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**Education**

Ph.D., Museum of Anthropology, University of Michigan (1977)

B.A., Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, New York (1969)

**Academic Positions:**

2016-ongoing Professor, Arizona State University (50% FTE) Spring semester)

2016-ongoing Research Professor, University of Utah (summer and fall semester)

Planning to return full time Utah in either 2023 or 2024

2004-2016 Professor University of Utah, Department of Anthropology

2004-2016 Co-Director of the Health, Society and Policy Program, University of Utah (Interdisciplinary program with 200 majors)

2000-2004 Professor/Lecturer

University of Utah, Department of Anthropology

Dec. 2003 Participant in working group on Understanding Human and Animal Culture.

Collegium Budapest, Budapest, Hungary.

May 2002 Visiting Professor, Ecole des Hautes Etudes, Paris.

April 2002 Visiting Professor, Department of Ethnology, University of Aarhus, Denmark

2001 - 2002 Anthropological Consultant for the project: "On Site Surveillance for Device Events" with the LDS Hospital STICU and the FDA, Salt Lake City, Utah.

1998- 2000 Visiting Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Utah.

Summer 1997 Coordinator and lecturer for course on: The Social and Cultural Aspects of HIV/AIDS in Namibia in cooperation with Dr. Ida Susser, Hunter College and Dr. Richard Lee, Univ. of Toronto and Dr. Lischen Haoases, University of Namibia. Sponsored by the Fogarty Program (U.S. AID in Public Health).

1996-97 Advisor to Masters program students in LIFE (Living in a Finite Environment) Program funded by World Wildlife Foundation and U.S. AID.

1996 Researcher at Interdisciplinary Research Unit, Social Science Division, University of Namibia.

1992-1995 Part time external lecturer, Department of Anthropology, University of Munich.

1992-3. Consultant for European Community on The Current Status of Rain Forest Populations.

1981-1995 Research Associate (paid full-time position), Max Planck Institute for Human Ethology, Max Planck Institute, Germany.

10/1983-3/1984 Consultant for Swedish International Development Agency. Research on child nutrition, Uong Bi, Vietnam.

1980 Lecturer in Ethnoarchaeology, Department of Archaeology, Aarhus University, Denmark.

1975-76 Part time Anthropological Consultant to the World Bank, Development Economics Department for the Botswana Rural Income Survey

**Areas of Specialization:**

Hunter-gatherers, reciprocity and social networks for reducing risk, medical anthropology, ethno-archaeology, ethology, ecology, warfare, ritual, oral history, legal pluralism and restorative justice; Highland Papua New Guinea, Southern Africa.

**Publications**

**Books/Edited volumes**

In Press. Wiessner, P. In collaboration with Akii Tumu and Nitze Pupu. *A historical Ethnography of the Enga of Papua New Guinea*. Contracted book submitted to Cambridge Element Series in press.

2016 Fuentes, A. and P. Wiessner. (Editors) *Reintegrating Anthropology*. Special Issue of *Current Anthropology* Supplement 13. Vol. 57.

2016 Wiessner, P. *Enga culture and Community*. In collaboration with A. Tumu and N. Pupu. Birdwing Press, Port Moresby.

2016 Wiessner, P., R. Minape and L.M. Malala. Teacher Guide to the Enga Cultural Education Pilot Program. Brirdwing Press, Port Moresby.

1998 Wiessner, P. and A. Tumu. *Historical Vines: Enga Networks of Exchange, Ritual and Warfare in Papua New Guinea*. Smithsonian Institution Press, Washington D.C.

1996 (Edited volume) *Food and the Status Quest*. Edited by P. Wiessner and Wulf Schiefenhövel. Berghahn Books, Oxford.

1992 *From Inside the Women's House: The lives and traditions of Enga women*. A. Kyakas and P. Wiessner, Robert Brown, Brisbane.

1989 *A View of Enga Culture*. A. Tumu, P. Munini, A. Kyangali and P. Wiessner. Kristen Press, Madang.

# Articles

2022 Wiessner, P. & Huang, C.H.Y A 44-y perspective on the influence of cash on Ju/‘hoansi Bushman networks of sharing and gifting. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, *119*(41), e2213214119.

