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UST Rector is re-elected Executive Secretary of Association of Southeast and East Asian Catholic Colleges and Universities

University of Santo Tomas Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., Ph.D., was elected Executive Secretary of the Association of Southeast and East Asian Catholic Colleges and Universities (ASEACCU) for a second three-year term during the 2018 ASEACCU conference held from August 21 to 26, 2018 at the Elisabeth University of Music in Hiroshima, Japan. As Executive Secretary, he will serve as the Association's chief administrative officer from 2018 to 2020.

The ASEACCU, a regional association of Catholic institutions of higher learning within the region, aims to promote Catholic higher education, to be active supporters for the local Churches, and to contribute to educational discourse on an international level.

Anchored upon the *Ex Corde Ecclesiae* or the Apostolic Constitution of the Supreme Pontiff John Paul II on Catholic Universities, the ASEACCU serves as a forum for its member institutions for exchanging ideas, sharing resources, and forming partnerships among themselves, with other educational institutions, and with governments across the globe.

Fr. Dagohoy was previously elected as the Executive Secretary of ASEACCU in 2015.

Concurrently, Fr. Dagohoy serves as Vice President of the France-based International Federation of Catholic Universities.



Very Rev. Fr. Dagohoy, O.P.

Taiwan Youth Ambassadors, UST students perform in 2018 cultural exchange night



Taiwan Youth Ambassadors perform the Lion Dance and showcase tricks using the Diabolo (rightmost).

A group of 25 outstanding students from different schools across Taiwan comprise this year's Taiwan Youth Ambassadors (TYA) serving as part of the annual International Youth Ambassador Exchange Program organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) of the Republic of China (Taiwan).

In a night of songs and dances, the University of

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Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in the Philippines Representative Mr. Michael Peiyung Hsu engages with the cultural exchange participants in his message.

Santo Tomas (UST) and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in the Philippines hosted “2018 Taiwan Night” on September 4, 2018, 6:00 p.m., at the Dr. Robert C. Sy Grand Ballroom of the UST Paredes building. Students of the University of Santo Tomas (UST) and the TYA performed before an audience composed of students, faculty, administrators from UST and esteemed members of the Taiwan community in the Philippines and the members of the TECO in the Philippines.

The Taiwan Night was the culmination of a one-day visit of the youth ambassadors that included a courtesy call on UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P. It was preceded by a campus tour that was facilitated by the Office of Public Affairs and assisted by students of the Faculty of Arts and Letters under the Asian Studies program.



Taipei Economic and Cultural office in the Philippines Representative Mr. Michael Peiyung Hsu (in white barong, holding Philippine flag), UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., (center, in red necktie), and Delegation Leader Mr. Steve C.C. Hsia (in dark green coat, holding Taiwan flag) with the 2018 Taiwan Youth Ambassadors at the University of Santo Tomas during the Taiwan Night

The visit to UST by the Taiwan Youth Ambassadors was part of the annual International Youth Ambassador Exchange Program organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) of the Republic of China (Taiwan). This program groups young representatives into teams, with each group traveling to different partner nations to interact with research institutes and engage in volunteer activities. This year, a total of 75 students out of over 800 applicants were selected to become youth ambassadors.

The youth ambassadors were led by the Director General on Home Assignment of the Public Diplomacy Coordination Council of the TECO in Los Angeles Mr. Steve C.C. Hsia. The Deputy Counselor on Home Assignment of the Department of General Affairs of the MoFA Mr. Steven Y.M. Lin serves as deputy leader of the delegates.

UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., in his welcome remarks, shared his pride in the cultural encounter, saying that, “Tonight’s event is indeed very special because it is a time to showcase the best of [Taiwan’s and the Philippines’] cultures. May this occasion inspire us to continue working together as well as aspire for higher ideals through significant cultural engagements.”

“[Developing] connectivity [between the TYA and students from the schools they visit] can contribute to the understanding between two countries, between two people,” said TECO Representative Mr. Michael Peiyung Hsu in his message. He added, “The main purpose of [the youth exchange program] is to help the young leaders in Taiwan have a broader international vision.”

The UST Symphony Orchestra, which is the only campus-based orchestra that is part of the resident companies of the Cultural Center of the Philippines; the renowned UST Salinggawi Dance Troupe, which recently celebrated its golden anniversary; and the two-time Choir of the World winner UST Singers also treated the guests with songs and dances that highlighted the diverse Filipino culture. Local folk songs, fantasy-interpretations of popular songs such as “Anak” were played by the Orchestra, while the UST Singers performed the Ifugao rice-harvest song “Ahibakle,” and “Hibang sa Awit” composed by Ryan Cayabyab, among others. The Salinggawi presented Philippine Dances such as the *Bulaklakan*, the *Karatong*, and *Sayaw sa Bangko*.

