

## UST confers professorial medals upon new Professors



Prof. Mary Beth B. Maningas, Ph.D., receives her professorial medal.



UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., blesses the recipients of the professorial medal.

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**T**wenty-four newly promoted faculty members into the Professor-rank of the University of Santo Tomas, were conferred the Professorial Medal on September 6, 2018, as part of the solemn conferment rites within the Eucharistic Celebration. UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., was president. The rites were held at the Dr. Robert C. Sy Grand Ballroom of the UST Blessed Buenaventura Garcia Paredes, O.P., Building.

Recognized during the ceremonies were the following: Prof. Patricia M. Empleo, Ph.D., from the UST-Alfredo M. Velayo College of Accountancy; Prof. Clarence M. Batan, Ph.D., Prof. Paolo A. Bolaños, Ph.D., Prof. Franz Giuseppe Cortez, Ph.D., Prof. Felicidad G. Pereña,

Ed.D., and Prof. Camilla J. Vizconde, Ph.D., from the Faculty of Arts and Letters; Prof. Roberto D. Ampil, Ph.D., from the College of Education; Prof. Lola Domnina B. Pestaño, Ph.D., from the Faculty of Engineering; Prof. Melinda M. Atienza, M.D., Prof. Florida G. Hernandez, M.D., and Prof. Elizabeth Angelica L. Roasa, M.D., from the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery; Prof. Susan N. Maravilla, DNM from the College of Nursing; Prof. Librado A. Santiago, Ph.D., and Prof. Ross D. Vasquez, Ph.D., from the Faculty of Pharmacy; Prof. Cheryl R. Peralta, DrPH, from the College of Rehabilitation Sciences; Prof. Joan Christi T. Bagaipo, Ph.D., from the Institute of Religion; Prof. Allan Patrick G. Macabeo, Dr. rer. nat., Prof.

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Thomasians in the 2018 World Congress of Philosophy

## Philosophy from UST's classroom to the 'Olympics of Thought'



Mr. Levine Andro Lao

UST's very own Professor Emeritus, the "Venerable Master," Alfredo Co deserves much thanks from his students—especially us, whom he was able to encourage and inspire to participate in the recently held World Congress of Philosophy in Beijing, China. I am only too aware of the magnitude of this congress: It has been held since 1900 in different parts of the world and many of the contemporary intellectuals, whom we read, had lectured in this gathering. The sterling cast includes Henri Bergson, Bertrand Russell, René de Saussure, John Dewey, Etienne Gilson, Paul Weiss, Jacques Maritain, Karl Popper, Hans-Georg Gadamer, Alasdair MacIntyre, Paul Ricoeur, Emmanuel Levinas, Jean-Luc Marion, Charles Taylor, Jürgen Habermas, Umberto Eco, among many—many!—others who are equally notable.

Almost two years ago, Dr. Co floated the idea of Thomasians doing philosophy and participating in the world congress. Little did we know then that he was already requested by Dermot Moran, then president of the Fédération Internationale des Sociétés de Philosophie (FISP), to be a chair of the largest session of the gathering, that one on Confucian Philosophy. We, too, were uninformed that he was elected as Vice President for Asia of the Conférence Mondiale des Institutions Universitaires Catholiques des Philosophies (Comiucap), the sectorial group for philosophy of the International Federation of Catholic Universities. When we much later heard of these news, we received it with great delight, but not with surprise. It was never in Dr. Co's demeanor to arrogate what others might already consider as prodigious achievements.

Those who have witnessed how he teaches already know that Dr. Co's presence alone commands respect—regardless if it is inside or outside the classroom. At all times, Dr. Co's authority does not depend on any administrative or academic office. He is a person of authority and not merely a person in position.

I recall that Dr. Co did not only suggest the idea of attending the congress; he encouraged us to present our research work, which seemed to be a tall order at that time. For, unlike in many conferences where organizers only ask for abstracts, in the world congress one is required to submit a complete research paper, which would be examined by a panel of experts whose competence are known in the field and not just in an institution, or in an office. In short, organizers were after quality more than quantity of participants. And this was the first challenge that we hurdled with the help of Dr. Co. He made us realize that our training in philosophy is not meant for us to talk only among ourselves in the University or in our respective professional societies; we must also learn to listen to contrary opinions and to subject our thoughts to scrutiny and more importantly, to dialogue. He taught us, quite convincingly, that we grow in adversity and even more in dialogue.

