Lombardo, Weckert lecture at UST symposium on papal encyclical *Fides et Ratio*

The UST Ecclesiastical Faculties, in cooperation with the Center for Religious Studies and Ethics, held the Fifth Leonardo Z. Legaspi, O.P., Lecture Series on Religious Studies and Ethics at the Thomas Aquinas Research Complex Auditorium from February 27 to 28, 2019. The two-day Symposium on *Fides et Ratio* (Faith and Reason), brought together philosophers, theologians, canon lawyers, and religious educators from various institutions and was held in commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the promulgation of Pope Saint John Paul II’s encyclical with the same title.

*Fides et Ratio* addressed the relationship between faith and reason. The encyclical posits that the two are not only compatible, but essential together. Reason may create a “systematic body of knowledge,” but its...
The Thomasiian Poet in Contemporary Philippine Literature
Assoc. Prof. Ralph Semino Galán

At the time of her sudden demise in 2010, Ophelia A. Dimalanta, founding Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Letters and founding Director of the UST Center for Creative Writing and Literary Studies, was considered by local and international literary critics and creative writers alike as one of the Philippines’ top poets writing in English, regardless of gender.

But aside from her considerable production as a poet, dramatist, short story writer and critic, Dimalanta has also mentored a formidable host of Thomasiian writers who have been or are currently in the forefront of Philippine literature and culture: National Artists for Literature Bienvenido S. Lumbera and the late Crito F. Bautista, UST Center for Creative Writing and Literary Studies (UST CCWLS) Director Cristina Pantója Holagico, Mahogany High School for the Arts Director Victor Emmanuel "Vim" Nadera, Jr., UP Press Director J. Neil C. Garcia, and UP System Assistant Vice President for Public Affairs and Director for Alumni Affairs Jose Wendiñel P. Capili, to name a distinguished few associated with the academy.

Dimalanta’s influence, though, as the literary doyenne from España is perhaps best felt in the genre where she had excelled the most, which is none other than poetry, the vanguard of the literary arts. But nearly a decade after her passing, how does the Thomasiian poet figure in the contemporary literary scene?

The Achieve of, the Mastery
A quick survey of the latest installment of the Thomasiian poet-writers and their recent accomplishments may provide some insights into the continuity of the Thomasiian poet’s influence on the contemporary literary scene. Indeed, whether in English or Filipino, is very much alive inside the campus of the Pontifical University.

The UST Graduate School
There is no immediate danger that the Thomasiian poet will disappear from the literary scene, even as most of the poets personally mentored by Dimalanta have already reached or about to reach middle age, for she had the foresight in the early 2000s to establish a Creative Writing program in the UST Graduate School. The 32-year old Castillo, who has an M.A. in Creative Writing, is a certified proof of the effectiveness of the program.

Not Only in English
The prominence of the Thomasiian wordsmith in poetry is not only limited to English, since there is also an equal number of exemplary Thomasiian poets writing in Filipino. Tec T. Antonio, Nadera, Michael M. Coroza, the Añonuevo siblings Roberto and Rebecca, Joselito D. Delos Reyes, Louis Jon Sanchez, Joel Pablo Salud, and Mike Maniquiz for “Tornadoes and Other Poems” (Third Prize, 2003).

All in all, the Thomasiian poetics, aside from being part of the UST CCWLS as Resident Fellows, are very active in the contemporary literary scene: Delos Reyes is the current Chair of the UST Department of Literature and a board member of Philippine PEN, while Castillo is the latest First Prize winner of the Don Carlos Palanca Memorial Award for Poetry in Filipino for his collection “Luna’t Lunas.” But will the Thomasiian poet’s winning streak continue into the future?

