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



(Front row, from left:) Prof. John F. Weckert, Ph.D., Rev. Fr. Nicholas E. Lombardo, O.P., UST Vice Rector and Faculty of Philosophy Dean Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., Professor Emeritus Alfredo P. Co, Ph.D., UST Center for Religious Studies and Ethics Director Rev. Fr. Jannel Abogado, O.P., Assoc. Prof. Emmanuel Batoon, and Ecclesiastical Faculties Secretary Assoc. Prof. Joel Sagut, Ph.D., with the participants

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

Fides et Ratio addressed the relationship between faith and reason. The encyclical posits that the two are not only compatible, but essential together. Reason may create a 'systematic body of knowledge,' but its

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RCCAHA director is NRCP awardee for Research in Humanities

UST Research Center for Culture, Arts and Humanities (RCCAHA) Director Prof. Joyce L. Arriola, Ph.D., added another milestone to her academic career as she was chosen by the National Research Council of the Philippines (NRCP) as this year's Achievement Awardee in the field of Humanities.

The award was given during NRCP's Annual Scientific Conference and 86th General Membership Assembly on March 11, 2019 at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC). The conference carried the theme "Humanizing the Fourth Industrial Revolution."

The awarding body described Arriola as "a dedicated scholar whose significant research contributions have established

her niche in literary, media, and cultural studies," and, "(a)n esteemed academic leader who has actively promoted tertiary Philippine literary education, indigenous culture, and Filipino discourse."

At the University of Santo Tomas where she teaches at the Faculty of Arts and Letters and the UST Graduate School, Arriola has held numerous posts. Prior to being director of RCCAHA, she was Chair of the UST Literature Department, Program Lead of the Literature and Communication programs of the Graduate School, member of the Technical Committee for Literature of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), and the Executive Council of the

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The Thomasian Poet in Contemporary Philippine Literature

Assoc. Prof. Ralph Semino Galán

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

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

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

The Achieve of, the Mastery

A quick survey of the latest installment of Gémino H. Abad's groundbreaking and definitive anthology of Philippine poetry from English collectively titled *Man of Earth* contextualizes the position of the Thomasian wordsmith who wrought poetry from English in contemporary times. Of the 161 poets featured in "The Achieve of, the Mastery: Filipino Poetry and Verse from English, mid-'90s to 2016," a substantial number (23) are Thomasiens: Gloria A. Garchitorena-Goloy, Doris Trinidad, Ophelia A. Dimalanta, Cirilo F. Bautista, Albert B. Casuga, Recah A. Trinidad, Rita B. Gadi, Alice M. Sun-Cua, Eric Gamalinda,

Merlinda Bobis, Joel Pablo Salud, Capili, Bino A. Realuyo, Garcia, Alma Anonas-Carpio, Ralph Semino Galán, Nerisa del Carmen Guevara, Ramil Digal Gulle, Lour Ernest H. de Veyra, Allan Justo Pastrana, Carlomar Arcangel Daoana, Benedict Bautista Parfan, and Brylle B. Tabora.

Incidentally, three of these Thomasian poets are currently part of the UST CCWLS: Galán, Assistant Director, and Guevara and Parfan, Resident Fellows. (During the directorship of Dimalanta, Bautista and his fellow National Artist for Literature F. Sionil Jose were named as the Center's Senior Associates, while De Veyra and Gulle, along with Galán and Guevara were named as Junior Associates.)

Furthermore, most of these Thomasian poets have published individual books of poetry, the more prolific ones having published multiple titles, like Bautista (12), Dimalanta (7), Garcia (6), and Daoana (5). And they have won many national and international prizes for their verse-making. In fact, Thomasian poets have won a substantial number of prizes in the Palanca Awards for the Poetry in English category in the last ten years: Daoana for the poetry collections "The Elegant Ghost" (First Prize, 2012) and "Crown for Maria" (Second Prize, 2013); Angelo Suarez for "Exploratoria" (Second Prize, 2003) and "Else It Was Purely Girls" (Third Prize, 2004); Bobis for "Accidents of Composition" (Second Prize, 2016); Ramil Digal Gulle for "Afterhours, Afterlives" (Second Prize, 2000); and Mike Maniquiz for "Tornadoes and Other Poems" (Third Prize, 2003).