In the 24th World Congress of Philosophy, we had our chances to learn from the lectures of leading scholars, like Roger Ames, Guillermo Hurtado, Richard Kearney, Mogobo Ramose, Chaiwat Satha-Anand, Tu Weiming, Judith Butler, and William McBride, who talked of topics that ranged from Chinese Philosophy, Latin American Philosophy, African Philosophy, Philosophies of Peace, Gender Philosophy, Political Philosophy, and Philosophies of Faith, among others, in the contexts of contemporary issues, time, and/or place. But the schedule could not be less overwhelming: Aside from the plenary lectures that opened each day, we had to choose one among sixty sessions that were being held at the same time in the afternoon. The first set ran from 2:00pm to 3:50pm; the second set was from 4:10pm to 6:00pm. Each day would conclude with endowed lectures. Having had this picture in mind, we already knew that an eight-day affair would still be short. Instances

when we had to choose a lecture over another honestly frustrated us.

By "we," I mean at least those whom I was able to constantly interact with during the congress. That we went to the event by Dr. Co's invitation and that we are alumni of UST were the things in common among us: There was Kelly Agra, the junior scholar keynote of the 2016 Zizek Conference in Ohio, USA who is now with the University of the Philippines-Baguio. Her paper for the world congress was "Situational Ethics and Social Epistemology in Confucian Philosophy." Nanyang Technological University-Singapore scholar Christine Tan delivered her research titled "Li as Ziran in the Analects: Spontaneity in the Ritualized Self." Mark Kevin Cabural, scholar from the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, had the paper "Humanness and Righteousness in Dong Zhongshu's Luxuriant Gems of the Spring and Autumn." I presented my work "Rethinking Indigenous Philosophy: Alfredo Co's Notion of 'Pre-Philosophy,'" which Dr. Co straightforwardly refused to read or hear until after I have presented it in the congress.

We were joined by the Dominican friar from the Holy Rosary Province, Fr. Martin Bai Ziqiang, OP, who discussed his project on "Dao as Verb: a Revisiting of Lao Zi's Metaphysics"; Sr. Li Xuena Sophia, who presented the paper "The Ethical Issue on Filial Piety in Modern China"; and Salesian Br. Paul Dungca, who discoursed on the "Police-Oracle: AI, Determinism and Human Freewill." Wendy Luna, who is now a research scholar at the University of New South Wales in Australia, flew in to China to literally surprise Dr. Co aside from presenting his research "Temporalising the transcendental: Foucault's Introduction to Kant's Anthropology." Even Dr. Co, despite being the moderator for seven different sessions on Confucian Philosophy, had the time to present his research on "The Place of Forgiveness and Reconciliation in a Two-Tiered Political World of Ancient Confucian China." To note, at 68, Dr. Co is still teaching at the University at the Ecclesiastical

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UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., with the newly-named Professors

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Faculty of Philosophy, the Faculty of Arts and Letters, and the Graduate School.

In between lectures, we would catch up over cups of coffee along the halls of the China National Convention Center. During lunchtime, some of us would meet at the canteen, where we found the best Beijing tomato and egg dish, Peking herbed pork, and caramelized aubergine served with cups of steamy rice or mantao. That would already be a feast for celebrating well-received presentations and new learning. For a day or two, we also headed to the Olympic Green subway station or the nearby Xin Ao Shopping Center for sliced servings of Peking duck and dumplings. Rare, though, were the times when we were complete as a group, but for very good reasons: Some of us were invited to join other scholars in private meetings, or to attend round-table discussions, or to talk about research collaborations, or simply to continue discussions that were left hanging during the sessions. It would be too soon to disclose certain results of our participation but, to be sure, for young aspiring philosophy scholars, the thought that established philosophers are willing to sit with us and talk about philosophy is refreshing, especially today when even the value of a human person is quantified by farcical metrics.

Mary Beth B. Maningas, Ph.D., Prof. Rey Donne S. Papa, Ph.D., Prof. Marc Eric S. Reyes, Ph.D., Prof. Karen S. Santiago, Ph.D., Prof. Mario A. Tan, Ph.D., Prof. Bernard John V. Tongol, Ph.D., and Prof. Marie Antoinette S. Vargas, Ph.D., from the College of Science.

The medal signifies that a faculty member has achieved the highest rank within the academic system of the University. There are four ranks, with five levels each, with the highest being Professor Five.

The world congress certainly lived up to its billing as the "Olympics of Philosophy," and we were privileged to have fully witnessed it unfold. Many would of us agree with Prof. Dr. Luca Scarantino, the newly elected FISP president who said that "the congress in Beijing will be a turning point in the history of philosophy." With a participation of about 8,000 scholars from around the world, which makes the 2018 world congress the biggest gathering in its history, what Dr. Scarantino claimed could not be far from being realized.

That turn, Dr. Scarantino referred to, is the trajectory of philosophy of being more



Fr. Dagohoy with the UST Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Cheryl R. Peralta, DrPH, who also received a professorial medal

inclusive, that it would reassess its methods by overcoming prejudices and stereotypes across philosophical cultures. This can only be positively possible by way of a philosophy of dialogue, and we in the University of Santo Tomas are fortunate to have a resident philosopher with that as his specialization.

