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Building your capacity for research and evaluation from the indigenous world view

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Undertaking evaluation and research within the indigenous community is not an easy task. One of the challenging tasks is to build capacity within these unique communities. In this seminar, Dr Aliitasi Su’a Tavila discusses the importance of building your research capacity with the indigenous communities in order for the research to progress smoothly. Sharing personal experience and knowledge that Dr Su’a Tavila has gained from her own work, she discusses what constitutes the researcher’s interaction with an indigenous community which allows capacity building to progress. This will include some underlying issues that some indigenous and non-indigenous researchers/evaluators may encounter in relation to building their capacity when working within indigenous communities.

Aliitasi Su’a Tavila is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Health Services Research Centre, School of Government, Victoria University of Wellington. She is currently undertaking research around the Pacific nations focusing on the development of the Pacific Island Community Based Health Strategy (PICBHS) to help address the declining health of the Pacific population in New Zealand and the Pacific nations. Realising Aliitasi’s leadership role as an indigenous researcher she has held academic seminars and lectures to share her knowledge and experience gained from her research including evaluation work with the Pacific and non-Pacific community. Her academic background includes social work and social science.

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