

Four programs now AUN certified



UST Administrative and Academic Officials with representatives and assessors from the AUN-QA during their visit in February 2017



AUN Assessors (from left) Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vongdeuan Osay and Prof. Dr. Hanna Bachtiar-Iskandar, DDS, Ph.D. conferring with Prof. Dr. Rer. Nat. Thomas Edison dela Cruz of the College of Science during the assessment.



Prof. Clarita D. Carillo, Ph.D., Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs, presents a token to Dr. Choltis Dhirathiti, Deputy Executive Director of AUN.

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Three programs of the College of Science, Chemistry, Biology and Psychology, and one of the UST-AMV College of Accountancy, Accounting, received their ASEAN University Network (AUN) certificate for “successfully completing the AUN-QA programme assessment” according to the certificate that was given to each (academic) program signed by ASEAN University Network Executive Director Assoc. Prof. Nantana Gajasen, Ph.D.

Furthermore, the AUN certificate states that the program “has been audited and found to be in accordance with the requirement of the standard details of the ASEAN University Network Quality Assurance Standard.” Issued this August, the certification has a validity date from March 22, 2017 to March 21, 2022.

According to Academic Programs-Quality Assurance Office Director Asst. Prof. Marife V. Narcida, these programs were chosen because they are Centers of

Excellence and for their accreditation level. Accountancy is Level 3 while Chemistry, Biology and Psychology are Level 4 and are Centers of Excellence.

The accreditation visit of these four programs was conducted in February of this year. In June, Pharmacy, Medical Technology, Secondary and Elementary Education were assessed. Another set of programs are due for an accreditation visit next year.

Thomsonian researchers pioneer nat'l study on state of Catechetical Ministry for CBCP



Prof. Batan presents the preliminary findings during the CBCP Plenary.



UST faculty members with research consultants from the Episcopal Commission on Catechism and Catholic Education of CBCP

Researchers from the University of Santo Tomas (UST), commissioned by the Episcopal Commission on Catechism and Catholic Education (ECCCE) of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines (CBCP), initiated a pioneering study that will describe the present state of the Philippine Catechetical Ministry through a census of all catechists and catechetical directors and coordinators from 86 ecclesiastical territories in the archipelago.

Using exploratory and descriptive designs, the mixed-methods study is divided into two phases to determine the demographic profile of Filipino Catechetical Directors, Coordinators, and Catechists; to assess the needs of the Filipino Directors, Coordinators, and Catechists in the catechetical ministry; to identify programs for the Philippine Catechetical Ministry (PCM); to trace the history of the PCM; and to conduct an institutional analysis of the PCM.

The project integrates the academic and scientific nature of research with the pastoral identity of the subject, aiming to provide scholarly interpretations of faith-based endeavors. "We are getting data from all the ecclesiastical territories, first through online means, then through paper-and-pen surveys, so that we can begin analyzing these on a diocesan, ecclesiastical province and national scale," said lead researcher Assoc. Prof. Clarence M. Batan, Ph.D.

The survey has already gathered a total of 1,869 responses from catechists who responded online. From the sample taken, catechists were from Antipolo, Caceres, Cebu, and Tagum. A majority of them were

middle-adult female, married catechists, with college degrees (except for those from Tagum). Catechism (except in Antipolo) is primarily conducted in the public school, and in the parishes.

These catechists receive formal formation through Certificate Program in Religious Education, and most have been in the ministry from one to five years.

Online word clouds created through the responses revealed the words "Jesus, love, God's, Lord, serve, contented, and know" as common descriptions of their lives. Also, the word "love" dominated the answers when asked "How would you rate your commitment as a catechist at the moment?"

Adding to the preliminary data was a total of 159 coordinators and directors who also responded online.

The research team is comprised of researchers from the Research Center for Social Sciences and Education: Dr. Batan, Assoc. Prof. Joan Christi S. Trocio, Ph.D., Assoc. Prof. Florence C. Navidad, Asst. Prof. Ma. Cecilia L. Balajadia, Mr. Louell V. Baldoza, Asst. Prof. Philip L. Fuentes and Mr. Dennis Ian B. Sy. They were assisted by Joanne C. Santiago and Arthur Ace B. Malatag.

ECCCE Chair Most Rev. Roberto C. Mallari, DD; Msgr. Gerardo O. Santos; Mo. Jesusa Enginco, O.P.; Fr. Renato G. de Guzman, SDB;



Prof. Trocio speaks before the Catechetical directors and coordinators from different dioceses.

and Fr. Salvatore Putzu, SDB, serve as research consultants.

The project, which was started in July 2016, is targeted for completion in 2018. It will produce reports at both ecclesiastical territories and national levels, book and book chapters, journal articles, theses and dissertations, and the 2018 National Research Conference on Catechetical Ministry.

KRITIKE An Online Journal of Philosophy

CHED incentive granted to Department of Philosophy's online journal

The online journal of the UST Department of Philosophy, *Kritike*, was one of twenty-seven research journals given a grant by the Journal Incentive Program (JIP) of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), for Academic Years 2017-2019.

CHED's JIP aims to promote and enhance the production of high-quality academic journals in the country. The program entails two categories for supporting such publications: first is the Journal Challenge (JC) which caters to journals indexed or included in the prestigious international collections of Thompson Reuters' Web of Science (WoS) core collection, the International Science Index (ISI), as well as the database of Elsevier's Scopus; second is the Journal Incubator (JI) which support promising journals that meet the minimum generally accepted standards to be included within the aforementioned databases.

After passing thorough evaluation by a team of experts, *Kritike: An Online Journal of Philosophy*, became eligible to receive grants as part of the Journal Challenge category. *Kritike* will now receive a P500,000 grant every year until 2019, in order to spur activities that will lead to an increase in scientific citation (excluding self-citation) and promote social media presence and public engagement profiles of scholarly articles in the journal.

Kritike, indexed in Thomson Reuters Web of Science Core Collection in March 2017, can be accessed via: <http://www.kritike.org>. An open-access scholarly journal, *Kritike* is a Filipino peer-reviewed, interdisciplinary, and international journal of philosophy founded in 2007. UST Department of Philosophy Chair Prof. Paolo A. Bolanos, Ph.D., is its editor-in-chief.

PHREB accredits two UST Health Research Ethics committees

The Ethics Review Committee (ERC) of the College of Rehabilitation Sciences (CRS) and the ERC of the Graduate School (GS) ERC have been granted Level 2 Accreditation by the Philippine Health Research Ethics Board (PHREB). The awarding of certificates of accreditation took place during the 11th Philippine National Health Research System Week celebration held at the Philippine International Convention Center, Pasay City on August 25, 2017. The accreditation is effective for three years from August 9, 2017 to August 8, 2019. Assoc. Prof. Michael Peralta and Prof. Librado Santiago received the certificate on behalf of the GS-ERC while Mr. Christian Rimando received the certificate on behalf of the CRS-ERC.

An ERC is a body, duly constituted by a recognized authority that makes independent decisions regarding the review, approval, and implementation of research proposals or protocols, in

order to ensure the protection of the rights, safety, and well-being of human participants. It thus promotes the integrity of the research data. The PHREB is a board created under the Department of Science and Technology that has a mandate to ensure adherence to the universal principles for the protection of human participants in research. A PHREB Level 2 accreditation means that an ERC can review all types of health and health-related research protocols except clinical trials required for Food and Drug Administration (FDA) registration of new drugs. These protocols may entail more than minimal risks to participants.

Aside from the CRS-ERS and GS-ERC, the University of Santo Tomas Hospital Institutional Review Board (USTH-IRB) is a PHREB Level 3 Accredited ERC, where they review all types of research studies including those required for FDA registration of food, drugs and medical devices.

