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UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P. (center) presides over the Eucharistic Celebration concelebrated by the Prior Provincial of the Dominican Province of the Philippines Very Rev. Fr. Filemon I. Dela Cruz, O.P. (left), and UST Vice-Rector Rev. Fr. Isaías D. Tiongco, O.P.

## UST Medicine holds inaugural ceremonies for 150th anniversary

The oldest medical school in the Philippines, the University of Santo Tomas Faculty of Medicine and Surgery (UST-FMS), commenced the celebration of its 150th anniversary through the Sesquicentennial Inaugural Ceremonies. Livestreamed through UST's official Facebook page on May 28, 2021, the event was held at the UST Quadricentennial Pavilion, utilizing below four percent of its seating capacity.

It was concelebrated with the Dominican Fathers, including the Prior Provincial Very Rev. Fr. Filemon I. dela Cruz, Jr., O.P., and UST-FMS Regent Rev. Fr. Angel A. Aparicio, O.P., who served as the homilist.

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(From left:) UST FMS Regent Rev. Fr. Angel A. Aparicio, O.P., UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., Ph.D., Secretary of Health Hon. Francisco T. Duque, III, M.D., and UST FMF Dean Ma. Lourdes Maglinao, M.D., unveil the Sesquicentennial Marker.

Philippine Department of Health Secretary Hon. Francisco T. Duque, III, M.D., an alumnus of UST-FMS, was the keynote speaker.

In his keynote message, Sec. Duque also congratulated the UST-FMS, saying that “For 150 years, the Faculty has stayed true to its mission of forming capable and compassionate individuals committed to serve the Church, the nation and the global community. This occasion is indeed worthy of celebration.” He further commended the FMS for remaining “at the forefront of medical education and development in the country through its Christ-centered formation.”

Sec. Duque is the most recent of the Thomasian Secretaries of Health, which include Drs. Basilio J. Valdes, Jose Locsin, Antonio Villarama, Antonio Periquet, and Carmencita Reodica, among others.

“The celebration of FMS’ 150 years of existence is not only a tribute to its rich heritage, but also a proclamation of how it

has evolved through time,” said UST-FMS Dean Ma. Lourdes P. Domingo-Maglinao, M.D., in her Welcome Remarks and Sesquicentennial Message.

It was a sentiment supported by the fact that, with a limited audience, class representatives from batches as far back as 1953 up to more recent years, were in attendance, and previous FMS deans sent in messages in a video presentation. These different generations that were present, including its online viewers, jointly witnessed not only an overview of UST-FMS historical significance, but also the promise of ongoing and future projects, which include the Saints Cosmas and Damian Simulation and Research Building, which broke ground in January 2020.

As UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., puts it, “This event is truly a milestone not only for the University but also for the Filipino nation... All over the world, Thomasian doctors leave their indelible mark in the community where

they belong. They are bearers of light, messengers of hope during this pandemic. A characteristic most admirable in FMS is the ability of its people to rise above the challenges and overcome adversities by building bridges and making ways to help the needy.”

This value was also noted in the House Resolution #1746, which congratulated and commended UST-FMS not just for its sesquicentennial anniversary, but also for its “considerable contribution to the development of medical and healthcare educational institutions in the country.”

The House Resolution also specifies that UST-FMS “is known to have trained and instilled in medical learners the values of compassion and service, particularly to the underprivileged, as evidenced by its various community development activities including countless medical missions.”

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The Master of the Order of Preachers and UST Grand Chancellor Very Rev. Fr. Gerard Francisco P. Timoner, III, O.P., sent a special message to congratulate UST-FMS on its milestone.

Having produced almost 40,000 Filipino doctors in its 150 years, UST-FMS alumni include the national hero Dr. Jose Rizal, First Philippine General Hospital Medical Director Dr. Fernando Calderon, former Philippine Islands Medical Association President Dr. Luis Guerrero, Philippine Heart Association Founding President Mariano Alimurung, among numerous others.

The Sesquicentennial Marker was unveiled during the program. The marker was eventually installed on May 29, 2021 at the Plaza Santo Tomas in Intramuros, where the original UST campus was once located. The installation was attended by Secretary of Tourism Hon. Bernadette Romulo-Puyat and Manila City Mayor Francisco Domagoso. An identical copy of the Sesquicentennial Marker will be installed at the Medicine building of the Espana campus.

As one of the leading medical schools in the country, UST-FMS is a recognized Center of Excellence by the CHED and has produced topnotchers in the physician licensure examinations in recent years.



The video message of the Master of the Order of Preachers and UST Grand Chancellor Very Rev. Fr. Gerard Francisco P. Timoner, III, O.P., is projected onscreen.



Secretary of Health Hon. Francisco T. Duque, III, M.D., delivers the keynote address.



UST FMS Dean Ma. Lourdes D. Maglinao, M.D., welcomes the guests.



# Science Dean Papa is NAST Outstanding Young Scientist for 2021



Prof. Rey Donne S. Papa, Ph.D.

College of Science Dean Prof. Rey Donne S. Papa, Ph.D., joins the ranks of UST scientists who have been named Outstanding Young Scientist by the National Academy of Science and Technology (NAST). Papa was awarded one of the 2021 Outstanding Young Scientists in the field of Biological Sciences.

The National Academy of Science and Technology publicly announced the awardees through its official Facebook page on June 3, 2021, but the virtual awarding ceremonies will be held on July 15, 2021.

A limnologist who specializes in freshwater zooplankton ecology and systematics, Papa has received grants, awards and recognitions for his research from the US National Academy of Science and USAID, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), the International Society of Limnology, the Commission on Higher Education, the Department of Science and Technology, and several professional organizations.

Papa has published more than 60 articles in national and international peer-reviewed journals. He teaches Zoology and Ecology courses to graduate and undergraduate students and established the Zooplankton Ecology, Systematics and Limnology (ZESL) Research Group of the UST Research Center for the Natural and Applied Sciences.

A Thomasian himself, Dean Papa earned his Bachelor of Science (2002), Master of Science (2005) and his Doctor of Philosophy (2011) in Biology degrees from the University of Santo Tomas.

With his being named as one of the ten OYS awardees for 2021, Dean Papa becomes the latest and the eighth Thomasian scientist to receive this distinction. He joins the ranks of Dr. Alicia M. Aguinaldo (1993), Dr. Christina A. Binag (2001), Dr. John Donnie A. Ramos (2005), Dr. Grecebio Jonathan D. Alejandro (2006), Dr. Bernard John V. Tongol (2012), Dr. Thomas Edison E. de la Cruz (2012), and Dr. Allan Patrick G. Macabeo (2015).