Not Only in English

The prominence of the Thomasian wordsmith in poetry is not only limited to English, since there is also an equal number of exemplary Thomasian poets writing in Filipino: Teo T. Antonio, Nadera, Michael M. Coroza, the Añonuevo siblings Roberto and Rebecca, Joselito D. Delos Reyes, Louie Jon Sanchez, Joseph Rosmon Tuazon, Joseph de Luna Saguid, and Paul Alcosoba Castillo, to mention the more visible ones. Two of these Thomasian poets, aside from also being part of the UST CCWLS as Resident Fellows, are very



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active in the contemporary literary scene: Delos Reyes is the current Chair of the UST Department of Literature and a board member of Philippine PEN, while Castillo is the latest First Prize winner of the Don Carlos Palanca Memorial Award for Poetry in Filipino for his collection "Luna't Lunas." But will the Thomasian poet's winning streak continue into the future?

UST Graduate School

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

At present, aside from the more senior UST CCWLS Resident Fellows, two major Filipino poets boost the rank of the UST Graduate School Creative Writing faculty: Abad, UP University Professor Emeritus, who teaches a 'Poetry in English' workshop class; and Coroza, a Full Professor of the Ateneo de Manila University, who handles a poetry in Filipino workshop class. Abad and Coroza are Senior Visiting Fellow and Associate Fellow of the UST CCWLS, respectively.

Will the winning streak trickle down to the young poets based inside the España campus?



The late Cirilo F. Bautista is a National Artist in Literature.



The late Ophelia A. Dimalanta, founding director of the CCWLS, is considered the Goddess of Philippine Poetry

Undergraduate Creative Writing Program

The UST Faculty of Arts and Letters established in 2018 an undergraduate Creative Writing program to align its course offerings with the UST Graduate School, and to help ensure that the Pontifical University's legacy of excellence in the *belle lettres* would continue. And gauging by the enthusiastic participation of its first batch of Creative Writing freshman students and some senior Literature majors to a recently held poetry reading organized by Galán and UST CW Undergraduate Program Coordinator Chuckberry J. Pascual at the UST CCWLS Conference Room, to celebrate World Poetry Movement (Movimiento Poético Mundial) initiated by Medellín International Poetry Festival Director Fernando Rendón, poetry indeed, whether in English or Filipino, is very much alive inside the campus of the Pontifical University.



Prof. Michael M. Coroza is Chair of the Union ng mga Manunulat sa Pilipino (Writers' Union of the Philippines).



Multi-awarded contemporary Filipino-Australian author Merlinda Bobis



Palanca award-winning poet, playwright, fiction and nonfiction author Eric Gamalinda



Delos Reyes recites his poetry from memory at the CCWLS World Poetry Movement Celebration



Paul Castillo at the 2018 Palanca Awards

Ralph Semino Galán, poet, literary and cultural critic, translator and editor, is the Assistant Director of the UST Center for Creative Writing and Literary Studies. He has won national prizes for his poems in English and Filipino, and is the author of the following books: *The Southern Cross and Other Poems*, *Discernments: Literary Essays, Cultural Critiques and Book Reviews*, *From the Major Arcana*, and *Sa mga Pagitan ng Buhay at Iba pang Pagtutulay*.



Professor Emeritus Alfredo P. Co, Ph.D., engages with participants.



Prof. Jove Jim Aguas, Ph.D., discusses his work on Christianity.



UST Graduate School Regent Rev. Fr. José Antonio E. Aureada, O.P., answers questions from the audience.

completeness is 'illusory' as without grounding in spiritual truth, reason can give rise to skepticism and other doctrines which can devalue.

Eight plenary speakers approached the topic from the perspective of philosophy, theology and canon law. Among them were: The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., School of Theology and Religious Studies Area Director for Historical and Systematic Theology Fr. Nicholas E. Lombardo, O.P., Ph.D., who delivered a lecture on "Faith and Reason and the Inspiration of Scripture," and Professor Emeritus of Charles Sturt University in Australia John F. Weckert, Ph.D., who discussed "Trust and Commitment in Science and Technology."