Loa's research poster on children with autism wins award at Mental Health Confab in Thailand



Asst. Prof. Loa with his award-winning research poster in Bangkok, Thailand

College of Nursing Faculty Member Asst. Prof. Ritzmond Loa received the best research poster award for his paper titled "Lived Experiences of Families with Children with Autism" during the 5th Child Development and Mental Health International Forum held at the Miracle Grand Convention Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand from August 2 to 4, 2017.

The forum was part of the 16th Annual International Mental Health Conference

and the 14th Annual Child Mental Health and Psychiatry Conference, which were concurrently organized by the Department of Mental Health under the Thailand Ministry of Public Health.

The annual international conference was attended by more than 1,000 mental health and child development specialists, health professionals, scholars, and representatives of government and non-government organizations from 19 countries around the world.

The aims of the convention were, first, to share recent innovations and best practices in the promotion of mental health; prevention, screening, management, and rehabilitation of child developmental problems; depression and addiction among adolescents; and second, to aid primary caregivers of differently-abled children with non-conventional development and adults affected by neurodegenerative illnesses.

Lintao of Arts and Letters presents paper in Portugal on syntactic structures of Philippine consumer-finance contracts



Assoc. Prof. Lintao in Portugal with her presentation for the 13th Biennial Conference of the IAFL.

Faculty of Arts and Letters faculty member Rachelle B. Lintao, Ph.D., presented her paper titled “Transforming the Complex Syntactic Structures of a Philippine Consumer-Finance Contract” at the 13th Biennial Conference of the International Association of Forensic Linguists (IAFL) held from July 10 to 14, 2017 at the University of Porto in Porto, Portugal.

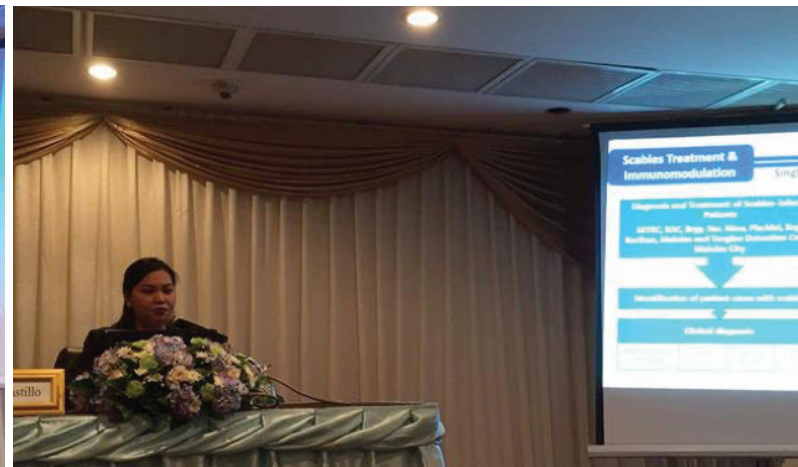
With the theme “New Challenges of Forensic Linguists,” this international gathering of 170 participants from 26 countries served as a platform for the exchange of scientific endeavors and discussions on the advances, opportunities and issues relating to the interplay between language and the law.

In celebration of the IAFL’s 25th founding anniversary, the conference also highlighted possible directions of the Association for the next 25 years. Lintao’s presentation focused on discussing the nature and reform of the legal language particularly on the syntactic features of a Philippine bank’s credit card terms and conditions with consideration for the user’s preference for clear language. Her participation at the conference was funded by the Commission on Higher Education.

Castillo of Pharmacy presents study on Tinospora to treat skin diseases at Thailand confab



Asst. Prof. Castillo receives a token during IPNaCS 2017 in Bangkok, Thailand.



Asst. Prof. Castillo presents her paper on “Transcending Tinospora as a Therapy for Skin Diseases.”

Assoc. Prof. Agnes L. Castillo, PhD, a faculty member of the UST Faculty of Pharmacy, was a speaker during the 5th International Conference on Pharmaceuticals, Nutraceuticals and Cosmetic Science (IPNaCS 2017) held from August 3 to 4, 2017 at The Tawanna Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand. Her paper was titled “Transcending Tinospora as a Therapy for Skin Diseases.” The IPNaCs was organized by the Josai University, Japan; Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia; Universitas Indonesia, Indonesia;

and Chulalongkorn University, Thailand. The conference served as an avenue for international academics, researchers, students and other interested experts to share some insight into the innovative pharmaceutical, nutraceutical and cosmeceutical development in six areas like Pharmaceutical chemistry and natural products, Pharmaceutical and cosmeceutical technology, Pharmacology and toxicology, Pharmaceutical biotechnology, Nutraceuticals and alternative medicines, Social pharmacy and pharmacy practice.

INTERNATIONALIZATION

RCNAS formalizes UST’s research partnership on palaeolimnology with NUS



The University of Santo Tomas signed a memorandum of understanding with the National University of Singapore (NUS) on August 11, 2017, formalizing the partnership between UST’s Research Center for the Natural and Applied Sciences and NUS’s Department of Geography. The intended main output is a joint research project to be submitted to the Department of Science and Technology – Philippine Council for Industry, Energy, Emerging Technology Research and Development for funding.

The linkage focuses on the research cooperation between NUS’s Prof. David Mark Taylor, Ph.D. and UST’s Prof. Rey Donne S. Papa, Ph.D., who will continue their work in the field of palaeolimnology.

The partnership between Taylor and Papa, which began in 2013, resulted in at least four visits to the Philippines by Taylor and his graduate students, who conducted samplings in the Lake Mohicap and Lake Paoay. Taylor was likewise a collaborating scientist in the Commission of Higher Education – Philippine Higher Education Research Network project

conducted by Papa and Assoc. Prof. Susana F. Baldia, Ph.D., who is also from UST.

In 2014, Taylor hosted a workshop in UST, with funding from the NUS. Participants were professors from the University College London, University of Ulster, and University of Nottingham, together with NUS and UST participants, to map future projects and write a review paper exploring the possibility of palaeolimnology research in the Philippines. The workshop led to a 2015 research publication in the open-access journal *Geo: Geography and Environment*.

Other partnership activities included the 1st Philippine Symposium on Freshwater Biodiversity and Ecosystems in 2016, where Taylor was a plenary speaker. Research collaborations have likewise taken place, involving Taylor, Papa, and their respective graduate students.

UST provides Intensive English Language Program for Waseda University students

The University of Santo Tomas (UST) provided a 90-hour Intensive English Language Program for 14 students from Waseda University, Japan’s top private university based on QS rankings, from August 21 to September 8, 2017.

The Intensive English Language Program, according to Language Center Officer-in-Charge Asst. Prof. Honorata S. Dayao, focused on speaking particularly on conversational English, and an introduction to its academic use. The other macro-communication skills, namely: listening, reading, and writing, were likewise integrated into the program. Each of the 14 learners were mentored by a head teacher, as well as student buddies from the Bachelor of Secondary Education major in English program under the College of Education and the students from the Bachelor of Arts in English Language Studies program under the Faculty of Arts and Letters.



Japanese students study English in small group sessions with representative student buddies from the BSE English and AB English Language Studies programs.

California Baptist University students attend exposure program in Allied Health Sciences at UST College of Rehabilitation Sciences

Four students from the California Baptist University (CBU), Riverside City, California, USA, attended an exposure program at the UST College of Rehabilitation Sciences (CRS) from July 12 to 29, 2017. Called Global Health Initiative program, the exposure training's primary aim is to expose the students to different practices in the field of Allied Health Sciences. Students Aliah Marshall, Janea Schaumloeffel, Mariah Mosley and Megan Blair were accompanied by CBU faculty member Mr. Clinton White.