Undergraduate Creative Writing Program
The UST Faculty of Arts and Letters established in 2018 an undergraduate Creative Writing program to align its course offerings with the UST Graduate School, and to help ensure that the Pontifical University’s legacy of excellence in the belle lettres would continue. And gauging by the enthusiastic participation of its first batch of Creative Writing freshman students and some senior Literature majors to a recently held poetry reading organized by Galán and UST CWU Undergraduate Program Coordinator Chuckbery J. Pascual at the UST CCWLS Conference Room, to celebrate World Poetry Movement (Movimiento Poético Mundial) initiated by Medellín International Poetry Festival Director Fernando rendón, poetry indeed, whether in English or Filipino, is very much alive inside the campus of the Pontifical University.
Eight plenary speakers approached the topic from the perspective of philosophy, theology and canon law. Among them were: The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., School of Theology and Religious Studies Area Director for Historical and Systematic Theology Fr. Nicholas E. Lombardo, O.P., Ph.D., who delivered a lecture on “Faith and Reason and the Inspiration of Scripture,” and Professor Emeritus of Charles Sturt University in Australia, John F. Weckert, Ph.D., who discussed “Trust and Commitment in Science and Technology.”


A researcher in the emerging field of analytic theology, Fr. Lombardo stated that, in Fides et Ratio, St. Pope John Paul II identified current tasks for theology: it was noted in the encyclical that problems have emerged in recent times, about interpreting scripture and other texts of the Church’s living tradition. The Pope posited that a current solution to these problems will not be found without philosophy’s contribution.

An initial problem, Fr. Lombardo discussed, is that of the relationship between meaning and truth. “The theologian needs to ask: What is the deep and authentic truth which the texts wish to communicate, even within the limits of language?” he quoted from the encyclical.

Fr. Lombardo also presented his hypothesis on how God’s intended meaning related to human authors intended meaning in Scripture, and noted that his presentation offers an account of how God’s voice emerges from the many waters of scripture. Whether or not its proposal succeeds, the principles that St. Pope John Paul II gave us in Fides et Ratio continue to provide the Church a solid foundation for clarifying the meaning, the truth, and the inspiration of Sacred Scripture.

Trust and Commitment in Science and Technology

Prof. John F. Weckert, Ph.D., founding editor in chief of the Springer Journal Nano-ethics, focusing on ethics for technologies that converge at the nanoscale, discussed how trust can be enhanced by technology. It aids in communication and collaboration, which builds trust among people. Trust inhibits the use of surveillance technologies, however, are also prevalent, such as surveillance devices, social sciences and the humanities.

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Three Chemical Engineers make it to Engineering Hall of Fame; new Eng'g Award presented.

Three Thomasian Chemical Engineers of different persuasions, an entrepreneur, a priest, and a company president, were inducted into the illustrious Engineering Hall of Fame in 2019 coinciding with the celebration of the one hundred and twelfth founding school in the Philippines, the University of Santo Tomas Faculty of Engineering. Inducted were Elizabeth P. Romualdo, for entrepreneurship; Msgr. Daniel B. Sta. Maria, for Community Service; and Mario K. Surio, for Entrepreneurship. Engr. Maria P. Romualdo earned the Engineering Hall of Fame; new Eng'g Award presented.

The induction into the Hall of Fame serves as recognition of the remarkable efforts of deserving Engineering alumni who do not only succeed in their individual careers but also manifest leadership in the community. Elizabeth P. Romualdo earned her Bachelor’s degree in 1969, and a Master’s degree in programming technology at the Control Data Institute-Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA in 1971. She was awarded for Entrepreneurship having steered her company, Analytical Support Services for Environment Technologies, Inc., to its present regard CEO, into the vast corporation that it is now. She is currently the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Analytical Support Services for Environment Technologies (ASSET PH), CRL Environment Corporation, CRL Calabazacor Corporation, and CRL Analytics Corporation.

CRL Environmental Corporation made history by being the first and only laboratory outside the USA to have been granted recognition by the Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP) of the Department of Health Services (DCHS), State of California, in 1999. Romualdo’s companies are also among their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) role. One of its CSR projects is the implementation of the Memorandum of Agreement as a partner of DENR Region III to adopt and protect the Estero of Sapang Balen in Malabacat, Pampanga. The CRL Group of Companies extends scholarships grants, in various forms, to several students in the Faculty of Engineering, and in schools in Romualdo’s hometown in Alatmonan, Quezon.

