Māori, Pacific & Indigenous Psychology

Māori, Pacific, and Indigenous psychologies attend to the development of Indigenous knowledges, theories and practices that are responsive to the realities of Indigenous lives in colonising contexts. We draw upon Indigenous methodologies and synthesised psychological frameworks within social, critical and clinical domains of psychology. There are wider interdisciplinary intersections with:

- Psychology & social justice
- Critical qualitative and quantitative research
- Societal psychologies, migrant, refugee, cultural and identity studies

Honours research supervision

A number of staff supervise postgraduate research that is focused on Māori, Pacific and/or other Indigenous topics, including:

- Māori youth homelessness
- Pacific identity and wellbeing
- Māori sexual violence prevention
- Occupational justice for Samoan trans women
- Samoan language and aphasia
- Māori youth in state care
- Participative, collaborative, and action research

Māori and Indigenous Psychologies staff

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Honours graduates in this area have gone on to work in a variety of areas including research, education, health promotion, advocacy, care and case management, youth work, and community development within not-for-profit community agencies, universities.

With further postgraduate study in research, clinical or applied psychology training, graduates have gone on to work in social work, journalism, government departments, district health boards, schools and local councils.

Postgraduate Courses

Māori, Pacific and Indigenous content is featured within:

PSYCH 717: Community Psychology
PSYCH 758: Special Topic: Ethnicity, Identity, and Culture

Māori & Pacific Psychology Research Group (MPPRG)

The MPPRG is a student-led initiative to provide leadership, inspiration and support to Māori, Pacific and Indigenous postgraduate research students in psychology.  
[http://www.psych.auckland.ac.nz/uaa/home/about/our-research/research-groups/Māori-and-pacific-research-group](http://www.psych.auckland.ac.nz/uaa/home/about/our-research/research-groups/Māori-and-pacific-research-group)

The Psychology and Social Issues Group (PSI)

The PSI is a staff-led initiative to support research that engages social justice, theory and praxis in psychology  

Psychology Tuakana Programme

Many of our postgraduate students are Tuakana mentors and tutors, including co-ordinators: Atua atua.parkinson@auckland.ac.nz  
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Recent Staff Publications:

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Le Grice, J., Braun. V. & Wetherell, M. (2017) "What I reckon is, is that like the love you give to your kids they’ll give to someone else and so on and so on": Whanaungatanga and mātauranga Māori in practice. *New Zealand Journal of Psychology*, 46(3).


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**General enquiries** about postgraduate study in Psychology, regulations and enrolment should be directed to: scifac@auckland.ac.nz

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