The CBU students had the opportunity to experience practicing their chosen profession both in the clinical and the community settings. They rotated in visiting three UST-CRS affiliation centers namely, the Philippine Heart Center – Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Department where they were exposed to different rehabilitation protocols for stroke and cardiac patients, the Rural Health Unit (RHU) of the Municipality of Abucay, Bataan, and the REACH Foundation Inc. in Mandaluyong where they experienced community-based rehabilitation in Philippine setting.

PT students take internship at Srinakharinwirot University, Thailand

In partnership with the Srinakharinwirot University (SWU), three students in their 5th year under the Physical Therapy (PT) program of the UST College of Rehabilitation Sciences were in Thailand from August 2 to 29, 2017 for a Global Internship Experience (GIE). The students, composed of Rick Antoni Tropicales, Joseph Dione Quintana, and Sophia Beatrix Gomez, were accompanied by a faculty member and GIE leader, Ms. Kristina B. Devora.

The PT interns were assigned at the Thai Red Cross Society in Samut Prakan Province, Thailand. They were tasked to conceptualize and implement treatment strategies after thorough evaluation of patients with neurologic conditions majority of whom were diagnosed with either stroke or spinal cord injury. Aside from clinical practice, they also discussed their patients' cases and presented research articles related to PT practice to the medical team and to SWU faculty members. They were also invited to attend a seminar that took place inside the SWU campus given by Prof. Marco Pang from the Hong Kong Polytechnic University (HKPU).

Devora was invited to sit as a member of the panel during the research and case presentation of students enrolled under the Master's degree in Physical Therapy program in SWU. Being the first time to collaborate with SWU, Devora also explored a potential partnership with SWU that will include student exchange and training in the field of neurologic rehabilitation. The collaboration between the two universities was facilitated by former PT Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Valentin Dones III, Ph.D., and Asst. Prof. Christian Rey Rimando from UST CRS, while from SWU, PT Program Director Dr. Wanvisa Panichaporn and Faculty of Physical Therapy Dean Assoc. Prof. Rumpa Boonsinsukh, Ph.D., provided the necessary assistance.

Fine Arts student is sole Filipino recipient of scholarship to Sweden



Dela Cruz, a CFAD sophomore, takes a selfie as he arrives in Uppsala University in Sweden.

Advertising Arts student Ron Matthew C. dela Cruz is the only Filipino recipient of an outbound scholarship grant to Sweden sponsored by the European Union – Support for Higher Education in the ASEAN Region (EU-SHARE). The grant is from August until December 2017.

Dela Cruz, a graduate of the UST Education High School in 2015, and currently, a second year student of the UST College of Fine Arts and Design, will take two credit courses in Uppsala University, namely, "3D Modeling and Visualization with ZBrush" and "Game Design in Practice," as part of the third batch of EU-SHARE scholars. Uppsala University, founded in 1477, is a top-ranking research university located in Uppsala City, the ecclesiastical center of Sweden and remains the oldest operating center for higher education within the Scandinavian nations. UST has been participating in EU-SHARE since the first time that it opened its doors in 2016.

Four Civil Engineering students to earn double-degree in UST, Catholic University of America



The four Engineering students bound for the 3+2 Program of UST and CUA: (top left) Garcia, Brocal, (lower left) Jalova, and Tampon.

Mary Valerie Angela Garcia, Willem Justly Brocal, James Alderson Jalova, and Patrexia Jumaylh Tampon of the Civil Engineering Department are bound for The Catholic University of America (CUA) after having been accepted to the 3+2 Program of UST and CUA. All four will finish their Bachelor's degree and receive diplomas from both universities.

"My reasons for applying to the 3+2 program between The Catholic University of America and the University of Santo Tomas are to grab the opportunity to receive a degree from both universities at the same time, to further develop my knowledge on my program which is Civil Engineering, and to experience studying in a whole new environment specifically in Washington D.C.," shared Jalova.

For their undergraduate research, Garcia, Brocal, and Tampon are planning to focus on Construction Management while Jalova will concentrate on Structural Management.

"During the exchange, I expect to be immersed in a totally different culture while maintaining and upholding my Thomasian values wherever I go," Garcia said. "It would be an honor for me to represent my country, and of course, UST that molded my personality and skills since high school," said Brocal in retrospect. Looking forward, Tampon said: "After the program, I expect personal development that can contribute to the society at large.

They will be the second batch from the UST CE Department to attend CUA after the creation of the academic partnerships between the universities. Engr. Kathleen Libnao and Engr. Arvin Manalaysay were the first Thomasians to attend CUA through the 5+1 Program.

Pharmacy mentors complete Summer Program at University of Illinois Chicago

Four faculty members from the Faculty of Pharmacy completed a four-week Summer Program on Contemporary Pharmacy Education and Practice of the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) - College of Pharmacy, Chicago, Illinois from June 26 to July 21, 2017.

The program provided the participants, Prof. Jovencio G. Apostol, Ph.D., Ms. Michelle D. Bartolome, Assoc. Prof. Agnes L. Castillo, Ph.D., and Asst. Prof. Rhona P. Ramos, with an overview of clinical pharmacy practice and education in the US. Dr. Nancy Shapiro, PharmD and Dr. Alan Lau, PharmD are the project heads of the program who are also faculty members of the UIC - College of Pharmacy.

The UST mentors attended lectures on pharmacotherapy of a number of disease states followed by patient case discussions to facilitate clinical thinking and skills. They also attended sessions on different skills for clinical practice, including patient interview, counseling, drug literature evaluation and listened to speakers discuss their clinical practice in many different settings and how they impact the care of their patients.



Dr. Shapiro and Dr. Lau of UIC (extreme left and extreme right, respectively,) with Thomasian participants (from left) Asst. Prof. Ramos, Ms. Bartolome, Dr. Castillo and Dr. Apostol.

The summer program was made possible with funding from the Professional Advancement Grant under the K to 12 Transition Program of the Philippine Commission on Higher Education.

Three visiting lecturers from Tokyo, Taiwan universities teach, deliver lectures at Graduate School



Dr. Aiden Yeh (center) together with two of her Graduate students, Asst. Prof. Josephine Alarcon and Rev. Fr. Ubaldus Djonda (second and fifth from left, respectively) together with Graduate School Faculty Secretary Dr. Alejandro Bernardo, (first from left) and Graduate School Regent Rev. Fr. Jose Antonio E. Aureada, O.P. (fourth from left)



Dr. Ariane Borlongan of Tokyo University and Tokyo University of Foreign Studies

As part of its internationalization efforts, the UST Graduate School invited two experts in Sociolinguistics one in the field of International Relations from the Tokyo University and Tokyo University of Foreign Studies and the Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages to teach and deliver lectures at the UST Graduate School.

Dr. Ariane M. Borlongan who teaches at the Tokyo University and Tokyo University of Foreign Studies delivered a lecture before the students of the Graduate School and faculty members under the Department of English. His lecture was titled "Asian Englishes: A Grammatical History" on September 2, 2017 at the Tanghalang Teresita Quirino, Benavides Building, UST. Borlongan is an alumnus of De La Salle University where he completed his doctoral degree at age 23. His dissertation titled 'A Grammar of the Verb in Philippine English' was supervised by Professor Emerita Ma.

Lourdes Bautista and was recognized as Most Outstanding Dissertation by De La Salle University. He is Fellow of the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce (RSA). His teaching and research have focused on sociolinguistics, world Englishes, English linguistics, and historical linguistics.

Dr. Mark Lai who taught the course International Relations from August 23 to 26 is from the Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages. His fields of expertise include International Relations, International Political Economy, Foreign Policy, Chinese Politics. He earned his Ph.D. degree in Political Science at the State University of New York at Albany.

Dr. Aiden Yeh taught Sociolinguistics at the UST Graduate School from July 17 to 22, 2017 and delivered a lecture before students of the Graduate School and

faculty members from the UST Department of English on Taiwan's Urban Linguistic Landscape: "Interpreting New Immigrants' Socio-symbolic Significance" on July 19 at the Tanghalang Teresita Quirino.