Awarded for Community Service was the Bahay Pari Credit Cooperative Co-founder and General Manager: Solidaritas Funds Company Co-founder and President and Diocese of Cubao Vice General Msgr. Daniel B. Sta. Maria. He studied Chemical Engineering under full scholarship at the UST Faculty of Engineering and graduated Summa cum Laude in 1964. Msgr. Sta. Maria has served the Archdiocese of Manila and the Diocese of Cubao in various capacities, such as Finance Officer of the Catholic Charities, Trustee of the Archdiocesan Trust.

Proud of his Thomasian education, Surio is a true-blue Tostada having been educated in UST from grade school to college. He played baseball for UST in the UAAP from 1962 to 1967. The Engineering Hall of Fame was first awarded in 1996, and has inducted 26 alumni to date. The first recipient was Rev. Fr. Roque Rualio, O.P., for Engineering Design. The award was given posthumously in 1996 in recognition of his numerous works as Civil Engineer, the most famous of which is the UST Main Building, now a National Cultural Treasure. The Main Building, inaugurated in 1927, is the first earthquake-resistant building in the Philippines in its modern-day history. The other awardees include Jollibee founder Dr. Tony Tan Caktiong, who received his award in 2000 for Entrepreneurship. Engr. Fortunato Leynes, the first Filipino Chief Executive of the FDC Utilities, Inc., was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2017.

Outstanding Thomasian Engineer Award. This is given to graduates who have shown exemplary achievements in their area of practice in the field of Engineering.

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The month of February was a busy and fruitful month for the College of Rehabilitation Sciences in relation to its Global Internship Experience (GIE). The Department of Physical Therapy sent two UST students for the first GIE at Seton Hall University, USA. Eight Sports Science interns spent the month learning more about health, fitness and sports performance at the California Baptist University, USA, while another set of Sports Science students were at the Mahidol University in Thailand learning more and testing their skills.

**First PT GIE at Seton Hall University**

Joseph Alain A. Cachero and Rapha Jose Maria R. Eala belonged to the first batch of students from the Physical Therapy Department of the College of Rehabilitation Sciences to undergo the Global Internship Experience program for Seton Hall University in New Jersey, USA. The GIE Program commenced on February 1 and ended on March 1, 2019. They were accompanied by the PT Department Chair Ms. Jocel M. Regino.

The UST CRS participants were welcomed by the Dean of Health and Medical Sciences Dr. Brian B. Shulman, Ph.D., and the Assistant Chair of the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program Dr. Kim Poulsen, Ph.D. Poulsen presented the detailed program of activities prepared for the UST participants. After the general orientation, a tour of the facilities and classroom immersion followed. The students attended a special lecture for Schrott Method and US Health Care Introduction and laboratory activities such as Kinesiology III, Clinical Assessment & Diagnostic Skills and Therapeutic Interventions II. Cachero and Eala presented their internship program while Ms. Regino gave a special lecture on the use of Outcome Measure Tool to the students of Seton Hall University.

Sports science lectures and presentations, the students were given an opportunity to observe the practice of Physical Therapy in musculoskeletal, neurological, orthopedic and pediatrics both in sub-acute and outpatient settings under the supervision of licensed Physical Therapists. This experience allowed them to cultivate their international and intercultural knowledge and appreciation of physical therapy education and delivery with an opportunity to practice select patient management skills.

**Sports Science students at California Baptist University**

Eight UST CRS Sports Science interns started with faculty mentors Saul Anthony I. Sibayan, went on their Global Internship Experience (GIE) at the College of Health Sciences campus of the California Baptist University (CBU) in Riverside, CA, USA from February 1 to 28, 2019.

The students, namely, Jan Ivonne Samonte, Eric Benjamin Obispo, Neil Christian Lapiz, Francis Augusto Galang, Raymond Peter Capucos, Pauline Celine Cusing, and Isaasa Kham Apostol, learned about CBU’s values, creative techniques and current technology that are not only for research but also to assist coaches and athletes on areas where they can get important gains in fitness, health, and sports performance.

