

# Biography



## Matthew Farry

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### Qualifications

University of Otago, 1990 – 2000

**Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Cultural Anthropology**

### Relevant experience

Matthew is Executive Director of the Courageous Conversation South Pacific Institute. Launched in 2016 in Aotearoa New Zealand, the Institute is the inspired offspring of a unique partnership between the President of Pacific Educational Group, Founder and Author, Mr. Glenn Singleton and Matthew.

Matthew has worked extensively, as a leader, educator and researcher, in the field of migration, settlement, intercultural communication and relations, anti-racism, and equity and inclusion in organisational development. After receiving his doctorate in cultural anthropology from the University of Otago in 2000, he relocated to Lebanon. During his time there, he held positions at the American University of Culture and Education (Director of Communication) and at the Lebanese American University in Beirut (Assistant-Professor in the Division of Social Sciences and Education).

On his return to Aotearoa New Zealand in 2006, Matthew worked at the Office of Ethnic Communities in the Department of Internal Affairs establishing the intercultural advisory team. In 2009, he joined Unitec to establish Equity and Diversity Services. In his tenure at Unitec, he also held the positions of Associate Dean International Education and Head of Postgraduate Studies in the Te Miro Trans-disciplinary Network.

In 2014, Matthew received the International Racial Equity Leadership Award for his work with Courageous Conversations about Race and in 2016 the Courageous Conversation South Pacific Institute received the Diversity Works NZ Cultural Celebration Award.

In 2016 and 2017, he co-led the international think tank on achieving racial equity in higher education at the National Summit for Courageous Conversations about Race in Austin, Texas (2016) and Detroit, Michigan (2017).