Yeh is an Assistant Professor at Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages, Kaohsiung, Taiwan where she teaches graduate and undergraduate courses. She supervises MA students doing research on sociolinguistics, teacher professional development, ELT pedagogy, and discourse analysis. She is also the director of Academic Cooperation and Exchange Section of the Office of International and Cross-Strait Cooperation (OICC) of Wenzao. She received her PhD degree from the University of Birmingham, UK. Her current research interests are in world Englishes, linguistic landscape, student mobility, internship, academic partnerships, and pedagogical issues in HE.

Office of Public Affairs meets college secretaries, publication teams for heightened partnership in visit management, publicity efforts



The Office of Public Affairs team, headed by the Director, Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, APR (eleventh from left), with their content partners, the secretaries of various University units.

Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla conducted a meeting with its content partners, the faculty and college secretaries, to discuss visit management and how this could be enhanced further to give UST special guests and visitors the appropriate welcome and corresponding University token suited to the nature of their visit. The meeting was held on August 23, 2017 at the Main Building.

In attendance were: Asst. Prof. Ma. Zenia Rodriguez (Arts and Letters), Dr. Joel Sagut (Ecclesiastical Faculties), Asst. Prof. Kashmer T. Cruz (Education), Asst. Prof. Evangeline Deleña (Engineering), Asst. Prof. Mylene J. Domingo (Institute of Information and Computing Sciences), Ms. Adrienne A. Zacarias (Fine Arts and Design), Dr. Alejandro S. Bernardo (Graduate School), Asst. Prof. Peter JML Porticos (Music), Mr. Renz Kenneth

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Atalia wins Grand Prize in 67th Palanca Awards

Multi-awarded writer and UST faculty member Asst. Prof. Eros S. Atalia won the Grand Prize in the 67th Carlos Palanca Memorial Awards for Literature. The awarding ceremony that honored 51 writers, was held on September 1, 2017 at the Manila Peninsula Hotel, Makati City.

"Ang Ikatlong Anti-Kristo" is about a well-loved priest, Padre Marcus, who has the ability to tell the future and heal the sick. This novel brought Atalia his second Grand Prize under the category Nobela. The first was awarded in 2013 for his novel "Tatlong Gabi, Tatlong Araw." Visprint, the publisher of Atalia's works, launched this 290-paged award-winning novel this September coinciding with the Manila International Book Fair held at SMX, Mall of Asia in Pasay City.

Aside from writing novels, Atalia, who is affiliated with the College of Education, also

writes poetry and short stories. In 2006, his work, "Si Intoy Siokoy ng Kalye Marino" won him his first Palanca, a first prize, under the Short Story category.

A prolific writer of fiction, some of Atalia's popular works are "Peksman (Mamatay ka Man) Nagsisinungaling Ako" which saw print in 2007, while "Ligo na U, Lapit na Me" which was adapted to film for the Cinemalaya Film Festival in 2011 was published in 2009. Another recognition was awarded to Atalia in 2016 when he was named resident of the prestigious International Writing Program of the University of Iowa, USA.

From 1951 to the present, 2,303 writers have been awarded with 25 of them recognized as Palanca Hall of Fame awardees. A total of 2,385 works have been included in the roster of winning works.



Asst. Prof. Atalia

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(Photos 1, 2,3) Public Relations Officers from student councils and organizations, along with faculty and college secretaries, participate in the PRO Circle workshop.

(Photos 4 and 5) Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Director of Public Affairs, and Asst. Prof. Lorna T. Paras, Assistant to the Director for Public Affairs, address the secretaries of various University units regarding visit management.

Cadiang (Pharmacy), Asst. Prof. Gilda Ma. Paz Kamus (Institute of Physical Education and Athletics), Asst. Dean Dr. Ma. Carlota Decena (Science), Asst. Prof. Christine Alday (AMV Accountancy), Ms. Maria Agnes Bonifacio and Ms. Christine Quita (Counseling and Career Center), Ms. Ellaine Cruz (Office of Alumni Relations), Mr. Eugene Maruquin II (Quality Management Office), and Ms. Aida Manapat (Architecture).

One of the core functions of the Office of Public Affairs is to ensure the public presence of the University, and this function is connected to media relations and management, another core function of the Office. Internally, OPA and the faculty and college secretaries, together with the editors of the college-based publications are allies in strengthening partnership with media through events organized by the faculties and colleges and press releases they send to OPA. It is intended that in the future, the student journalists would write their press releases assisted by OPA in sending these to external media for possible publication.

Thus, on August 16, 2017, OPA Director Assoc. Prof. Fontanilla met with faculty/college secretaries and student journalists from the College of Fine Arts and Design, Faculty of Arts and Letters, Faculty of Engineering, College of Fine Arts and Design, Conservatory of Music, and the College of Science to discuss possible areas of dynamic partnership among them that will bring news about UST to different media platforms. This is the initial set of partner-college invited by OPA.

The meeting, which was held at the Main Building, had a workshop component where the participants composed of academic officials and student journalists, gave their inputs on the topics that included their own faculty/college contribution to enhance the University's existing publicity programs, and how a dynamic partnership between the OPA and the colleges could be achieved.

These meetings take place annually and it also serves as OPA's way to extend its appreciation for the help that the colleges and departments give the Office.

CFAD prof named research director for interior design council

An interior design professor was appointed director for research and publications of the Council of Interior Design Educators on Aug. 1, 2017.

Asst. Prof. Mary Ann Venturina-Bulanadi, newly appointed to the position, plans to hold a series of fora to enhance the knowledge and skills of her colleagues and future designers.

Bulanadi has been teaching interior design at the College of Fine Arts and Design for 20 years, and is one of the three interior designers working on the rehabilitation of the Metropolitan Theater of Manila.

A University research associate, Bulanadi mounted an exhibit titled "Banyuhay" with the UST Center for Creative Writing and Literary Studies and the National Commission for Culture and the Arts last May 4. Another exhibit, "Revolutionary," which opened on May 20, featured the works of revolutionary composer Julio Nakpil and National Artist for Literature Nick Joaquin.

LECTURES & CONFERENCES

Dean Dacanay of Pharmacy delivers plenary speech at national conference of drugstores association



Dean Dacanay (third from left) receives a token of appreciation from officers of DSAP.

Faculty of Pharmacy Dean Aleth Therese L. Dacanay, Ph.D., was the Plenary Speaker during the 21st National Convention of the Drugstores Association of the Philippines (DSAP) held from August 23 to 25, 2017, at Sofitel Philippine Plaza, Manila. The convention theme was "Responding to New Regulations, Trends, and Practices."

Dacanay, currently serving as the president of the Philippine Association of the Colleges of Pharmacy, discussed the drastic changes in the educational landscape in the last five years. Prime factors contributing to the shifting circumstances of Philippine pharmaceutical education were the introduction of an additional two years in the basic education system and the implementation of the new Bachelor of Science, major in Pharmacy curriculum in 2018.

Dacanay also acknowledged that global movements now affect the local educational setting more rapidly, and that the role of the industry in informing the academic offerings can no longer be denied. As a representative of the academe, Dacanay suggested possible points of collaboration where industry-academe linkages can take place.

Ranera elected board member of Asia & Pacific Band Directors Association



Assoc. Prof. Ranera

Assoc. Prof. Herminigildo G. Ranera, Ph.D., Symphonic Instrumental Performance coordinator and principal conductor of the UST Symphony Orchestra was elected as board member of the Asia and Pacific Band Directors Association during a conference held at Okura Hotel, Hamamatsu City, Japan. He will serve as board member until July 2018.

Ranera, the founding president and music director of the Philippine Band Association (PHILBANDA), is the resident conductor of the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra, the nation's leading orchestra. He is also the conductor of the UST wind orchestra and the Philippine Coast Guard Symphonic Band.

