

CURRICULUM VITAE

of

‘Opeti Manisela Taliai

Inducted **Fellow**

of ‘Atenisi University in 2009

Member of Atenisi Institute’s Board of Advisors in 2010

Certified Cultural Reporter for the Family Court, Ministry of Justice, New Zealand

Cultural Advisor for **Mangere Integrated Corporated Health** in Auckland, New Zealand

Chairman of New Zealand Folaha-Louto Kaiano Society of Development Incorporated

Linguistic philosopher and critic of culture at work

PhD degree in social anthropology
from MASSEY UNIVERSITY in 2007

MA (Hons) degree in anthropology
from UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND in 1989

BA degree double majoring in social anthropology and linguistics
from UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND in 1986

AA (Associate of Arts) degree
from ‘ATENISI UNIVERSITY, Tonga, in 1979

Research Topics –

1. **“*Afi* ‘Fire’ and ‘*Api* ‘Home’: A philological perspective on history of Tongan society”**
2. **“*Ha’a Ma’afu*: Implosion of Power in Tonga from *Taufa’aahau Tupou I*”**
3. **“A Rewriting of Churchward’s Tongan-English Dictionary”**

Main Interests –

Linguistic Philosophy and Philology
Hegel and Greek philosophy
Culture at work in the Pacific region
Ethics and Politics of language