

CURRICULUM VITAE | NATHAN HOTUROA GRAY

"It doesn't matter whether the cat is black or white – so long as it catches the mouse." Deng Xiaoping

Education

- 2004 – 2005 **Post Graduate Diploma Journalism / Creative Writing: Whitireia Polytech.**
1994 – 1999 **Law (Honours): Victoria University, Wellington and UC Davis, California.**
1994 – 1997 **BA Political Science and International Relations: Victoria University.**
1993 – 1994 **Rotary Ambassadorial Exchange Student: Cape Town, South Africa.**
1988 – 1992 **Wellington College - A Bursary. Managing Prefect of Junior Students.**

Work History

- 2012 - 2014 **New Zealand Film Archive | Board of Trustees**
Strategic overview of the NZ Film Archive also sitting on the Audit and Risk, Fundraising and Constitutional Subcommittees: Oversight of the agency's five million annual budget and historic merger with the Sound Archive.
- 2009 - 2014 **Creative New Zealand Arts Council | Board of Te Waka Toi**
Maori Arts Funding Board as appointed by Attorney General / Minister of the Arts, Culture and Heritage: Hon. Christopher Finlayson. Directorship decisions for CNZ Maori Arts budget of \$4.5 million.
- 2012 - 2014 Global release of my second book: **The Age of Fire** - looking at where the human species is heading in the next 50 years: See: www.greatwalldvd.com
- 2008 - 2013 **P3 Update Magazine | Senior Feature Writer** researching global tax incentives and the world's top filming destinations and film makers for Hollywood's leading Locations Magazine. See: www.p3update.com
- 2000 - 2011 **Tu Mai Magazine | Senior Feature Writer** on Travel, Environmental, Indigenous and Socio-Political Issues: Recent assignments covering Cyclone Ondoy, the Rugby World Cup, Tsunami recovery in Thailand and Soccer World Cup in South Africa - analysing race relations. See: www.tumai.co.nz
- 2006 – 2009 **Penguin Books | Published Author - CEO, Communications, Event and Project Manager of Great Walk Talks**
As the youngest westerner in history to walk and document the entire length of the Great Wall of China, I have since written, published and launched: **First Pass Under Heaven**. The book is a New Zealand Best Seller and is available worldwide: Over 20,000 copies sold.
Domestic and international addresses include NZ Booksellers Readers and Writers in Auckland and for Penguin Global in Sydney, London, Cambridge, Oxford, Beijing, Shanghai, Chengdu, Frankfurt, New York, Cape Town and at the European Parliament. PR Articles include TVNZ Close Up, TNT UK and National Geographic Explorer Magazine where a DVD educational resource was sent through NZ and USA schools. Film script rights sold to NZ Film

Commission and Chinese translation rights to Beijing Publishers. Asia New Zealand Foundation Grant to cover the Beijing Olympics in 2008.

Skills: Extensive national and international media experience covering the mediums of television, radio, newsprint and community, educational and corporate motivational speaking circuits. (Over 200 speeches.) Awareness of company branding, on and offline marketing, copy editing, and ability to communicate key messages to a wide and varied audience.

- 2005 **Ministry of Maori Development | Communications Advisor**
Internal Communications and Media Consultant for the CEO; Leith Comer. Job involved the new branding of the Ministry, media monitoring and analysis for daily news summaries for all employees. Also helped write speeches and annual reports on the state of Maori-dom and the governmental communications strategy. Role established good contacts in corporate, political and grass roots Maori sectors.
- 2004 **Maui - One Man against the Gods | Marketing Advisor**
Public Relations and Marketing Executive for the most successful aerial theatre show in New Zealand history. TV, radio, print media, guerrilla marketing and on and offline mediums. Over 60,000 tickets sold in three performance tours through Wellington, Hamilton, Christchurch and Auckland.
- LEGAL RESEARCH / ARTICLES**
- 2003 **Waitangi Tribunal | Research Counsel**
Law clerk for Chief Judge Joe Williams of the Maori Land Court. Skills: Research, legal analysis, editing and writing legal articles for Tribunal Hearings for Te Urewera, Top of the South Island and the Petroleum Report.
- 2002 **Great Wall of China Trek: Overseas Experience**
Completion of the 4000km trek along the Great Wall. Travel articles listed overleaf and the journey shown on the National Geographic Channel.
- 2001 **Legal Council of Education | Legal Policy Analyst**
Researched how the law affects, helps and hinders members of the lower economic spectrum of New Zealand.
- 2000 **Perkins Coie, Anchorage, Alaska | Legal Associate. (Summer)**
Legal research and opinion drafting in Environmental and Corporate Law. Assisted building up the Intellectual Property Department as well as marketing the firm's profile in this leading US West Coast firm.
- 1999 **Commonwealth Development Authority: Saipan | Legal Policy Internship.** Worked on a legislative tax initiative to encourage foreign investment for the developing Northern Mariana Islands. Work involved board meetings, comparative legal research, policy discussion, and negotiations. Since passing the legislation has contributed \$2 billion to the local economy.
- 1998/9 **Chapman Tripp Sheffield Young | Legal Clerk. (Summer)**
Legal research, opinion writing and commercial conveyances in both general commercial and commercial property teams.