Sports Science interns tried different tests at the Exercise Physiology Laboratory and Strength and Conditioning facility of the Department of Exercise Science. They were also given the opportunity to go to the Athletic Training Laboratory and Athletic Training Center where they learned how athletes are recovering from injury. They gained experiences on: Parvo Medics TrueOne gas analyser, Environmental Chamber, Body Composition Analyzer, Changes in Respiratory Exchange Ratio on Carbohydrate and Fat metabolism, and VO2max and Wingate Testing.

The group also attended lectures on Nutrition Science, Exercise Physiology, Applied Exercise Physiology (graduate), Therapeutic Interventions, Principles of Conditioning Athletes, and Electrocardiography in Clinical Exercise (graduate) among others. They also frequently went to CBU’s Recreational Center which is the University’s main health center where faculty, students and staff can work-out.

The GIE also gave the UST students the occasion to learn about CBU’s culture and established friendship with faculty members, students and staff. The students felt that the CBU experience was an awesome encounter to cap off their final year as students of the Sports Science program at the University of Santo Tomas.

Ten Sports Science students at Mahidol University

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The UST CRS students were welcomed by the Dean of the College of Sports Science and Technology (CSTS), Dr. Chanin Lumsam. It was concluded with a campus tour. The activities on their initial week included: Sports Injuries by Dr. Kornkit Chijankit, Sports Nutrition by Dr. Alisa Nana and Functional Training Body Bar workout by Dr. Ton Chonchai. In between the week, the group experienced the nationalistic appreciation of physical therapy education and delivery with an opportunity to practice select patient management skills.

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It was on their second week that the students were challenged physically. It was what they called, ‘a test of power and strength’ since the students were actively involved in laboratory sessions in the areas of: Aqua aerobics discussed by Dr. Ton Chonchai, actual demonstration and application of Cardiovascular Testing given by Dr. Saphon Kongium, EEG brain activity with Ms. Ploy Parano, an interactive activity on clinical grading of muscles, IRM/muscle ratio and muscle action with the Thai 3rd year Sports Science students facilitated by Sports Science professors and lastly, a lecture demonstration of motion analysis and force platform application in Sports given Dr. Weerawat.

In between the week, the group visited the Sports Authority of Thailand and Siriraj Hospital particularly the Fitness Center and Rehabilitation Unit. Moreover, the week ended with a Sports Day, hosted by CSST, Mahidol University. It was a huge gathering of Sports Science students from different universities all over Thailand. Selected students from UST joined forces with Mahidol University as they proved their skills and abilities in volleyball, basketball and swimming.

The GIE is the kind of exposure that, according to the participants, has always given them the edge to ascertain the latest practices in the field of Sport Science and gauge the level of competencies of the students. They find the learning experiences gained from this educational trip as means of breaking the way in realizing the value and proficiencies of the Sports Science program.
Culinary heritage of Pancit bags NCCA research grant for Tourism Management mentors

College of Tourism and Hospitality Management faculty members Mr. Jaime Moreno, T. Mercado (Lead Researcher) and Mr. Avil Ben P. Andalicio (Co-Researcher), received a Research Grant from the National Commission for Culture and the Arts for their research titled ‘Risa de Panciteria: Preliminary Study on the Culinary Heritage Significance of Pancit using the Heritage Documentation Approach – The Case of Luzon Island, Philippines.’ The award was given during the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) Research Awards 2019.

The objective of their research on the ‘Risa de Panciteria’ is to determine the significance of Pancit present in the Luzon Island for Philippine Culinary Heritage specifically on its historical, culinary, agricultural, aesthetic, economic, health, spiritual, social and symbolic aspects by documenting it based on different international and national frameworks and conventions. The grant will run from January 2019 to October 2019. Mercado and Andalicio both teach at the Tourism Management Department of the College of Tourism and Hospitality Management.

The NCCA Research Awards is an annual recognition that supports all types of research on Philippine cultural practices and artistic expressions. It also financially supports research proposals that concentrate on disseminating Philippine culture and the arts.

