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UST holds first gathering of academics on social media in education

The University of Santo Tomas Social Media Bureau hosted LinkEd: The First Social Media in Education Summit, on January 18 and 19, 2018 held at the Dr. George S.K. Ty Multi-Purpose Hall of the Buenaventura G. Paredes, O.P. Building, UST.

The reality of social media

In his keynote address, renowned communication expert Ramon “Bong” Osorio, CPR, APR, said that while it was acceptable to associate the social media phenomenon with millennials, schools need to contend with the fact that even millennials are on their way out of the young generation, as they have begun to have families of their own.

Schools, as they cater to young people, now need to deal with those touted to be part of “Gen Z” or the “Edgers,” who in contrast to their immediate predecessors, are more optimistic, idealistic, empathetic, and have a tendency to want to save the world.

Osorio emphasized that schools must recognize the reality of social media, especially in the areas where Internet connectivity is no longer a problem.

Communication dynamics in social media

In his talk regarding communication dynamics of social media, communication expert Rommel Lopez challenged the audience to reflect on the benefit derived from the use of social media or the disruption it has caused. He presented cases and stories of how social media networks have been used and misused mostly in the Philippines.

Lopez cautioned educators not to fall prey to fake news and online deception and batted for the importance of media and information literacy training not just for students, but for teachers. He presented his viral encounter with an honest and humble taxi driver, which caught the attention of hundreds of thousands of netizens. This encounter, which has since garnered mainstream media attention, has likewise generated support for the taxi driver, in the form of financial and material assistance.

Reach a wider audience in real time

A session on how to boost a school’s online presence was presented by UST Social Media Bureau Assistant Director Philippe Jose S. Hernandez. He emphasized that social media networks like Facebook offer schools the opportunity to reach a wider audience in real time, at virtually no cost.

Hernandez called on the participants to consider exploring this option and blend it with traditional media ways of promoting their school and reaching their audience. For this, Hernandez suggested the creation of a social media team whose primary task is to post achievements, announcements, updates, and pertinent school information.



Fr. Aytona urges the participants to use social media wisely.



Osorio delivers the keynote address.

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BE-attitudes on social media use

In relation to how schools must be portrayed online, a session was devoted on how teachers and academics must behave in the virtual world, particularly in the realm of social media. College of Education faculty member Prof. Clarita D. Carillo, Ph.D., outlined eight BE-attitudes pertinent to social media use. She underscored that while teachers can freely engage via social media, they do

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Catholic universities urged to focus on strengthening integrity of Filipino families



Bishop Virgilio Pablo S. David, D.D., (rightmost) is awarded tokens of appreciation by ACUP President Rev. Fr. Marcelo V. Manimtim, C.M., (second from left) and Holy Angel University President Dr. Luis Maria R. Calingo (leftmost).



Asst. Prof. Gonzalez discusses the gravity of social inequality.



Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, APR, (rightmost) ACUP Secretary General and UST Office of Public Affairs director meet Rev. Fr. Ernesto M. Arceo, O.P., President and Rector of UST Legazpi upon his arrival at the Holy Angel University.

The Association of Catholic Universities of the Philippines (ACUP) held its 2018 National Conference from January 29 to 31, 2018 at the Holy Angel University in Angeles City, Pampanga.

Coinciding with ACUP's 45th year of establishment, the conference anchored upon the theme "The Role of Catholic Universities in Strengthening the Filipino Families Toward Nation Building: A Response to *Amoris Laetitia*."

With the UST Rector, Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., serving as Vice-President of ACUP, UST served as the Association's secretariat.

The three-day conference began with a religious tour of heritage sites and churches within Pampanga, which included the Holy Rosary Parish and the Apu Shrine in Angeles City, the San Guillermo Parish in Bacolor, the Santiago Apostol Parish in Betis, and the San Agustin Parish in Lubao.

The second day featured a keynote address, lectures, research presentations, and panel discussion, before capping off with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

In his welcome remarks, Holy Angel University President Dr. Luis Maria R. Calingo acknowledged the challenge that many Filipinos face when it comes to family values. "All is not well in our country. There are many whose condition makes it difficult for them to know the treasures of family and faith," he explained.

Calingo then urged the participating Universities to "join together to continue being witnesses to the truth that our shared faith is not repressive, but is the key to a promising future. More than ever, our country needs devout leaders – those who regard their faith not only as their spiritual identity but also as the governing force in their daily lives."

The key to providing our nation with more faithful nation builders is to strengthen the basic unit of society – the family.

ACUP President Rev. Fr. Marcelo V. Manimtim, C.M., who is also president of Adamson University, said in his President's message that the most crucial guide that Catholic universities need to follow in order to achieve such a goal is the post-synodal apostolic exhortation "*Amoris Laetitia*" (The Joy of Love). Released in 2016, Pope Francis discussed in the 256- page document the pastoral care of families, love within the family, and the contemporary challenges that love faces.

"This conference looks into the challenges of *Amoris Laetitia* to the Catholic universities to reflect on the ways these academic institutions can strengthen the Filipino families," Fr. Manimtim said in his message. The conference tackled the phenomenology of the Filipino family through lectures, research presentations, workshop and sharing of best practices that presented experiences of the common Filipino family. The formation of the youth as a crucial factor in strengthening the family was also discussed.



Archbishop Villegas urges the audience to act on their conscience and to care for their soul.



UST Vice Rector Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P. (center) receives a certificate of appreciation for the University of Santo Tomas from Fr. Manimtim (left) and Fr. Sta. Ana (right).



Bro. Sorita leads a discussion with the youth leaders of the ACUP member institutions.

Fr. Manimtim said that the conference would be helpful to Catholic universities because it would enable them to share more visibly and effectively the pastoral approach of Pope Francis, concrete indications of which abound in *Amoris Laetitia*.

"Our deeper understanding of the situation of Catholic families may lead to greater appreciation of the challenges and to more solid support of their vocation to raise faith-filled, generous, and socially committed Filipinos. When we are able to do this, we shall fulfill our mission to make education an active instrument in promoting the development of our people through the healthy families."

The first keynote speaker was Most Rev. Pablo Virgilio S. David, D.D., Bishop of Kalookan, who centered his talk on the plight of the Filipino family. One of the biggest threats to the inner strength of the Filipino family is the anti-poor sentiments and rough conditions evident within the nation.

Speakers included well-known Sociologist and Radio Veritas consultant Bro. Clifford T. Sorita; St. Mary's University Student Affairs and Services for Women Assistant Dean Pearl Via S. Coballes; UST-Legazpi Student Services Director Mr. Jesus A. Barizo; Holy Name University Assistant to the President for Religious Education and Mission Fr. Samuel D. Clarin, SVD, and Notre Dame University Alumni and External Affairs Director Fr. Eduardo M. Santoyo, OMI.

