich's academic interests and influence is extraordinarily broad. Following an undergraduate major in mathematics (quite unusual for an anthropologist), Rich is one of the few contemporary socio-cultural anthropologists who has also published multiple professional articles in archaeology and in biological anthropology. The former have concerned materials from sites in the Eastern USA, the Caribbean, Costa Rica, Ecuador, and Colombia. The latter have focused upon fertility and birth seasonality and made good use of his mathematical background, as have some chapters he published on quantitative research methods. In addition, Rich has engaged serious issues in human ecology, history, and applied anthropology in his publications. While his primary research venue has been in Papua New Guinea, he also has conducted field studies with Native Americans (Omaha and Seminole), in Ecuador, in the urban metropolis of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and most recently in urban Honolulu. Adding to his geographical areas of research, just last year he co-edited *Polynesian Outliers: The State of the Art*.

Growing out of his doctoral dissertation research on conflict management practices among the Abelam of PNG, Rich has become perhaps the leading legal anthropologist working in Oceania today. Even before his doctoral fieldwork he was involved in an applied anthropology project on police-community relations in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and this subsequently led to publications in *Law & Society Review*, *Human Organization* and *Criminology*, several book chapters, and a co-authored volume titled *Police in Contradiction: The Evolution of the Police Function in Society*. Soon after completing his Ph.D. in 1976, Rich was appointed by the Papua New Guinea Law Reform Commission as Director of the Customary Law Development Project, which ran from 1979 to 1981. Three volumes that he edited were among the results of that project. Over the ensuing years he has continued to publish on everything from Papua New Guinea village courts to national and provincial legal planning to matters of domestic violence. Most recently he served as discussant for the ASAO Working Session on Law and Custom in Micronesia.

As a human ecologist with a long-standing interest in tropical shifting cultivators in Oceania and elsewhere, Rich has produced articles in *Behavior Science Research* and the *Journal of Anthropological Research*. He has given attention in his published work to Abelam yam cycles; and his interest in the spread of cultigens led to his involvement with South American ethnography and ethnobotany and prompted him to become a key player in the ASAO-inspired 2005 *Sweet Potato* volume, published jointly by Australian National University and Ethnology Monographs. Along with Leonard Plotnicov he co-edited *The Globalization of Food*, which first appeared as *Consequences of Cultivar Diffusion*.

Rich Scaglione's contributions to historical scholarship via anthropology are numerous, with chapters in *History and Ethnohistory in Papua New Guinea* (eds. D. Gewertz and E. L. Schieffelin), *Sepik Heritage: Tradition and Change in Papua New Guinea* (eds. N. Lutkehaus et al.), and *Colonial New Guinea: Anthropological Perspectives* (ed. N. McPherson). He also has authored historically oriented articles in *Ethnohistory* and in *Reviews in Anthropology*.

Richard Scaglione has published articles and reviews in such leading journals as the *American Anthropologist*, *American Ethnologist*, *Anthropos*, *Ethnology*, *Ethnos*, *Journal of Anthropological Research*, and *Man*. His work also has appeared in the major regional journals for the Pacific Islands, including *Anthropological Forum*, the *Journal of Pacific History*, *Journal of the Polynesian Society*, *Oceania*, *Pacific Affairs*, *Pacific Studies*, and *The Contemporary Pacific*. He has authored or edited half a dozen books, 45 book chapters, more than 30 journal articles, and 44 book reviews.

In addition to his writings and public presentations, Rich has done much important work behind the scenes. He has spent years on the editorial board of *Ethnology*, which has been a publication venue for many ASAO members. For approximately four years, he chaired the anthropology department at the University of Pittsburgh, and from 2009-2011 he was Director of Pittsburgh's Asian Studies Center. Additionally, he has held visiting positions at such institutions as the University of Hawai'i, ANU, and the Institute for Shipboard Education.

Rich has received numerous honors for his teaching and other work with students, ranging from a 1984 Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award to a 2010 Provost's Award for Excellence in Mentoring of doctoral students. At ASAO and elsewhere he has been a thoughtful, supportive colleague who consistently brings out the best in those around him. For these reasons and more, we urge members of ASAO to recognize Rich Scaglione as an Honorary Fellow.

Submitted by Rick Feinberg and Mac Marshall