Arriola, 3 UST mentors present papers at national Philosophy conference on Society, Heritage, Art

UST Research Center for Culture, Arts and Humanities Director Prof. Joyce Arriola, Ph.D., Faculty of Arts and Letters mentors Prof. Robert Montaña, Ph.D., Asst. Prof. Rhochie Avelino Matienzo, Ph.D., and Prof. Leo vivo Garcia, Ph.D., who teach at the Department of Philosophy presented their papers at the National Philosophy Conference organized by the Philippine National Philosophical Research Society (PNPRS) and Saint Louis University. The conference, held at the Fr. Francis Gevers Hall of Saint Louis University, Baguio City from February 7 to 9, 2019, had its theme “Society, Heritage and Indigenous Arts.”

Arriola, a plenary speaker, shared her expertise on the topic “Philippine Indigenous Literatures as Memory Texts,” while Montaña presented his study “Should We Treat Culturally-

Dones of CRS talks about use of Diagnostic Musculoskeletal Ultrasound in Fascia Dysfunctions at India confab

College of Rehabilitation Sciences faculty member and Center for Health Research and Movement Science Research Supervisor Assoc. Prof. Valentin C. Dones III, Ph.D., delivered a lecture titled “Real-time Ultrasound: The Stethoscope of Human Movement” to over 1,500 physiotherapists on February 1, 2019 during the 57th Annual Conference of Indian Association of Physiotherapy at the Place Grounds, Bangalore, Karnataka, India. In both gatherings, Dones introduced the emerging role of diagnostic ultrasound in capturing in-vivo images of fascia during body movements. Dones stressed the role of diagnostic ultrasound, in this modern age, in upgrading the physiotherapy services delivered to patients with musculoskeletal conditions.

Dones was the resource speaker in the Pre-conference Scientific Workshop titled “Fasciocutaneous Method and Real-time Ultrasound in the Evaluation and Treatment of Fascia Dysfunction,” held from January 30 to 31, 2019 at the NITTE Institute of Physiotherapy in Deralakatte, Mangalore, India. Forty-six professional physiotherapists attended the workshop where they learned hand-based skills and operation of diagnostic musculoskeletal ultrasound in detecting and treating fascia dysfunctions in individuals with musculoskeletal conditions.

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With the recent trend towards the development of Filipino Philosophy, this conference, representing the fusion of horizons between theoretical thinking and the unique elements of our culture, has garnered significant interest with more than 60 parallel presentations, highlighted by plenary speakers well-respected in their fields. Among the notable ones were Eric de Guia, more popularly known as Kidlat Tahimik, who presented his paper titled ‘Getting out of our Colonial Echo Chamber: Bringing out our pre-Colonial Indigenous Voice.’
UST Library organizes seminar-workshop with CPD credit units for librarians

The speakers and participants of the conference

The UST Miguel de Benavides Library offered an accredited Continuing Professional Development (CPD) program with 14 CPD credit units for UST Librarians, alumni, and other off-campus librarians. Organized by the Library in partnership with the CE-Logic Company, the seminar-workshop on ‘Library Services as Savvy by Excellence,’ was held from February 21 to 22, 2019, at the UST Library Conference Hall. It discussed the trends and technologies in the field of librarianship.

UST Prefect of Libraries Rev. Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., in his opening remarks said that there are two places in the UST campus that he can call a sanctuary: “The Chapel where students soothe and nourish their spirit, and the Library where they nurture their minds.” He welcomed the group with the feeling of joy as they participated in the seminar despite their hectic schedules.

Speakers were Info Management Specialists, Inc. (IMSI) executives, Chairman Prof. Salvacion Arlante, and Director Ms. Fides Abad. Both speakers are retired librarians and are recognized for their leadership in the librarianship profession. Arlante is the former University Librarian of the University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City while Abad is the former assistant director of the National Library of the Philippines and is the current Head Exco of the National Committee for Library and Information Services - National Commission for Culture and the Arts, and secretariat of IMSI, and Ms. Rosemarie Rosali, a member of the secretariat of IMSI.

Aparicio opened the session with a talk on ‘Influences Affecting Trends in Librarianship.’ She tackled the environmental influences affecting the delivery of information, and various library users’ needs. She reiterated that the Library now should be considered as “the third place,” which supports not only the quiet study but social study and just general socialization. She also pointed out that librarians, nowadays ought to be guides and facilitators of information who understand patron demands and are flexible to technological change to deliver effective library service and satisfy users’ needs.