Multi-disciplinary discussions on the state of the Filipino family today were also conducted. Speakers were: St. Paul University Quezon City Social Innovation and Research Director Prof. Ronel P. de la Cruz, Ph.D., who gave the anthropologist's perspective; Holy Angel faculty member Prof. Christopher Martin A. Tañedo, who also works as a Psychologist at St. Luke's Medical Center, provided the psychologist's perspective; and Adamson University faculty member Mr. Mark Godwin B. Villareal, who gave the sociologist's perspective.

The second keynote speaker of the conference was Archbishop Socrates B. Villegas, D.D., Archbishop of Lingayen-Dagupan, Pangasinan. He discussed "Catholic Universities and the Filipino Families: The Pastoral Response to the Challenges of *Amoris Laetitia*." In his talk, Archbishop Villegas explained the importance of encounter and accompaniment, which involves confrontation, challenges, conversion, consolation, and eventually contemplation, and cited the significance of discernment which involves humbling oneself before God, listening to silence as it is the language of God, and letting go of negativity.

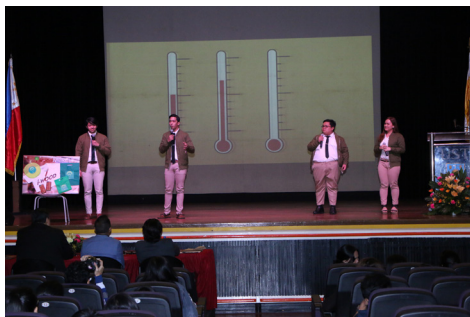
UST hosts PR Student Congress, Grand Prix; VP Leni urges youth to action



Vice President Leni G. Robredo delivers her keynote address on the importance of fighting and mitigating the effects of climate change.



VP Robredo (center) is awarded a token of appreciation by Mr. Bernard G. Bagaman, APR, Chair of the 2018 PRSP Students' PR Congress (left), and Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, APR, PRSP Board member and the director of the UST Office of Public Affairs (right).



Groups from different universities compete for the 'best public relations plan' and 'best digital video campaign.'

The University of Santo Tomas hosted the 2018 Student Congress and Grand Prix of the Public Relations Society of the Philippines. With the theme "Youth vs. Climate Change: The Ultimate PR Challenge," teams from different schools competed in presenting the best Digital Video and PR Plan for campaigns against climate change held at the UST Education Auditorium on January 20 and 21, 2018.

The keynote speech was delivered by the Vice President of the Philippines herself, Her Excellency Maria Leonor G. Robredo.

Readiness is key

VP Robredo highlighted the importance of not only awareness, but also vigilance. Citing the concerning trends of extreme weather patterns over the past several years and the worsening storms and floods, she said that "[These incidents

teach] us a very hard lesson: that times have changed. No one is safe anymore. And we really need to be ready."

"Climate change is real, and it is putting so many of our people at risk," VP Robredo continued. "And you know what's even worse? Climate change hits the poorest first, and hits the poorest the hardest. Each time a calamity strikes, it is the poorest who pay for it, sometimes with their own lives," she grimly stressed.

Sharing an anecdote regarding her team's recent visit to Agutaya, Palawan, a small island ten hours away from Coron by boat, VP Robredo discussed the harsh reality of weather disasters that is invisible to the urban public. She gave the example of Typhoon Yolanda (international name Haiyan).

"Help came quickly for areas like Tacloban and Leyte. *Iyon 'yung napapanood natin sa TV.* (That's what we are able to watch on TV.) But there were several other places in the country that remained invisible in the eyes of many, *pero grabe rin 'yung* destruction from Yolanda, (but also sustained much destruction from Yolanda)."

The local community of Agutaya, who live far from the mainland and the more well-off towns, remained distraught from Typhoon Yolanda's wrath even years after the storm ravaged their island. The VP also noted that the only school in Agutaya's sole town was still damaged when they arrived, even though Yolanda happened more than four years ago. Electricity was unavailable, and the local fishing community had a severe shortage of boats that affected their livelihoods negatively.



Mr. Liu lectures on the advantages of wood as a tool to combat climate change.



The winners of the PR Plan competition, "Elevate" from De La Salle University - Dasmariñas

A call to action

After highlighting the importance of helping fellow Filipinos, VP Robredo warned the students in the audience that, "We do not have to wait for another typhoon or calamity to move us into action. We can do something now to mitigate the impact of climate change. We do not have to let it hit us close to home."

Commenting that generations Y and Z are in a unique position to lead the charge against climate change, she also commended the efforts that are already underway. "Instead of sitting by on the sidelines, you're finding ways to discover your role in nation building."

"How I wish we, your elders, gave you a better world than this. It is the failure of my own generation to have acted in earnest or in kind. *Kami po 'yung nagkulang sa inyo.* (Our generation owes yours)," the VP also lamented.

"But as I said, all hope is not lost because we believe in you," she continued in a positive note. "We believe you can do something about climate change now. In fact, you are already in a perfect position to do something about it. With technology at your doorstep, and with your exceptional creativity, you can come up with the most innovative solutions," VP Robredo highlighted.

"Personally, I witnessed that working with young people brings greater power in making the impossible possible," she shared with the crowd, adding that her staff is primarily composed of young and

dynamic people, with an average age of 26 years old among the team that includes new graduates as young as 21 years old.

"There are countless creative ways to solve the crisis of climate change," she said, giving the example of producing eco bricks, reused plastic bottles stuffed with solid non-biological waste that are stronger than hollow blocks, which are commonly used by some of her team's partner communities for construction.

Urging the youth to innovate, the VP stressed that, "No effort is too small; no plan is too complicated to discuss. Every idea is precious if we all have open minds and open hearts."

VP Robredo ended her speech with a call to action. "As future communication professionals, you have power that can move our world. So make the most out of your stay [in school]. Learn as much as you can. Hone your skills and your abilities. Find innovative ways to move people to action. Because our actions today will become the consequences we will deal with tomorrow."

Grand Prix

In the PR Plan competition on the first day, victory was earned by the "Kahoy" campaign by the Elevate team from De La Salle University - Dasmariñas. "Wood Youth: Would You" by Team AnimaUna of Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila and "Challenge Accepted: I Could I Wood" by the Alpha Communications team from De La Salle University - Dasmariñas won second and third place, respectively.

For the Digital Video Challenge, the "Little Missy" presentation by the Part1da team from the Polytechnic University of the Philippines emerged victorious. UST-Angelicum College's teams, Beyond Reliable and Farview Production, placed second and third with "Let's Go Na Bes" and "We Choose Wood," respectively.

Engaging discussions

The second day of the PRSP Student Congress was filled with enlightening and engaging discussions regarding what has been done, what is being done, and what is left to do to fight climate change. Meneleo J. Carlos, Jr., President of the RI Chemical Corporation gave an inspirational talk, followed by a keynote speech delivered by Nonito M. Tamayo, Director of the Forest Management Bureau of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Charlie H. Liu, Chairman of the Philippine Wood Producers Association, discussed "Wood: The Most Awesome Climate Change Trap." Ms. Ritzi V. Ronquillo, APR, Head of Communication and Corporate Affairs of Holcim Philippines, Inc. also tackled how to promote preventive measures against climate change.

