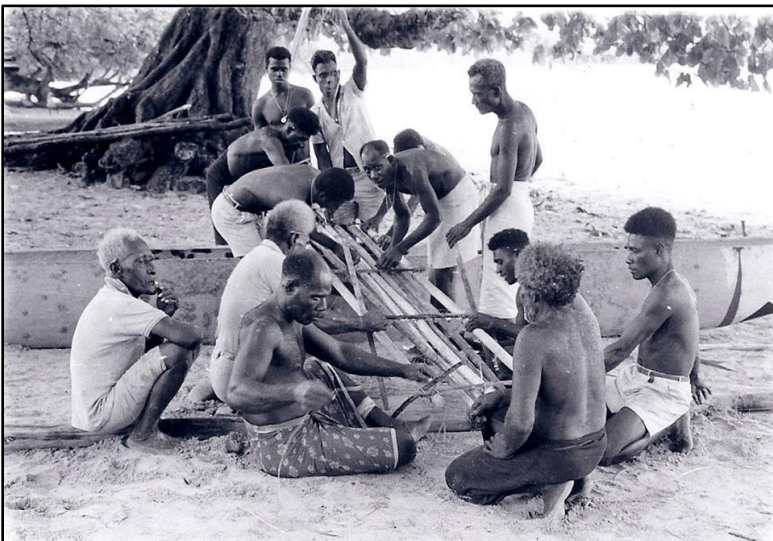


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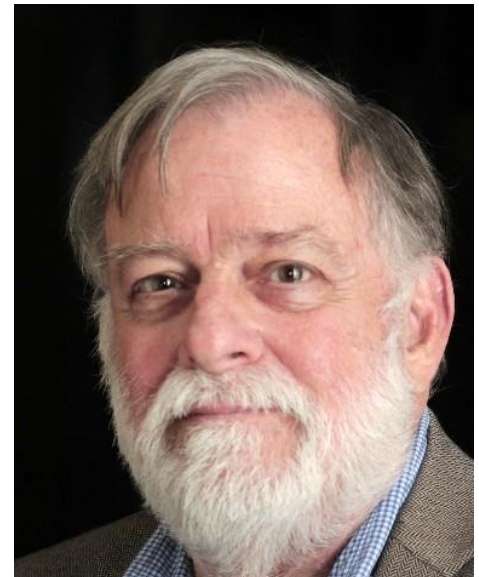
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wizardry provides a “new science of the human past,” and made part of the “express train” model of Polynesian migration. But archaeologists find the real history of Polynesia is more complex and interesting than the myth allows. Acceptance of these facts and their implications contributes in turn to decolonizing our understanding of ‘deep time’ in the Pacific.

European and American colonizers carried with them a myth that “race”, language, and “culture” could be identified with each other. Twentieth Century anthropologists, working with colonized peoples and their heritage knowledge, debunked this myth. These are distinct aspects of human life, and often not aligned. Still, myths die hard. It was revived by researchers in “archaeological genetics,” who insist their technological

John Terrell is widely known both for his anthropological research and advocacy of shared governance in contemporary museum collections. His most recent books include *A Talent for Friendship: Rediscovery of a Remarkable Trait*, and *Modeling the Past*.



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