In turn, the Taiwan Youth Ambassadors showcased their culture and talents through various performances with the theme “Taiwan’s Youth, Citizens



The UST Salinggawi Dance Troupe performs the *Bulaklakan*, or the Dance of Flowers, which is usually done to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary.



UST Symphony Orchester, under the baton of Prof. Herminigildo Ranera, Ph.D., (center), plays a medley of Filipino songs.



The UST Singers showcases its rendition of *Ahibakle*, an Ifugao rice harvest song.

of the World.” They were able to highlight their traditional festivals and dances through the Lion Dance and the Hakka Tea-Picking Dance, traditional and contemporary entertainment through the Shadowplay, Puppetry and Diabolo (Chinese Yoyo).

The Minister of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) in Taiwan launched its first international exchange program for the youth in 2009 to promote cultural linkages with its neighboring countries. Coordinated by the UST Office of Public Affairs, the 2018 Taiwan Night is the third cultural experience with the Taiwan Youth Ambassadors hosted by UST. The first having been in 2016 and the second, in 2017.

INTERNATIONALIZATION

College of Nursing joins Nursing Education fair in Indonesia



Representatives of the five participating colleges of nursing from the Philippines

The UST College of Nursing joins the First Nursing Education Fair organized by the Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines in Jakarta, Indonesia held at the Grand Aston City Hall Hotel, Medan City, North Sumatra, Indonesia on July 30 and 31, 2018.

The UST College of Nursing was one of the five participating institutions from the Philippines and was represented by Nursing faculty member Asst. Prof. Beryl P. Battad and UST Office for Admission Marketing Officer Mr. Steve Michael M. Moore. During the education fair, Battad discussed the institution’s profile, administration and faculty profiles, the B.S. Nursing program, learning facilities, and the college’s programs on research, community extension services and international relations and programs. Information on fee schedules, estimates of living costs for students, statistics of the performance in the nurse licensure examination and employment statistics of the graduates were also discussed.

The two-day fair was attended by senior high school and undergraduate students, faculty, and administrators of various schools of nursing in the city



(From left) Office of Admissions staff member Mr. Steve Michael M. Moore and College of Nursing Asst. Prof. Beryl P. Battad in the UST booth

of Medan. The education system in the Philippines, particularly nursing education, was thoroughly discussed. Several students showed interest in enrolling in both the undergraduate and graduate programs of nursing. Likewise, the faculty and administrators from selected nursing schools expressed their desire to establish linkage with the UST College of Nursing for student and faculty mobility programs and research collaborations.

The Nursing Education Fair aims to help Indonesian students who consider studying in the Philippines to be aware of the excellent and world-class educational institutions and facilities that the Philippines offers, at a competitive cost.

CRS Global Internship Experience for students includes partner universities in Japan, Thailand, USA



Dimaguila practices providing aquatic therapy at Srinakharinwirot University.

Niigata University of Health and Welfare students

A group of students accompanied by a faculty member from the Department of Physical Therapy of the Niigata University of Health and Welfare (NUHW), Niigata, Japan arrived on August 18, 2018 to commence their monthlong Global Internship Experience (GIE) program with the UST College of Rehabilitation Sciences.

The delegation was headed by Prof. Hideaki Takahashi, and composed of four students Ms. Yukika Masui (3rd year), Ms. Keiko Saito (3rd year), Ms. Haruka Takasugi (1st year), and Ms. Ann Sekizawa (1st year).

A meeting between the academic officials led by CRS Dean Assoc. Prof. Anne Aseron and the NUHW participants took place on August 20. They were joined by Ms. Paulin Morato-Espino and faculty members for a welcome reception and orientation on the various activities that they experience for their stay.

Included in the schedule are exposure trips and internship duties in selected CRS internship affiliation centers and programs, classroom immersion and cultural exchanges.

Prof. Takahashi, for his part, gave a special lecture titled "Bone and Cartilage: possibility of Physical Therapy" for the

physical therapy students of CRS who are in their fourth year. This student-faculty exchange between UST-CRS and NUHW commenced in 2013 and is still active up to present.

UST- Srinakharinwirot University exchange students

A group of Physical Therapy (PT) Interns from the University of Santo Tomas College of Rehabilitation Sciences (UST CRS) were sent to Thailand under its Global Internship Experience program in collaboration with Srinakharinwirot University (SWU).

The students from UST, Ciara Audrey Deang, Isabella Dimaguila, Lady Marella Mangahas, and Bianca Vergel de Dios, together with PT faculty member Ms. Arlene Chiong Maya, engaged in an activity-packed program that started in August 6 and ended in August 31, 2018 arranged by the Thai Red Cross Society. They were involved in evidence-based assessment and treatment of neurologic patients and were able to observe how robotics and weightless treadmill exercises in PT were done. They participated in a special lecture delivered by Dr. Marco Pang in SWU and gave a report in a case presentation and journal reporting.