Mr. Gregg Yan, leader of the Best Alternatives Campaign, began the afternoon session by sharing "War Stories from an Eco Hero." Engr. Edgar V. Sabidong, Trustee of the Philippine Green Building Council, then discussed promoting Green Architecture. For the final talk, Mr. John Tobit Cruz of Angat Kabataan tackled "Recruiting Eco Warriors: Gaining Youth Participation against Climate Change."

UST Faculty of Medicine and Surgery launches medical foundation



UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P. conveys his gratitude to the initiators and benefactors of the Anargyroi Foundation.

In anticipation of the sesquicentennial celebration of the University of Santo Tomas Faculty of Medicine and Surgery (UST-FMS) in 2021, the “Anargyroi: FMS Foundation, Inc.” (AFI) held its Philippine launch on January 14, 2018 at the UST Main Building.

First launched on July 3, 2017 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, during the 25th Annual UST Medical Alumni Association in America (USTMAAA) Convention, the Anargyroi Foundation is an independent organization that manages donations, and supports the UST Faculty of Medicine and Surgery to sustain and aid initiatives that include scholarship grants, facilities, community outreach, research, as well as student and faculty development programs,

In her message to the Foundation’s supporters, UST-FMS Dean Ma. Lourdes D. Maglinao, MD, said that “[Anargyroi] will serve as the conduit for all men and women, groups and institutions, advocates and champions to help [UST] continue its task to educate and enlighten competent, committed, and compassionate Thomasian physicians.”

The first five full scholars under the Regent’s Scholarship Program, the flagship project of the AFI, were presented this academic year 2017-2018. Currently serving as the FMS Regent is Rev. Fr. Angel A. Aparicio, O.P. Each year onward, five more scholars will be chosen until the 150th anniversary of the FMS in 2021. Scholars are selected based on the students’ outstanding academic performance, Christian qualities, and need for financial support. Quality medical education is made more accessible by prioritizing candidates from far-flung areas. Hence, one scholar from Luzon, two from Visayas, and two from Mindanao will be given a scholarship grant which covers tuition and miscellaneous fees, board and lodging, as well as learning materials every academic year.

The first batch of Regent’s Scholars include Charles John S. Latorre, Cloie Ann P. Rabinetas, Patricia Joyce G. Si, Carmela Niña S. Tormo, and Jochebeth Joi T. Trocino.

“I believe that the highest virtue of the medical profession is its altruism. It is innate in you. You are wired for it. But as one author says, though this virtue is inherent in each and every one of you, a switch [still] has to be flipped. It is my fervent wish that [Anargyroi] will provide the impetus or the proverbial flipping of switch, or the process of initializing the spirit of altruism in all doctors and alumni,” UST Vice-Rector Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., stressed during his opening remarks.

AFI will also fortify health service delivery through its Community Outreach Program by establishing a comprehensive primary care facility, a holistic nutrition program for children, and a functional geriatric day care in underdeveloped areas of the archipelago.

Another project is the Simulation Center, which replicates clinical scenarios in order to provide students a strong link between their basic medical education and actual clinical practice. Using simulation aides, students can learn more effectively without fear of harming patients

The Foundation will also support the Research Program, to assist in the production and publication of medical research work within FMS. It also aids the Student and Faculty Development Programs.

“There are so many challenges that we have to hurdle, so many things that we have to discuss, but just the enthusiasm of being



UST Vice Rector Fr. Ang delivers the welcome remarks.



UST-FMS Dean Maglinao presents the projects supported by Anargyroi.



UST Vice-Rector Fr. Ang (left) and FMS Regent Fr. Aparicio (right) meet with former UST-FMS Dean Jesus V. Valencia, MD, (center) during the launch.

part of this launch is more than enough for me,” UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P. said in his message of appreciation.

“Because the root word of enthusiasm is *entheos*,” Fr. Dagohoy continued. It means ‘God is within.’ “You are enthusiastic because you are fired up. You are imbued with the presence of God within you. You cannot be this expressive, willing, and enthusiastic without His Grace. So please continue to maintain your enthusiasm [for helping those in need].”

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not stop being teachers once they log in to the networks. With social media’s fast-paced communication exchanges, a single screenshot can be the source of controversy for anyone, thereby raising the need for prudence when posting.

Teacher-learner interaction in real time despite distance

Faculty of Arts and Letters and Graduate School faculty member Assoc. Prof. Rachele B. Lintao, Ph.D., gave a lecture on the different online learning tools that social media can provide. She emphasized that with social media’s potential for increased connectivity, learners and teachers can interact and learn real-time despite physical distance.

To reinforce Lintao’s lecture, UST Educational Technology Center Director Anna Cherylle M. Ramos, conducted a

hands-on workshop on online collaboration tools at the Learning Lab.

Data Privacy Act and handling social media cases

In his talk on statues, social media, and schools, education law expert Atty. Joseph Noel Estrada discussed, among others, the Data Privacy Act and how schools must carefully handle personal information—basic and sensitive—especially in an age when information is freely shared without much regard for consequence.

Likewise, Estrada underscored the need for institutional policies that will capture social media phenomena and are at present absent in the country’s laws. “Where the law lacks, the institutional policy should step in,” Estrada said, mentioning school-specific cases and a landmark Supreme Court ruling concerning a school in the Visayas.

UST Senior High School Principal Pilar

I. Romero, Ph.D., meanwhile, emphasized in her talk “Handling Social Media Cases Constructively,” the concept of restorative justice and shared how discipline cases must not be handled always in a punitive way, but in a way that still forms students’ values.

Future conversations

‘LinkEd’ was the first social media summit focused on discussing the concerns of education in terms of utilization, benefits and nuances. It gathered close to a hundred participants from the National Capital Region, Benguet, Camarines Sur, Butuan City, Cebu, Bacolod City, Pampanga, Bulacan, and Bohol.

In his closing remarks, UST Social Media Bureau Director Fr. Christopher Jeffrey L. Aytona, O.P., encouraged the participants to join future conversations on social media, a phenomenon that changes quickly and impacts the lives of millions in a matter of seconds.



Organizers and participants of LinkEd

INTERNATIONALIZATION

Student of University of Melbourne takes clinical observation program at CRS

James Ablang, a student from the University of Melbourne, Australia under its Doctor of Physiotherapy program participated in the clinical observation program of the University of Santo Tomas College of Rehabilitation Sciences (UST-CRS) Department of Physical Therapy from January 8 to January 26, 2018 as part of his Global Physiotherapy Elective. Ablang chose to take his clinical observation program in UST to broaden and deepen his experience in physiotherapy practice through his interaction with local physical therapist in the community and hospital setting in the Philippines.