From the University of Santo Tomas, speakers included distinguished philosopher Professor Emeritus Alfredo P. Co, Ph.D., who discussed "A Preliminary Reflection on the Place of *Fides et Ratio* in the Evangelization of the East in the 21st Century;" Assoc. Prof. Pablito A. Baybado, Ph.D., who tackled "From Phenomenon to Foundation: *Fides et Ratio's* Prospects for Dialogue and Peace Building;" Assoc. Prof. Allan A. Basas, S.Th.D., who talked on "Critical Theory and Theology of the Signs of the Times: Towards and Emancipated Humanity;" Rev. Fr. José Antonio E. Aureada, O.P., who expounded on "*Fides et Ratio: Friends or Enemies?*" Visiting Professor Rev. Fr. Danilo U. Flores, J.U.D., who elaborated on "The Exercise

of *Postestas Vicaria* of the Roman Pontiff: Perfect and Harmonious Interaction of *Fides, Ratio, et Ius*;" and Prof. Jove Jim S. Aguas, Ph.D., who presented "Christianity as the Locus of the Complementarity of Faith and Reason."

Faith and Reason and the Inspiration of Scripture

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

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

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

for clarifying the meaning, the truth, and the inspiration of Sacred Scripture."

Trust and Commitment in Science and Technology

Prof. John F. Weckert, Ph.D., founding editor in chief of the Springer Journal *Nano-ethics*, focusing on ethics for technologies that converge at the nanoscale, discussed how trust involves goodwill and autonomy, and how technology can affect how we trust people.

"Technology itself isn't widely trusted; we trust the *people* - those who develop, maintain, and operate the technology," said Weckert, using the example of how people trust pilots, engineers, and technicians rather than trust the plane itself.

Weckert also detailed how trust can be enhanced by technology. It aids in communication and collaboration, which builds trust among people. Trust-inhibiting technologies, however, are also prevalent, such as surveillance technologies, sensing and listening devices, 'big data' or vast amounts of information collected from individuals' personal habits that are stored through and in technology and may be analyzed computationally to reveal patterns and trends.

Surveillance, said Weckert, limits the autonomy of the persons being monitored as it limits the development of trust and of virtues like honesty, and even threatens privacy.

UST Travel Management Students conquer Domestikwhiz 2019

Three students under the Travel Management department of the College of Tourism and Hospitality Management won First Place in this year's Domestikwhiz 2019 with the theme: "Setting the Goal: The Key to Sustainability." The quiz bee was held on February 23, 2019 at the School of Statistics Auditorium of the University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City.

Students Gil Ernest M. Gatinga, Andrea Nicole D. Hernandez and Aven H. Hernandez emerged as champions out of 12 teams from different colleges and universities in the Philippines. The students were coached by the Tourism Management Program Chair Ms. Jane G. Devanadera, together with the faculty members from the Tourism Management Department, Atty. Gezzez Giezi G. Granado, DCL, Mr. Jame Monren T. Mercado, and Mr. Avi Ben P. Andalecio.

Domestikwhiz is an annual quiz bee for tourism students. It is organized by the UP Club for the Environment and Tourism and has been running for 16 years. Its aim is to encourage appreciation and promotion of domestic tourism among the youth and foster camaraderie among universities.



The winning team

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Prof. Arriola at the awarding ceremony

National Committee for Literary Arts of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts.

In 2007, her book titled "Postmodern Filming of Literature: Sources, Contexts and Adaptations" Arriola was conferred a National Book Award for Film/Film Criticism.

The NRCP Achievement Award is known to be one of the most prestigious awards given by the Council. As explained on their website, it is "the highest recognition given [to] its outstanding members in the fields of natural sciences, health sciences, engineering, industry, social sciences and the humanities."

The 2018 awardees were: Dr. Joyce L. Arriola, Professor, University of Santo Tomas; Dr. Karlo L. Queaño, Geologist, Apex Mining Company, Inc.; Dr. Elmer S. Estacio, Professor, UP-National Institute of Physics; Dr. Teresa E. Tadem, Professor, University of the Philippines-Diliman; Dr. Anthony Shun Fung Chiu,

University Fellow, De La Salle University Manila; Prof. Desiree M. Hautea, University Scientist, UPLB-Institute of Plant Breeding; Dr. Alonzo A. Gabriel, Associate Professor, University of the Philippines Diliman; Prof. Rowena DT. Bacongus, University of the Philippines Los Baños; Likhaan: The UP Institute of Creative Writing; Dr. Danilo M. Yanga, Retired Professor, UP-National Institute of Physics; and Dr. Olivia C. Caoili, Director, Office of Research Coordination, University of the East.

Arriola joins the ranks of Thomasians who have received the NRCP Achievement Award for Research, the first recipient was Dr. Fortunato B. Sevilla, III who was recognized in the field of Chemical Sciences in 1994, while the most recent awardee is Dr. Jovencio G. Apostol, who was recognized in the field of Pharmaceutical Sciences in 2017. Arriola is the 14th Thomasian awardee.