2022 Wiessner, P. The deep history of imaginary worlds. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, *45*, e304.

2022 Wiessner, P. Understanding cultural clusters: An ethnographic perspective. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, *45*, e180.

2022 Wiessner, P. Personal Adornment: the many messages and thoughts on how to read these. Catalogue for the exhibit: Jewelry and Body Decoration in Prehistoric Times. The Israel Museum, Jerusalem, May 2022.

2022 Lobo, J., Whitelaw, T., Bettencourt, L. M., Wiessner, P., Smith, M. E., & Ortman, S. (2022). Scaling of Hunter-Gatherer Camp Size and Human Sociality. *Current Anthropology*, *63*(1), 68-94.

2022 Wiessner, P. Hunter-gatherers: Perspectives from the starting point. *Cliodynamics*, DOI:10.21237/C7clio0057263.2021

2021 Wiessner, P., & Pupu, N. When marital institutions break down: Impact and adaptation among the Enga of Papua New Guinea. *Evolutionary Human Sciences*.

2020 Wiessner, P. The role of third parties in norm enforcement in customary courts among the Enga of Papua New Guinea. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, *117*(51), 32320-32328.

2020 Wiessner, P. Forward to Perequin, P., & Petrequin, A. M. (2020). *Ecology of a Tool: The ground stone axes of Irian Jaya (Indonesia)* (Vol. 8). Oxbow Books.

2019 Wiessner, P. Collective action for war and for peace: A case study among the Enga of Papua New Guinea. *Current Anthropology* 60(2): 224-244.

2018 Pupu, N. and P. Wiessner. The Challenges of Village Courts and Operation Mekim Save among the Enga of Papua New Guinea Today: A View from the Inside. *Department of Pacific Affairs Discussion Paper*. 2018: Australian National University.

2018 Comment on Why Wage Earners Hunt’ by E. Ready and E. Power. *Current Anthropology* 59(1).

2018 Comment on Dying for the group: Towards a general theory of extreme self-sacrifice by Harvey Whitehouse. ‘Considering selection pressures for identity fusion and self-sacrifice in small-scale societies’. *Brain and Behavioral Sciences* (December 2018).

2018 Wutich, A., J. Budds, W. Jepson, L. Harris, E. Adams, A. Brewis, L. Cronk, C. DeMyers, K. Maes, T. Marley, J. Miller, A. Pearson, A. Rosinger, R. Schuster, J. Stoler, C. Staddon, P. Wiessner, C. Workman, S.L. Young. (2018) Household water sharing: A review of water gifts, exchanges, and transfers across cultures. *Wiley Interdisciplinary Reviews – Water*.

2017 Wiessner, Polly. Culture matters for life history tradeoffs. Commentary on Van Lange et al. Aggression and Violence around the world: A model of Climate, Aggression, and self-control in Humans. *Brain and Behavioral Sciences*. Vol. 40, 2017

2016 Fuentes, A. and P. Wiessner. Reintegrating Anthropology: From inside out. An introduction to Supplement 13: *Current Anthropology* 57: S3-S12.

2016 Wiessner, P. The rift between science and humanism: What’s data got to do with it*? Current Anthropology Supplement 13.* 57:S154-166.

2014 Wiessner, P. The Embers of Society: Firelight Talk Among the Ju/’hoansi Bushmen. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences 111 (39) 14013-14014.

2013 Wiessner, P. and A. Tumu.  Beyond Bilas: The Enga Take Anda. Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania 2012 Distinguished Lecture. Oceania 83 (3) 265-280.2012.

2012 Wiessner, P. and Nitze Pupu. "Toward peace: Foreign arms and indigenous institutions in a Papua New Guinea society." Science 337 (6102) 1651-1654.

2012 Wiessner, P.   Alienating the Inalienable: Marriage and Money in a Big-man Society.  In Dousset, Laurent, and Serge Tcherkézoff, eds. *The Scope of Anthropology: Maurice Godelier's Work in Context*. Vol. 23. Berghahn Books, pp. 67-86.

2011 Hill, K., R. S. Walker, M. Bozicevic, J. Eder, T. Headland, B. Hewlett, A. M. Hurtado, F. Marlowe, P. Wiessner, and B. Wood. Co-residence patterns in hunter-gatherer societies show unique human social structure. *Science* 331:1286-1289.