During his stay, Ablang was assigned to the Apolinario Mabini Rehabilitation Center (AMRC) of the University of Santo Tomas Hospital and to the Abucay Rural Health Center in Bataan where he had the opportunity to perform evaluation and treatment of musculoskeletal and sports injury cases in the clinical and community setting. CRS faculty members Assoc. Prof. Valentin Dones, Ph.D., and Assoc. Prof. Donald Lipardo were his faculty guides and mentors. The clinical observation program was spearheaded by the Physical Therapy Department Internship Supervisor Fe Therese Chavez and the Department of Physical Therapy Chair Jocel M. Regino.

Pharmacy strengthens international collaborations with three Thai universities; sends 15 Med Tech students for internship

Faculty of Pharmacy Assistant Dean Ma. Frieda Z. Hapan, Ph.D., and Department of Medical Technology Internship Coordinator Vivian D. Asuncion met with the officials of Chulalongkorn University, Thamassat University, and Mahidol University in Thailand to discuss ways on strengthening the existing international collaboration between the UST and these three Thai universities through programs like student mobility, faculty exchange, visiting professorship, research and scholarship.

At the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, Chulalongkorn University, the UST administrators were met by Dean Palanee Ammaranond, Ph.D., while at the Thamassat University, they were met by a group headed by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kampol Ruchiwit, Dean and Asst. Prof. Plaiwan Sutthanon, Ph.D.

Meanwhile, at the Faculty of Medical Technology, Mahidol University Dean Chartchalerm Isarankura-Na-Ayudhya, Ph.D., and Asst. Prof. Chotiros Plabplueng, Ph.D., the Deputy Dean for International Relations and Education, met with Hapan and Asuncion.

Aside from discussing ways to strengthen international collaboration between UST and the Thai universities, the faculty members of the host institutions were also invited as visiting professors for the Ph.D. major in Medical Technology program that will be offered at the UST Graduate School. Fifteen Medical Technology students and interns were sent abroad for internship which was held from January 17 to February 9, 2018.

Faculty of Pharmacy Assistant Dean Assoc. Prof. Ma. Frieda Z. Hapan, Ph.D. (first from left) and Department of Medical Technology Internship Coordinator Vivian D. Asuncion (fourth from left) with the Dean of Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, Asst. Prof. Palanee Ammaranond, Ph.D., of Chulalongkorn University in Thailand. (third from left)



Asst. Prof. Plaiwan Sutthanon, Ph.D., (second row, fourth from left) Dean of the Department of Biomedical Science of Thammasat University with the UST administrators and Medical Technology students



UST Pharmacy, Management & Science University Malaysia discuss international collaborations



UST academic officials from the Faculty of Pharmacy led by Prof. Aleth Therese L. Dacanay, Ph.D., Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy (third from left) meet with academic officials from MSU. (From left) Assoc. Prof. Agnes L. Castillo, Ph.D., UST-FoP International Relations Coordinator; Assoc. Prof. Edilberto P. Manahan, Ph.D., UST Department of Medical Technology Chair; Prof. Tan Sri Dato' Wira Dr Mohd Shukri Ab Yajid, MSU President; Prof. Mohd Fadli Mohd Asmani, Ph.D., MSU School of Pharmacy Dean; Dr. Sairah Abdul Karim, MSU Faculty of Health & Life Sciences Dean.)

The officials of the UST Faculty of Pharmacy headed by Dean Aleth Therese L. Dacanay, Ph.D. and the Management and Science University (MSU), Malaysia, led by its president Prof. Tan Sri Dato' Wira Dr Mohd Shukri Ab Yajid met on January 17, 2018 at the MSU to discuss the international collaborative activities between the two universities through programs such as student mobility, faculty exchange, visiting professorship, research and scholarship. Five Medical Technology students/ interns were sent to the MSU Faculty of Health & Life Sciences for their internship which was held from January 17 to February 9, 2018.

The meeting was also attended by UST Faculty of Pharmacy academic officials and their counterpart from MSU. The meeting was coordinated with School of Pharmacy Dean Prof. Fadli Mohd Asmani, Ph.D., and Faculty of Health & Life Sciences Dean Sairah Abdul Karim, Ph.D. The UST Pharmacy contingent was composed of: Department of Medical Technology Chair Assoc. Prof. Edilberto Manahan, and International Relations Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Agnes L. Castillo, Ph.D.



Faculty of Pharmacy Dean Prof. Aleth Therese L. Dacanay, Ph.D. (sixth from left) with Assoc. Prof. Edilberto P. Mahan, Ph.D., (seventh from left), Assoc. Prof. Agnes L. Castillo, Ph.D. (rightmost) and students from the Medical Technology program of UST at the Faculty of Health & Life Sciences of the Management & Science University, Malaysia.

Eballo receives Fellowship at Lilly Library



Institute of Religion faculty member Associate Professor Dr. Arvin Eballo was recently awarded a fellowship by the Mendel Fellowship Committee of the Lilly Library in Indiana University, United States of America. Eballo is currently working on his research titled: "Reconstructing the Ancient Katagalugan Worldview toward Nation-Building by Revisiting the Old Catechetical Manuscripts."

The research aims to revisit, reflect and reclaim the pre-colonial Katagalugan worldview in order to heal the famously coined 'damaged culture' of the Philippines due to the many external influences that came to the country over the last four hundred years. Part of the research objective is to re-establish the long lost uniqueness and originality of the Filipino identity and culture before the colonial

eras. Thus, the sitting board of the Mendel Committee decided to award the fellowship to Eballo because of the promising output that the research aspires for especially with regard to nation-building.

Aside from the fellowship, Eballo is granted access to the Mendel Collections of the Lilly Library which houses some important and extant Filipino catechetical books, materials and documents that were used by the early missionaries in the Philippines to Christianize the natives. These materials are said to contain essential information in understanding Filipino pre-colonial worldview as the missionaries utilized the language and culture in incorporating doctrinal tenets of the Catholic Faith. These collections were from the different libraries and archives of the major religious orders in Intramuros which were then looted by the British army after the Spanish soldiers defeated them in 1764.

LECTURES & CONFERENCES

Dones presents paper on biomechanical taping technique, trains at MSK Ultrasound Workshop in Australia

College of Rehabilitation Sciences faculty member Assoc. Prof. Valentin C. Dones III, Ph.D., presented a paper at an international conference in Australia and received a professional advancement grant from the Commission on Higher Education that allowed him to undergo a training on diagnostic musculoskeletal ultrasound, also in Australia.

At the Allied Health Conference organized by the International Centre for Allied Health Evidence held at the University of South Australia, City East, Adelaide, South Australia, Dones joined a writing workshop at the pre-conference of the said international confab. During the main conference, he presented his paper titled "The effectiveness of Biomechanical Taping Technique on visual analogue scale, static maximum handgrip strength, and Patient Rated Tennis Elbow Evaluation of patients with lateral epicondylalgia: A Cross-Over Study". In the conference, he learned how pieces of research evidence were translated into practice among health care professionals.