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



(From left:) Faculty of Engineering Dean Prof. Philipina Marcelo, Ph.D., Engineering Regent Rev. Fr. Roberto Luanzon, O.P., Engr. Mario K. Surio, Engr. Elizabeth Romualdo, Msgr. Daniel B. Sta. Maria, outgoing president of Engineering Alumni Association (EAA) Engr. John Paul Pe, incoming president of EAA Engr. Jayson Ong, and Officer-in-Charge of Industry, Government, Academe, Alumni Relations Program Engr. Fortunato Leynes at the 2019 Engineering Hall of Fame awarding ceremony.

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

The awarding ceremonies were held on February 16, 2019 at the UST Paredes Building.

The award, consisting of a plaque and a golden name plate with the awardee's name and award inscribed on it, was given by Faculty of Engineering Dean Prof. Philipina A. Marcelo, Ph.D., and Regent Rev. Fr. Roberto L. Luanzon, Jr., O.P. The name plates are found in the Hall of Fame wall at the lobby of the Roque Ruaño, O.P. building, where the Faculty of Engineering is housed.

The induction into the Hall of Fame serves as recognition of the remarkable efforts of deserving Engineering alumni who do not only succeed in their individual careers but also manifest leadership in the community.

Elizabeth P. Romualdo earned her Bachelor's degree in 1969, and an associate degree in programming technology at the Control Data Institute-Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA in 1971. She was awarded for Entrepreneurship having steered her company, Analytical Support Services for Environment Technologies, where she sits as its president and CEO, into the vast corporation that it is now. She is currently the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Analytical Support Services for Environment Technologies (ASSET PH), CRL Environment Corporation, CRL Calabarquez Corporation, and CRL Analytics Corporation.

CRL Environmental Corporation made history by being the first and only laboratory outside the USA to have been granted recognition by the Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP)

of the Department of Health Services (DOHS), State of California, in 1999. Romualdo's companies are also strong in their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) role. One of its CSR projects is the implementation of the Memorandum of Agreement as a partner of DENR Region III to adopt and protect the Estero of Sapang Balen in Mabalacat, Pampanga. The CRL Group of Companies extends scholarship grants, in various forms, to several students in the Faculty of Engineering, and in schools in Romualdo's hometown in Atimonan, Quezon.

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



(From left:) Dean Prof. Philipina Marcelo, Ph.D., Regent Rev. Fr. Roberto Luanzon, O.P., Engr. Mario Pangilinan, Engr. Celso Caballero III, Engr. Jayson Ong, Engr. John Paul Pe, and Engr. Fortunato Leynes during the awarding ceremony. (not in photo is Engr. Ricardo Austria, who is based in the USA.)

Fund, Oeconomus of the Diocese of Cubao, and General Manager of the Bahay Pari Cooperative.

Msgr. Dan has put into good use his Chemical Engineering background by teaching skills such as soap making to his unemployed parishioners – they do not only make themselves economically viable, they also give dignity to themselves. He left a lucrative industry practice to enter the priesthood at age 36. He was ordained in 1986 by His Eminence Jaime L. Cardinal Sin. Msgr. Dan is the author of the books "The Mystery of The Trinity in Christian Life" and "A Day in the Life of a Parish Priest."

Awarded for Industry Leadership was the President of Dagumo Agro Minerals Inc., Sultan Energy Corp., and Bonanza Energy Resources Inc. Engr. Mario K. Surio, who obtained his degree in 1967. He is also the concurrent director of Eagle Cement Corporation, Private Infra Dev. Corp., South Luzon Tollways Corporation/SLEX, Ginebra San Miguel, and San Miguel Yamamura Packaging Corp. He is the chief technical adviser to the Office of the President and COO of San Miguel Corporation.

Surio supports scholarship programs through the San Miguel Foundation such as the 1 plus 1 Scholarship program of UST in partnership with the Curtin University of Western Australia. Currently, 10 Chemical Engineering graduates are studying under a Master's program in Metallurgical Engineering.

Proud of his Thomasian education, Surio is a true-blue *Tomasino* having been educated in UST from grade school to college. He played baseball for UST in the UAAP from 1962 to 1967.

The Engineering Hall of Fame was first awarded in 1996, and has inducted 28 alumni to date. The first recipient was Rev. Fr. Roque Ruaño, O.P., for Engineering Design. The award was given posthumously in 1996 in recognition of his numerous works as Civil Engineer, the most famous of which is the UST Main Building, now a National Cultural Treasure. The Main Building, inaugurated in 1927, is the first earthquake-resistant building in the Philippines in its modern-day history.