# Gifted to Give: Grad Sch First English, Filipino language immersion programs for foreign Missionaries ends



Event poster



Assoc. Prof. Lydon

# Accountancy Dean Empleo receives NACPAE Pillar of Accounting Education award

UST-Alfredo M. Velayo College of Accountancy Dean Prof. Patricia M. Empleo, Ph.D., was awarded the 2021 Pillar of Accounting Education by the National Association of Certified Public Accountants in Education (NACPAE) in a ceremony held on May 28, 2021.

The award, given during the 28th Accounting Teachers' Conference (ATC), was unanimously approved by the NACPAE Board of Trustees for fiscal year 2020-2021 and was presented to Dean Empleo for embodying the ideals of a learned Accounting teacher in terms of teaching, research, and community engagement.

In 2017, Dean Empleo was inducted into the Global Accounting Hall of Fame curated by the Institute of Certified Management Accountants – Australia. In 2020, she was appointed as the Chairperson of the National Committee for Faculty Development of Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA) for a one-year term. Under her term as dean, the Bachelor of Science in Accountancy program became one of the first four programs in UST to be certified by the ASEAN University Network Quality Assurance (AUN-QA) group.



Prof. Patricia M. Empleo, Ph.D.

The Internationalization Unit of the UST Graduate School, in partnership with the Dominican Province of the Philippines, Inc. (DPPI) and the Association of Major Religious Superiors in the Philippines (AMRSP), concluded its first English and Filipino Language Immersion Programs for Foreign Missionaries in a virtual send-off ceremony held on May 5, 2021 via Zoom.

The send-off event coincided with the celebration of the 500th year of Christianity in the Philippines. The participants from Austria, Burkina-Faso, Brazil, Chile, China, El Salvador, Germany, India, Indonesia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Poland, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor Leste, Togo, USA, Vietnam, and the Philippines participated in the culmination of the event.

UST Graduate School Regent Rev. Fr. Rodel Aligan, O.P, S.Th.D., delivered

the welcome remarks. The send-off activity was also graced by UST Office of International Relations and Programs Director Prof. Lilian Sison, Ph.D., who delivered the opening remarks.

A talk on “The Mission of the Word: A Language of Love and Mercy” was delivered by St. Mary’s University (United Kingdom) Programme Director Assoc. Prof. John J. Lydon, Ph.D., and UST College of Education Dean Assoc. Prof. Pilar I. Romero, Ph.D.

Lydon stated that the evangelization and the life in ministry of the missionaries must be rooted in the model of Christ as the teacher par excellence. He also emphasized that the missionaries could embark on formal and non-formal teaching by showing the interconnection of mercy, charisma, and love.

Romero emphasized that dialogue

is one of the vital components of ministry particularly articulated by His Holiness Pope Francis. It calls for necessary social implications such as treating the poor with justice and building cultures of peace especially in this time of pandemic.

The program continued with a presentation of insights from the panel of reactors that included UST GS Education cluster faculty member Dr. Lilia de Jesus, UST GS Theology/Social Pastoral Communication Lead Assoc. Prof. Pablito Baybado, Jr., Ph.D., and Archdiocese of Lingayen, Dagupan Catechetical Coordinator Sr. Cecilia Espenilla, O.P.

Baybado emphasized that as the missionaries were sent off into mission

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proclaiming God’s word, the experiential learning of bringing Christ at the center of their lives must come hand-in-hand in the dialogue of life and faith.

For their part, the foreign missionaries were shown in a video presentation expressing their gratitude to the volunteer language trainers and event organizers.

UST GS International Relations Coordinator Asst. Prof. Gina Lontoc, Ph.D., discussed the future direction of the level 2 of the program. There will be a quarterly online *kumustahan* as an avenue to express the participants’ insights on the language immersion programs, and the assistance of both the language trainers and language buddies.

The program ended with closing remarks delivered by Rev. Fr. Angelito Cortez, O.F.M., immediate past Co-secretary of the Association of Major Religious Superiors in the Philippines (AMRSP), and the Prior Provincial of the Dominican Province of the Philippines Very Rev. Fr. Filemon I. Dela Cruz, O.P., S.Th.L., who is also the UST Vice-Grand Chancellor.



Dean Romero



Very Rev. Fr. Dela Cruz



Rev. Fr. Cortez

Over 2000 Thomasians join  
first virtual career fair for students, alumni



Event poster

The UST Office of Alumni Relations (OAR), together with the Career and Counseling Center (CCC) under the Office of the Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs, conducted the first virtual career fair for UST students and alumni on May 31, 2021, via Zoom.

More than 2,000 participants, composed of third-year students, graduating students, and alumni, registered prior to the event to meet and interact with 60 partner companies from different industries such as Proctor and Gamble (P&G), Coca-Cola Beverages Philippines, Inc., Amazon Operation Services Philippines, GMA Network, and Unilab Inc.

Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Cheryl R. Peralta, DrPH, in her welcome remarks, said that the work ecosystem and global economy have shifted to accommodate the impact of the pandemic, and the system of industries have been challenged.

“The stress of the situation probably created a feeling of loss, demotivation, and uncertainty for our graduating students,” said Peralta, adding that despite these challenges, the University looks forward to its graduates being able to find meaningful and purposive careers, dreams and expectations with God’s unending grace.



Dr. Peralta delivers the opening remarks.

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Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Asec. Dominique Rubia-Tutay addresses the Thomasians who will soon join the work force.

Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Asec. Dominique Rubia-Tutay, CESO III addressed in her keynote speech the realities of the labor market that fresh graduates will experience.

“The lingering pandemic has brought our economy down to its knee. Employment is likewise affected. [There’s an] imbalance of supply of workers and the demand of businesses,” explained DOLE Asst. Sec. Tutay.

The Assistant Secretary shared tips and advice to the participants on how to traverse this rough path ahead to employment which include improving critical thinking and problem-solving skills. These two attributes will be what employers will look for in job applicants in the next five years.

The short program was followed by the live exhibitors’ booth where students and alumni can choose from different company Zoom meeting rooms to join. Participants were able to connect with employers through on-cam interactions and consultations. UST alumni from different companies also joined their colleagues in Zoom meeting rooms to share their work experience.