The APBDA, an instrumental organization established by band directors, managers and performing artist, aims to promote the existence and welfare of the bands in the Asia-Pacific region and foster friendship and understanding towards continued dialogue and communication among its members.

Rector reminds Thomasians of deeper meaning of beauty in St. Dominic Mass



UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P. delivers his homily during the St. Dominic Mass.

In his homily during the anticipated Mass to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Dominic de Guzman, the Founder of the Order of Preachers on August 7, 2017, the Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., the Rector of the University, reminded Thomasians of how the lives of saints like Dominic are models of the true meaning of beauty, using one's feet as a symbolism.

The symbolism of the feet

In his homily, Fr. Dagohoy paid tribute to the early Dominicans, the preachers who were "rarely found in the convent because they were going around preaching the Good News on barefoot." The Rector cited the prophet Isaiah who said that beauty was found in people whose feet helped bring good tidings to the faithful.

Fr. Dagohoy said that the feet usually bore the brunt of the long and arduous journey that preaching required, easily rendering them blistered and swollen. Despite the unsightly appearance of the travel-worn feet, however, "seeing the messenger was a blessing. Those who are

sent to greet the messenger usually exclaim of how beautiful the feet of the one who brought the good news are."

Beauty as a revelation of God

Quoting the Synod of Bishops on the New Evangelization, the Rector said, "Beauty must be a reflection of the new evangelization. As St. Augustine writes, it is not possible to love what is not beautiful. Beauty attracts us to love. God reveals Himself through beauty."

Citing Hebrew etymology, the Rector stressed that beauty is found in its honesty and appropriateness, not in being merely aesthetically appealing. "*Ang ibig-sabihin ng maganda ay tapat, dapat, at karapat-dapat. Tapat sapagkat ito ay totoo, walang kulang, walang bawas, walang dagdag. Dapat sapagkat ito ay ukol at marapat. Karapat-dapat sapagkat ito ay akma at natatangi.*" (To be beautiful means, to be truthful, proper and worthy. Truthful, because it is honest, no more and no less. Proper, because it is relevant and deserving. Worthy, because it fitting and unique.)

The continuing challenge for the Sons of Dominic

Addressing his brethren, the Rector said that the challenge for the friars is to be able to answer the questions: "*Tapat ba? Dapat ba? Karapat-dapat ba? Harinawa, maging salamin kami ng tunay na kagandahan, upang sa huli, sa panahon na kami'y susukatin ng Diyos, isa lang ang sasabihin Niya sa amin: Maganda.*" (Is it truthful? Is it proper? Is it worthy? May God make it so, that we may be reflections of true beauty, so that in the end, when we are judged by the Lord, He can only say one thing: Beautiful.)

The concelebrated Mass, which is part of the yearly tradition of the Thomasian community, was held at the UST Chapel (Santísimo Rosario Parish Church), on the eve of the August 8, the Feast Day of St. Dominic. Among the concelebrants was Rev. Fr. Gerard Francisco P. Timoner III, O.P., Socius of the Master of the Order of Preachers for Asia-Pacific.

Bishop Mallari of CBCP Episcopal Commission on Catechesis and Catholic Education leads UST opening exercises



CBCP Chair of the Episcopal Commission on Catechesis and Catholic Education, Most Rev. Fr. Roberto C. Mallari, D.D. leads the traditional Mass of the Holy Spirit



Assoc. Prof. Pilar I. Romero, Ph.D.

The opening exercises at the University of Santo Tomas (UST) for academic year 2017-2018 was held on August 1, 2017 at the UST Santísimo Rosario Parish Chapel with Most Rev. Roberto C. Mallari, D.D., Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) Chair of the Episcopal Commission on Catechesis and Catholic Education, leading the traditional Mass of the Holy Spirit called the *Misa de Apertura*.

Bishop Mallari, who started his tertiary education at the UST Faculty of Arts and Letters in 1974, was the presider and homilist during the mass concelebrated with the Dominican Fathers led by the Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., UST Rector, and attended by the Thomasian community, formally marking the start of Academic year 2017-2018.

The opening mass was immediately followed by the traditional *Discurso de Apertura* where a selected faculty member presents an academic discourse. The *Discurso* was delivered by UST Senior High School Principal, Assoc. Prof. Pilar I. Romero, Ph.D.

UST welcomes more than 7,000 new Thomasians in annual welcome rites

More than 7,000 new Thomasians passed through the Arch of the Centuries in the traditional rite of passage that marks the beginning of a Thomasian's student life called the Thomasian Welcome Walk. Held on August 4, 2017, it is part of the University's tradition of welcoming new students by passing through the Arch of the centuries - the original doorway of the University back when it was still located in Intramuros - to symbolize the beginning of a Thomasian's journey as new members of the UST community.

This year, the annual Thomasian Welcome Walk consisted of two batches: one for the Senior High School (SHS) freshman students held at 8 a.m., and the other for the college freshmen held at 2 p.m.

UST Secretary General Rev. Fr. Jesús M. Miranda, Jr. O.P., was at the Arch of the Centuries to welcome both batches of freshmen and led them



UST Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Jesús M. Miranda, Jr., O.P. leads new Thomasians as they pass through the historic Arch of the Centuries

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to the Quadricentennial Pavilion for the Eucharistic celebration. UST Vice Rector Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., was the main presider in the morning concelebrated Mass that followed the Welcome Walk.

UST Rector, Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., the main presider in the concelebrated Eucharistic celebration for the afternoon batch, led the community in welcoming the new Thomasians.

Capping the celebration was a band concert held at the Quadricentennial Pavilion that started at 6 p.m.

The UST Freshman Orientation was likewise held in two batches on August 3, 2017 at the Quadricentennial Pavilion. The Senior High School students were given the orientation to University life in terms of policies and expectations in the morning while the college students were given the same information during their orientation in the afternoon. Speakers were heads of offices such as the Office of Student Affairs, the Office of Public Affairs, among others.



Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., delivers the homily during the Eucharistic celebration of the afternoon session of the Thomasian Welcome Walk



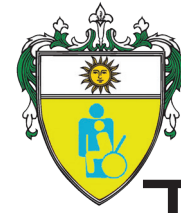
Rev. Fr. Jesus M. Miranda, Jr., O.P. with the Faculty of Arts and Letters freshman students during the Thomasian Welcome Walk



Freshmen from the Faculty of Philosophy excitedly anticipate entering the Arch of the Century.



Vice Rector Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P. presides over the Eucharistic celebration of the morning session of the Thomasian Welcome Walk.



UST CRS hosts Neuromuscular Adaptation to Strength Training by Coach Carlo Buzzichelli

The University of Santo Tomas College of Rehabilitation Sciences Department of Sports Science hosted a seminar-workshop titled “Neuromuscular Adaptations to Strength Training and their Influence on the Periodization of Strength” by Carlo Buzzichelli, an internationally well-known coach in the field of strength and conditioning. Held on July 15, 2017 at the Alfredo M. Velayo Multi-purpose Hall, the seminar-workshop helped practitioners to learn what neuromuscular adaptations are elicited by strength training, how they affect the annual programming of strength training for athletes, and the way to integrate such concepts into a systematic plan. The seminar was well attended by 135 physical therapists, sports science practitioners, strength and conditioning coaches and physical education instructors.

Buzzichelli, co-author of one of the most sought-after books, “Periodization for Strength Training,” among strength

and conditioning coaches and sports science practitioners, is the director of the International Strength and Conditioning Institute, a world known institute in the field of strength and conditioning and sports performance development. Coach Carlo, as he his fondly called, discussed a systematic strength training which produces structural and functional changes, or adaptations, in the body.