The other awardees include Jollibee founder Dr. Tony Tan Caktiong, who received his award in 2000 for Entrepreneurship. Engr. Fortunato Leynes, the first Filipino Chief Executive of the largest of the 11 privatized distribution utilities in Nigeria, the Ibadan Electricity Distribution Company received the award in 2018 for Industry Leadership. For Global Corporate Management, Engr. James Velasquez, former president and country manager of IBM Philippines and currently CEO of PT&T was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2017.

Outstanding Thomasian Engineer Award

In the same gathering, a new award was presented: The Outstanding

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

The first recipients were: Pterra, LLC Founder Engr. Ricardo D. Austria (BS Electrical Engineering, 1979); former President and Chief Operating Officer of Aboitiz Power Corporation – Oil Business Unit of Therma Mobile Inc. Engr. Celso C. Caballero, III (BS Electrical Engineering, 1996), and Enerplus Inc. President Engr. Mario R. Pangilinan (BS Electrical Engineering, 1981).

Austria has over 35 years of experience in electric power transmission planning, operations, voltage simulation and analysis and design and engineering. As a renowned expert in these specialized fields, he has given testimony in these areas in filings with the US Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, state and local public commissions.

Caballero was President and Chief Operating Officer of Aboitiz Power Corporation – Oil Business Unit of Therma Mobile, Inc. and was responsible for the successful execution of the company's business mission through the development and deployment of the latest power plant technologies to enhance the efficiencies of the power plants.

Pangilinan was president and CEO of FDC Utilities, Inc., the power generation subsidiary of Filinvest Development Corporation. Among his achievements was the development of the FDC Misamis 405-MW Coal-Fired Power Plant in 2016, the largest coal thermal power plant in the Mindanao grid which helped alleviate the perennial power shortages in the region due to high dependence on hydro power. He pioneered works to implement the Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001, which includes the drafting of the Philippine Grid Code and the Wholesale Electricity Spot Market Rules.

The new award, according to Faculty of Engineering Dean Prof. Philipina Marcelo, Ph.D., is intended to recognize the professional achievements of Thomasian engineers that also mirror the Thomasian values of competence, commitment and compassion, as well as good moral character and conduct with the highest standards of ethics. It is envisioned that there will be an awardee for each Engineering program. There are six programs in the Faculty of Engineering: Civil, Chemical, Mechanical, Electrical, Electronics, and Industrial Engineering.

INTERNATIONALIZATION



CRS students at the California Baptist University College of Health Science

CRS Global Internship Experience brings students to top US, Thai universities

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

First PT GIE at Seton Hall University

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

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

internship program while Ms. Regino gave a special lecture on the use of Outcome Measure Tool to the students of Seton Hall University.

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

Sports Science students at California Baptist University

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

The students, namely, Jan Ivonne Samonte, Eric Benjamin Reyes, Ma. Katrina Michaela Delfin, Nathan Ryann Lim, Ciro Augusto Galang, Raymund Peter Capucao, Pauline Celine Cusing, and Isaias Khaim Apostol, learned about CBU's values, creative techniques and current technology that are not only for research but also to assist coaches and athletes on areas where they can get important gains in fitness, health, and sports performance.

Sports Science interns tried different tests at the Exercise Physiology Laboratory and Strength and Conditioning facility of the Department of Exercise Science. They were also given

the opportunity to go to the Athletic Training Laboratory and Athletic Training Center where they learned how athletes are recovering from injury. They gained experiences on: Parvo Medics TrueOne gas analyser, Environmental Chamber, Body Composition Analyzer, Changes in Respiratory Exchange Ratio on Carbohydrate and Fat metabolism, and VO2max and Wingate Testing.

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

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

Ten Sports Science students at Mahidol University in Thailand

The entire month of February was spent by ten students under the Sports

Science program at the Mahidol University in Thailand for their Global Internship Experience.

Accompanied by faculty member Ms. Josephine Joy Reyes, the students, Augusto Arkoncel, Gabriel Christian Lucero, Nasstassja Limos, Rikki Louise Obispo, Neil Christian Lapiz, Francis Gabriel Cruz, Aron Anthony Romey, Andre Patrick Rosales, Melchizedek Samonte, and Theodore Austin Biason, had the opportunity to attend different exclusive class sessions, and special laboratory meetings. They also visited sports and training facilities and rehabilitation units.