The author, **Levine Andro Lao**, is a part-time faculty member of the Ecclesiastical Faculty of Philosophy, University of Santo Tomas. He is the Executive Assistant of the Office for Grants, Endowment and Partnership in Higher Education, UST. While in college, he was Managing Editor of the *Varsitarian* from 2008-2009. The *Varsitarian* is UST's official student publication.



## Five CRS mentors participate in training course on Interprofessional Education at Gunma University in Japan; eye forming IPE Learning Community in UST



The UST CRS faculty members with Japanese colleagues at Gunma University.

Five faculty members from the College of Rehabilitation Sciences (CRS) participated in the annual Interprofessional Education (IPE) Training Course held at the Graduate School of Health Sciences, Gunma University, Japan from August 20 to 25, 2018. The faculty participants were Physical Therapy Department Chair Ms. Jocel Regino, Occupational Therapy Department Chair Asst. Prof. Kathlene Anne Hernandez, and faculty members Ms. Joyce Ann Ponciano-Villafania, Ms. Jordan Barbra Nava, and Ms. Catherine Joy Escuadra.

This training program is one of the initiatives of the World Health Collaborating Centre for Research and Training on Interprofessional Education to capture the current state and the future agenda of IPE and collaborative practice, learn the basic principles of the development of IPE programs, discuss a model of IPE curriculum in a university, and explore the possibilities of research collaboration.

This year the training consisted of symposia and workshop that guided the delegates in designing an IPE plan for their respective institutions. The support of the University through the attendance of faculty members in this IPE training is envisioned to be the start of the formation of the IPE Learning Community in the University which could eventually lead to an IPE and Collaboration Center.

## Dean Empleo of Accountancy is appointed PICPA research chair; Caliwan elected VP of NACPAE

UST-Alfredo M. Velayo College of Accountancy Dean Prof. Patricia M. Empleo, Ph.D., was appointed as chair of the Research Committee of the Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA) Foundation for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019. Prior to her appointment in the PICPA Foundation, she chaired the PICPA Special Committee on Accountancy Research for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

Dean Empleo is an assessor of the ASEAN University Network Quality Assurance Group and CHED Regional Quality Assessment Team for Business and Accountancy.

In a related development, UST-Alfredo M. Velayo College of Accountancy College

Secretary Francisco M. Caliwan, Jr., was elected as Vice President for Professional Development of the National Association of Certified Public Accountants in Education (NACPAE). He will serve the organization from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

During the Fiscal Year 2017-2018, Caliwan served as Assistant Secretary of NACPAE, and Member of the Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA) Special Committee on Accountancy Research. He is the founding director of UST Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Provider (Center) for Accountancy, and the chair of the Committee on Professional Development of PICPA-Western Metro Manila Chapter for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.



Dean Empleo



Mr. Caliwan

# INTERNATIONALIZATION

## UST College of Education joins 6th Southeast Asian Teacher Project; 14 pre-service teachers outbound, 10 inbound for practicum



UST College of Education Dean Assoc. Prof. Pilar I. Romero, Ph.D., (front row, center, in white) with the UST Education High School Principal, Asst. Prof. Leonila Wilhelmina N. Baltazar (front row, fifth from left) the UST Supervising Teachers and the ten (10) SEA-Teacher Participants from Thailand and Indonesia.

The University of Santo Tomas College of Education participated in the 6th batch of the Southeast Asian (SEA) Teacher Project or the "Pre-service Student Teacher Exchange in Southeast Asia" spearheaded by the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO). UST sent 14 pre-service teachers to five universities identified by SEAMEO for a month-long practicum within the period of August 1 to September 10, 2018. In return, UST received ten students from five universities in Thailand and Indonesia for a practicum period within August 9 to September 5, 2018.

The SEA Teacher Project aims to impart knowledge and skills in teaching junior high school students. It also exposed them to other teacher-related tasks that are deemed essential in their role as educators. It provides the participants opportunities to further hone their ability to speak English and gain a broader regional and world view.



The SEA Teacher participants underwent three phases of training with at least 20 hours of assistantship and actual teaching. In the first phase, the SEA-teacher participants observed classes and were required to write down their observations and reflections. In the second phase, they assisted the cooperating teacher in the preparation and implementation of learning plans and instructional materials. In the third phase, they conducted actual (independent) teaching. The culminating activity was a grand teaching demonstration where the SEA-teacher participants demonstrated their skills in classroom management, content delivery and pedagogy.

UST College of Education SEA-Teacher participant, Kim Ann Codera, 4th Year Pre-school Education major, with the students of Universitas PGRI Madiun in Indonesia.



