



Global Health Bytes webinar

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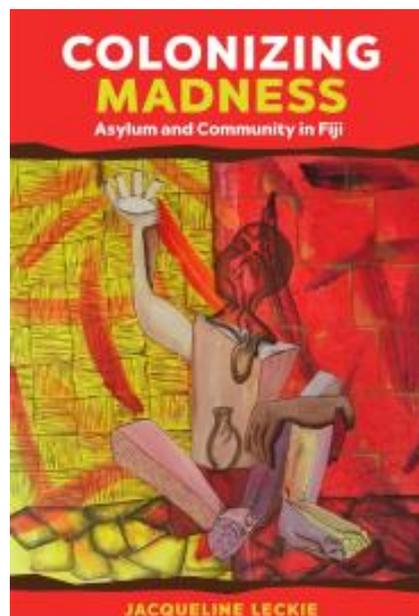
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Colonizing Madness: Asylum and Community in Fiji

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In this 'byte' I will speak to my recently published book, "Colonizing Madness: Asylum and Community in Fiji" (University of Hawai'i Press, 2020); a forgotten story of silence, suffering, and transgressions in the colonial Pacific, told through the Pacific Islands' most enduring psychiatric institution—St Giles Psychiatric Hospital—established as Fiji's Public Lunatic Asylum in 1884. This was a microcosm of Fiji's indigenous, migrant, and colonial communities. I will briefly give you snapshots of some of the chapters. I argue that madness in colonial Fiji reflected dynamics between the asylum and the community, and that "reading" asylum archives sheds light on race/ethnicity, gender, and power in colonial Fiji. The book has contemporary relevance — how do Pacific cultures define normality and abnormality and how do communities respond — especially given current efforts to discard the asylum model and to make mental health a reality for all in postcolonial societies?



Associate Professor Jacqueline Leckie has taught at the University of the South Pacific, Kenyatta University, and for 27 years at Otago University. In 2018 she was the JD Stout Research Fellow at Victoria University of Wellington, where she is currently an adjunct research fellow. She is also a conjoint associate professor with the University of Newcastle in Australia. Her research and publications are on the history and anthropology of Asia Pacific, especially mental health, migration, gender, heritage, ethnicity, development, and labour.

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