On their first day at Mahidol University, the CRS students were welcomed by the Dean of the College of Sports Science and Technology (CSST), Dr. Chanin Lumsam. It was concluded with a campus tour. The activities on their initial week included: Sports Injuries by Dr. Kornkit Chijankit, Sports Nutrition by Dr. Alisa Nana and Functional Training Body Bar workout by Dr. Ton Chonlachai. In between the week, the group experienced the nationalistic celebration of Muay Thai IGLA Day.

It was on their second week that the students were challenged physically. It was what they called, 'a test of power and strength' since the students were actively involved in laboratory sessions in the areas of: Aqua aerobics discussed by Dr. Ton Chonlachai, actual demonstration and

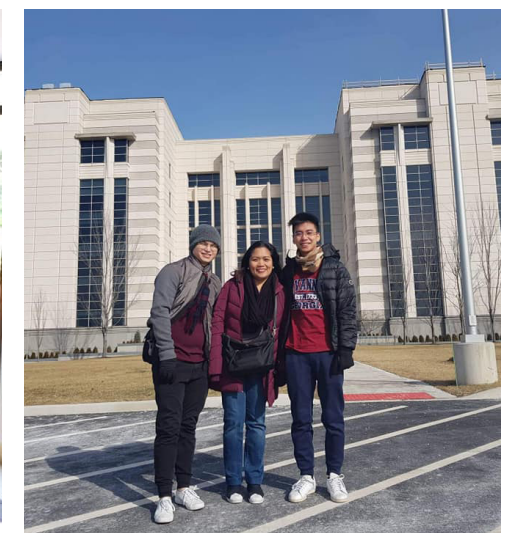
application of Cardiovascular Testing given by Dr. Saiphon Kongkum, EEG/brain activity with Ms. Ploy Pararoi, an interactive activity on clinical grading of muscles, IRM/muscle ratio and muscle action with the Thai 3rd year Sports Science students facilitated by Sports Science professors and lastly, a lecture demonstration of motion analysis and force platform application in Sports given Dr. Weerawat.

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

The GIE is the kind of exposure that, according to the participants, has always given them the edge to ascertain the latest practices in the field of Sport Science and gauge the level of competencies of the students. They find the learning experiences gained from this educational activity as a means of paving the way in realizing the value and proficiencies of the Sports Science program.



UST CRS students and faculty during a courtesy call with the Mahidol University College Sports Science and Technology Dean Chanin Lumsam, M.D., (eighth from left)



(From left:) Eala, Regino, and Cachero at Seton Hall University

RESEARCH

Culinary heritage of *Pancit* bags NCCA research grant for Tourism Management mentors



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College of Tourism and Hospitality Management faculty members Mr. Jame Monren T. Mercado (Lead Researcher) and Mr. Avi Ben P. Andalecio (Co-Researcher), received a Research Grant from the National Commission for Culture and the Arts for their research titled *Ysla de Panciteria: A Preliminary Study on the Culinary Heritage Significance of Pancit using the Heritage Documentation Approach – The Case of Luzon Island, Philippines.*

The award was given during the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) Research Awards 2019.

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

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

LECTURES & CONFERENCES

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

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

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



Dr. Dones (fourth from left) in NITTE University

LECTURES & CONFERENCES

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

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

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



Dr. Arriola (fourth from left) with fellow plenary speakers



Prof. Robert Montana, Ph.D., (fourth from left) and Asst. Prof. Rhochie Avelino Matienzo, Ph.D. (second from left) at the national Philosophy Conference

Laden Provisions in Philippine Law as Trojan Horses?" Matienzo discussed "*Ang Krisis-Eksistential sa Jeepney: Isang Pamimemolohiya sa Hari ng Kalsada*" and Garcia talked about "Some Reflections on Arts, Culture, Heritage and Being Human."

of the paper is the concept of "Uberrest" wherein collected literary works of the past may be treated as an archaeological relic, and therefore, can be considered as a heritage text. Therefore, the migration of Philippine indigenous literatures from performance to print is a form of memory text.