The PT students from SWU, Thitirat Suphasubtrakul, Pavarisa Chinvesyawong and Chutikan Yaiyong, were also



CRS students assist in placing sensors for motion analysis.

accommodated in the college from August 20 to 30, 2018. The PT society showed Filipino hospitality to the Thai students by giving them a campus tour and cultural immersion activities. Aside from a class session of the Filipino language, they also attended and participated in some of the PT courses. Their visit to the University of Santo Tomas-University Athletics Association of the Philippines (UST-UAAP) team and the Philippine Cerebral Palsy Incorporated further enriched their PT student learning experience.

Seton Hall University students' fieldwork

The Department of Occupational Therapy of the College of Rehabilitation Sciences provided clinical placements for the Level 2 fieldwork of two occupational therapy students from Seton Hall University namely, Ashley Simpson and Gloria Provenzano, through its Global Internship Experience program. The two students were assigned to a variety of facilities from August 6 to 31, 2018.

Observations and hands-on client management were provided to the two students across different settings namely, adult physical dysfunctions, adult psychosocial dysfunctions, pediatrics, and community-based rehabilitation. The partner affiliation centers of the department were tapped for their clinical placements. The students were also required to attend the Seminar class for clinical correlations and integration every Friday. To strengthen the thrust of the program, they were also given cultural immersion activities through tours

inside the University and within the metropolis by the Occupational Therapy Society.

Mahidol University Sports Science students

Three students under the Sports Science program of the Mahidol University (MU) in Thailand participated in the Global Internship Experience Program of the Department of Sports Science of the College of Rehabilitation Sciences (CRS) of the University of Santo Tomas and the College of Sports Science and Technology of the Mahidol University.

MU students Jirapat Pongsalee, Anantaya Saiboonkamol and Sawita Sangsiwarit took their internship in UST from July 16 to August 11, 2018. They were given extensive training in the different fields of Sports Science and were exposed to the current Sports Science system and practice in the Philippines.

During the first week of their internship, the students were welcomed by the administrators of the UST CRS Sports Science Department and were given a tour of the campus that highlighted the rich history and culture of the University. The succeeding days of the first week were spent at the Sports Science Laboratory. They underwent physical fitness testing on their first day at the center, followed by several group exercise programs. The group was also given the chance to observe and assist in the trainings of several UST UAAP teams.

The following weeks were spent at the Kinetix Lab and 360 Fitness Center, where the group was given hands-on experience in group exercises and exercise prescription as well as assisting in handling clients in the centers.

The last week was spent with the Lyceum of the Philippines University Basketball Team, which is currently competing in the NCAA season 94. The MU group was given the chance to observe and assist in training the basketball team as well as attend several team functions and games.

Starting in May 2013, the UST and MU internship experience has been enriching the internship experience of the students of both universities through a continuous and yearly program of activities.

LECTURES & CONFERENCES

Canon Law organizes Lectures on Pope Francis' *Motu Proprio Mitis Iudex Dominus Iesus*



Rev. Fr. Flores, J.U.D.

Canon Law and Civil Law expert, Sr. Eloisa C. Inocentes, RVM, Rev. Fr. Danilo Flores, J.U.D., and tribunal judge of the Diocese of Rome, Rev. Fr. Arnold Semilla, J.C.D., delivered lectures on innovations and updates in the light of the Reform Law on the declaration of nullity of marriage at the UST Martyrs' Hall on August 16, 2018.

Faculty of Canon Law Dean, Rev. Fr. Isaias Tiongco, O.P., welcomed the participants who were comprised of both clergy and laity from various dioceses not only in the Philippines, but in Asia and the Pacific. Different religious institutions and theological schools were also represented.

In response to the Roman Pontiff's call for renewal in ecclesiastical structures and pastoral care, particularly in relation to the Sacrament of Marriage, Fr. Flores lectured on the necessity of establishing pre-judicial and pastoral counseling processes in every diocese. The three-level process would involve and empower parish priests, ordained ministers and qualified laity in collaboration with

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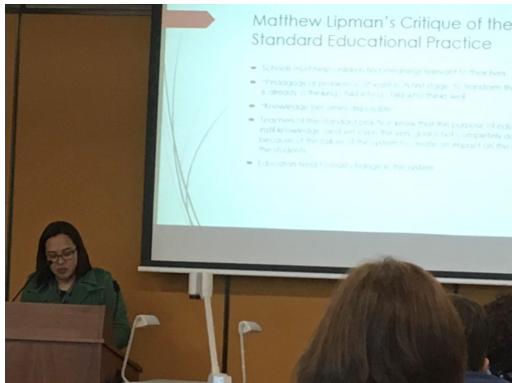


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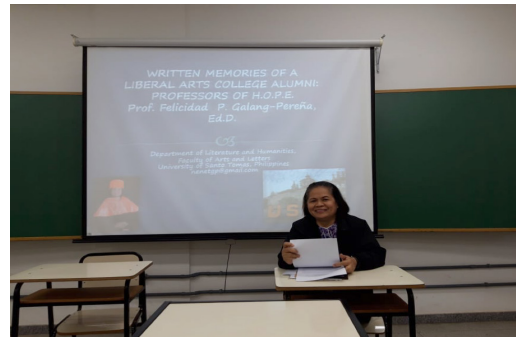