2010 Wiessner, P. The power of one: Big-men revisited. In *The Evolution of Leadership*, edited by J. Eerkens, J. Kantner and K. Vaughn. Santa Fe: SAR Press.

2010 Wealth Transmission and Inequality among Hunter‐Gatherers Eric Alden Smith, Kim Hill, Frank W. Marlowe, David Nolin, Polly Wiessner, Michael Gurven, Samuel Bowles, Monique Borgerhoff Mulder, Tom Hertz, and Adrian Bell. *Current Anthropology* 51:1.

2010 Wiessner, P. Youths, Elders and the Wages of War in Enga Province, Papua New Guinea. State, Society and Governance in Melanesia. *Discussion Paper, Australian National University, Canberra.*

2009 Monique Borgerhoff Mulder, Samuel Bowles, Tom Hertz, Adrian Bell, Jan Beise, Greg Clark, Ila Fazzio, Michael Gurven,, Kim Hill, Paul L. Hooper, William Irons, Hillard Kaplan, Donna Leonetti, Bobbi Low, Frank Marlowe, Suresh Naidu, David Nolin, Patrizio Piraino, Rob Quinlan, Rebecca Sear, Mary Shenk, Eric Alden Smith, Polly Wiessner. The Intergenerational Transmission of Wealth and the Dynamics of Inequality in Premodern Societies. *Science*. October 2009.

2009 Wiessner. P. Parent-offspring conflict in marriage: Implications for social evolution and material culture among the Ju/’hoansi Bushmen. In *Patterns and Process in Cultural Evolution (Origins of Human Behavior and Culture)*, edited by Stephen Shennan. Berkeley: University of California Press.

1. Wiessner, P. Experimental games and games of life among the Kalahari Bushmen. *Current Anthropology.* (To appear in February 2009).
2. Swadling. P., P. Wiessner and A. Tumu. Prehistoric stone artifacts from Enga and the implications of links between the highlands, lowlands, and islands for early agriculture in Papua New Guinea. *Journal of the Society for Oceanists* 126-7:127-48.
3. Jameson, K., and P. Wiessner. Violent and nonviolent response to state failure: Papua New Guinea and Ecuador. In *Values and Violence: Intangible Aspects of Terrorism*, edited by I. Karawan, W. McCormack and S. Reynolds, New York: Springer.
4. Wiessner, P. From spears to M-16s: Testing the imbalance of power hypothesis among the Enga. *Journal of Anthropological Research* 62:165-191.

2005 Wiessner, P. Social, symbolic, and ritual roles of the sweet potato in Enga, from its introduction until first contact. In *The Sweet Potato in the Pacific*: *A reappraisal*, edited by Chris Ballard, Paula Brown, Michael Bourke and Tracy Harwood, pp. 121-130. Sydney: Ethnology Monographs 19, Oceania Monograph 56, University of Sydney.

2005 Wiessner, P. Norm enforcement among the Ju/’hoansi bushmen: A case of strong reciprocity? *Human Nature* 16 (2):115-145.

1. Wiessner, P. Of human and spirit women: From the seductress to second wife. In *Female Roles in Male Ritual*, edited by Pascale Bonnemere. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press.
2. Wiessner, P. Owners of the future: Calories, cash and self-sufficiency in the Nyae Nyae area between 1996 and 2003. *Visual Anthropology Review* 19(1-2):149-159.

2004 Byrne, R., P. Barnard, I. Davidson, V. Janec, A. Miklosi, P. Wiessner. Understanding culture across species. *Trends in the Cognitive Sciences* 8(8) 341-46.

2002 Wiessner, P. Taking the risk out of risky transactions: A forager's dilemma. In *Risky Transactions*, edited by F. Salter. Oxford: Berghahn Books.

2002 Wiessner, P. The Vines of Complexity: Egalitarian structures and the institutionalization of inequality among the Enga. *Current Anthropology* 43:233-269.

2002 Wiessner, P. Hunting, Healing, and Hxaro Exchange: A long term perspective on !Kung (Ju/'hoansi) large-game hunting. *Evolution and Human Behavior* 23:1-30.