## Domingo's paper on IICS management system gets Excellent Paper Award at Malaysian confab



Domingo at the conference in Kuala Lumpur

Institute of Information and Computing Sciences faculty member Asst. Prof. Mylene J. Domingo received the Excellent Paper Award on August 18, 2018 for the research titled "Institute of Information and Computing Sciences Department Management System." The paper was presented at the 4th International Conference on Contemporary Issues in Science, Engineering, and Management ICCI-SEM held in Selangor Darul Ehsan in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The paper, which was based on the capstone research prepared by Quennel Gio Y. Domingo, Coleen P. Sy, Jed-Louis Chee Hooi L. Teoh, under the supervision of Asst. Prof. Domingo, detailed the

document management system designed by the students themselves, who already graduated in May 2018.

The system provided a central repository of documents accessible to the users at any given time.

Domingo explained that the paper she presented discussed the IICS Document Management System (DMS) which is a method wherein files and documents of the Institute are stored and managed. The system is used to accurately disseminate and monitor official communications of the Institute to know whether it has reached target recipients in a timely manner. Another function of the DMS is event invites which

is used for inviting participants to events such as meetings, through its calendar feature. This DMS will be beneficial to the administrators, faculty and staff of the IICS.

The researchers used Scrum as the method for the research. Domingo, who once served as the Institute Secretary of IICS, explained that Scrum is an agile methodology that developers use in creating a system which is also considered as one of the leading agile methodologies. In Scrum, the features of the system are broken down into smaller modules called sprints. The sprints are prioritized based on its level of importance and at the end of every sprint Agile, Scrum encourages to deliver the software incrementally instead of releasing it all at the end.

The other awardees were: Siti Radhiah Omar of the Faculty of Science and Technology, Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia who received the Young Researcher's Award (female category), and M.H.Othman of the Faculty of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering, Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia (UTHM) who received the Young Researcher's Award (male category). His study was the Modeling of Integral Hinges via CADMOULD 3D-F Injection Moulding Simulation.

## CRS holds CHED-funded 'Outcomes-Based Curriculum Development for Rehabilitation Science Programs'

The UST College of Rehabilitation Sciences, in partnership with the Philippine Association of Rehabilitation Sciences Schools (PARSS) and the Technical Committees for Physical Therapy (PT), Occupational Therapy (OT) and Speech Language Pathology (SLP) Education, held the second training of the four-part series of trainings titled "Outcomes-Based Curriculum Development (OBCD) for Rehabilitation Science Programs." It was held from August 23 to 26, 2018 at the AG New World Manila Bay Hotel attended by 79 participants from the National Capital Region.

Funded by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) K to 12 Continuing Professional Education Grant, the trainings aim to assist rehabilitation science schools in developing outcomes-based and typology-based curriculum for PT, OT or SLP, aligned with K to 12. It is intended to give training to the approximately 90 higher education institutions (HEIs) offering PT programs, around 25 offering OT programs, and four offering SLP programs from all over the country.

The first of the training run was held from July 27 to 30, 2018 at the Winford Hotel Resort and Casino, Manila. It was a training of trainors program participated in by 29 pre-selected potential RQAT members from the different regions in the country identified by the Technical Committees (TC) for PT, OT, and SLP, as well as representative faculty members from officer schools of PARSS. These trainors are expected to assist the TCs in the implementation of the outcomes-based curriculum development programs in the various regions by acting as mentors to fellow educators within their area.



CRS faculty member Mr. Kim Gerald Medallon shares different teaching and learning strategies to the participants of the OBCD - NCR Run.

The last two trainings will be conducted in September and October. The third training is scheduled for September 14 to 17, 2018 to be held at the Summit Galleria Cebu for the participants from the Visayas - Mindanao areas in collaboration with the Cebu Doctors University. The participants from Luzon will convene at the Royce Hotel Clark from October 4 to 7, 2018. This will be the fourth training to be organized in collaboration with the Angeles University Foundation.

## Prof. Dr. Alfredo Co leads Thomasian paper presenters at Philosophy world congress in Beijing

Respected and world-renowned Philosopher Prof. Emeritus Alfredo P. Co, Ph.D., led a group of faculty members from the University of Santo Tomas under the Department of Philosophy who attended and presented papers at the 24th World Congress of Philosophy, organized by the International Federation of Philosophical Societies (FISP) in cooperation with Peking University. The week-long conference was held from August 13 to August 20, 2018 at the China National Convention Center in Beijing, People's Republic of China.

There was a remarkable Thomasian participation in the Beijing WCP, which is recorded as one of the most attended world congresses of Philosophy. UST faculty members presented papers, participated in the society session, while Thomasian graduate students and alumni, both from the ecclesiastical Faculty of Philosophy and the secular Department of Philosophy, presented papers in parallel and student sessions.