Rev. Fr. Isaias D. Tiongco, O.P., J.C.D., Dean of the Faculty of Canon Law (fourth from left), Rev. Fr. Arnold S. Semilla, J.C.D., tribunal judge of the Diocese of Rome (third from left), and Rev. Fr. Danilo R. Flores, J.U.D., guest professor at the Faculty of Canon Law (second from left), with participants and organizers of the lecture

Five Arts and Letters mentors present papers at various conferences in Australia, Brazil, Taiwan, Switzerland



Bolaños presents her research in Australia.



Pereña discusses alumni memories in Brazil conference.



Lintao in Kaohsiung, Taiwan for the SEALS conference

Asst. Prof. Marella Ada V. Mancenido-Bolaños, Ph.D., of the Department of Philosophy, Prof. Felicidad P. Galang-Pereña, Ed.D., of the Department of Literature, Dr. Rachelle B. Lintao, of the Department of English, Asst. Prof. Rhochie Avelino E. Matienzo, Ph.D., and Prof. Franz Giuseppe F. Cortez, Ph.D., of the Department of Philosophy, were the five faculty members from the Faculty of Arts and Letters who presented papers and attended conferences in international conferences that dealt with topics that range from teaching Philosophy, using memories to write, sea disputes as represented in Philippine and Chinese media, to the practice of ethics in business.

Bolaños in Australia

Department of Philosophy faculty member Asst. Prof. Marella Ada V. Mancenido-Bolaños, Ph.D., presented a paper titled "Matthew Lipman's Critique of the Standard Educational Practice and the Case of the Teacher Education Program in the Philippines" during the biennial conference of the Federation of Australasian Philosophy in Schools association held from July 9 to 11, 2018 at The Hale School, Wembly Downs, Western Australia and at the University of Notre Dame, Fremantle.

The conference started with the In-Action day held at The Hale School, Wembly Downs, Western Australia. The In-action day showcased community of inquiry sessions which were participated in by lower and middle school students.

The sessions were facilitated by Peter Worley and Louise Gusterson. The second and third days were held at the University of Notre Dame, Fremantle where Sandra Lynch of the University of Notre Dame and Michael Hand of University of Birmingham delivered their keynote presentations.

In her paper, Bolaños argued that Lipman's critique remains relevant to this day because the problems of the standard educational practice remain unexamined. She likewise argued that Philosophy in Schools (or Philosophy for Children or Community of Inquiry) cannot be fully implemented in the Philippines precisely because the teacher training program lacks Philosophy courses that will prepare its future teachers to critically and reflectively facilitate the implementation of Philosophy in Schools.

Bolaños concluded that there is a necessity for colleges of Education to once and for all revisit their curriculum and look into the possibility of adding more Philosophy courses which are to be taught by trained faculty members because a course in Logic and a diffused Philosophy of Education taught by untrained faculty members will not lead into the proper implementation of Philosophy in Schools. Scholars affirmed that her observations and recommendations were indeed correct.

Pereña in Brazil

To further her research interest on Memory Work, Prof. Felicidad P. Galang-

Pereña, Ed.D., of the Department of Literature and Humanities, Faculty of Arts and Letters presented her paper titled "Teaching with HOPE: Written memories of Liberal Arts College Alumni of their Unforgettable Professors" at the International Auto/Biographical Association (IABA) biennial world conference (IABA Brazil 2018) held at the Universidade Federa de Sao Jao del-Rei, State of Minas Gerais, Brazil, enabling her to be included in the roster of IABA new scholars. A book project is also being proposed for the selected papers of IABA Brazil 2018.

With the theme "Secret Lives: Hiding, Revealing, Belonging," this conference "delves into questions of how lives become concealed by theorizing the ways in which we choose to keep secret and reveal our lives; how non-authorial others shape life stories; imposed and sanctioned silencing; the passage of time as an erasure of lives; and the relationships between hiding, being hidden, revealing, and ideas of belongings."

Pereña's paper, using the lens of phenomenology, endeavored to surface narratives of student-teacher relations through memory work, the research method developed by Frigga Haug within

the women's movement in the beginning of the 1980s, which underlying theory was pinned down by Small in 2007 as a social constructionist method with the self being socially constructed through reflection—memories.

The International Auto/Biography Association (IABA) is an interdisciplinary international group founded in 1999 to create a way for researchers and cultural producers in the field of biography, autobiography and life writing to share their work. Since 2000, the members of IABA have held an international conference every two years in China, Canada, Australia, Germany, the United Kingdom and the United States.