2001 Wiessner, P. Historical dimensions of !Kung San (Ju/'hoan) *Hxaro*. *Khoisan Studies: Interdisciplinary Perspectives*. Edited by R. Vossen and E. Wilmsen. Hamburg: Helmut Buske Verlag.

2001 Wiessner, P. Brewing Change: Enga Feasts in a Historical Perspective (Papua New Guinea). In *The Archaeological Importance of Feasting*, edited by B. Hayden and M. Dietler. Washington: Smithsonian Institution Press

2001 Wiessner, P., and A. Tumu. Averting the bush fire day: Ain's cult revisited. In *Festschrift for Roy Rappaport*, edited by E. Messer and M. Lambek. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

1999 Wiessner, P., and A. Tumu. A Collage of Cults. In *Blurred Boundaries and Transformed Identities*. Canberra Anthropology 22(1):34-65.

1998 Wiessner, P., and A. Tumu. The capacity and constraints of kinship in the development of the Enga *Tee* ceremonial exchange network. In *Kinship, Networks, and Exchange*. Edited by D. White and T. Schweizer. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

1998 Wiessner, P. Indoctrinability and the evolution of socially defined kinship. In *Warfare, Ideology and Indoctrinability*, edited by F. Salter and I. Eibl-Eibesfeldt. Oxford: Berghahn Books.

1997 Wiessner, P. Seeking guidelines through an evolutionary approach: Style revisited among the !Kung San (Ju/'hoansi) of the 1990s. In *Rediscovering Darwin: Evolutionary Theory and Archaeological Explanation,* edited by M. Barton and G. Clark. Washington D.C.: Archaeological Publications of the AAA Monograph Series.

1996 Wiessner, P. Leveling the Hunter: Constraints on the status quest in foraging societies. In *Food and the Status Quest*, edited by P. Wiessner and Wulf Schiefenhövel. Berghahn Books, Oxford.

1994 Wiessner, P. Pathways of the past: !Kung San Hxaro exchange and history. In *Überlebensstrategien in Afrika*, edited by M. Bollig and Frank Klees. Colloquium Africanum 1. Heinrich-Barth Institut, Köln 1994.

1993 Wiessner, P. Die Buschleute. In *Im Spiegel der Anderen*. Edited by W. Scheifenhövel, J. Uher and R. Krell. München: Realis, pp. 16-25.

1993 Wiessner, P. Hxaro. In *Im Spiegel der Anderen*. Edited by W. Scheifenhövel, J. Uher and R. Krell. München: Realis, pp. 174-9.

1990 Wiessner, P. Is there a unity to style? In *The Uses of Style in Archaeology,* edited by M. Conkey and C. Hastorf. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, pp. 105-112.

1988 Wiessner, P. Style and changing relations between the individual and society. In *The Meaning of Things: Material culture and symbolic expression*, edited by Ian Hodder. London:Harper Collins.

1986 Wiessner, P. !Kung San networks in a generational perspective. In *The Past and Future of !Kung Ethnography*, edited by M. Biesele, R. Gordon and R. Lee. Helmut Buske Verlag, Hamburg, pp. 103-136.

1986 Nga. N and P. Breast-feeding and young child Nutrition in Uong Bi, Quang Ninh Province, Vietnam. *Journal of Tropical Pediatrics* 32:137-9.

1984 Wiessner, P. Reconsidering the behavioral basis for style: A case study among the Kalahari San. *Journal of Anthropological Archaeology* 3:190-234.

1984 Wiessner, P. Style of isochrestic variation? A reply to Sackett. *American Antiquity* 50(1):160-66.

1983 Wiessner, P. Style and social information in Kalahari San projectile points. American Antiquity 48:253-276.

1983 Wiessner, P. Social and ceremonial aspects of death among the !Kung San. *Botswana Notes and Records*, 15:1-5.

1982 Wiessner, P. Risk, reciprocity and social influences on !Kung San economics. In *Politics and History in Band Societies,* edited by E. Leacock and R. Lee. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, pp 61-84.

1982 Wiessner, P. Beyond willow smoke and dog's tails: A comment on Binford's analysis of hunter-gatherer settlement systems. *American Antiquity* 57(1) 171-178.