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## Ancheta, Castillo present social, economic benefits of Zero Waste at NUS confab

Dr. Ancheta (second from left) and Mr. Castillo (leftmost), together with conference presentors, and the panel moderator



The Asian Research Institute of the National University of Singapore held a conference on (Re) conceptualizing Asian Civil Society in the Age of Post-Politics on August 16 and 17, 2018.

Prof. Arlen A. Ancheta, Ph.D., and Mr. Ronald M. Castillo, both members of the Faculty of Arts and Letters, and Research Associates of the Research Center for the Social Sciences and Education (RCSSSE), presented their internationally funded research on zero waste practices. The research was a part of larger project on social and economic benefits of zero waste. This particular presentation helped disseminate their findings on post politics as a positive development in relation to the role of Mother Earth Foundation as a civil society organization, with the city of San Fernando, Pampanga as a model city in their case study.



## Future possibilities for strengthened Filipino health care system up at first UST CRS - AUF CAMP conference



Participants discuss trends and issues during the workshop.



UST Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Cheryl R. Peralta, DrPH, at the PHIPEC 2018

Despite the inclement weather on August 11 and 12, 2018, the very first Philippine Interprofessional Education and Collaboration (IPEC) also known as PHIPEC Conference 2018 pushed through and was held at the Central Laboratory Building of the University of Santo Tomas. It was attended by over 80 participants from more than 10 health and social care professions.

The two-day conference, held in partnership with the Angeles University Foundation (AUF) College of Allied Medical Professionals (CAMP), was participated in by health and social care professionals such as those in the field of occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech-language pathology, nursing, medicine, social work, psychology, dentistry, pharmacy, public health, health professions education. It aimed to facilitate uniform understanding of IPEC across higher education institutions and health facilities as well as to instigate research and curriculum creation on IPEC for improved health outcomes for the Filipino population.

The participants were welcomed by UST College of Rehabilitation Sciences Dean Assoc. Prof. Anne Marie Aseron and AUF CAMP Dean Annalyn Navarro, Ph.D., in their

respective speeches during the program. More than 15 speakers shared their expertise in health education and practice in the light of IPEC. Keynote speeches were delivered and plenary sessions were threaded based on the core principles of health professions education — teaching, applying, integrating, and discovering. Thematic symposia that discussed on-going IPEC-related research and projects with specialized topics such as HIV care, substance addiction, communication competencies, team strategies, and more were also available.

Each day was ended with workshops that facilitated interactive learning among participants. Speakers included UST Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Cheryl R. Peralta, DrPH, medical doctor from the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery Anna Karen Causapin, UST alumna and speech pathologist Ms. Ina Arraine Bunda, CRS faculty members and physical therapists Ms. Catherine Joy Escudra and Assoc. Prof. Jocelyn Agcaoli.

On the last day, a post-conference workshop was held



UST CRS instructor Ms. Catherine Joy Escudra shares her experience in teaching research in an interprofessional and cross-cultural classroom.

to determine future possibilities for the newly founded PHIPEC network that will reinforce a strengthened Filipino health care system. The following were agreed upon: Formalize IPEC training and education for faculty, students, and graduate students; Challenge more practitioners to learn and engage in IPEC; Strengthen conflict resolution and effective communication competencies among students and professionals within the health and social care professions; Explore various methods and research designs in IPEC-related

research such as qualitative, mixed methods, experimental; Publish a textbook manual that will highlight best practice in IPEC in the Philippines; Discover possibilities of more inter-university collaboration in terms of IPEC education and research across the archipelago; and Establish an informal network for Filipinos to be called the "PHIPEC Network," which is envisioned to be part of the World Coordinating Council - All Together Better Health and formally recognized by the CAIPE in the future.

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Prof. Emeritus Alfredo P. Co, Ph.D., (sixth from left) with the Executive Assistant of the Office of Grants, Endowment, and Partnership in Higher Education Mr. Levine Andro H. Lao (second from left), and Thomasian alumni from the Faculty of Arts and Letters, the UST Graduate School, and the Ecclesiastical Faculties on the last day of the conference.



Prof. Jove Jim Aguas, Ph.D., in the Society Session of the Philosophical Association of the Philippines.



Assoc. Prof. Fleurdeliz R. Altez-Albela, Ph.D., in the Society Session of the Philosophical Association of the Philippines

Dr. Co, aside from moderating a number of parallel sessions, delivered a paper titled: "The Place of Forgiveness and Reconciliation in a two-tiered Political World of Ancient Confucian China." Prof. Jove Jim S. Aguas, Ph.D., in separate panels, presented two papers with the titles "Dialogue and Dignity" and "Philosophy of the Body."