The IABA is maintained by a group of senior scholars, most of whom have organized and overseen an IABA conference or event. It also has a close relationship with important academic journals, maintaining several chapters that work in concert with the biannual IABA World conference and hold their own events: IABA Europe, IABA Americas, and IABA Asia-Pacific.

There is also the SNS Network for graduate students and new scholars who want to discuss issues connected to the study of life writing. The conference held

at the São João del Rei, Brasil is the eleventh biennial. The next conference will be held in Turku, Finland in 2020.

Lintao in Taiwan

Assoc. Prof. Rachelle B. Lintao, Ph.D., of the Department of English presented her paper titled "Representations of the Sea Disputes in Philippine and Chinese Media" at the 28th Southeast Asian Linguistics Society (SEALS) Conference in Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages, Kaohsiung, Taiwan. Lintao's paper examined a cross-cultural perspective on how the top popular press in the Philippines and China portray an evaluative stance as regards the South China SEA tensions.

The three-day conference brought together more than 100 presenters from around the world stretching all the way from North America, Europe to Southeast Asia. The first and the only academic society in the world that focuses on research on the languages of South East Asia, SEALS is on the forefront of facilitating communication among scholars and students considering that Southeast Asia is of extraordinary linguistic diversity. The society advocates the documentation, analysis and teaching and maintenance of South East Asian languages.



Matienzo discusses his research on Boracay at the conference in Switzerland

Matienzo, Cortez in Switzerland

Asst. Prof. Rhochie Avelino E. Matienzo, Ph.D., and Prof. Franz Giuseppe F. Cortez, Ph.D., of the Department of Philosophy attended the International Conference on Managing and Teaching Business Ethics held in LassalleHaus, Bad-Schönbrunn, Switzerland.

The conference is the second in a series of the three international conferences on teaching and managing business ethics.

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Rev. Fr. Tiongco, O.P., (front row, center) Rev. Fr. Semilla, J.C.D., (front row, second from left) and Rev. Fr. Flores, J.U.D., (front row, fourth from left) with participants and organizers of the lecture.

canonical advocates and lawyers in every stage of receiving the sacrament. The process is "geared towards the safeguarding of the dignity of the Sacrament of Matrimony" and synergizes efforts to offer extrajudicial, judicial and post-judicial assistance towards a more holistic pastoral care for couples and families.

Just as relevant and closely related was Fr. Semilla's lecture on "Essential Innovative Tribunal Practices of the Reform Law on the Declaration of Nullity of Marriage." Echoing the spirit of Pope Francis' *Motu Proprio*, he challenged the participants to keep in mind that "we are not a civil tribunal but an ecclesiastical tribunal." Thus, we ought to "be merciful and compassionate." He proposed some concrete strategies that dioceses and parishes could adopt to complement the "processus brevior" or shortened process in matrimonial cases, making it more economical for both the faithful and the diocese and significantly increasing the availability of assistance offered to Catholic couples in need.

UST Scholar-in-Residence Reyes delivers keynote lecture at Japan conference on ethical literary criticism



Dr. Torres-Reyes chairs the 3rd CLASS colloquium in Fukuoka, Japan. RCAAH Director Prof. Joyce Arriola, Ph.D. is also present (second from left).

UST Scholar-in-Residence and UNITAS Editor in Chief Maria Luisa Torres Reyes, Ph.D., was the keynote lecturer on the second day of the 8th International Symposium on Ethical Literary Criticism of the International Association of Ethical Literary Criticism (IAELC) hosted by Kyushu University held from July 27 to 30, 2018 at the Kitakyushu International Convention Center, Fukuoka, Japan. The conference featured more than 200 speakers from universities worldwide, in over two dozen parallel sessions and plenary lectures.

Research Center for Culture, Arts, and Humanities Director Prof. Joyce L. Arriola, Ph.D., and professor at the Department of Literature of UST, presented a paper, "Ethical Dimension of Personality Comedy in 1950s Filipino Komiks-to-Film Adaptation" in the parallel session, The Mobility of the World and the Ethics of Literature. She also delivered a paper titled "Media(ted) Liquidities: Films into Novels," at the Cultural, Literary, and Arts Studies Society (CLASS) colloquium on Literary Liquidities: Post/colonial Places/Spaces.

The keynote lecture of Prof. Reyes was titled "The Ethical in the Aesthetic/The Aesthetic in the Ethical" which analyzed selected Philippine literary texts that draw from local and foreign traditions in different languages. Her lecture on how the "ethical turn" in literary studies interfaces with the "aesthetic turn" was her contribution to the ongoing critical interventions in interdisciplinary genre studies and ethical criticism under the rubric of literary and

cultural studies. It was the first time that an IAELC international conference featured Philippine Literature in a plenary session.