1981 Wiessner, P. Measuring the impact of social ties on nutritional status among the !Kung San. *Social Science Information* 20, pp. 641-678.

1981 Wiessner, P. "Mother! Sing loudly for me! The annotated dialogue of a Basarwa healer in trance. *Botswana Notes and Records* 11:25-31

1977 Wiessner, P. *Hxaro: A Regional system of Reciprocity for Reducing Risk among the !Kung San*. University Microfilms, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

1972 Wiessner, P. A functional estimator of population from floor area. *American Antiquity* 39:343-9.

**Reports**

2012 Recent Developments in Tribal Fighting in Enga Province, Papua New Guinea Report to Enga Provincial Government, Wabag. December 2012

2007 *Warfare in Enga Province: From Prehistory until Modern Times*. Report to the Enga Provincial Government, Wabag, September 2007.

1998 Population, subsistence and social networks among the Ju/'hoansi (!Kung) Bushman: a twenty five year perspective. Windhoek, June 1998.

1988 Report to Government of Papua New Guinea and Porgera Joint Venture on the Cultural Impact of the proposed Porgera Gold Mine, Enga Province, Papua New Guinea. (With Akii Tumu and Jo Mangi.)

1984 Report on Child Nutrition in Uong Bi, Vietnam. Report for Swedish International Development Agency.

1. Report to the World Bank, Development Economics Department, on Anthropological Considerations for the Botswana Rural Income Survey.

**Conferences organized**

2014 Co-organizer of the Wenner-Gren Conference. Integrating Anthropology: Niche Construction, Cultural Institutions and History. Sintra, Portugal, October 18-23, 2014.

2009 Completion of exhibits and organization of opening ceremonies of the Enga Tradition and Transition Centre. (See webpage)

2012 Conference for the Enga Provincial Government and customary law magistrates on War and Peace in Enga.

1992 Member of the organization committee for the 7th International Conference on Hunting and Gathering societies, Moscow, 1993.

October 1991 Food and the Status Quest, Schloss Ringberg, Germany, for the European Commission on the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition

June 1983 Third International Conference on Hunting and Gathering Societies, Bad Homburg,

**Fieldwork**

2022 October-November 2022. NSF funded research on warfare and restorative justice among the Enga of Papua New Guinea.

2019 June-July. Research among the Ju/’hoansi Bushmen of the Kalahari on (1) isotope studies with Andrew Zipkin and (2) changes in social networks since 1975 as measured in material possessions.

2019 October-November: Launch of NSF funded research on restorative justice among the Enga of PNG.

2018 July. Social science research for the testing of the Hygiene Hypothesis with thyroid screening in Bomannahalli India.

2018August 10-September 10. Research with the Ju/’hoansi Kalahari Bushmen for (1) building an isoscape for an ethnoarchaeological study of the evolution of social networks . (2) Inventory of Bushmen possessions and their sources to understand changes in social networks and the movement of material goods since 1974. (3) Mapping of Ju/’hoansi camps to record changes in site structure with increasing sedentism.

2018November 17 to December 10**.** Research among the Enga of Papua New Guinea on restorative justice.

2017 August-September. Research among the Ju/’hoansi Bushmen of Namibia on: (1) emerging economic inequalities and on night stories.

2017 June. Research among the Enga of Papua New Guinea n the 2017 elections and election violence.

2016 October. Research on the impact of technology on traditional institutions as addresses

via customary courts, Enga Province, Papua New Guinea.

2016 July. Research on stories, night activities and demography among the Ju/’hoansi Bushmen.

2015 February, June and November. Research on tribal conflicts and customary law in

the face of social and economic change in PNG. Development of Cultural Education program to integrate culture into the Enga school curriculum.

2014 Research on tribal war and the role of customary law in the trend towards peace in Enga, PNG

2013 Research on tribal war and the role of customary law in the trend towards peace in Enga, PNG

1 month

2013 Research on Ju/’hoansi Bushman oral traditions and relation to social networks.

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2012 Research on tribal war and the role of customary law in the trend towards peace in Enga.