At the post-conference summit session, Dones represented the Filipino therapists among international delegates inclusive of health care users, practitioners, administrators, and policy makers. The summit session aimed to develop a white paper that summarized issues related to the Allied Health System.

Prior to the conference, Dones received a Professional Advancement Grant from the Commission on Higher Education that allowed him to attend a training on the use of diagnostic musculoskeletal ultrasound. The practical course titled 'MSK Ultrasound Workshop (Intermediate)' was held in Broadbeach Waters, Gold Coast, Australia. This five day program provided didactics and practical imaging on ultrasound pattern recognition found in normal and abnormal muscles, tendons and nerves. Practical tips and hints in obtaining high quality images were



Dones presents paper at the Allied Health Conference in Australia.

shared and demonstrated by skilled Australian sonographers.

As a result of this educational immersion, Dones is now creating programs that train Filipino therapists on the use of diagnostic musculoskeletal ultrasound in research, improve writing capacity of UST-College of Rehabilitation Sciences faculty and students, and introduce translation and utilization of research evidence in the professional practice.

Abenir, students present papers on UST SIMBAHAYAN endeavors at public service confab



Participants from the University of Santo Tomas

The UST SIMBAHAYAN Community Development Office attended and participated in the 2nd Colleges and Universities Public Service Conference with the theme, "Compassion and Social Responsibility: Cornerstones of Public Service and Extension in Higher Education," held at University of the Philippines, Bonifacio Global City Campus, Taguig City. The University of the Philippines, through its system committee on public service led by its Office of the Vice President for Public Affairs, organized the conference. The conference provided a platform for scholarly discussions on the manifestation of compassion (*malasakit*) in public service/extension initiatives of higher education institutions. Department of Social Welfare and Development Asst. Sec. Aleli B. Bawagan was the keynote speaker.

UST SIMBAHAYAN Director Assoc. Prof. Mark Anthony D. Abenir, DSD, presented a paper titled, "Compassion in Action: The Case of the Simbahayan Community Development Office of the University of Santo Tomas." The paper provided a comprehensive overview of how UST actualizes the social doctrines of the Church through its Simbahayan Community Development Office (SIMBAHAYAN). The paper uncovered: the history of community service and development in UST, its community development paradigm and organizational structure, the program and projects SIMBAHAYAN implements, the strategies SIMBAHAYAN employs and the procedures it follows to integrate academic instruction and research in its community development work, the development networks SIMBAHAYAN works through and partners they serve, and SIMBAHAYAN accomplishments for the past two years and accumulated achievements.

Along with Abenir were five undergraduate students in their fourth year under the UST Department of Sociology. They presented research papers about various community development engagements in the University. Alexandra T. Azul and Megan G. Tapawan presented papers on the sociological inquiry on the perception regarding community development work of the students, faculty, administrators, and support staff of the UST College of Architecture and the UST College of Education respectively.

Denysse Xerxes L. Salazar and Lee Jairus B. Lacaba presented a five-year performance review of community development projects and activities implemented by the UST College of Education and the UST College of Commerce and Business Administration, respectively. Margarethe Angela O. Gutierrez presented a paper on the sociological analysis of the community development engagements of tenured faculty members of UST. All of the five students are under Abenir's thesis advisorship.

There were almost 200 conference participants coming mostly from government HEIs of Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao. Out of the 200 participants, 70 were paper presenters who delved on lessons and best practices on innovative initiatives that highlight their respective higher educational institutions' social responsibility and compassion.

Mojica, Jacinto represent PH at Thailand forum on habilitation of children with hearing loss



International auditory verbal therapist Cheryl L. Dickson (front row, fifth from left, in pink blouse) of the Victoria Deaf Education Institute, Australia with the participants at the Siriraj Hospital in Bangkok, Thailand for the forum on habilitation of children with hearing loss.

Speech Language pathologists (SLPs), audiologists and teachers involved in the assessment and habilitation of children with hearing loss (CHL) in the Southeast Asian region converged at the Siriraj Hospital in Bangkok, Thailand on December 7 and 8, 2017 to discuss the latest updates and outcome measures in the habilitation for CHL. The following countries were represented: Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, Brunei, Vietnam Sri Lanka and Philippines. There were five delegates from the Philippines including Asst. Prof. Ma. Georgina D. Mojica and Mr. Paul William Jacinto, members of the faculty of the Department of Speech Language Pathology of the UST College of Rehabilitation Sciences.

The workshop was conducted by a well-known certified international auditory verbal therapist Cheryl L. Dickson of the Victoria Deaf Education Institute, Australia. She is highly regarded as an expert in training and mentoring professionals in the field of auditory verbal therapy. She has written numerous rehabilitation materials for CHL. The workshop was organized by Cochlear Ltd.

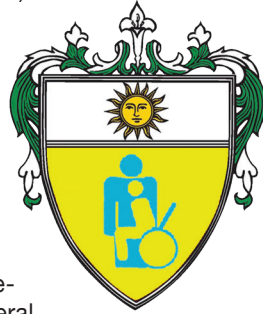


College of Rehabilitation Sciences Assistant Dean Ma. Georgina D. Mojica (center) and a co-participant with Cheryl L. Dickson (left) of the Victoria Deaf Education Institute, Australia.

Apart from the valuable learning experience provided, the workshop was likewise able to generate ideas for possible collaboration from the delegates in the Southeast Asian region.

CRS organizes seminar on Peripheral Vertigo Diagnosis and Rehabilitation

The College of Rehabilitation Sciences (CRS) organized a seminar titled “Peripheral Vertigo Diagnosis and Treatment” held on January 6, 2018 at the PT Skills Laboratory, UST. The resource speaker was an alumnus of CRS Mr. Paul Christian Rivera, a specialist in geriatric physical therapy, who is currently affiliated with Suncrest Home Health working as Physical Therapist in the home health setting.



The seminar discussed the current and evidence-based assessment and treatment in patients with peripheral vertigo including the basic principles of the vestibular system

and rehabilitation, non-standardized and standardized assessment mobilizing the semi-circular canals, and use of evidence-based assessment tools in diagnosing peripheral vertigo. The speaker used several teaching methodologies to ensure learning among participants like didactics, demonstration and return demonstration.

This seminar has enlightened the practicing physical therapists about the importance of assessing the vestibular system in any neurologic or geriatric conditions. It gave the participants practical ways of assessing and treating patients with vertigo.

Arriola presents paper on Memory Studies Conference in Denmark

UST Research Center for Culture, Arts and Humanities Director Dr. Joyce Arriola presented a paper at the Second Memory Studies Association Conference held from December 14 to 16, 2017 at the University of Copenhagen in Copenhagen, Denmark. Her paper titled “1950s Filipino Komiks-to-Film Adaptation as Site of Cultural Memory” was read under the panel titled “Memory, Trauma and Postcoloniality in Asian Contexts.”