Reyes is the founding editor and editor emerita of the widely indexed international journal, *Kritika Kultura*, published by the Ateneo de Manila University, where she taught for many years. She is also the author of *Banaag at Sikat* (2010), the award-winning book of literary criticism on the first "socialist" novel in Asia, published by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, and *SipatSalin* (2012), a collection of her poems and their translations in various foreign and local languages. In her international publications, her scholarly interests include the exploration of the ways in which "Western" ideas, both literary and critical, have been transformed and "refunctioned" in the Philippines and other non-Western contexts.

The topics for the 2018 IAELC conference papers ranged broadly from critical categories and scholarly methodologies, and the theory and practice of ethical literary criticism across national traditions, comparative to interdisciplinary approaches, histories, languages, and genres.

The IAELC is an international literary and cultural organization that aims to "provide a forum and resource for scholars and advanced students all over the world" as well as an "opportunity to share their findings in the study of literature and ethics." As an organization, it tries to link "all those working in ethical literary criticism

in theory and practice and to encourage the discussion of ethical value in literary creation and criticism."

In the same conference, Reyes, who also teaches Literature, moderated the twin sessions on Global Mobility and Ethics in Literature and she chaired the colloquium on Literary Liquidities: Postcolonial Places/Spaces, which was the 3rd in a series of colloquia organized annually by CLASS, an international association of teachers, scholars, researchers, academics, and students of literary and cultural studies which is based in the Philippines and registered by the Securities and Exchange Commission, of which she is a founding member and the current President.

IAELC international seminar in UST

In 2019, UST will host an international seminar of IAELC from April 27 to 30 which will be jointly organized with the IAELC, Interdisciplinary Studies of Literature, Institute for Interdisciplinary Studies of World Literature in Zhejiang University, China, and UNITAS, and RCAAH of UST.

The topics of the UST conference shall include: Ethical Literary Criticism: Concept Analysis and Theory Mapping; Ethical Literary Criticism and Interdisciplinary Studies; Ethical Literary Criticism and the Re-reading of World Literary Canons.

While participation in the conference is by invitation only, attendance in the conference will be open to the public.

Thomasian specialist spearheads national Wound Care symposium



Dr. Foronda
(photo courtesy of Wound Care Philippines)

With wound care as an emerging practice in the country, the University of Santo Tomas College of Rehabilitation Sciences (UST CRS), in partnership with the Wound Care Institute of the Philippines (WCIP), spearheaded the 3rd Philippine National Symposium

in Wound Care held from July 21 to 22, 2018 at Hotel Rembrandt, Quezon City.

Led by UST alumnus and WCIP founder Dr. Thomas Joseph Foz Foronda, the two-day seminar was attended by speakers practicing abroad with expertise in wound care. It was aimed at updating the 68 healthcare professionals regarding comprehensive wound assessment and nutritional assessment, pressure injuries, burn rehabilitation, in-depth analysis on surgical wounds, venous and arterial insufficiency, and the different techniques in wound management led by Foronda, Debridement techniques and several specialized treatment approaches led by Dr. Warren Mangio and the different nursing perspectives on wound care management led by Mr. Armzed Cantuba and Ms. Jamellah Gimenez.

Foronda, a Physical Therapy graduate of CRS in 2002, is a Certified Wound Specialist with a Doctorate in Physical Therapy earned at the Boston University in 2009. He founded the Wound Care Institute of the Philippines in 2010 with the aim to improve the quality of wound care in the country by educating allied medical professionals in performing appropriate and exemplary wound management to achieve optimum outcomes in the patients.

The WCIP conducts annual seminars and trainings on wound care and aims to develop wound care awareness and management in the Philippines. The first Philippine national symposium on wound care was held in 2011 while the second was in 2016.

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The first which was held in June 2017 in Manila, Philippines focused on the South-East Asian participants while the third will be held in July 2019 in Santa Clara, California, USA.

More than 80 scholars and practitioners from 21 countries, particularly from Europe and Africa participated in the conference. The conference, whose aim was to explore "the challenges of doing business in an ethical manner in the modern globalized world" in the light of the Ignatian tradition, focused on two points: first, academic exchange among professionals and scholars on business ethics; second, interactions between specialists and practitioners in corporations, in the spirit of Ignatian formation.

The conference topics were on the challenges, practices and theories to further enhance the practice of ethics in the business sector. There was also an encounter with the actual business leaders, such as CEO Pius Baschera

of Hilti Corporation in Liechtenstein, Antoinette Hunziker-Ebneter, founder and CEO of Forma Futura Invest AG, Peter Zehnder, consultant at Egon Zehnder Professional Services, Eva Hauselmann, founder and manager of Despite Ltd., Consultancy, and Dorothea Bauer, founder and owner of Baur Consulting AG and a discussion on the ethical challenges theory corporations and governmental institutions experienced. A corporate tour to the 124-year old Victorinox Factory of the famed Swiss Army Knife with its CEO Carl Elsener personally welcoming the participants was part of the conference experience.