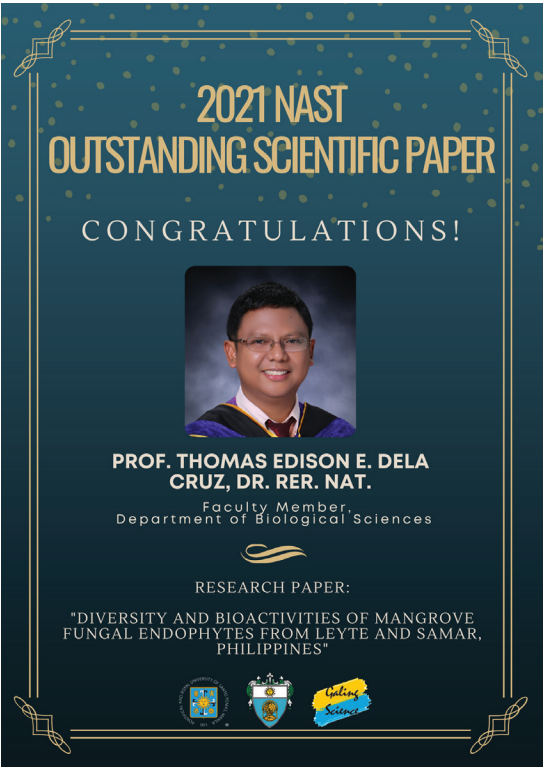
For their career fair next year, OAR and CCC aim to make the virtual career fair bigger with more exhibitors and participants, and allow for more extended employee-applicant interactions. This year’s career fair was powered by Prosple, an Australian-based company specializing in careers and education technology.

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Prof. Pia Marie S. Albano, Ph.D., received the award for her co-authored paper “RAD51 135G>C Single Nucleotide Polymorphism and Risk of Breast Cancer in Selected Filipino Cases” published in the Philippine Journal of Science, volume 4, issue 149.

The OSP Award is given annually for papers with quality content and significant contribution to science and technology published in Thompson Reuters or SCOPUS listed journals in the Philippines within five years preceding the award.

Award banners by the UST College of Science



RESEARCH

Scientific papers by four Science faculty members receive NAST OSP award

The National Academy of Science and Technology (NAST) awarded the 2021 Outstanding Scientific Paper to four researchers and faculty members from the UST College of Science in a ceremony held on June 1, 2021.

For “Mobility-guided Modeling of the COVID-19 Pandemic in Metro Manila” published in the Philippine Journal of Science, volume 4, issue 149, the award was given to the authors Department of Biological Sciences Visiting Professor Rev. Fr. Nicanor Austriaco, O.P., Ph.D., and Physics Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Bernhard Egwolf, Dr.rer. nat.

Prof. Thomas Edison E. Dela Cruz, Dr.rer.nat., won for his co-authored paper “Diversity and Bioactivities of Mangrove Fungal Endophytes from Leyte and Samar, Philippines” published in the journal Philippine Science Letters, volume 12.

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Award banners by the UST College of Science



RCCAHC Director presents study on challenges faced by music industry



Dr. Chua presents her study on the Philippine music industry.

UST Research Center for Culture, Arts, and Humanities Director Maria Alexandra I. Chua, Ph.D., presented her research on the Philippine music industry at the National Research Council of the Philippines (NRCP) Humanities Division webinar held on May 24, 2021, through Zoom.

With the theme “Negotiation and Navigating Scholarship in the Digital Humanities,” the webinar discussed how the digital humanities as a multidisciplinary field of study changing the nature of scholarly communication, faces not only the challenges of interdisciplinarity but also the difficulty of navigating the global scope of its practitioners.

Chua’s study, titled “Framing the Study on Philippine Creative Music Industry/ies: Prospects and Challenges” focused on the current conditions and issues faced by the Philippine music industry, particularly the urgent need for developing a centralized Music Coordinating Council that will provide stable cultural support for the ever-growing music industry in the Philippines. Her research took on a preliminary

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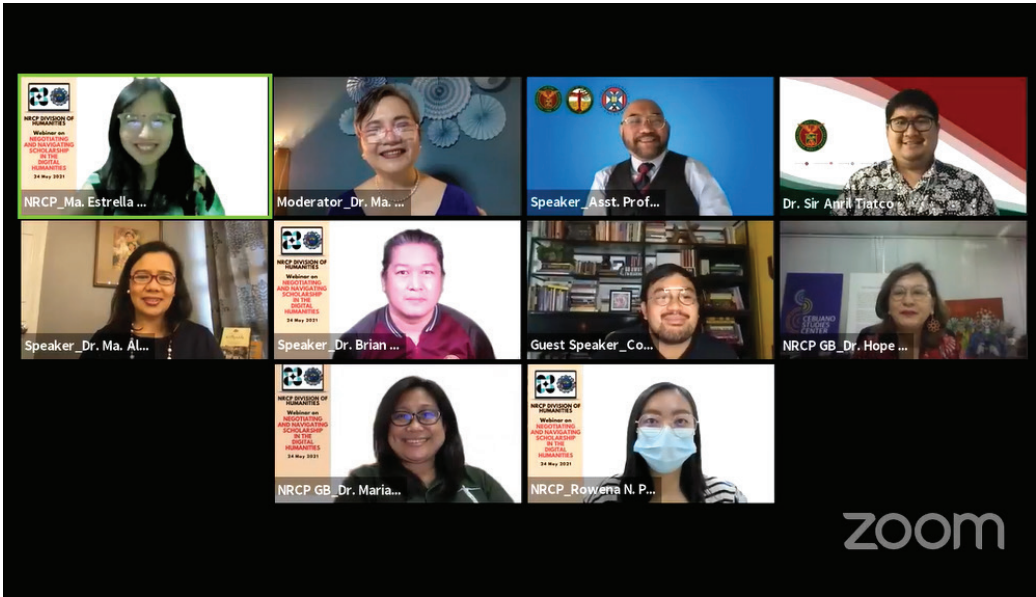


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assessment of the study of the Philippine music industry in discussing its theoretical and methodological ideas of cultural institution studies.

In particular, the study highlighted the use of an interdisciplinary approach in addressing the need for: a music research plan, music studies in the different regions, a property protection on intellectual rights of artists, innovation in public policy for the arts, and a deeper musicological research of the Philippine music industry.

The webinar featured as its guest speaker the House of the Representatives Chairperson for the Committee of Creative Industry and Performing Arts Cong. Christopher de Venecia. In addition to Dr. Chua, NRCP members Asst. Prof. Gregg S. Lloren and Dr. Brian S. Bantugan also presented papers.