The Memory Studies Association (MSA) is an interdisciplinary organization of academics, scholars and practitioners of discursive and cultural expressions pertaining to how Memory is lived out in both public and private spaces and on various levels such as the personal, the national, the international, and the marginal. The MSA has memberships all over the world. Since memory incorporates both the past and the present, its expressions in literature and cinema have become prime examples of what scholars call “prosthetic memory” and performative memory.

The paper tackled the role of komiks-to-film adaptations in forging cultural memory in 1950s Philippines. A period becomes ripe for memorializing when it becomes a period of great productivity or when a dominant idea or image creates a new kind of imaginary. In the 1950s popular Philippine life, the nation saw two Golden Ages, namely: The Golden Age of Philippine Cinema and the Golden Age of Komiks-to-Film Adaptation. Both phenomena



Dr. Arriola (third from left), with the Philippine delegates to the 2nd Memory Studies Association Conference

created a colorful imagery through visual iconography, storylines that point to both the colonial past and the contemporary age, and characterizations that represent particular values and worldviews. As mediated memory, extant komiks-to-film adaptations became also occasions for remediation because cycles of memorializing have been pursued in the name of the conscious project of defining a national identity.

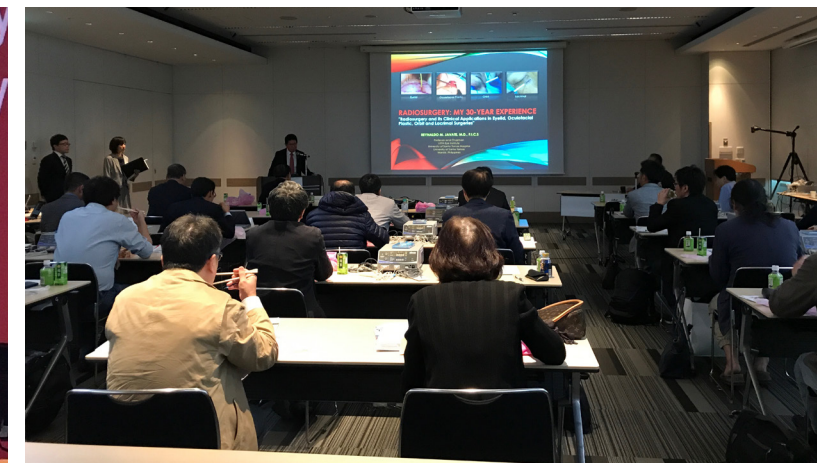
Arriola, who also teaches at the UST Graduate School and the Faculty of Arts and Letters, read her paper alongside Asian delegates from Ateneo de Manila University and the Royal Netherlands Institute for Southeast Asia and Caribbean Studies that tackled occasions of the intersection between

and among literature, media and history from the Philippines and Indonesia. The Memory Studies Association Conference is held every year and is aimed to build theoretical frameworks and methodologies on how to study practices and texts that bear and/or interrogate memories of historical events and cultural performances all over the world and their impact on the present. This year's event has been highlighted with a Keynote Lecture by renowned scholar Marianne Hirsch and was culminated with a talk and film screening by Oscar-winning filmmaker Joshua Oppenheimer.

Javate lectures on ophthalmology in Asia, Europe



Dr. Javate delivers a lecture at the International Society of Dacryology and Dry Eye Meeting in Athens.



Dr. Javate speaks in Tokyo for the Japan Seminar of Clinical Radio Surgery.



Dr. Javate presents in Lisbon for the European Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery Meeting in Portugal.

Considered as one of the most brilliant doctors in his profession both in the local and international scene, Dr. Reynaldo M. Javate has made numerous contributions in the field of ophthalmology through his practice, inventions, and lectures.

Javate was a speaker at the 32nd Asia-Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology held in Singapore where he discussed Endocanaliculoscope for Lacrimal Diseases.

At the annual meeting of the British Oculoplastic Surgery Society held in London, United Kingdom, Javate was invited to present his lecture on Predictive Factors in TELDR (Transcanalicular Endoscopic Lacrimal Duct Recanalization).

In Athens, Greece, Javate discussed the Technique and Success Rates of TELDR with Silicone Intubation and Balloon Dacryoplasty with Cytopuncture Microbiopsy at the 12th Congress of International Society of Dacryology and Dry Eye (ISD & DE).

The ISD & DE congress was immediately followed by the FCI Distributor's Meeting of the European Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery (ESCRS) held in Lisbon, Portugal. Javate gave a presentation on Management of Anophthalmic Sockets using FCI Bioceramic Orbital Implant and Bilateral Frontalis Sling for Surgical Correction of Congenital Ptosis with Poor Levator Function using FCI Expanded Poly Tetra Fluoro Ethylene (ePTFE) Ptose-Up and Ptosis Probe.

Javate's international series of lectures was capped with his presentation titled Radiosurgery: My 30-Year Experience “Radiosurgery and its Clinical Applications in Eyelid, Oculofacial Plastic, Orbit, and Lacrimal Surgeries” delivered during the Japan Seminar of Clinical Radiosurgery in Tokyo, Japan.

Escuadra attends Physiotherapy conference in Australia

College of Rehabilitation Sciences faculty member Ms. Catherine Joy Escuadra, a member of the board of officers of the Philippine Physical Therapy Association, represented the Filipino physical therapists at the conference of Australian Physiotherapy Association titled MOMENTUM 2017 held at the International Convention Center, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia. The conference, attended by more than 300 physical therapists, included several health care professionals and non-health care professional speakers that challenged the attendees to be the momentum force not just for the global physical therapy practice but for better health practice in general.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community environmental engagement, DRRM capacities strengthened in ALERTOmas



Participants recite the “Pangako ng Bayan” pledge after a successful Walk for Creation.



Partner community leaders from Rizal province during the seminar-workshop on Pope Francis’ Laudato Si



ALERTOmas Chair Asst. Prof. Analiza Yanga gives instructions during the Water Survival Training.

ALERTOmas is an annual advocacy on Environmental Sustainability and Action and Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) sponsored by the UST Simbahayan Community Development Office. With the theme “Alertong Mamamayan, Ligtas na Pamayanan,” the three-day event was participated in by representatives from the different partner communities and institutions of the University. The activities were organized by the ALERTOmas cluster consisting of the College of Science, College of Architecture, Graduate School, Faculty of Engineering, National Service Training Program and the Faculty of Arts and Letters.

Marking the official start of the ALERTOmas was the Walk for Creation activity that gave the participating communities an insight of the events that are prevalent in today’s society. There were also six stations that showed the calamities that Mother Earth continues to experience, and social issues such as the government’s war on drugs, and fake news. After reflecting on these issues, the participants signed the “Pangako Sa Bayan.” Following the Walk for Creation activity was a seminar-workshop on the care for the environment facilitated by Ms. Mylene Saluta from the Fellowship for the Care and Creation, Inc. (FCCA). She gave a comprehensive talk on Pope Francis’ “Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home.”

