

Title: *Penina Uliuli*: Being 'Change' Agents

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Previously, questions have been raised about the ability of palagi practitioners and researchers to accurately comprehend and reflect the reality of the lived experience of Pasifika peoples. Yet more recently, new models of cross-cultural partnership, including teams of Palagi and Pasifika researchers, have begun to emerge. Such hybrid teams are attempting to claim a space in which a creative dialogue is opened up between Palagi approaches and world views, and the indigenous wisdom and worldviews of Pasifika people. Reflecting on the process, with a critical analysis of the weaknesses and strengths that contributed to the creation of the book *Penina uliuli: Contemporary challenges in mental health for Pacific peoples*, and the evolution of the 'Afakasi Project. This presentation will showcase Palagi and Pasifika working with both contemporary and traditional research to create a resource for an international community. A model that reflects ALAC's conference theme to see the change, be the change and become the future. Such outcomes will contribute richly to approaches and interventions of how we work with Pacific peoples with alcohol issues.