Matienzo of the Faculty of Arts and Letters, Department of Philosophy, Graduate School and RCAAH presented his paper titled "Boracay, a Cesspool? A Reading of *Laudato Si* on the Best Island in the World," and Cortez presented a paper titled "Reflecting together on the Vocation of the Business Leader: A Suggestion for Classroom Engagement."

The conference was organized by Tobias Karcher, S.J., Director of Lasalle-Haus and Lasalle-Intitut in Zug, Switzerland, Kirk Hanson, Executive Director of the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics at the Santa Clara University in California and Oscar G. Bulaong Jr., Director of the Gov. Jose B. Fernandez Jr. Ethics Center at the Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines. The institutional organizers were the International Association of Jesuit Business Schools, ESADE Business School, Ramon Llull University (URL) Barcelona and the Hochschule für Philosophie, München.

The conference also included a visit to the landmarks of Switzerland such as the famous basilica of Abbey of the Our Lady of Einsiedeln (home of the Black Madonna) and the hermitage of the medieval saint Bruder Klaus, a Swiss religious and political leader in Flüeli-Ranft, Switzerland overlooking the beautiful Alpine mountains.

Confab in UST on innovation for environment promotes rice production, environmental issues



PSSN President Prof. Arlen A. Ancheta, Ph.D., (standing) engages the conference participants in her discussion.



ICoNSIE 2018 participants interact in a small group discussion.

Various research studies particularly on rice and rice production and ecological sustainable management were the primary topics discussed during the 18th Philippine Society on the Study of Nature (PSSN) Annual International Conference on Nature Studies and Innovation for the Environment 2018 (ICoNSIE 2018) held recently at the Thomas Aquinas Research Complex of the University of Santo Tomas.

The conference was attended by local and international researchers, students, and professors. On the first day of the conference, the speakers included Dr. Bas Bouman from the International Rice Research Institute in the Philippines as the

Keynote Speaker, Dr. Surangsri Wapet of Thailand's Department of Agriculture Extension and Dr. Gopalsamy Reuben Clements of Sunway University in Malaysia as Plenary Speakers.

Dr. Bas Bouman gave emphasis on the importance of rice production in the Philippines while Dr. Surangsri Wapet discussed the efforts of Thailand when it comes to sustaining the agricultural sector of the country. Dr. Wapet also stated that Thailand and the Philippines have similar situations when it comes to agriculture and the Philippines may be able to improve on its agricultural sector by using the methods done by Thailand.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Poster Exhibit was held at the Faculty of Arts and Letters officially opened by the Dean Prof. Michael Anthony C Vasco, Ph.D., the PSSN President Prof. Arlen A. Ancheta, Ph.D., and the Director of the Research Center for Social Sciences and Education Prof. Belinda De Castro, Ph.D. Research posters were presented by the students under the Asian Studies program of the Faculty of Arts and Letters on topics anchored on environmental problems in the Philippines, such as the Angat Dam and Watershed, Beach Tourism in Pagudpud, Changing Weather Patterns In Rice Production: A Case Study of Barangay Marawa Jaen, Nueva Ecija, and also Economic Vulnerabilities of Women in Tañong Fish port.

The research posters presented were on "Institutional Arrangement in the Management of Angat Watershed and Dam" by Crystalle Adriano and Zarina Balatbat, "Collaborative Management of Beach Tourism: Pagudpud As Case Study" by Ma. Felixie Claire P. Falcasantos, Arian Gail R. Martin and Danica R. Simbahan, "Economic Vulnerabilities of Women in Tañong Fish port" by Leona Marie B. Buendia, Jaynil Charis H. Enriquez, and Judea Raven M. Mendoza and "Rice Production In Changing Weather Patterns: A Case Study of Barangay Marawa, Jaen, Nueva Ecija" by Beatriz Issah C. Manzala and Myla Nicole M. Nayve.

Some of the research studies presented during the Parallel Sessions consisted of studies on the Ecological Sustainable Management of Invasive Alien Species in Rice Ecosystems, Plant Diversity Assessment in Laguna, Water Hyacinth as a Source of Livelihood of Women in the Villar SIPAG Foundation by Ana Carmela Castro and Ma. Cassandra Lopez, and Experiences of Codependency in the Families of Residents of Healing Path Foundation by Jo Leah Asinas and Ron Airah Carado.

UST Publishing House authors share thoughts on writing at 2018 Philippine Readers and Writers Festival

Featured authors of the UST Publishing House stressed how writing is a serious profession, in the panel session held during the Philippine Readers and Writers Festival on August 10, 2018 at the Raffles Hotel in Makati.

"A writer is never not writing," claimed playwright Nicolas "Nick" Pichay. It is more than the act of writing, Joselito de los Reyes added, for one to claim that he is writing.

"Pwedeng nakaupo lang ako at nagmumuni-muni, pero 'nagsusulat' na ako nun," (I may appear to be merely seated and contemplating, but I am actually already 'writing') de los Reyes, current chair of the UST Department of Literature, said. Poet Mookie Katigbak-Lacuesta agreed, stating that "writers' minds should always be active to absorb everything in their surroundings."