A Water Survival Training was conducted at the Paraiso ng Kabataan, a government facility in Andalusia, Manila. They were asked to do hands-on drills to help them deal with disaster situations. Knowing that the Philippines is prone to landslides and floods, the activities were focused on how to respond to these situations. The participants were taught by Mr. Cris Falculan and his team, who are professionals from Rescue 177. Documentary films on different calamities that the country had encountered were shown at the UST Commerce Audio Visual Room. The film-showing activity helped the participants realize and contemplate on the importance of life.

On the last day of ALERTOmas, the participants went to Rizal Park. Faculty of Arts and Letters faculty member Melanie DC. Turingan of the Department of History, gave a lecture on the heroism and patriotism of Dr. Jose Rizal, the Philippine National Hero who was executed in Bagumbayan, now known as Luneta or Rizal Park. The lecture also discussed how the Rizal monument was constructed. The participants had the chance to go and see the beautiful and history-laden park.

The final stop over was the Manila Ocean Park where the participants were treated to a tour of the park’s amenities and its different attractions, particularly the different species of sea creatures. The Closing ceremony was also held in the Manila Ocean Park. Participants all left with gladness in their hearts and promise that they too will give their share of lessons back to their communities.

LECTURES&CONFERENCES

CRS mentors present papers at PPTA annual convention

The Philippine Physical Therapy Association (PPTA) held its annual convention at the Hotel Stotsenberg, Clark, Pampanga in December 2017 titled ‘Impetus.’ The two-day convention gave an opportunity for professionals to present their respective research studies and paved the way to a meaningful discourse on relevant issues surrounding local and international physical therapy practice.

During the plenary and parallel sessions, UST CRS faculty members presented papers. Assoc. Prof. Donald Lipardo, who was awarded Most Outstanding Professional in 2015, talked about his study titled “Physical Therapy in Older Adults with Mild Cognitive Impairment” while Assoc. Prof. Valentin Dones III gave a lecture on Biomechanical Taping.

Assoc. Prof. Michael Jorge Peralta presented his study on the “Fundamentals of Intellectual Property System,” Assoc. Prof. Anna Lea Enriquez, MD discussed the “Ethics in Physical Therapy Research”, and Assoc. Prof. Janine Dizon, Ph.D. presented her study on the “Current State of Play of Evidence Based Practice in Physical Therapy Globally.”

Ms. Catherine Joy Escuadra, who presented her research titled “Predictors of Success in Occupational and Physical Therapy Licensure Examination: A 3- year review (2015 – 2017) of the University of Santo Tomas – College of Rehabilitation Sciences Physical and Occupational Therapy Programs” was awarded Best Platform Presentation under the Professional Category.

A preconvention lecture series on post-stroke recovery using motor learning preceded the conference. The lecture held at the Angeles University Foundation was led by Ms. Archelle Jane Callejo on December 7, 2017.

Faculty members of the CRS who hold key positions in the PPTA include: Vice President for Internal Affairs Asst. Prof. Christian Rimando, Treasurer Ms. Catherine Joy Escuadra, Board of Director Assoc. Prof. Michael Jorge Peralta, CPD Committee Chair Ms. Roxanne Fernandez, and CPD Committee Member Ms. Kristina Devora.

Indigenous culture, tradition celebrated in Indigenous People’s day



Winners of the poster and slogan making contest are presented to UST Vice Rector for Religious Affairs Rev. Fr. Pablo T. Tiong, O.P. (leftmost) and UST SIMBAHAYAN Director Assoc. Prof. Mark Anthony D. Abenir, DSD (rightmost).

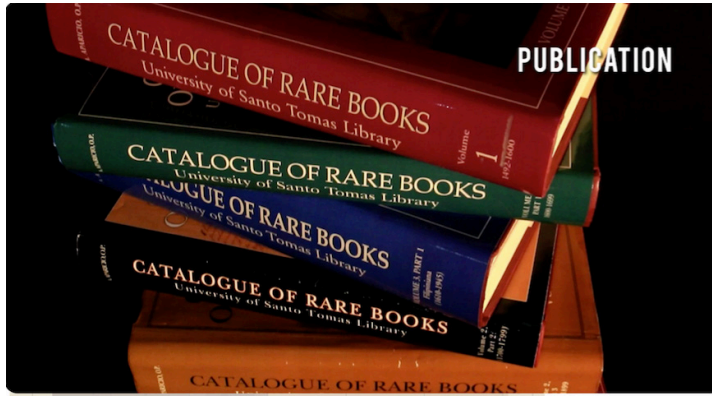
Aytas from an IP partner community perform during the cultural presentation.

The UST Simbahayan Community Development Office (UST SIMBAHAYAN), in partnership with the Students Tourism Society of the College of Tourism and Hospitality Management, and the College of Education, organized the *Araw ng Katutubo* 2017 (Indigenous People’s day) at the Dapdap Multipurpose Gymnasium in Bamban, Tarlac. The annual event which started in 2003 is a continuing joint activity of the UST SIMBAHAYAN and Aytas para-teachers and learners of the UST Distance Education Program.

Araw ng Katutubo aimed to showcase and preserve the culture and heritage of the University’s partner indigenous people (IP) communities. This year’s event showcased cultural presentations, traditional bamboo cooking contest, poster and slogan making contest, nutrition caravan, forum on cultural pride and preservation, and tribal games.

Selected Dumagat IP community leaders from Sitio Mainit, Antipolo, Rizal and children of Salugpungan Lumad IP School in Mindanao also participated to show solidarity with the Aytas from Sitios Malasa, Mabilog, San Martin, Santa Rosa, and Buok Bamban, Tarlac. Over 300 participants and volunteers participated in this year’s celebration. This year’s theme was “*Katutubo at Ako: Salinlahi ng Kultura at Tradisyong Pilipino.*”

Lumina Pandit: Spreading the Light through Conservation, Digitization, Publication



A staff member from the UST Miguel de Benavides Library restores old documents



The library archives houses rare books that are carefully preserved and restored.

The Miguel de Benavides Library and the University Archives house some 30,000 rare books and documents, which has served as textbooks and reading materials for many students of the University of Santo Tomas throughout its more than 400 years of existence.

However, these textbooks and reading materials were slowly exposed to the ravages of time. Most are in different stages of ruin – yellowed and brittle pages, detached book spines, loose pages, and indelible ink marks and stains. Without intervention, these historical documents would simply be gone along with historical and cultural details that are important for nation building.

With this reality and the library's stakeholders' needs in mind, a project called *Lumina Pandit* was born. Its objectives include: supporting UST in the restoration and preservation of the heritage collection; making these rare books and documents available over the internet to anyone interested in learning more about Philippine history and culture; informing stakeholders and the general public of the existence of the heritage collection; and weaving together the missing but vital pieces of Philippine history and culture.