In her paper, Arriola exemplified the convergence of Philippine indigenous literature with memory studies. The re-transmission of the Philippine indigenous literatures from oral to the written stage eventually become part of a collective memory. Her paper stems from Jonas Greithlein's study titled "From 'Imperishable Glory' to History: The Iliad and the Trojan War," which claims that the epic can be seen as a historical account and a source of history. Also, a founding concept that contributed to the claim

"As memory texts, they will see no death, they will continue to be recirculated because of the primal attraction of our consciousness to the provisionality, spontaneity and performativity of oral literatures. They may be ephemeral but they will continue circulating in our consciousness as texts of our brain, and more importantly, the text of our collective soul," Arriola concluded.

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

UST Library organizes seminar-workshop with CPD credit units for librarians



The speakers and participants of the conference

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

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

Speakers were Info Management Specialists, Inc. (IMSI) executives, Chairman Prof. Salvacion Arlante, and Director Ms. Fides Abad. Both speakers are retired librarians and are recognized for their leadership in the librarianship profession. Arlante is the former University Librarian of the University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City while Abad is the former archives head of Xavier School, San Juan.

Also present in the seminar were National Library of the Philippines former Director Ms. Prudenciana C. Cruz, who is the current Head Execon of the National Committee for Library and Information Services - National Commission for Culture and

the Arts, and secretariat of IMSI, and Ms. Rosemarie Rosali, a member of the secretariat of IMSI.

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

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

A presentation and hands-on trial on the use and access of some 'library databases' which are offered by CE-Logic were completed in the afternoon session. The participants, who were divided into three

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De Castro of AB attends Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations 2019 Conference



De Castro at HPAIR

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

Over the years, HPAIR's international conferences have emerged as one of Harvard University's largest student-run annual events in the Asia-Pacific region, welcoming a wide variety of distinguished speakers and future leaders. It engages highly qualified delegates from 90 countries from all over the world. Hence, being accepted to the HPAIR Harvard College Conference represents an extraordinary accomplishment deserving of support and recognition.

With the event's grand theme "Ignite: Inspiring a New Global Narrative," 2019 Harvard Conference this year was comprised of a phenomenal group of speakers, namely, Dr. Dino Patti Djalal (Former Indonesian Ambassador to the U.S.), Dr. MK Tan (Chief China Economist of Goldman Sachs), Mr. George D. Yancopoulos, M.D., Ph.D. (President and Chief Scientific Officer of Regeneron Pharmaceuticals), General ANM Muniruzzaman (President and CEO, Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security

Studies), Mr. Richard Robinson (Founding Partner, nHack), Prof. Karen Thornber (Director of the Harvard University Asia Center), and among others. During the conference, the delegates discussed and learned about the most important economic, political, and social issues facing the Asia-Pacific region. Participants were divided into six tracks, namely, Arts, Media and Culture, Energy and Environmental Sustainability, Entrepreneurship and Technology, Global Market and the Economy, Governance and Politics, and Social Policy and Justice.

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

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

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groups based on their area of interest, were given a tour of the UST Library. The tour areas were: Heritage Library, Reference Area and Services, and Technical Section.

On the second day of the seminar, Abad discussed 'Media Information Literacy' reminding the participants to be critical thinkers and effective communicators, and active citizens in today's world. She added that information from the media should always be checked and verified before disseminating it, to stop the proliferation of 'fake news.'

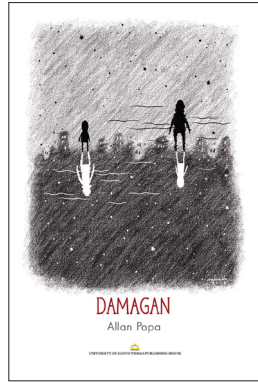
The topic 'Competencies of Librarians for the 21st century Clientele' was discussed by Abad in which she emphasized that for librarians to stay

relevant, they must possess managerial effectiveness, personal attributes, and interpersonal effectiveness.

Arlante delved on the topic 'Librarians and Office Staff Productivity and Leadership' emphasizing that it is the responsibility of library and office management (leadership) to discover the potential in each librarian and office staff and to apply the appropriate motivational strategy to increase productivity. She added that effective transformational leaders are necessary to embrace change and to move the library organizations forward.

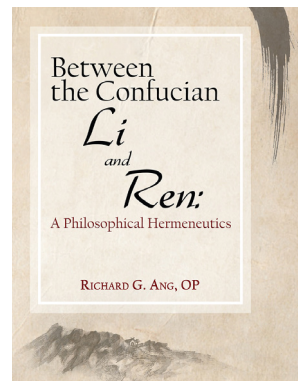
The last topic discussed was the 'Librarianship towards Continual Professional Development,' where Arlante stressed the importance of continuing education program to sustain professional skills and knowledge of the librarian.