UST RCCAH Director Dr. Chua (second row, leftmost) with DOST-NRCP Humanities Chair Dr. Hope Sabanpan-Yu (second row, rightmost), fellow NRCP members and presenters Asst. Prof. Lloren (first row, third from left) and Dr. Bantugan (second row, second from left), and guest speaker Cong. De Venecia (second row, third from left).

CRS students present research papers at UST-SLC Bangkok online collaboration

The University of Santo Tomas College of Rehabilitation Sciences and the Saint Louis College (SLC) Faculty of Physical Therapy (FPT) in Bangkok, Thailand initiated a two-part online collaboration on research presentations. UST hosted the first segment through Zoom held on March 27, 2021, while SLC hosted the second segment held on April 18, 2021.

With the success of the first part of UST and SLC's "International Physical Therapy Research Presentation" comes its continuation with a new set of research works conducted by students of both schools. Featured studies focused on various methods and concepts in Physical Therapy applied to communities and

various populations. With SLC hosting this segment, attendees from UST were also given a glimpse of the Physical Therapy practices in Thailand.

The following studies from SLC were presented: "Effect of Kinesio Tape on Vital Capacity and Chest Expansion in Individuals with Sedentary Behavior" by Pornnutcha Thangkum, Araya Panropru, Siriporn Silpi, as advised by Jitraporn Sriboonpeng; "Effects of Body Position on Vital capacity and Peak Expiratory Flow Rate in Male and Female with Abdominal Obesity" by Phonphimon Prawanna, Pachara Phurahong, as advised by Dr. Rattanaporn

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Sonpeayung; "Balance and Gross Motor Function in Children with Cerebral Palsy: A Pilot Study," by Rattanaporn Unchuen, Wasachon Danwong, Supunnee Srijumpa advised by Khemmapak Charoensuksiri; and "Effects of Moderate Intensity Interval Training to Cardiorespiratory Endurance in Symptomatic HIV Patients: Case study" by Thanet Yimtragool, Phitchaya Utang, Satja Thongprasertchai, as advised by Sukanya Kreeinthong, Chuenpak Saleesing, and Eittipad Jaiyen of the Bamrasnaradura Infectious Diseases Institute.

On the part of UST-CRS, the students presented research proposals that will be conducted within the year: "Mobile Applications for Self-Management of Hypertension: A Systematic Review " presented by Scarlet Chen, Eunice Florin, Guessiella Garcia, Kingson Li, Karen Robles, Dale Sia Tan, Gail Valentos, as advised by Dr. Donald G. Manlapaz, Cristine Rose S. Versales, and Lyle Patrick D. Tangcuangco;

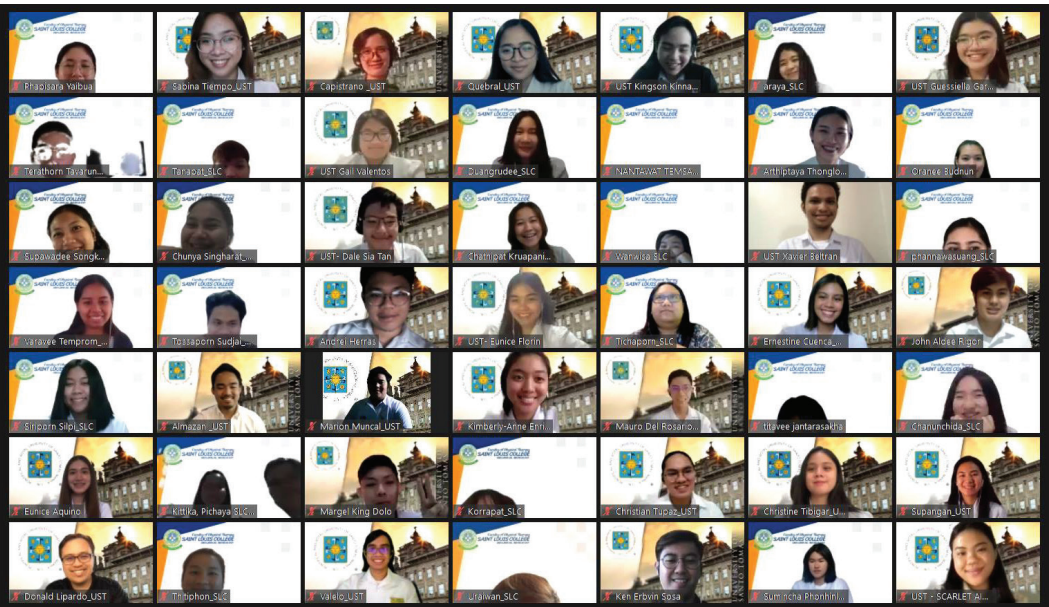
"Short Term Effects of Biomechanical Taping on Fascia Slide on Extensor Digitorum Communis, Electromyographic Activities of Upper Extremity Muscles, Static Maximum Handgrip Strength, Lateral Elbow Pain, and Function of Participants with Unilateral Lateral Epicondylalgia" by Clarence Pryce Joshua Almazan's group, as advised by Dr. Valentin C. Dones III, and Asst. Prof. Christian Rey P. Rimando.

There were also other groups of UST-CRS students that presented: "Cross-Cultural Adaptation and Reliability of The Multidimensional Outcome Expectations for Exercise Scale (MOEES) in Filipino Older Adults " by Eunice Aquino, Fiona Cruz, Robert De Leon, Andrei Herras, Marianne Llantino, Jalen Mijares, Christine Tibigar, and Christian Tupaz, advised by Dr. Donald S. Lipardo; and "Factors Affecting Post-injury Physical Therapy Compliance Among University of Santo Tomas Student-

Athletes: A Cross-Sectional Correlational Study" by Shercel Aquino, Ernestine Cuenca, Mauro Del Rosario III, Margel Dolo, Shinmae Mainit, Marion Muncal, Sabina Tiempo, Brent Valelo, as advised by Ken Erbvvin Sosa and Fe Therese M. Chavez.

At the end of each presentation, an Open Forum ensued. Student presenters addressed the inquiries and concerns regarding their respective papers, giving opportunities for interaction and dialogue between the institutions.

Before the event ended, the attendees were given a glimpse of how clinical practice was conducted by fourth year SLC students in a community at Suphan Buri. Presenters were then awarded certificates of appreciation and recognition for their papers by the SLC Internationalization Coordinator Asst. Prof. Sarayoot Mongkol.



