



**From pupil to professor: A symposium on Māori  
educational pipelines and pathways**

**March 19th 2007 (8.30am to 4.30pm)**

**Ellerslie Event Centre, Auckland**

**Cost: \$40.00 per person (GST incl)**

**Convenor: Professor Linda Smith**

**Keynote speakers (1) Dr (James) Art Hicks  
Program Director, Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP),  
National Science Foundation (NSF), USA.  
(2) Dr Janice Shiner, CEO Tertiary Education Commission.  
(3) Secretary for Education, Karen Sewell for the Ministry of Education.**

Other speakers, panellists and workshop facilitators include; Professor Linda Smith of Ngā Pae o Te Māramatanga, Professor Michael Walker Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga and the School of Biological Sciences UoA, Georgina Kingi, Principal of St Joseph's Māori Girls College in Napier, Associate Professor Elizabeth McKinley, Acting Director of Starpath, UoA, Professor John Hattie, Faculty of Education UoA, Mr Wiremu Doherty, Te Amorangi Māori, Manukau Institute of Technology, Georgina Stewart PhD candidate Waikato University, Mr Te Kipa Morgan, Associate Dean (Māori), School of Engineering, Mr Phil Heeney, Principal, Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Waiu, Ruatoria, Dr Colleen McMurchie, Head of Department Te Puna Wananga, Faculty of Education UoA, Dr Robyn Manuel, Acting Director Taupua Waiora, AUT, Tony Trinick, Associate Dean (Māori) Education UoA.

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(paid on the day) or by invoice.*



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### **Background**

Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga invites you to attend a symposium that will focus on the academic “pipelines” that lead from primary school through tertiary to the top of an academic career. Our view as a research institute is a necessarily long view as an academic career begins formally on the first day of primary school. The journey from primary pupil to professor is long enough if there are no barriers (20-25 years or one generation) but extraordinarily difficult if not impossible where there are barriers. While we may have cracked the glass ceiling in some disciplines our capacity to do so in others is vastly limited by the lack of participation by Māori in those specialist areas, e.g. science, engineering, mathematics. While we may have Māori academic staff engaged in teaching and research across all our tertiary institutions many of our staff are not well placed for promotion or prepared for leadership in their disciplines and institutions. The journey from pupil to professor is not a journey we necessarily contemplate or plan for and yet we plan many other journeys through careers and through life. Why should this journey be off the horizon? The symposium invites you to participate in some lively discussion and reflection about these issues from a different vantage point.

In addition to our keynote speakers we have invited a range of panellists and resource people who will stimulate discussion and assist the symposium to draw some conclusions that we can take forward to institutions and policy agencies. Our day will be a mix of speakers, panellists and table based workshops. We look forward to your participation.

### **Venue**

Ellerslie Event Centre, 80-100 Ascot Avenue, Greenlane. Take the Greenlane exit off the motorway and head for the race course. Parking is available and free. Lunch provided.

### **Protocols**

We will start our symposium with a **mihi whakatau** and a **karakia**. You will be invited to be seated beforehand. We will end our day with a **karakia**.



## Programme

8.30am	Arrival. Tea, Coffee and informal networking
9.00am	Mihi
9.15am	Café table introductions Table hosts
9.45am	Panel 1
10.30am	Café discussions (morning tea at tables) Topic- making the difference that counts
11.00am	Keynote Speaker Dr Art Hicks introduced by Professor Linda Smith
11.45am	Questions
12.00pm	Parallel sessions
12.45pm	Lunch
1.30pm	Panel 2
2.15pm	Table workshops
3.15pm	Panel 3
4.00pm	Wrap up
4.30pm	Finish
5.00pm	Refreshments available for those wishing to avoid traffic