1 month

2012 Research on Ju/’hoansi Bushman oral traditions and relation to social networks.

1 month

2011 Research on tribal war and conflict resolution among the Enga of PNG

2 months

2011 Research on Ju/’hoansi Bushman oral traditions and relation to social networks.

1 month

2010 Research on the relations of Enga village courts to formal courts and the updating of

2 months customary law in the face of rapid change.

2009

2 months Research on Enga village courts and the impact of their decisions upon warfare.

2008 Research on the impact of warfare on children’s moral development and on village

May-June/Oct courts in Enga Province, Papua New Guinea.

2007 Research on warfare and the implication of the breakdown of formal marriage for

Sept-Oct peace-making in Enga Province.

Research for the Enga Provincial Government/Enga Cultural Centre on discontent

Oct-Nov youth, the introduction of high powered weapons to tribal fighting and

implications for the AIDS epidemic.

1. Research for the Enga Provincial Government/Enga Cultural Centre on

June-July discontent youth, the introduction of high powered weapons to tribal fighting and

implications for the AIDS epidemic.

2005 Research for the Enga Provincial Government/Enga Cultural Centre on

November discontent youth, the introduction of high powered weapons to tribal fighting

and implications for the AIDS epidemic.

1. Research on parent-offspring conflict in marriage choices and its implications

July-August for the !Kung San society and economy.

1. Research for the Enga Provincial Government/Enga Cultural Centre on

June-July youths, warfare and the introduction of high powered weapons to tribal fighting.

July-Aug 2003 Research among !Kung San on demography, economy and social networks

July-Aug 2002 Research among !Kung San on demography, economy and social networks

July 2001 Continued research on Enga oral history

June 1999 Continued research among !Kung San on demography, economy, and social networks.

1996-1998 Research among !Kung San (Ju'/hoansi) on changes in demography, economy and social networks since 1973. Other topics included in this research include alcohol use and stylistic change in artifacts since the 1970s.

July-Aug. 1995 Continued research on Enga oral history. Consultant for Enga Provincial Government on tribal fighting and law and order in Enga Province, Papua New Guinea.

July-Sept 1991 Continued research in Enga on Enga oral history. Training of Cultural Centre staff.

1985-1988 Research on oral history among the Enga of Highland Papua New Guinea, concentrating on the history of tribal fighting, the rise of networks of ritual and ceremonial exchange, and the development of complex societies. Training of staff at Enga Cultural Centre.

1983- 1984 Research on child nutrition, Uong Bi, Vietnam. Consultant for Swedish International Development Agency.

1977 Continued fieldwork among the !Kung San.

* 1. Fieldwork among the !Kung San (Botswana) on social organization, networks of reciprocity and style in artifacts

**Grants**

2020 NSF Grant to PIs Polly Wiessner, Andrew Zipkin and John Kinahan: Isotopic reconstruction of social networks in southern Africa: geochemistry, ethnoarchaeology, and recent prehistory. Extended to 2022

2019 Wenner-Gren grant to Andrew Zipkin and Polly Wiessner ($20,000.) Isotopic provenience of ostrich eggshell beads to uncover social networks.

2019 NSF grant to Polly Wiessner for Restorative Justice among the Enga of PNG: Adapting to a changing world. ($93,000.) Extended to 2022.

2016 Grant from the Mineral Resource Development company in PNG for 50,000 kina (ca. US $20,000) to support programs in research, justice and cultural education.

2014 Grant for Enga Project from the Papua New Guinea Prime Minister’s Office for ca. US$1,000,000 to develop a cultural curriculum for schools and to work with the customary law system.

2005-2011 Funding from Enga Provincial Government for research on Enga history, tradition and contemporary problems of tribal fighting and the justice system.

1988-1995 Continuing funding from the Max Planck Society and Department of Enga for research on Enga oral history and tradition and Kalahari Research.

1985 Funding from Department of Enga, Papua New Guinea for research on Enga oral history and training of Museum staff.

1985-88 Max Planck Society Grant for fieldwork in Papua New Guinea.

1973 Ford Foundation Grant for research among the !Kung Bushmen.

**Awards**

2019 Queen’s Jubilee Medal from Papua New Guinea Government for service in preserving cultural knowledge. Governor General of PNG.

2015 Distinguished Professor, University of Utah.

2014 Elected to the National Academy of Sciences.

2014 International prize. Spanish Geographical Society, Madrid.

2011Elected fellow of Wings World Quest, Women of Discovery.