1996 – 1998 **Victoria University | Law Tutor.** Legal Systems 101 and Public Law 213.
Also taught the Pacific Island and Maori Tutorials.

Skills and Experience

Computers

- Microsoft Windows 8, Legal (Lexis–Nexus/Westlaw), TS: 50wpm

Writing, Publishing and Key Note Speeches

- Sunday Times Oxford Literary Festival 2008 and Frankfurt Book Fair 2007
- Blackwell's Charing Cross Book Launch for Penguin UK: (Over 150 attendants.)
- WCC China delegation to Beijing with Festival Talks in Beijing, Shanghai and Chengdu on behalf of Penguin China and the Book Worm book store.
- Alan Duff Books in Homes Charitable Trust Role Model: Over 100 school assemblies.
- Travel articles and photos published by National Geographic, TNT UK, Fairfax NZ Ltd, Metro (Beijing and Shanghai), Oak Road Photo Gallery (San Francisco), Walking New Zealand, Ramblers UK, Mana Magazine, Tu Mai, Salient, Sydney Herald, The Australian, The Sun Herald, The Independent, Sunday Star Times, P3 Update.
- For global photo gallery and DVD educational resource. See: www.greatwalldvd.com

Languages

- High proficiency in Maori and Afrikaans.
- Medium proficiency in French, Spanish, Dutch, Flemish, and Chinese.

Leadership / Competitions

- Winner of the Australasian Legal Students Association Southern Hemisphere *Client Interviewing* competition held in Perth 1998. Representative of California.
- Wellington Representative Cricket 1986-1993 (National Champions in 1986, 1990 and 1991). Captain of South African County Districts team 1993-1994.

Cultural

- Life member of cultural *kapahaka* group Ngati Poneke and Ngati Ranana 2007-2008.
- Pou toru trained for *Whare Tu Taua* and senior taiaha tutor on *Mokoia Island*.
- Member of Wellington Batucada, Brazilian Samba drumming 2003-2013.
- China Friendship Society Member 2006-2013: (Asia-NZ Foundation YL Forum 2009.)
- New Zealand Film Archive Convocation Member 2010-2014.
- Piano, Ballet, Speech and Drama trained. Lead role in *Waituhi*, New Zealand's first Maori opera as written by Witi Ihimaera. Roles in *Pearl Fishers*, *Hamlet*, *Cinderella*, *Mid Summers Night Dream*, *The Hobbit*, *What we do in the Shadows* with Rhys Darby, Taika Waititi and Jermaine Clement and played Adrien Brodie's body double in Peter Jackson's *King Kong*. Guide and friends of James and Suzi-Amis Cameron.

Sports

- Voluntary crew on the sailing ship *Spirit of Adventure* for five years.
- Travelled through 75 countries and 4WD trained. (Guided over 1000 Seal Coast tours.)
- SWAP Ski Exchange to work in Colorado for winter of 1997-1998.
- Played rugby for Swellendam High School 1st XV, South Africa, 1993-1994. League winners and shared the kicking duties with former Springbok Stefan Terblanche.

Academic Qualifications

Bachelor of Arts (Politics/International Relations) at Victoria University Wellington

Philosophy 104	A-	Top 10%	International Relations 244	A-	2 nd in class
Politics 110	A-	Top 20%	Conflict Analysis 248	A-	Top 20%
Roman History 105	A-	Top 10%	Foreign Policy Analysis 245	A-	Top 10%
European History 105	B+	Top 20%	Roman Social History 207	A-	Top 10%
Maori 101	A+	1 st in class	New Zealand Politics 206	B+	Top 20%
Maori 102	A+	1 st in class	Asian Politics 203	A	3 rd in class
Intl. Co/op and C/F 371	A+	1 st in class	Intl. Relations Theory 374	A	2 nd in class

Bachelor of Laws (Honours) at Victoria University Wellington

Legal Systems 101	A+	6 th /500	Law of Contract 211	A-	Top 10%
Law of Torts 212	A-	Top 10%	Public Law 213	A	Top 10%
Criminal Law 214	A-	Top 10%	Maori Land Law 390	A-	Top 10%
Conflict of Laws 375	B	Top 20%	Commercial Law 350	B	Top 30%
Property Law 301	B	Top 40%	International Law 370	B-	Top 40%
Bill of Rights Law 378	C+	Top 50%	Civil Procedure 381	C	Top 50%
Comparative Constitutional	B-	Top 50%	Honours Research Paper	B+	Top 20%
Law of the Arts Honours Seminar	A	2 nd in class	Law of the Sea Honours Seminar	B+	Top 20%
Masters IP Research Paper	A-	3 rd in class			

UC Davis School of Law, California USA – EAP Scholarship

Negotiations 209	B+	Top 20%	Copyright and Entertainment Law 299	B+	Top 20%
Spanish Language Course	A	1 st in class	Comparative Law 277	B-	Top 30%

Referees: Jane Kominik : NZ Film Archive Board Chair: janekominik@actrix.co.nz
 Marina Sciascia : Creative NZ Board Member: marina.sciascia@xtra.co.nz

Please do not hesitate to email for more references and information as required.

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