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Jean M. Uasike Allen
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Dr Jean M Uasike Allen's doctoral thesis is entitled *Producing, Reinforcing, and Resisting the Health(y) Education Student: A Critical Ethnography of Health Education in South Auckland Schools*.

Dr Allen's thesis is a beautifully presented and written piece of research that is a sophisticated and logically structured piece of scholarship. It demonstrates originality, scholarly contribution, theoretical fluency, innovation, and moral purpose. The integration of Western and Pacific scholarship, theory, and methodologies (specifically the use of vā, ngatu, critical ethnography, Foucault, Bhabba, Butler) challenges and critiques hegemonic perspectives on the primacy of Western, Eurocentric framings of research and offers new innovation and insight on multiple levels (health education, Pacific studies, philosophy of education). Overall this is an exceptional thesis in every respect that is and will be endlessly generative while also being personally and locally meaningful to the research site, the researcher, and the researcher's cultural community. Dr Allen is thus a worthy recipient of the 2022 Sutton Smith Award.