**TEVITA MOLISI MANU’ATU**

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**WORK HISTORY**

*August 2020 – Present* **Tongatapu District 5 Youth Council member**

 *Tongatapu District 5 Youth Council,*

 *Kolovai,*

 *Hihifo, Tongatapu,*

 *Tonga*

* Became the Communication Officer for the Youth Council of Tongatapu District 5.

*December 2019 to Present* **Assistant Secretary**

 *Ministry of Tourism*

 *Culture & Heritage Division*

 *Nuku’alofa, Tongatapu*

 *Tonga*

* Works on World Cultural Heritages (WCH) and preservation.

*July 2018 – Present* **Assistant Secretary**

*Motumaka Scholarship Club*

 *Kala’au,*

 *Hihifo, Tongatapu*

 *Tonga*

* Assistant Secretary of the Motumaka Scholarship Club
* We provide tuition for local village children (and adults) who cannot afford tuition from secondary/high school level all the way to tertiary/University level.

*Dec 2017 – Present* **Freelance Translator**

 *Proz.com*

 *-Provide Culturally Accurate and Appropriate Work*

 *Profile:* [*https://www.proz.com/profile/3150905*](https://www.proz.com/profile/3150905)

*November 2018* **Minister of Internal Affairs/Peoples’ Representative of Tongatapu district 5.**

 *Tonga Youth Parliament*

 *Tofoa, Tongatapu*

 *Tonga*

* Chosen to be the youth representative for parliament from Tongatapu district 5.
* Became Minister of Internal Affairs for the Tonga Youth Parliament, 2018.

*Aug 2015 to May 2018* **Anthropology Graduate Student Council** *Northern Illinois University*

 *DeKalb, Illinois, United States of America*

* Became a member of the Anthropology Graduate Student Council.
* Contributed to discussions on how to improve the graduate student body as a whole, and to improve study conditions.

*Jan 2018 to May 2018* **Teaching and Research Assistant**

*Northern Illinois University*

 *DeKalb, Illinois, United States of America*

* Worked as a Teaching Assistant for both the Anthropology Department and the NNGO department
* Contributed to Dr. Christopher Einolf’s research on Police brutality and torture for the NNGO department.

*Aug 2016 to Dec 2017* **Teaching Assistant**

*Northern Illinois University*

 *Dekalb, Illinois, United States of America*

Worked as a Teaching Assistant for the Anthropology Department.

* Taught some parts of the class
* Graded tests and assignments
* Proctor Exams
* Keep track of student Attendance and Participation

*Aug 2015 to Jul 2016* **Research Assistant**

*Northern Illinois University*

*Dekalb, Illinois, United States of America*

Worked as a Research Assistant for Dr. Giovanni Bennardo at the Anthropology Department.

* Analyzing Linguistic data (Tongan Language) and Tongan cultural concepts.
* Translating (Tongan to English)
* Discussing and Creating theories and concepts from Results of Analysis.
* Contribute to discussions on the “Cultural Models of Nature”

**EDUCATION**

*Aug 2015 to Aug 2018* **Master of Arts**

*Northern Illinois University*

*Dekalb, Illinois, United States of America*

Graduated with a Master of Arts degree in Anthropology August 12, 2018.

* Master’s thesis: “Tongan Cultural Model(s) of Identity”
* Presented Thesis Proposal at The 77th Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology at Santa Fe, New Mexico, March 28th to April 1st, 2017.
* Focus on Austronesian cultures (Tonga) and identity.
* Graduated with a Cumulative GPA of 3.368.

*Jan 2012 to Feb 2014* **Bachelor of Arts**

*‘Atenisi University,*

*Tufuenga,*

 *Nuku’alofa, Tongatapu,*

 *Tonga.*

Graduated with High Distinction and a GPA of 3.79

*Jan 2010 to Oct 2012* **Associate of Arts**

*‘Atenisi University,*

*Tufuenga,*

 *Nuku’alofa, Tongatapu,*

 *Tonga.*

Graduated as dux with high distinction and a GPA of 3.68

*Jan 2004 to Dec 2009* **Tonga High School**

*Nuku’alofa,*

 *Tonga*

Completed both TSSC and PSSC then graduated from high school.

**SKILLS**

*SOFTWARE/SYSTEM SKILLS*

* My work as both a Research and Teaching Assistant has made me well versed in Microsoft Word, Outlook, Excel and PowerPoint, MAXQDA and Ucinet.

*ANALYSIS SKILLS*

* Conducting Interviews
* Qualitative Analysis
* Quantitative Analysis
* Discourse Analysis
* Language and metaphor analysis
* Conversation analysis
* Sentence-level analysis
* Word-level analysis

*LANGUAGE SKILLS*

* My native language is Tongan, and have learned English as a second language as well, where both my Undergraduate and Graduate classes were taught in English. I am very fluent in both languages, and can write, read and speak in both.
* I can translate and interpret anything from English to Tongan and vice versa, taking into account the cultural context from which it is being interpreted.

*OTHER SKILLS*

* Very hard worker.
* Punctual.
* Quick-learner.
* Work well under pressure.

**PERSONAL INTERESTS**

* Cultural preservation and adaptation, skill improvement, self-improvement, rugby, table-tennis, singing and listening to music.

**REFEREES**

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