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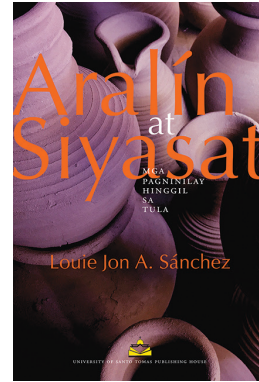
Damagan
Allan Popa

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



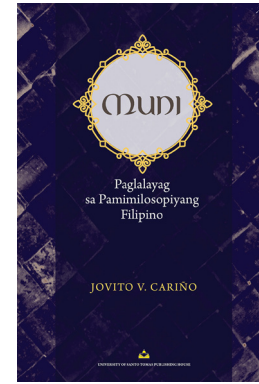
**Between the Confucian Li and Ren:
A Philosophical Hermeneutics**
Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P.

Through this book, Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., contributed to the Confucian Li-Ren discourse, by surveying and synthesizing past and contemporary scholars who sought to illuminate the truth behind the relationship between the two concepts. The book, according to Prof. Emer. Alfredo Co, "will open wider doors and venues for a better understanding of [the Middle Kingdom's] culture and thought."



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

In this book of criticism, Sanchez recognizes the critical role of the writer both as a craftsman and as an inspector, a critic. On the use of the word "pagninilay," Sanchez notes, *"Sa ganitong pagpapangalan, parang nababalikan ko, muli at muli, ang kalikasan ng tula na tumititig sa danas at sumisinop mula rito ng kislap-diwang maaaring makapagdulong ng panibago at sariwang tingin sa daigdig."*



**Muni: Paglalayag sa
Pamimilosopiyang Filipino**
Jovito V. Cariño

This book is a flight not only towards a philosophy written in Filipino, but more importantly towards a "Filipino philosophy," through which, with the help of local and foreign philosophers, Jovito Cariño speculates on the question of Filipino-ness: the migrant experience, architecture and globalization, the conceptualization of freedom, and the dawdling yet always determined search for "being Filipino."



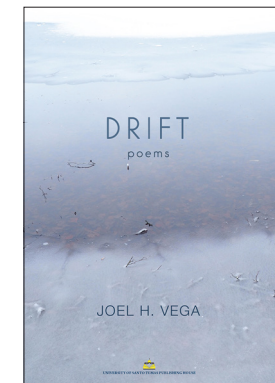
Walang Iisang Salita
Paul A. Castillo

This collection of poetry is the author's first book, and in here he questions the finality of a word, the singularity of meaning, and unhurriedly reveals, in beautiful verse, a world that is never concluded, without the tyranny of a last word, as Joselito De Los Reyes remarks: *"Ang kabuuan ay magpapaalala sa ating maghinay-hinay, magnilay, magsinsay sa kawalan-ng-iisang-salita."*



Hantong: Mga Kuwento
John Jack G. Wigley

This book is the author's first collection of short fiction in Filipino. Wigley proves his ability not only to draw out humor even from the most painful situations, but also to tell a story with dimension, with complex truths, and, as Romulo Baquiran notes: *"matiyaga [niyang] binubuo ang daigdig ng tauhan ... Bawat detalye ay mahalaga sa piniling paksa at walang maitataponng bahagi."*



Drift
Joel H. Vega

This collection gathers together observant and observing poems; Vega notices and renders unfamiliar the little fragments of existence often missed. As Joel Toledo observes: *"[It] immediately resonates for the collection's willingness to transcend (or at least bring into new light) everyday things and explore oft-tenured buildings and uncharted terrains."*

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Embassy of Romania in the Philippines



Chargé d'affaires, a.i., of the Embassy of Romania in the Philippines Mr. Mihail Sion (left) visited the University of Santo Tomas on March 15, 2019. He was welcomed by UST Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D., A.P.R.

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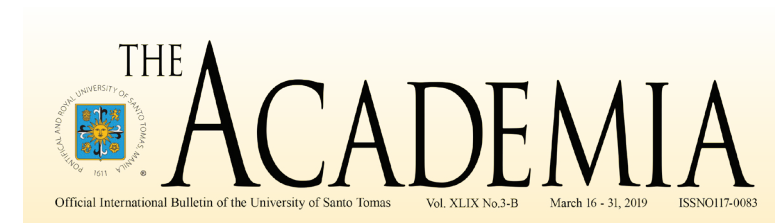


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