UST-CRS and SLC-FPT students, with faculty members including Dr. Lipardo and Sosa



# LECTURES AND CONFERENCES

## CCCPET celebrates Nat'l Heritage Month with international online conference; Zerrudo speaks on heritage at various assemblies



Webinar series poster



Dr. Zerrudo

The UST Graduate School Center for the Conservation of Cultural Property and Environment in the Tropics (CCCPET) organized the international online heritage conference “A/Con/Sub Version: Views on the Role of Heritage in One’s Milieu” held for six Mondays from May 3 to June 7, 2021.

The conference served as a commemoration of the first circumnavigation of the world, the celebration of the Philippine Heritage Month 2021, and as part of the CBCP Fr. Alex O. Bautista Memorial Lecture Series.

The heritage conference highlighted versions of and attitudes toward heritage: aversion, conversion, and subversion. It opened dialogues and discourses brought by colonial histories and contemporary interactions, and particularly, it celebrated the person in and of heritage, from individual storytelling, to word-making that

evolved meanings across cultures and generations.

Presentations were made by the members of the UST GS Cultural Heritage Studies Program, and other presenters from the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) Thailand, Zurich University, Ateneo de Manila University, Far Eastern University, Intramuros Administration, *Museo ng Kaalamang Katutubo* (MUSKKAT), and Tao Incorporated.

For the May 3 session on Indigenous Heritage, the speakers were: Fr. Hermel Pama O.P., Ph.D., who presented “Insolite Memoire: Caring for the opaque, CONserving obscurity, SUBjectivizing things;” Fr. Earl Cura, CICM, Ph.D., who spoke about “Generating Space for Indigenous Stories: A Way-forward to Dignifying IP Self-determination;” and Dr. Carole R. Diamante, who presented “Call

of the Mountains: A Meta-narrative of Life, Land, and the Future.”

On May 10, the session was on Material Heritage. Dr. Cheek Fadriquela discussed “Knock on Wood: Diversions in the Conservation of Timber Heritage in Philippine Catholic Churches;” Ms. Rona Catherine Repancol presented “Call of the quarries: Heritage stone and their sources;” and Ar. Ramil B. Tibayan focused on “Garing: Conservation of Philippine Works of Art in Ivory.”

Discussed in the May 17 session was Architectural Heritage, and presenters were: Mr. Joselito H. Corpus discussed “Bohol: 2013 Earthquake Aftermath and Post-mortem;” Ar. Michael Manalo presented “Tao po! People, Monuments, and Sites;” and Ar. Caryn P. Santillan, Ph.D., spoke

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about “Embracing our Modern Heritage.”

For the May 24 session on Archival Heritage, UST Archivist Prof. Regalado Trota José presented “Getting to know Don Miguel Dipasouay, maguino sa bayan ng Binyang, through versions of his last will (1654);” Mr. Romeo Galang, Jr., discussed “Unravelling Worlds: Scouring the Archives for Markers of the Past;” and Dr. Francis M. Navarro presented “An unfinished story: When papers lead a trail.”

On May 31, the presentation focused on Heritage Interpretation. Presenters were: Ar. Paolo Alcazaren who discussed “Built Heritage Interpretation, Conservation, and Adaptation within the Framework of Contemporary Urban Design;” Ms. Corazon S. Alvina focused on her presentation of “Regarding Heritage;” and Ms. Marian Pastor Rocas presented “Curating nation, critiquing heritage.”

The final session was held on June 7

on the topic Religious Heritage. Fr. Milan Ted Torralba discussed “Legislating church heritage: Is there such a thing as a cultural heritage law of the Church?” Ar. Vasu Poshyanandana, Ph.D., presented “Brick, Wood, Stone: Examples of Religious Place Conservation in Thailand;” and Ar. Melva Rodriguez-Java presented “Reconstructing the Domus Ecclesia.”

### Zerrudo’s heritage lectures

UST GS CCCPET Director Assoc. Prof. Eric B. Zerrudo, Ph.D., shared his expertise in various avenues for Heritage Month, celebrated in the month of May. Zerrudo delivered lectures in various international and national conferences with topics ranging from heritage theory to cultural development strategies.

The Director spoke on the topic “Youth and Place Making” on May 13 for the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and Association of Local Colleges and Universities (ALCU).

His presentation on “Walking on Water: Defining the Seascape” was held on May 15 for the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Tawi-Tawi Regional Agricultural College, while his talk on “Cultural Development Planning” was held on May 20 in a conference organized by the Surigao City Government Tourism Office.

Zerrudo also discussed “Church Heritage” on May 21 for the Jasaan Parish Restoration and Development Council and “Cultural Landscape” on May 27 in NCCA’s AgriKultura.

“Interpretations of Juan Luna’s Parisian Life” was presented on May 27 for the Financial Executives Organization and “Significance as Method” was discussed on May 29 during De La Salle University’s International Heritage Conference.

Aside from being the CCCPET Director, Dr. Zerrudo also leads various efforts and projects in cultural mapping, conservation management planning, and World Heritage nomination across the country.

## Dean Escolar Chua of Nursing delivers keynote at Bioethics conference in Australia

UST College of Nursing Dean Prof. Rowena L. Escolar Chua, Ph.D., served as one of the keynote speakers in the virtual Asia Pacific Bioethics Education Network (APBEN) Conference. Hosted by Deakin University in Australia, the online conference was held from May 27 to 30, 2021.

Dean Escolar Chua’s speech, titled “Moral distress in nursing education: How should educators respond?” acknowledged how the pandemic and its consequent restrictions on mobility have forced nursing educators to rapidly change their way of working to manage remote teaching and learning, often with little lead-

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Dean Escolar Chua delivers her keynote speech.

### NAT’L HERITAGE MONTH TO PAGE 13



## Dean Madrunio of AB, 3 others present papers at 3rd International Conference on English Across Curriculum



(First row, from left:) Dean Madrunio, conference facilitator Andy Morrall from Hong Kong Polytechnic University, (second row, from left:) Dr. Tenedero, Dr. Lintao, and (third row, right:) Atty. Leynes

Faculty of Arts and Letters Dean Prof. Marilu R. Madrunio Ph.D., together with UST Department of English Chair Rachel B. Lintao Ph.D., Asst. Prof. Pia Patricia Tenedero, Ph.D., and Atty. Selenne Anne A. Leynes presented their papers during the 3rd International Conference on English Across the Curriculum (EAC) held from May 20 to 21, 2021, via Zoom.

The two-day event was co-organized by a cross-institutional teams from The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, City University of Hong Kong, and Hong Kong Baptist University.

The paper of Dean Madrunio, Lintao and Tenedero examined the reshaping of the English curriculum in higher education in the Philippines during the COVID-19 pandemic. Focusing on the English language curriculum, their study explored online teaching as a “figured world” that “take[s] shape within and grants shape to the coproduction of activities, discourses, performances, and artifacts.”