According to him, training rationally adapts to the stress of increasing physical work. If the body is presented with a demand greater than it is accustomed to and enough recovery time is given to trained physiological systems, it adapts to the stressor by becoming stronger. As different types of adaptation may occur, periodization of strength offers a seven-phase approach that follows the physiological rhythm of the neuromuscular system’s response to strength training.

UST hosts advocacy forum commemorating Jesse M. Robredo’s example

As part of the 5th Commemoration Month of Sec. Jesse’s Death Anniversary, the Jesse M. Robredo Foundation, in partnership with the UST Simbahayan Community Development Office, held an advocacy forum titled “Remembering Jesse: Stories about Life and Leadership of Jesse Robredo” at the Albertus Magnus Auditorium on August 15, 2017. Close friends and family delivered testimonials on the lessons of former Department of Interior of Local Government (DILG) Secretary Robredo’s life and advocacy.

Camarines Sur Representative Gabriel H. Bordado Jr. highlighted Robredo’s legacy, which centralized on people’s participation in local government, ensuring transparency and accountability.

“He was used to ordering people, but when he became the mayor, he opened up. He used the servant leadership [management style] as a way of dealing with his constituents,” Bordado said.

Robredo introduced the new public management, leading to the implementation of the Productivity Improvement program. “The principal objective of this program was to transform the employees of city hall,” Bordado said. “He came up with this program to engage the employees in the process of local governance.”

Dr. Josephine Robredo-Bondoc, one of his siblings, similarly recalls Robredo’s advocacy in serving Filipinos, especially those with disabilities – a desire which started at a young age upon seeing most of his family members suffer from vision impairment over time. “One of the things that most probably pushed Jessie toward [his] advocacy for persons



Dr. Josephine Robredo-Bondoc (second from left) and Cong. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr., (third from left) at the advocacy forum with Simbahayan officials

with disabilities is seeing how [our family members] have grown to raise families of their own, having become functionally independent and likewise economically productive.” Bondoc said. “When it comes to working with people with disabilities, [it has] to be emancipatory and it is very much reflected in his governance.”

Robredo was elected as the mayor of Naga City and served for six terms—from 1988 to 1998 and from 2001 to 2010. He was appointed as the DILG secretary in 2010. In 2012, the plane Robredo was riding had an engine failure, resulting in his death.

UST-ABS CBN leadership lecture features Charo Santos-Concio

The University of Santo Tomas, in partnership with ABS-CBN, organized a leadership lecture featuring Ms. Charo Santos-Concio, popularly associated with “Maalaala Mo Kaya?” the longest-running drama anthology on Philippine television, at the Grand Ballroom of the Paredes Building on August 18, 2017.

Spearheaded by the UST Center for Creative Writing and Literary Studies (CCWLS), in close coordination with the Faculty of Arts and Letters, Office for Student Affairs and the Office of Public Affairs, the event enabled the Thomasian student leaders to learn from Santos-Concio’s wisdom gained from extensive experience in her leadership roles, such as being the former president and Chief Executive Officer of the ABS-CBN Corporation as well as concurrently being the Chief Content Officer of ABS-CBN and president of the ABS-CBN University.

This event also served as the external book launch of her book, “My Journey: The Story of an Unexpected Leader,” a memoir which centers on the lessons she learned as she rose up to the challenge of leadership.



After the welcome remarks delivered by CCWLS Director Cristina Pantoja Hidalgo, Ph.D., and the opening remarks delivered by Faculty of Arts and Letters Dean Michael Anthony C. Vasco, Ph.D., the book introduction was read by CCWLS Fellow Prof. Augusto A. Aguila, Ph.D., and Executive Assistant to the Rector. Excerpts from the book were read by Mr. Rome Voltaire Gomez, Ms. Olivia Lamasan, and in a surprise appearance, by Santos-Concio’s own son, Martin Concio. The Assistant Director of CCWLS, Asst. Prof. Ralph S. Galan, introduced the guest of honor, Ms. Charo Santos-Concio.

For Santos-Concio, self-awareness and the unwavering perseverance to one’s own sense of purpose are the key qualities that prepare potential leaders for situations where they need to face the challenge of leading. “It all begins with one’s self. Mastery begins with self,” she explained. She highlighted her point with a clever acronym she developed to connect with the millennials, H.U.G.O.T., or How to Understand your Gifts in Order to Transform. “You can have all the best skills and the wholesome discipline but it all begins with oneself,” she advised.

While she admitted that it is much easier to be a follower than to be a leader, Santos-Concio asserted that true leadership, whether it is in one’s personal or professional life, is dynamic and responsive to time and place. People who take up the challenge are honed by carrying the consequences of their decisions along with the weight of creating their own future.

When asked to give advice during the open forum, Santos-Concio said, “Think of any act as the last performance of your life so you will give it your best,” as part of her A.T.M. or Advice to Millennials.

As a gesture of appreciation to her audience who queued before the program started to be able to get a copy of her book, Santos-Concio signed copies of her memoir.



Ms. Olivia Lamasan reads an excerpt from Ms. Charo Santos-Concio’s book.



Mr. Martin Concio makes a surprise appearance to read an excerpt.



Prof. Hidalgo delivers her welcome remarks.



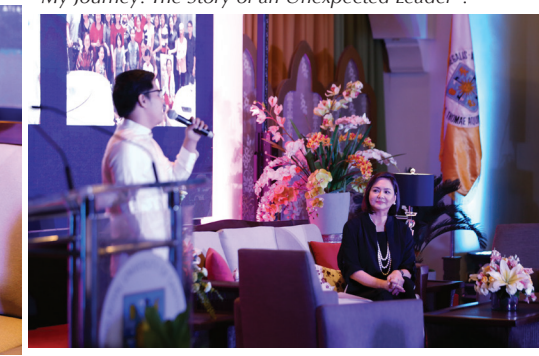
Dean Vasco delivers the opening remarks.



Prof. Aguila reads the book introduction of “My Journey: The Story of an Unexpected Leader”.



Assoc. Prof. Giovanna Fontanilla has her copy of the “My Journey: The Story of an Unexpected Leader” book signed by Ms. Charo Santos-Concio.



A student of Conservatory of Music serenades Charo Santos-Concio with “Maalaala Mo Kaya.”

Tayao presents Asian perspective of local institutional governance at KASYP training session in Malaysia



Asst. Prof. Tayao

Faculty of Arts and Letters Department of Political Science faculty member Asst. Prof. Edmund C. Tayao presented a regional perspective on the state of local institutional governance in Asia in front of delegates at the 2nd Training Session of the Konrad Adenauer School of Young Politicians (KASYP), in Penang, Malaysia held on August 24, 2017, as a foundation

for further discussions on local governance in Asia.

In his speech, Tayao presented deconcentration, delegation, and devolution as modalities of decentralization, which is vital for local governments to effectively manage their own jurisdictions in relation to having a central government.

An advocate of federal reform in the Philippines, Tayao pushed for local governance as it is crucial for the faster and more effective delivery of social services, for local government units (LGUs) to become major public employers and thus spur economic movement, and because it benefits the causes of democracy, administration, and economy. However, Tayao cautioned that no single format fits all since the model must be integrated with the specifics of the country.

Tayao further presented that in unitary countries, local government expenditure is significantly lower with only 13% of the gross domestic product and only 29% of public

expenditure. This is in stark contrast to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) member countries and federal countries, which show higher rates.

A comparison of how the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) member countries like Cambodia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam attempted the adoption of Sub-National Governments (SNG) or local governance was also presented, along with the breakdown of responsibilities of local governments. Data from the Human Development Index as well as poverty rates were likewise shown to see the differences among countries that adopt SNGs and those that still stick with the unitary form.

Looking forward to local government development, Tayao summarized Asian challenges into three: On how to facilitate intergovernmental relations; On how to institutionalize a fiscal mechanism, either fixed or proportional; And on how to enforce accountability and build capacity for SNG, LGU, and their officials.