When commended by a member of the audience for their courage in embarking on such profession, the authors concur that writing is, in fact, a "demanding craft" on various levels.

"Katapangan talaga ang dine-demand o hinihiling ng pagsusulat," (writing demands courage) said fictionist Angelo "Sarge" Lacuesta. He pointed out that writers should be prepared for possible criticisms on their work once it is made public.

For fictionist Chuckberry J. Pascual, another challenge of the craft is following traditions.

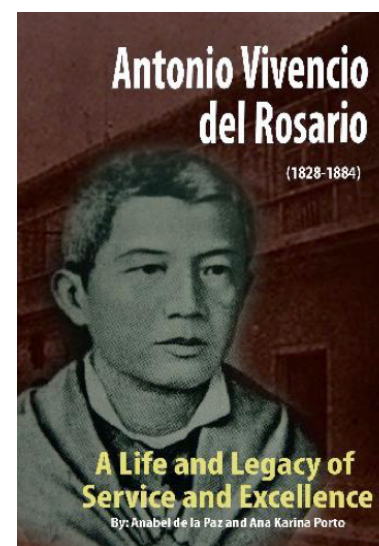
"Kailangan mong alamin ang mga naunang naisulat na. Challenge na sundan ito, at yung alamin kung paano makaka-contribute ang sarili mong gawa sa tradisyong ito." (You have to know what have been previously written. It is a challenge to follow them, and to know how your writings can contribute to the established tradition.)



UST Publishing House authors, from left: Chuckberry Pascual, Angelo Lacuesta, Mookie Katigbak-Lacuesta, Nicolas Pichay, and Joselito de los Reyes discuss their craft and recent titles at the panel session, "At the Core of Craft / Sa Ubod ng Sining."

The Philippine Readers and Writers Festival was a three-day event organized by the National Book Store and Raffles Makati. It featured bestselling international and local authors, as well as book signings, discussions, and panels about books, literature, and culture.

UST Benavides Library, Del Rosario family publish book on Antonio Vivencio del Rosario



The UST Miguel de Benavides Library in cooperation with the children of the late Ambassador Ramon V. Del Rosario, Sr., have recently published a book on the life of his grandfather titled "Antonio Vivencio del Rosario (AVdR) (1828-1884): A Life and Legacy of Service and Excellence" in commemoration of the 100th birth anniversary of Amb. Del Rosario. The book offers a glimpse into the character of AVdR not just a historic figure but as a human being as well. It also retraces his humble beginnings to his illustrious legacy.

The book, written by Anabel de la Paz, a librarian from Barcelona, Spain and Ana Karina Porto, a Filipino copy editor, was presented and served as a token to the guests at the 2018 Ramon V. Del Rosario Award for Nation Building held at National Museum of Natural History, Manila. The event was organized by the Philippine Investment Management Consultants

(PHINMA), Inc. and the Junior Chamber International (JCI) Manila.

A.V. del Rosario was an outstanding Thomasian, and former Secretary-General of UST (1854-1866) in whose honor the University of Santo Tomas had dedicated the Heritage Library and named it after him. This was a special circumstance because he was the first non-priest to acquire the position. The Del Rosario family has donated financial assistance to the UST Benavides Library for the continued preservation of its significant and historical rare collections.

Amb. Ramon V. del Rosario, Sr., son of Antonio Vivencio, on whose birth centenary the book was published, was an Ambassador to Japan. He was born in 1918 and passed away in 2008. He was considered one of the founding fathers of Philippine industry.

UNIVERSITY VISITORS

Blessed Imelda's School



Six senior high school students (in black shirts), faculty member Ms. Amy Chang (second row, leftmost), and Dominican Sister Incarnata Chen (front row, fourth from left) from Blessed Imelda's School in Taiwan at the Main Building grand staircase on August 16, 2018 during their visit to the University of Santo Tomas that was part of their 10-day exposure trip in the Philippines. With them are UST Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D., (front row, center), Assistant to the Director for Public Affairs Ms. Katherine Patrice Sibug (front row, rightmost), and Office Secretary Ms. Shenine Pascual (second row, rightmost) who welcomed them to the University, and two Philippine-based Dominican Sisters who assisted the team from Taiwan in their trip.

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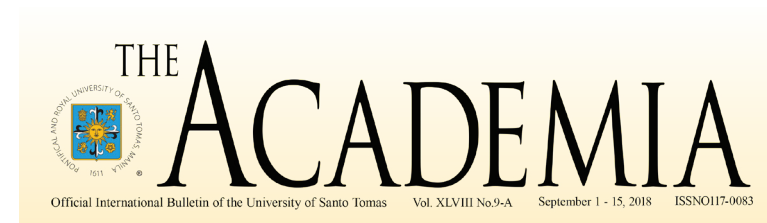


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