2010University of Utah distinguished Scholarly and Creative Research Award.

**Media profiles of research**

2019 Ground breaking for Enga amphitheatre for customary courts.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1u6grmvT7DM2016

2016 Opening of Enga Cultural Education Programme.

1u6grmvT7DMhttps://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TvPIrOAYRxI

2016 Did campfire talk spark the rise of human culture? Melvin Konner. **The Wall Street Journal**. 25 January 2016.

2014 *Fireside tales*. **The Economist**. September 20 2014.

2104 Campfire stories may have spurred early societal learning. **LA Times,** Sept. 23 2014

2014 Why light bulbs have undone family ties, **Times of London**, Sept. 23 2014

2014 *Campfires Helped Inspire Community Culture*. Alison Gopnik, **Wall Street Journal,** October 8,2014.

2014 P33 press articles, podcasts or radio programs in English on The Embers of Society (PNAS article) plus 54 foreign press articles.

2012  In New Guinea, peace comes with a price. **Science News Magazine**, Sept 27 1012.

2012 Old traditions ease modern tribe’s warfare, **Live Science**, September 27 2012

2012 Indigenes Volk der Enga: Der Lange Kampf um den Frieden, **Der Spiegel**, 28 Sept. 2012.

2012 P15 other press articles on the 2012 New Guinea warfare paper in Science.

2010 *Anthropologist Brings Worlds Together: Profile Pauline Wiessner* by Michael Balter, **Science** Vol. 329, pp. 743-5.

2009*Conversation with Pauline Wiessner: Where gifts and Stories are Crucial to Survival* by Claudia Dreifus, **New York Times**, 25 May 2009.

**Other Projects**

**Preserving cultural knowledge for the Enga of PNG**

2006- 2022 **Museum and Conference Center. T**he Tradition and Transition Fund established by Wiessner has raised funds, organized the building of a museum and conference center, the Enga Take Anda (House of Traditional Knowledge) and equipped the museum with exhibits in Enga Province, Papua New Guinea to give the results of 25 years of research back to the people of Enga. The Enga Take Anda has been become very popular and well-visited, is revered throughout PNG. It is used: (1) cultural education centre for the schools, (2) a resource centre for groups from civil society to meet and confront the problems of a changing world with a firm understanding of the past, and (3) a research center and (4) a conference centre. The Enga Take Anda is supported by a yearly budget from the Enga Provincial Government for running, staffing and maintaining the building.

**Cultural Education** Wiessner wrote two books for the Enga school curriculum in 2015, one general ethnography of Enga culture for schools the public and public and another a Teacher’s Guide that provides detailed instructions for integrating cultural education into the Enga school curriculum for grades 6-12. The guide includes research projects for the students to investigate their own culture. Cultural education is now officially part of the curriculum. and approved by the National Department of Education and UNICEF. The Cultural Education Programme was officially launched in November 2016, the books were piloted in Enga schools in 2017-2018, and in 2021-2022 the program is being systematically integrated onto cultural education into the curriculum of all schools of Enga to serve a population of 500,000 Enga. The goal of the program is to maintain cultural knowledge to help combat the disruptive forces of rapid change.

**Amphitheatre.** The Tradition and Transition Fund worked with the Enga Provincial Government and Australian Foreign Aid to construct an open air amphitheatrerin the provincial capitol for major customary court cases and peacemaking and cultural performances opened in 2021.

**Cultural Education for customary court magistrates**. In 2023, Polly Wiessner, Akii Tumu and Nitze Pupu are holding week long workshops to train magistrates on customary law because many new magistrates grew up in times of rapid change. Follow up workshops will then be held to discuss what might be done to adept customary law to current practice.

**Food security for the Ju/’hoansi Bushmen of the Nyae Nyae area**

**2011-2019** The Tradition and Transition Fund Established by Wiessner has raised the funds and organized a program to assist with water security and a garden project to help Ju/’hoansi produce food and improve their diets. So far the material for 90 gardens has been provided to families who wish to garden. These families receive regular advice and support from the Nyae Nyae Development Foundation and the Nyae Nyae Conservancy.