The project *Lumina Pandit*, which means "spreading the light," was first unveiled in 2011 during the celebration of UST's 400th foundation anniversary. An exhibit was held and a book titled "*Lumina Pandit: A Collection of Historical Treasures*," was published. It was at this initial stage that Union Bank of the Philippines Chairman and CEO Justo A. Ortiz, felt motivated to support the project and take on a huge role in the preservation of these historical documents.

The partnership was formalized on April 27, 2011, and the multi-million peso project dubbed as "*Lumina Pandit II*" was born. Supported by UnionBank, the project now encompasses three components: conservation, digitization, and publication of the UST Library and UST Archives' historical collections dated 1492 to 1900.

For a period of four years until the present, conservation and restoration of the historical books steadily progressed.

Lumina Pandit II unearthed a lot of interesting and important documents that shed light on Filipino culture. As an example, *Book of Hours*, a little illustrated volume which contains prayers for the different hours of the day. Librarians and archivists also discovered a document that features the signature of UST's

founder, Miguel de Benavides, O.P., and Philippine Revolution documents, including a crayon sketch of the Philippine flag.

As of this writing, the project has consumed a budget of ca. Php30 million in the acquisition of high-end equipment and supplies and hiring of manpower and others.

UnionBank also employed the help of a Spanish librarian to check with other libraries around the world for existing copies of books found in the collection. Most of the materials are confirmed original copies and/or the only copy left.

Disintegrating books were fixed starting with the spine. Ink marks and stains were also chemically removed. After the books were repaired and restored, these were scanned and uploaded online to make the information available to everyone around the world.

The digitization is a response to the rapid and borderless dynamics of 21st century learning. Access to the nation's historically important works will no doubt play a huge role in the growth of each Filipino who reads the works which also impacts nation building. Currently, about 1,000,000 pages have been scanned and are being uploaded online through digital collection management software "CONTENTdm."

The preservation and restoration project is still going on. UnionBank and UST have also already published two commemorative books: '*Lumina Pandit: A Collection of Historical Treasures*' and '*Lumina Pandit: A Continuum*.' These two books contain details about these cultural items that help those interested to know more about the rich Philippine culture.

UST Library receives donation of collections from UST alumna



Expedito Pichon (left) and Fr. Aparicio sign the Deed of Donation.

The UST Miguel de Benavides Library enhanced its collections by receiving a donation of personal collections of the late Erlinda A. Pichon, a Thomasian from Caraga, Davao Oriental. The donation contains books, postcards, photographs, paper ephemera and glass slides.

On September 29, 2017, the UST Library Administrators led by Prefect of Libraries Rev. Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., together with Chief Librarian Estrella Majuelo, and Assistant Chief Librarian Ma. Cecilia Lobo, flew to Davao for the signing of the Deed of Donation and turn-over of the said collections. The signing, which was held at Café Amoree, Davao City, was between the family of the donor Erlinda Pichon represented by Expedito Pichon and University of Santo Tomas represented by Fr. Aparicio on behalf of Rev. Fr. Herminio Dagohoy, O.P., Rector. The document was signed in the presence of Majuelo, Lobo and Ms. Leticia Pichon Militante.

The negotiations for this endowment started on July 2, 2017 when the Library received an email from Ms. Rosalinda Pichon Martin, sister and executor of the Last Will and Testament of Erlinda Pichon which stated a proposal for the personal donation of books and other materials. After numerous exchange of emails and preparation of legal documents, the donation was eventually carried out.

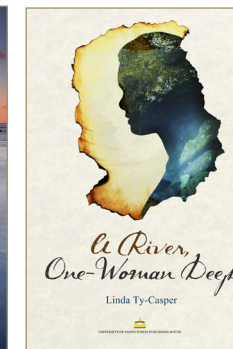
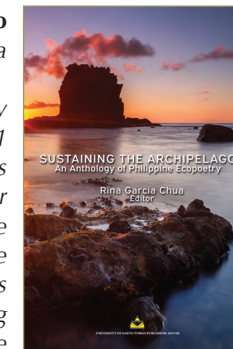
The collection will be housed at the Antonio Vivencio del Rosario UST Heritage Library. The books and journals will be labelled "The Ricardo Pichon and Eduarda Alvar Pichon Family Collection" while the postcards, printed ephemera and photograph albums produced during the period of 1898 to 1928 will be labelled as "The Erlinda A. Pichon and Robert Biggert Collection," as agreed by both parties.

Erlinda Pichon is a co-founder of a non-profit Amauan Multi-Arts Workshop in New York City which operated from 1878 to 1998. In her service of two decades as Amauan's unpaid director, she was honored at the Malacañang Palace as an Outstanding Overseas Filipino. During much of this time, she was a social worker and supervisor of the New York City Human Resource Administration.

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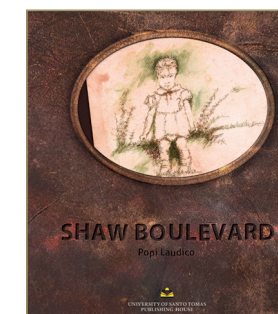
Sustaining the Archipelago
Rina Garcia Chua

Sustaining the Archipelago is the first anthology of ecopoetry in the Philippines that collates 151 poems from over 80 poets all over the islands in four distinct themes: place, species: flora or fauna, disasters, and environmental justice. These themes document the Philippines' richly diverse environmental history through different responses that range from the admiration of the breathtaking surroundings of the tropics; wistful inquiry into the many different species discovered or undiscovered in its land, sea, and air.



A River, One-Woman Deep
Linda Ty-Casper

From *World Literature Today*: "In this collection of stories, Filipina-American Linda Ty-Casper runs her fingers along the scars left behind in the wake of historical events in the Philippines, parsing out what it means to live through and after the trauma of dictatorships and war. Her sobering descriptions of the intersection of the global and personal create a moving narrative, brimming with strength and humanity."



Shaw Boulevard
Popi Laudico

From poet Tim Tomlinson: "Popi Laudico's *Shaw Boulevard* combines photography with lyric essays for an emotionally moving journey through the past. Like chocolate, *Shaw Boulevard* is a bittersweet experience, irresistible, but best consumed in small servings. With this short, sharply observed memoir, a marvel of restraint, Laudico makes the portion exactly the right size."

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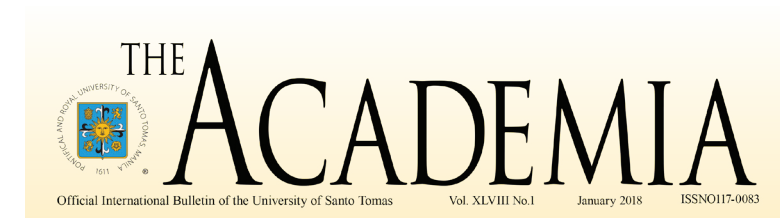
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