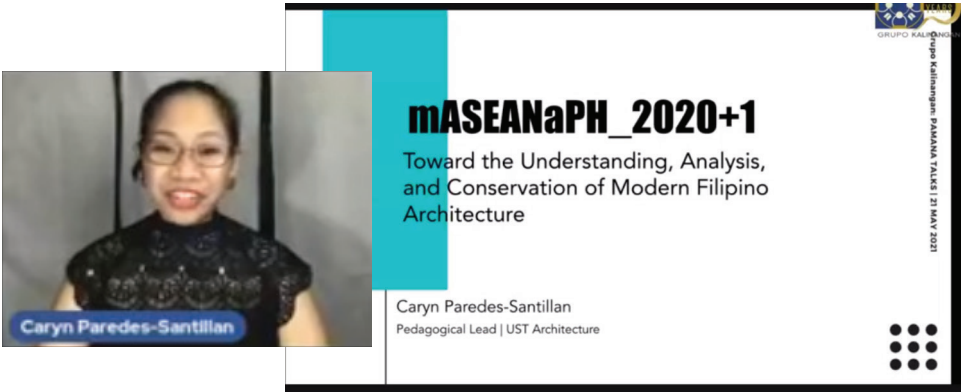
The research investigated the new system of comprehensive online teaching, which reshaped English language instruction in the Humanities and Social Sciences. It presented the thematic analysis of institutional documents such as university continuity plans, online teaching training materials, and memos that set the parameters for the digital staging of English language units offered in the focused disciplines.

Lawyer-English Language mentor Selenne Anne Leynes presented her paper titled “Metadiscourse Markers in Bar Exam Essays.” Using a contrastive genre analysis method and Hyland’s taxonomy, the study aimed to determine the metadiscourse markers present in Philippine Bar Exam Essays and New York Bar Exam Essays and the cultural features revealed by such use in the two writing communities.

As culture plays an essential and important role in defining writer characteristics in different writing communities, and as culture is dynamic, studies like this can help future Bar Examinees to answer Bar exam questions with ease and confidence, and augment the troubling passing rate in the bar examinations.

With over a hundred paper presentations, the conference brought together experts and colleagues from all over the world to share research and insights on English Across the Curriculum (EAC), Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) and Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL).

## Santillan talks about modern Filipino architecture, academic publishing process



Santillan during Pamana Talks

UST College of Architecture Pedagogical Lead Ar. Caryn Paredes-Santillan, Ph.D., delivered a talk on May 21, 2021, at the online series “Pamana (Heritage) Talks.” In line with the celebrations for National Heritage Month, Ar. Santillan’s presentation “mASEANaPH: Toward the Understanding, Analysis, and Conservation of Modern Filipino Architecture” was livestreamed on the Facebook and YouTube pages of *Grupo Kalinangan*.

Santillan highlighted the need to define, document, and understand modern built heritage in the ASEAN region, specifically in the Philippines. She also shared the experience and data gleaned from the recently concluded mASEANaPH2020+1 Workshop organized by the UST College of Architecture with USTGS-CCCPET, the University of Tokyo, and the Toyota Foundation.

Santillan said that the baseline data that students and mentors generated during the workshop could be the basis of further scholarship on modern architecture in the country, which would hopefully result in its conservation.

Aside from Santillan, speakers for the Pamana Talks series in May included Rev. Brian Rigoli of the Archdiocese of Cebu, Ar. Dominic Galicia of Dominic Galicia Architects, and Ar. Reynaldo Lita

of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines. The online event was attended by architects, members of various local government units, and heritage advocates from all over the country.

The complete recording of the webinar may be viewed through this link: [https://bit.ly/UST\\_Santillan](https://bit.ly/UST_Santillan)

### UAP Assembly

In a related event, Santillan delivered a lecture at the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP) Commission on Education’s “Architects in the Academe Virtual Assembly (AAA) Year 6” in her capacity as Pedagogical Lead.

With the theme “Research and Collaborative Exploration Project Acculturation of Architects in the Academe,” the event held from April 19 to 20, 2021 brought together local researcher-architects to share their insights on architectural research.

In her presentation titled “Publishing in Architecture,” Santillan shared her personal experiences in architectural research as well as the academic publishing process. Her sharing also included her thoughts about the future of architectural research and the benefits of collaborative endeavors.

Other speakers included Ar. Moediantianto from Indonesia, DLSU-D

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time. While some educators have been positive, responsive, and solution-focused, for many, this transition has not been easy, particularly in areas where there is limited connectivity.”

Despite the challenges to teachers and students during this pandemic, Escolar Chua emphasized that there remains a vast array of opportunities on how to foster nursing educators’ wellbeing “that encourages building and strengthening caring relationships with one another and prioritizes designing and sustaining classrooms where everyone feels emotionally and physically safe and supported.”

Besides Escolar Chua, other scholars who served as speakers were: Monash University Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous) Professor Jacinta Elston, Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) Chief Executive Officer Mr. Martin Fletcher, DePaul University Department of Health Sciences Professor Craig M. Klugman, Forum for Medical Ethics Society Chairperson and surgeon Dr. Sanjay Nagral, and Australia and New Zealand Medical Radiations Research Network Chair Assoc. Prof. Caroline Wright.

A bona fide Thomasian, Escolar Chua obtained all her degrees, namely, Bachelor of Science in Nursing (1993), Master of Arts in Nursing (2004), and Doctor of Philosophy in Development Studies (2012) from the University of Santo Tomas.

College of Science and Computer Studies Dean Dr. Cristina Salibay, National University College of Education, Arts, and Sciences Dean Dr. Jessie Barrot, UP College of Architecture Dean Ar. Grace Ramos, Ph. D., Ar. Ana Macasinag Lorilla from Bicol University Graduate School, and Ar. Geomilie S. Tumamao-Guittap from the University of the Philippines – Diliman.



# Former Judge of Australian Federal Court delivers lecture at Foreign Linguistics webinar



Judge Gray shares his insights on the use of forensic linguistics in court proceedings.

Hon. Peter RA Gray, a former Judge of the Australian Federal Court, presented a lecture titled “Language Lessons from the Aboriginal Australians” on May 18, 2021, via Zoom.

Judge Gray shared a brief history of his involvement with Australia’s aboriginal people. He then pointed out issues of hearing evidence from aboriginal people in the Northern Territory in hearings of land rights claims and narrated a specific case of an aboriginal teenager in Sydney on June 1, 2020.