UST Miguel de Benavides Library holds seminar on UST Heritage Collections



The seminar participants

Being an accredited Continuing Professional Development (CPD) provider, the UST Miguel de Benavides Library organized a two-day seminar titled "Awareness and Appreciation of the UST Heritage Collections." It was held from July 20 to July 21, 2017 at the UST Library Conference Hall and was granted with eight CPD points by the Professional Regulatory Commission (PRC), CPD Council for Librarians.

The event was attended by 86 participants composed of UST Library administrators, librarians, and support staff and 30 guests from other libraries and institutions. The seminar aimed to present the rare and precious University Heritage collections and to discuss their importance in relation to nation's history; to share the conservation and digitization practices of the UST Library; and to update the participants on the new library trend called MakerSpace.

The speakers were: UST Archivist Prof. Regalado Trota José, Antonio Vivencio del Rosario UST Heritage Library Head Librarian Ms. Diana Padilla, Graduate School faculty member Prof. Jorge Mojarro Romero, Chemist conservator, Paper

conservation specialist and UST Graduate School faculty member Prof. Maria Bernardita Maronilla-Reyes, Assistant Head Librarian and AVR UST HL Head Book Restorer Ms. Ginalyn M. Santiago, Ortigas Foundation Library Bookbinding Specialists Mr. Loreto and Mrs. Mildred Apilado, and CE-Logic Inc. Strategic Partnerships and Growth Markets Vice President Mr. Geric C. Gomez.

José discussed the nature and importance of the UST Archives collections. The UST Archives, being the official repository of the original documents and records relevant to UST since its foundation in 1611, José presented interesting collections such as: *Libros de Matriculas de Segunda Enseñanza*, the academic grades of Apolinario Mabini who graduated from the University, theses defense records of José Burgos, and others. Its outreach projects and collaborative efforts with several institutions were also shared.

Being head of the Heritage Library, Padilla talked about the importance of the UST Heritage Library collections. Important details of some of the precious rare collections of the University such as



Participants during the bookbinding workshop



Participants visit the Conservation and Restoration Laboratory of the UST Heritage Library.

the *Biblia Sacra* (Polyglot Bible); *La Guerra Judaica*, the oldest book and the only sample of incunabula in the UST Library; *De Revolutionibus Orbium Coelestium*, Libri VI by Nicholaus Copernicus, and others, were also presented.

The old dictionaries and grammars of Philippine languages in the UST Heritage Library were discussed by Mojarro. He detailed how words developed and changed their meanings through the years. Changes in words and grammars allow one to understand other cultures. He also emphasized that the UST Heritage Library possesses an impressive collection of original books on Philippine native languages and that this is a heritage to be aware of, a value given their uniqueness, and a real pride for the Philippines.

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PARSS 2017 Conference at UST prepares HEIs for education reforms

The College of Rehabilitation Sciences (CRS) hosted the National Conference 2017 of the Philippine Association of Rehabilitation Sciences Schools (PARSS) held July 7 to 8, 2017 at the AMV Multi-Purpose Hall, with the theme, "Beyond 2018: Planning for Compliance with New CHED Policies, Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitation Science Programs." The conference had about 130 participants from 50 higher education institutions that offer academic programs in physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech-language pathology, and orthotics-prosthetics from all over the country.

This 3rd National Conference of PARSS is part of the association's

continuing efforts to prepare rehabilitation science schools for higher education reforms dictated by changes in national and global standards, such as the implementation of an outcomes-based and typology-based quality assurance system (CMO 46, series of 2012) by 2014, the reality of an ASEAN Community by 2015, the institution of 12 years of basic education in the country, and the adoption of internationally recognized quality frameworks and mutual recognition agreements (MRAs).

Chairs and members of the Technical Committees for PT, OT and SLP were invited as speakers and facilitators for this conference in order for them to

provide an opportunity for a more in-depth discussion of the provisions in the new CMOs for each of the rehabilitation science programs. This was intended to enable school administrators and faculty members to conduct a self-assessment of their institution's level of compliance with the new PSGs and develop a plan of action to comply within the transition period.

Former CRS Dean and now UST Vice Rector for Academic Affairs, Prof. Cheryl R. Peralta, DrPH, was the president of the PARSS from 2013-2017. UST now sits as Ex-Officio of the PARSS through CRS Acting Dean Assoc. Prof. Anne Marie C. Aseron.

CRS hosts 1st national conference for Physical Therapists as movement experts

The University of Santo Tomas College of Rehabilitation Sciences Department of Physical Therapy in partnership with the Philippine Association of Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapist (PAOMPT) and Philippine Physical Therapy Association (PPTA) conducted the PAOMT 1st National Conference with the theme "Physical Therapists as Movement Experts" at the Alfredo M. Velayo Multipurpose Hall, University of Santo Tomas on July 22, 2017. Participants were 240 licensed Physical Therapists from all over the country.

The conference commenced with a keynote address delivered by CHED Technical Committee Chair for Physical Therapy Education Prof. Cheryl Peralta, DrPH. The

speakers of the conference included Mr. Andrei J. Altavas, Ms. Jane Borgehammar, and Mr. Ian Micabalo. A special lecture on Clinical Practice Guidelines was discussed by Philippine Academy of Rehabilitation Medicine Head Dr. Consuelo Suarez, MD, PhD.

Topics for the whole day conference included the McKenzie Diagnosis and Treatment (MDT) technique intended to further enrich the participants' clinical practice. Current Trends in Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapy (OMPT) were also discussed to develop a basic understanding of the mechanisms of OMPT and provide variety of interventions such as mobilization, manipulation, dry needling and exercise concepts.

CRS conducts Outcomes Based Clinical Education seminar workshop in Koronodal, South Cotabato

The College of Rehabilitation Sciences in cooperation with the Philippine Physical Therapy Association (PPTA), the national professional organization for Physical Therapy, conducted a two-day seminar workshop titled "Developing Outcomes-Based Clinical Education Programs." Held from July 29 to July 30, 2017 at the St. Alexius College, Koronodal, South Cotabato, and now on its third run of the training program, the workshop was held for the first time outside the UST campus.

This project, spearheaded by the college in response to CHED CMO No. 43 Series 2012 Procedures for Accreditation of Affiliation Centers Providing Clinical Training Programs for Physical Therapy Interns, primarily aims to equip the participants with the principles and skills in developing an outcomes based clinical training program. Though originally designed for physical therapists, occupational therapists, sports scientists and speech language pathologists, the July program was also participated in by medical technologists, pharmacists, nurses, and respiratory therapists coming from different cities of Mindanao.

Seminar-workshop speakers included PPTA Director Mr. Royson Mercado, PPTA President Mr. Michael Gabilo, UST Faculty Member Mr. Kim Gerald Medallon, and UST Faculty Member Ms. Catherine Joy Escudra.

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Hemispheres in UST: Visual art experience across cultures



European Union Ambassador to the Philippines, H.E. Franz Jessen



Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla



H.E. Franz Jessen, European Union Ambassador to the Philippines (fifth from left) together with, (from left) Ms. Adrienne Zacarias, CFAD College Secretary; Mr. Romeo D. Castro, CFAD Assistant Dean; Mr. Jerom Riviere, European Union of the Philippines First Secretary; Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Office of Public Affairs Director; Ms. Lui Medina; Mr. Michael Blanco; Mr. Cesar Caballero; and Mr. Javier Prieto, European Union to the Philippines Security Manager

“Hemispheres” is a series of cultural symposia organized by the European Union. On the August 17 leg of the series, it focused on visual arts that featured one Spanish and two Filipino painters in a symposium held at the Paredes Building of the University of Santo Tomas.

European Ambassador to the Philippines, HE Franz Jessen who delivered a message to the participants, was the special guest. The featured artists gave their insights on their respective art and showed samples of their artwork.