The Thomasian group also actively participated in the society session led by the Philosophical Association of the Philippines. Bannering the theme, "PAP: 45 Years of the Philosophical Association of the Philippines: Exploring Philosophy in Southeast Asia," Aguas delivered an account of the development of Philosophy in the Philippines and Assoc. Prof. Fleurdeliz R. Altez-Albela, Ph.D., presented opportunities in creating a philosophical network among ASEAN nations through a paper titled, "Bridging Gaps and Fostering Philosophical Discourse: Some ASEAN Opportunities."

The meeting was also attended by representatives of philosophical societies from Thailand, Vietnam and Australasia, who collectively agreed to work on projects such as conferences, faculty exchange, roundtable sessions involving the ASEAN Universities Network (AUN) to foster regional philosophical camaraderie.

The paper presenters from the Ecclesiastical Faculty of Philosophy were: Fr. Martin Bai Ziqiang, OP, who presented "Dao as Verb: A Revisiting of Lao Zi's Metaphysics" (Session on Daoist Philosophy) Sr. Li Xuena Sophia – "The Ethical Issue on Filial Piety in Modern China" (Session on Confucian Philosophy); Bro. Paul Dunca, "Police-Oracle AI, "Determinism and Human Freewill," USTGS alumni include: Christine Abigail Tan who presented, "Li as Ziran in the Analects: Spontaneity in the Ritualized Self" (Session on Confucian Philosophy); Kelly Agra "Situational Ethics and Social Epistemology in Confucian Philosophy" (Session in Confucian Philosophy); Mark Kevin Cabural "Humanness and Righteousness in Dong Zhongshu's Luxuriabr Gems of the Spring and Autumn" (session on Confucian Philosophy); Levine Lao "Rethinking Indigenous Philosophy: Alfredo Co's Notion of 'Pre-Philosophy'" (Session on Contemporary Philosophy); Wendy Luna also flew in from Australia to present a paper on Foucault; and Ivan Brian Inductivo who also delivered a paper on Philosophy of Information and Digital Culture.

The conference was interspersed with cultural city trips organized by the Peking University and was adjourned with a cultural presentation and banquet sponsored by the organizers.



## Arts and Letters mentors present papers, attend international conferences

### AB Asian Studies, Political Science faculty at ACAS International Conference

Faculty of Arts and Letters Interdisciplinary Studies Chair Assoc. Prof. Lino Baron, Ph.D., together with Asian Studies faculty member Mr. Jan Michael Denila, and Political Science faculty member Mr. Ronald Castillo attended the 9th National Conference on Asian Studies held at Leong Hall, Ateneo de Manila University on August 24, 2018. The conference theme was “Social Justice, Diversity and Development” with paper presenters from the Philippines, Indonesia, Singapore and Australia.

Since the three faculty members handle professional courses in Asian Studies and Political Science, attending the conference sessions was part of their continuing development program. Baron handles ASEAN, Denila handles International Relations, and Castillo teaches migration.

### Sociology, History mentors at int'l confab on PH, Asian Studies

In a related development, three faculty members from the Faculty of Arts and Letters, Asst. Professor Froilan A. Alipao, of the Department of Sociology, Asst. Prof. Melanie D. Turingan, Ph.D. and Asst. Prof. Analiza Yanga, both of the Department of History presented their papers at the Second International Conference on Philippine and Asian Studies at the Visayas State University, Baybay City, Leyte.

Alipao, who is also the Assistant Director of the UST SIMBAHAYAN Office for Community Development, read his paper titled “Edukasyon at Pagpapaunlad: Karanasan sa/ng UST sa Dayalogo ng Wika, Paglilingkod at Pagpapaunlad ng Pamayanan, Mula 2002 hanggang 2018.” The paper, which was under the cluster on Sociology of Education, talked about his experience as a community organizer and how the University of Santo Tomas was able to extend its hand towards the people in need, not just by means of dole-out but through educating them on how to be self-sufficient and self-reliant. He also discussed the role of students in helping the University extend its services to its partner community.

Turingan, who is also the Assistant Registrar of the University, read her paper titled “Historiography Contained in the Historical Paintings of Carlos “Botong” V. Francisco.” She discussed the important historiographies Hegelian, Post-Colonial and Orientalism that are manifested in the historical work of the great National Artist for Painting. Framed in the Hermeneutics of Friedrich Schleiermacher, Turingan illustrated how Botong was able to provide his interpretation of what is written in history with precision and accuracy. She presented 15 paintings of Botong which she divided into three main categories, namely: Religious-Historical, Cultural-Historical and Political-Historical.



Asst. Prof. Froilan A. Alipao presents his paper.