The second lecture, delivered by Arlante, was ‘Learning Resources and Digital Management.’ According to her, the new information and communication technologies have greatly influenced the Library and its management and services. With the rapid technological changes, academic institutions, educators and learners are utilizing electronic/digital tools to support learning. Thus, having a hybrid library which has both physical and digital collections is essential nowadays.

A presentation and hands-on trial on the use and access of some ‘library databases’ which are offered by CE-Logic were completed in the afternoon session. The participants, who were divided into three groups based on their area of interest, were given a tour of the UST Library. The tour areas were: Heritage Library, Reference Area and Services, and Technical Section.

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Faculty of Arts and Letters student Ean Dominique R. De Castro, who is in his fourth year under the AB Economics program, participated in the Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations (HPAIR) Conference held from February 15 to 18, 2019 at the Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S.A.

Over the years, HPAIR’s international conferences have emerged as one of Harvard University’s largest student-run annual events in the Asia-Pacific region, welcoming a wide variety of distinguished speakers and future leaders. It engages highly qualified delegates from 80 countries from all over the world. Hence, being accepted to the HPAIR Harvard College Conference represents an extraordinary accomplishment of support and recognition.

With the event’s grand theme “Ignite: Inspiring a New Global Narrative,” 2019 Harvard Conference this year was comprised of a phenomenal group of speakers, namely, Dr. Dino Patti Djalal (Former Indonesian Ambassador to the U.S.), Dr. MK Tan (Chief China Economist of Goldman Sachs), Mr. George D. Yancopoulos, M.D., Ph.D. (President and Chief Scientific Officer of Regeneron Pharmaceuticals), General ANM Muniruzzaman (President and CEO, Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security Studies), Mr. Richard Robinson (Founding Partner, nHack), Prof. Karen Thornber (Director of the Harvard University Asia Center), and among others. During the conference, the delegates discussed and learned about the most important economic, political, and social issues facing the Asia-Pacific region. Participants were divided into six tracks, namely, Arts, Media and Culture, Energy and Environmental Sustainability, Entrepreneurship and Technology, Global Market and the Economy, Governance and Politics, and Social Policy and Justice.

The delegates also had the opportunity to explore Harvard’s campus and the Boston area, including sites such as the Freedom Trail, Boston Common, Museum of Fine Arts, Ritz Carlton Hotel, the site of Gala Night.

De Castro was the only undergraduate student from the University of Santo Tomas who participated in the HPAIR 2019 Conference. He was assigned in the Energy & Environmental Sustainability Track. As an Economics major he strongly believes that the environment and the economy are really both sides of the same coin. “Environmental sustainability should be taken into consideration while growing the economy,” said De Castro.
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Damagan
Allan Popa

This poetry collection attempts to retrieve the memory of a time past; the verses are charged with resistance, seemingly against the currents of time. Popa's words move on the paper, drawing the reader in and pushing the reader back once again, as Galileo Zafra observes: "Ang pagbabasa ng mga tula ni Allan Popa ay pakikipagsapalaran lagi sa walang katiyakan. Madalas, hihilahin ka paloob-palabas ng tula, at aakayin sa sikot, ligid, lalim nito."

Aralin at Siyasat:
Mga Pagninilay Hinggil sa Tula
Louie Jon A. Sanchez

In this book of criticism, Sanchez recognizes the critical role of the writer both as a craftsman and as an inspector, a critic. On the use of the word "pagninilay," Sanchez notes, "Sa ganitong pagpapangalan, parang nababalikan ko, mul na mul, ang kabilang ng tula na tumatag sa daramatikong mula rito ng kilap-diwang maaaring makapagdiwang ng panibagong at sariling tining sa daan ng buhay."
Chargé d’affaires, a.i., of the Embassy of Romania in the Philippines Mr. Mihail Sion (left) visited the University of Santo Tomas on March 15, 2019. He was welcomed by UST Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D., A.P.R.