Spanish painter Cesar Caballero, who is known for his cool-blue paintings in the past, discussed his painting activities in the Philippines and showed samples of his current artwork that includes murals that he paints with the community. Caballero has been painting in the country and his new series of paintings reminds the viewers of a Southeast Asian character.

A Thomasian, Michael Blanco is from the renowned painting family of Angono, Rizal, the son of the famous Jose ‘Pitok’ Blanco, whose family is known for murals depicting the life of farmers and fisherfolks of Angono. He discovered his inclination for drawing at a young age of ten and has since participated in numerous art activities and exhibitions in both local and international engagements such as the painting exhibits in Holland, Singapore, Spain, China, and USA.

Blanco showed his artworks and shared his experiences as a member of a family of painters, and how their father’s passion for painting influenced all the seven Blanco children to become painters themselves, aside from their mother who also painted. Eventually, painting caught up even with the third generation of the Blancos.

Lui Medina, the third painter featured in the symposium, talked about the painting environment outside of the Philippines, having studied in London

to pursue a Master’s degree in Finale Art Painting at the Slade School of Art. She has held exhibitions in the Philippines, China, United Kingdom, Hong Kong, Singapore and Taiwan. In her paintings, Medina explores the relationships between objects and paintings via the tensions of space.

A dynamic exchange of ideas ensued during the Open Discussion that included questions on pursuing one’s dream to become a painter, and how to be successful in the field, thus addressing the objective of the symposium which is “to open dialogues between experts and young students on the impact of European influences in select cultural fields in the Philippines.” Jose Mari Javato, a student from the Conservatory of Music rendered two classical song numbers, complementing the art-filled ambience.

The symposium was attended by students from the Faculty of Fine Arts and Design, Faculty of Arts and Letters, the Senior High School, among others. Two Blanco paintings were exhibited at the lobby of the fourth floor of the Paredes building.



Artists Cesar Caballero, Lui Medina, and Michael Blanco



Asst. Prof. Maila Balde of the CFAD Painting Department



Erick Aldrin Quesada, a 3rd year Painting Program student from the College of Fine Arts and Design



Jose Mari Javato from the Conservatory of Music performs at the Visual Arts symposium.

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Ms. Karen Ibasco

Miss Philippines-Earth, Ms. Karen Ibasco, receives a token from UST Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Jesus M. Miranda, Jr., O.P. at a courtesy call at the Rector’s Hall on August 11, 2017. Ms. Ibasco is a Thomasian alumna of BS Applied Physics Batch 2011 and a former faculty member of the College of Science.



Mr. Carl Potts and Whilce Portacio

Comic Book Illustrators, Mr. Carl Potts (second from left) and Mr. Whilce Portacio (third from left) with Office of Public Affairs Director, Giovanna V. Fontanilla, and Department of Literature Chair, Asst. Prof. Joselito Delos Reyes, Ph.D., showcase their finished sketches after a sketching session at the UST Office of Public Affairs on August 24, 2017.

UST Archives trains Pangasinan gov't personnel, Pampanga, CDO researchers in archival management



Participants during the workshop session



Participants receive training on digitization of documents.

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Reyes lectured on the nature and importance of book conservation and its best practices. She remarked that “as e-books increase and print books decrease, the result is the rising value of print books - specifically rare books, and the increasing demand for book conservation.” She ended her talk by saying that “as the world is heading towards a paperless society, printed books are becoming less and less, so that book conservation becomes even more significant.”

Santiago shared the conservation practices of the UST Heritage Library. She presented a comprehensive guide on all aspects of conservation, starting with the scope of the program, analysis of the damage, environmental requirements, proper cleaning, handling, up to preventive measures and treatment methods.

The bookbinding workshop was facilitated by Loreto and Mildred Apilado. The participants were divided into seven groups and were asked to bind together some journals under their supervision.

On the second day of the conference, Padilla discussed the digitization practices of the UST Library. She shared the challenging experiences of the Library from the conception of the project up to its completion. Proper navigation of the library’s digital collections was also explained. She emphasized that the digitization project of historical collections of the University was a brilliant endeavor of the UST Library and the UnionBank of the Philippines which can be accessed at <http://digilib.ust.edu.ph>; a precious gift of the two Institutions that aims to promote excellence in teaching, research and service to the nation and humanity.

An interesting talk on MakerSpace was delivered by Gomez. This new trend finds its foundation on constructionism

The *Archivo de la Universidad de Santo Tomas* (AUST) provided training to personnel from the Province of Pangasinan and the Diocese of Pampanga from August 16 to 18, 2017, at the Miguel de Benavides Library. UST Archivist Prof. Regalado Trota José, led the AUST in providing much-needed expertise to the seven participants who were trained on the fundamentals of archival management and records, preservation and restoration of documents, as well as the digitization of such.

A tour of the Antonio Vivencio Heritage Library was also included in the itinerary. The Heritage Library is home to most of the rare books collections of UST, particularly those dating back to even before UST’s founding in 1611.

According to José, the Provincial Government of Pangasinan sent five of its personnel to UST for training since it aims to build a provincial archive in the near future. The archdioceses of Pampanga and Cagayan de Oro likewise sent a brother each, in order to learn about UST’s management of its heritage.

and constructivism ideologies, with the primary goal of having learners create their own knowledge by creating and interacting with the objects. He added that the 21st century libraries should provide a space that encourages exploration, creation, and collaboration.

Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., Prefect of Libraries, delivered his closing remarks after the talk on MakerSpace.

In the afternoon, the participants were grouped for a simultaneous tour of the Antonio Vivencio del Rosario UST Heritage Library, UST Archives, and UST Museum.

This seminar was organized by the UST Library Committee on Professional Training and Development assisted by the Library administrators, UST librarians and staff, UST Archives, and UST Museum.

BOARDTOPNOTCHERS



Medical Technologist Licensure Examinations

August 2017
UST passing rate: 95.34%
National passing rate: 85.15%



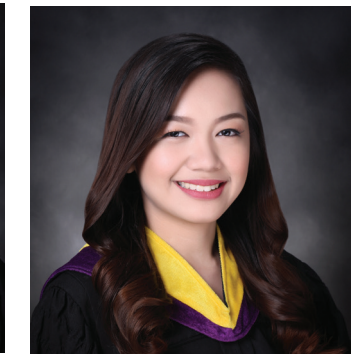
4th - 90.60%
Shaira Rae Billena



8th - 90.20%
Neill Steven Cachuela



8th - 90.20%
Joed Ivan Mata



10th - 90.00%
Carissa June Ferreras



Nutritionist- Dietitian Licensure Examinations

August 2017
UST passing rate: 97.65%
National passing rate: 71.62%



4th - 89.80%
Camille Ang



5th - 89.75%
Danca Francisco



8th - 89.05%
Elisa Mae Garcia



Occupational Therapist Licensure Examinations

August 2017

UST passing rate: 94.37%

National passing rate: 72.88%



2nd – 82.00%
Julian Elijah Deabanico



2nd – 82.00%
Eliza Camille Hugo



4th – 81.20%
Joy Marie Balamban



6th - 80.60%
Gianina Arnette Martin



7th – 80.40%
Mark Andre Blanco



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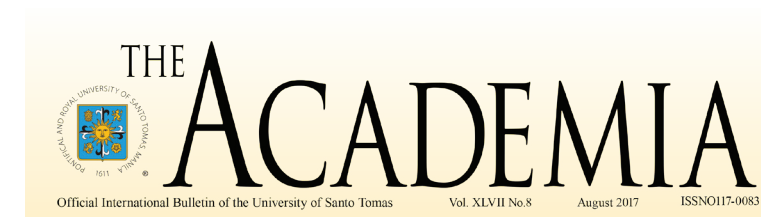


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