Asst. Prof. Analiza Yanga (left) and Asst. Prof. Melanie D. Turingan, Ph.D., at the Visayas State University



(From left:) Mr. Jan Michael Denila, Assoc. Prof. Lino Baron, Ph.D., and Mr. Ronald Castillo at the conference in Ateneo de Manila University

Meanwhile, Yanga, who served as moderator in one of the parallel sessions, delivered a paper about the families of drug addicts in Healing Path Rehabilitation Center in Quezon City, Manila.

The other faculty members from Arts and Letters who also attended the conference were Prof. Felicidad-Galang Pereña, Ph.D., Assoc. Prof. Luz Urquiola, Ph.D., Prof. Robert Ampil, Ph.D., and Asst. Prof. Mae Sevilla.

The conference was sponsored by De La Salle University College of Liberal Arts and DLSU University Research Coordinating Office in coordination with Visayas State University, Baybay Campus in Leyte.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## Capacity building session on basic photography held for UST support staff

The University of Santo Tomas Office of the Secretary-General, in coordination with the Office of Public Affairs and the Human Resource Department, held a capacity building and enhancement learning session on basic photography on September 13, 2018 at the Dr. George S.K. Ty Function Hall of the Buenaventura Garcia Paredes, O.P., Building in UST.

PCCI Institute of Photography Faculty Member Mr. Ibarra Deri and Manila Bulletin Senior Photojournalist Mr. Mark Balmores shared their insights with 50 participants from the UST support staff and University event partner DMD Photography. The topics discussed were “Understanding exposure modes and visual elements in composition” and “Photojournalism.”

Mr. Deri and Mr. Balmores conducted a workshop where the participants were

able to apply the lessons, followed by a presentation and critiquing session. The photos of Ms. Claris Suarez, Mr. Noel Antonio, Mr. Jun Cayabyab, Ms. Karen Estoya, and Ms. Hiedi Manahan were recognized as the Top 5.

Initially launched in Baler as an advocacy workshop of the Office of Public Affairs in May 2014, with another planned program in Vigan, this is the advocacy project's third year.



Mr. Balmores highlights the use of angles to capture a story within a photo.



Mr. Deri demonstrates how to adjust the exposure mode on a digital single-lens reflex camera.



The winners of the top 5 photos (front row, from left:) Mr. Noel Antonio, Ms. Claris Suarez, Ms. Hiedi Manahan, Ms. Karen Estoya, and Mr. Jun Cayabyab, with (second row, from left:) UST Human Resource Department Director Atty. Jacqueline Lopez-Kaw, LL.M., Mr. Deri, UST Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D., and Mr. Balmores.



Veteran journalists Mr. Deri (second from left) and Mr. Balmores (fourth from left) with organizers from the University of Santo Tomas, including Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Fontanilla (third from left), Human Resource Department Director Atty. Lopez-Kaw (fifth from left), Assistant to the Director for Public Affairs Ms. Katherine Patrice B. Sibug (leftmost) and HRD Assistant Director Ms. Rowena Castro (rightmost)



## Alday, Caliwan of Accountancy conduct dev't program activities for Aklan Catholic College



Mr. Caliwan (second row, tenth from left, in black jacket) and Asst. Prof. Alday (second row, eleventh from left, in brown blouse) with faculty members and students of Aklan Catholic College

UST Alfredo M. Velayo College of Accountancy Assistant Dean Asst. Prof. Christine Sta. Maria-Alday, and College Secretary Francisco M. Caliwan, Jr., conducted development program activities for the faculty members and students of Aklan Catholic College on August 18 and 19, 2018.

The two-day activities consisted of a career orientation, discussion of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) 9 and IFRS 15, curriculum review that emphasized on crafting program intended learning outcomes, course descriptions, and course contents; and updates from the Board of Accountancy.

The development program activities are offshoots of the Memorandum of Agreement signed on April 26, 2018 between UST and Aklan Catholic College. The agreement stipulates that UST will help in teaching and learning activities, faculty development, and curriculum evaluation.

## LECTURES&CONFERENCES

## Gonzalez of Sociology delivers paper on child scavengers at US confab; elected as member of Advisory Board of Philippine Studies

Faculty of Arts and Letters faculty member Asst. Prof. Maria Carinnes P. Alejandria-Gonzalez won in the Southeast Asia Council sponsored panel of Rising Voices of Southeast Asia with her paper titled: "Pocket of Urban Exclusion: Constructing Vulnerability and Well-being among Child Scavengers in a Reclamation Area in Manila" during the 2018 Conference of the Association for Asian Studies held in Marriott Wardman in Washington, DC, USA. The award consisted of a financial grant that subsidized her travel and participation to the panel which is also supported by the Journal TRaNS: Trans-Regional and -National Studies of Southeast Asia. In the same event, Gonzalez was elected as member of the International Advisory Board of the Philippine Studies Group which is one of six country committees of the Southeast Asia Council (SEAC) of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS).