Employing linguistic tools such as analyzing the use of speech acts, violations of Grice’s maxims, and the role of context, he concluded that aboriginal teenager was not threatening violence. His presentation highlighted the challenges that aboriginal people experience in the legal system in which the language used is standardized Australian English.

Australian English refers to the standard and localized variety of English in Australia. It is different from other varieties of English — such as British, American, or



Philippine English — in terms of phonology, lexicon, grammar, and spelling.

UST Department of English Chair Dr. Rachelle B. Lintao moderated the session which was part of a series of webinars on Forensic Linguistics organized by the department.

Dean Madrunio (first row, second from left) and Dr. Lintao (first row, leftmost), with some of the webinar participants

# Fernandez discusses Philippine Folk, Vernacular Architecture at Nat’l Heritage Month webinar

College of Architecture faculty member Ar. Rino D.A. Fernandez shared his expertise about indigenous and vernacular architecture at the “Folk Architecture in the Philippines” webinar. In celebration of National Heritage Month, the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) hosted this event on May 17, 2021.

In his lecture titled “Identifying Philippine Vernacular and Folk Architecture,” Fernandez discussed the historical background, concepts, and evolution of Filipino vernacular architecture. He also detailed the native houses and infrastructure in different regions in the Philippines as he highlighted the indigenous technologies and materials involved in their construction. Emphasizing that these are still influential

and very much relevant to modern Filipino architecture, Fernandez advocated better documentation, understanding, and teaching of the vernacular architecture for the benefit of the next generation.

The virtual event was attended by teachers, architects, architecture students, and heritage advocates from across the country and even abroad. The video recording of the webinar is available on official Facebook page of NHCP Museo ni Jose Rizal Dapitan.

Fernandez, the Architectural Design Cluster Coordinator for third- and fourth-year students of the College of Architecture, is the author of “*Diksiyonaryong Biswal ng Arkitekturang Filipino*” (A Visual Dictionary on Filipino Architecture) published by UST Publishing House.



Fernandez discusses vernacular houses in the various Philippine regions.



# UST GS webinar prepares Philippine librarians for a sustainable future



In a short period, the world turned upside-down due to COVID-19. Having developed into a pandemic, it has affected every conceivable sector and place on the planet. The devastating effect prompted organizations and institutions to plan to cushion the pandemic's impact and learn how to live with this new reality.

With this reality, the Master of Arts in Library and Information Science (MALIS) Program of the University of Santo Tomas Graduate School invited respected names in Library Science and held a webinar with the theme "The Global Perspective of the Philippine Libraries: Preparing for a Sustainable Future." The webinar was held on May 15, 2021, via Zoom and Facebook live.

The resource speakers and their topics were: Prof. Diljit Singh, Ph.D., a retired professor of the University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, who discussed the topic "The Future of Global Librarianship." Mr. Joseph Yap, a Library Senior Expert and Information Literacy Coordinator of the Nazarbayev University in Kazakhstan delivered a lecture on "Management in the Global Sense: Services and Opportunities for Libraries during the Pandemic." Atty. Jeremy Bayaras, Division Chief, Adjudication Chief of Accreditation and Standards Division, Bureau of Copyright and Related Rights of the Intellectual Property Office Philippines (IPOPHIL) discussed the topic "Copyright: Issues and Practices."

# Health sector's struggles, successes in leadership discussed at UST GS webinar

UST Graduate School Leadership and Governance course conducted a webinar titled "Leadership in the Time of COVID-19" held on May 14, 2021. Recognizing that most discussions online focus on the clinical treatment and management of COVID-19 in health facilities, the forum was organized to highlight an aspect that is often overlooked in the fight against COVID-19: Leadership.

The resource speakers were: Board Member of the Association of Nursing Service Administrators of the Philippines Dr. Rodolfo C. Borromeo, the Chief Medical

Officer of The Medical City Dr. Rafael S. Claudio, the Medical Center of Tondo Medical Center Chief Dr. Maria Isabelita M. Estrella, and Health Undersecretary Leopoldo J. Vega who was represented by Dr. Bernadett Velasco.

The webinar focused on the health sector's struggles and successes in this time of pandemic. It also highlighted the leadership skills and approaches that were implemented to address the impact of the

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## LEADERSHIP IN THE TIME OF COVID-19

A ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

May 14, 2021, Friday, 1:30 PM

**SPEAKERS**



**Leopoldo J. Vega, MD, FPCS, FPATACS, MBA-H**  
Undersecretary, Department of Health



**Maria Isabelita M. Estrella, MD, FPOGS, MHA**  
Medical Center Chief II, Tondo Medical Center



**Rafael S. Claudio, MD, FPOA, MBA-H**  
Chief Medical Officer, The Medical City



**Rodolfo C. Borromeo, EdD, FPCHA, MMHQA, MAN, RN**  
Board Member, Association of Nursing Service Administrators of the Philippines

Hosted by:  
Mary Annabelle Esquivela  
Special Asst. Governor

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Moderator:  
Jeffrey T. Castillo

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# Salvosa, Magtulis of AB present paper on COVID-19 Statistics at Poland conference

Department of Communication and Media Studies faculty member Mr. Felipe F. Salvosa II co-presented a research paper titled "Visualizing Covid-19 Statistics: Practices and Pitfalls" with UST Journalism Program faculty member Mr. Prinz Magtulis. The study was presented at the "#visualization. Word - Image - Sound" international online conference organized by the College of Social and Media Culture in Torun, Poland held on May 11, 2021.

Salvosa, who is also a researcher of the UST Research Center for Culture, Arts, and Humanities, and Magtulis discussed the visualization of COVID-19 statistics of Philippine news organizations.

Largely driven by journalistic objectives, the derivation of COVID-19 data stems from the need to present a clear, contextualized, and newsworthy presentation of the status of the pandemic in the country.

In contrast, the government's daily case bulletins have largely highlighted positive aspects of the data and generally

presented a favorable picture of how it has so far responded to the health emergency.