The 2018 conference, now on its 77th year run, was attended by over 3,500 annual participants from different universities and is hailed as the biggest gathering for Asianists. Gonzalez, who teaches at the Department of Sociology, has been consecutively attending the conference since 2016 through various grants which she has won that fully subsidized her participation and travel.



Gonzalez presents her research at a conference in Washington, DC.

In 2017, Gonzalez convened a panel on Philippine Disaster and won the LDC Award from the Association for Asian Studies which was held in Toronto, Canada. In 2016, she won the Philippine Studies Group Graduate Student Paper Award and the Commission on Higher Education International Travel Grant which allowed her to present her paper in Seattle, USA.

## ARTS&CULTURE

## Galán of CCWLS delivers lecture on Nature Writing, Ecocriticism at Mindanao State University literary forum

UST Center for Creative Writing and Literary Studies Assistant Director Assoc. Prof. Ralph Semino Galán delivered a lecture on "Nature Poetry and Ecocriticism" at a literary forum held recently at the Mindanao State University in Marawi City. The forum, which featured an international panel of discussants and focused on current issues in the teaching and/or writing of literature, was one of the main highlights of the Iligan National Writers' Workshop (INWW) and the celebration of its Silver Jubilee.

The other speakers were Dr. Rodney Benedito Ferrao of the College of William & Mary, the second oldest institution of higher learning in the United States after Harvard University who talked about contemporary "Techniques and Trends in Creative Non-Fiction;" Dr. Erlinda Kintanar Alburo, former director of the Cebuano Studies Center of the University of San Carlos who discussed issues in "Contemporary Sebuano Poetry;" and Dr. Isidoro Cruz, the dean of the Graduate School of the University of San Agustin who discussed "Reading Children's Literature in 21st Century."



Assoc. Prof. Galán discusses Ecocriticism in front of an international panel of discussants in Marawi.

## UNIVERSITY VISITORS

## Lumad Representatives



UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., (center) met with representatives of the Lumad indigenous group who were part of the Bakwit School initiative of the Save Our Schools network on September 14, 2018. With him are (from left:) UST SIMBAHAYAN Office for Community Development Director Assoc. Prof. Mark Anthony D. Abenir, DSD, Mindanao Spokesperson of the Save Our Schools Network Mr. Rius Valle, Ms. Manilyn Gantangan, Ms. Catheron Dalon, Ms. Raquel Mandacan, and Rev. Fr. Oliver Castor, CSsR from the Rural Missionaries of the Philippines. (photo courtesy of UST SIMBAHAYAN Office for Community Development).



## ABS-CBN Happinews Project Team

The UST Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D., (third from left) met with ABS-CBN Production Services and Special Projects Head Ms. Mary Ann R. Purificacion (fifth from left), Integrated Events Project Management & Partnerships Head Mr. Erl Orenza (sixth from left), Mr. Russ Samson (leftmost), and Ms. Rona Marquez (fourth from left), along with UST College of Commerce and Business Administration Student Council officers Niña Blanco (seventh from left) and Elijah Correa (rightmost) on September 12, 2018 to discuss the Happinews Project. Office Assistant for Media, Events, and Special Visits Ms. Michaela Lagniton (second from left) was also present.

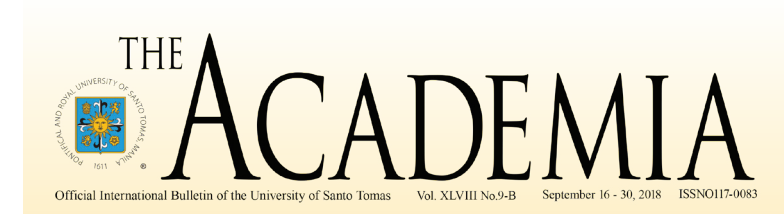


## Delegation from Nanning, Guanxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, China



A delegation from Nanning, Guanxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, China, led by Department of Culture and Technology Education Division Director He Yawen (center), visited the University of Santo Tomas for a dialogue with the Dean of the College of Fine Arts and Design Asst. Prof. Mary Christie D. Que (fifth from left), and Advertising Arts Program Chair Asst. Prof. Gigi B. Ocampo (leftmost). They were welcomed by UST Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D. (seventh from left). Other members of the delegation: Ma Mingyuan (second from left), Xu Yong (third from left), Yang Qiong (fourth from left), interpreter (eight from left), Wu Shuang (ninth from left), Zhong Chunni (tenth from left) and Anne Luis (rightmost).

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