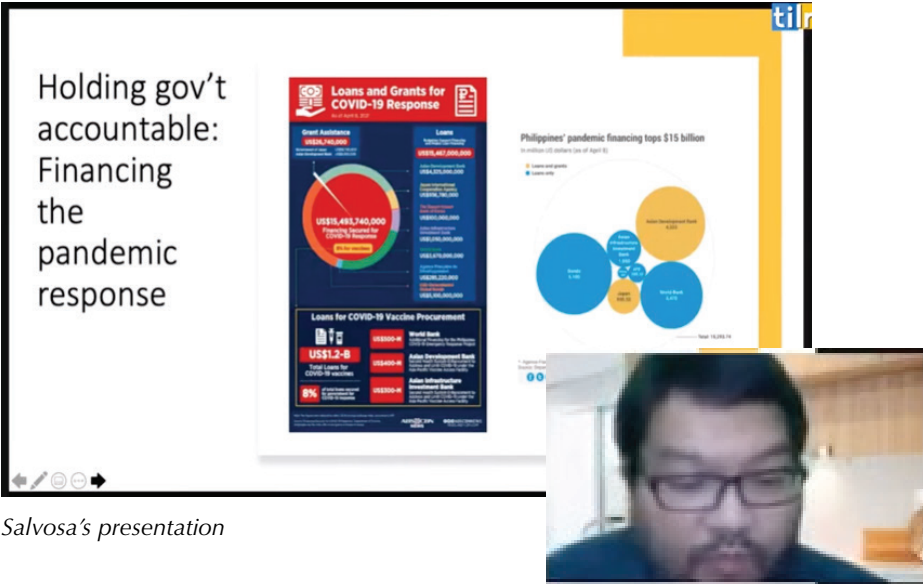
The conference showcased interdisciplinary studies on new media, particularly on data visualization and the development of new audio-visual media and its impact on the relationship of images, texts, and sounds during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Salvosa and Magtulis who are both teaching at the UST Faculty of Arts and Letters, were joined by researchers from St. Xavier's College in Calcutta (India), Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan (Poland), Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw (Poland), John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin (Poland), College of Social and Media Culture in Toruń (Poland), Carolina Albasio University in Castellanza (Italy), Universidad Panamerica, Aguascalientes (Mexico), and University of Rzeszów in Rzeszów (Poland).

The online conference which was live streamed was attended by more than 1,000 participants.



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pandemic to their respective organizations.

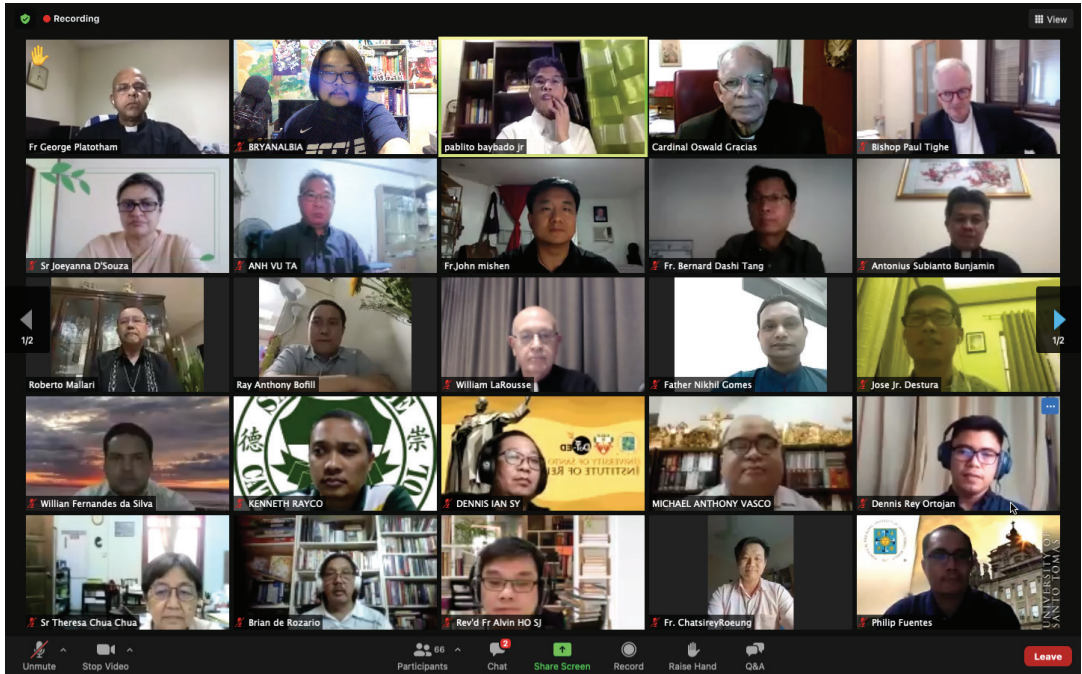
The speakers enumerated some of the struggles that their respective organizations experienced. They agreed that one of the greatest hurdles that they are still facing up to the present is the lack of manpower. They outlined policy changes to lessen the impact of the pandemic not only on the patients but also on the employees and the hospitals.

Realizing that the end of the pandemic may not be in sight in the next few years, the speakers also presented their plans on how to future-proof and crisis-proof their respective institutions. They also pinned their hopes on the young leaders who attended the webinar to continue with their passion as they are the future of the health care industry.

The webinar, which was attended by almost 400 Zoom participants, was moderated by Dr. Jeffrey T. Castillo, a student under the Master of Arts in Hospital Administration program.



# ‘Father of Social Communication in Asia’ hailed at Grad Sch Memorial Lecture



Cardinal Gracias (first row, fourth from left), Bishop Tighe (first row, rightmost), Bishop Mallari (third row, leftmost), and Dean Vasco with friends and former students of Fr. Eilers

The UST Graduate School program on Social Pastoral Communication under the Theology Cluster held on May 11, 2021, the second memorial lecture in honor of Rev. Fr. Franz-Josef Eilers, S.V.D., Ph.D., founder of the said program. The virtual event was organized in partnership with the Federation of Asian Bishops’ Conferences Office of Social Communication (FABC-OSC) and Office of Education and Faith Formation (FABC-OEFF). Among those who attended were representatives from the Church hierarchy in Vatican and in Asia, various members of the UST academic community, students and friends of Fr. Eilers and also students who are under the said academic program at present. After a slideshow presentation featuring the photos and videos of Fr. Eilers to commemorate his birthday, UST Graduate School Dean Prof. Michael Anthony C. Vasco, Ph.D., recalled how Fr.

Eilers paved the way for the establishment of the Social-Pastoral Communication Program in UST. “In the early years of the Program, negotiations, mediations and even pastoral care were given by him in the time when it was most needed, especially in its early years of formation. This explains why the program continues to grow up to the present time,” recalled Dean Vasco. Bishop of San Jose Nueva Ecija and Chairman of FABC Office of Social Communication Most Rev. Roberto C. Mallari thanked the organizers and participants of the webinar. In his welcome remarks, he cited Fr. Eilers’ significant contributions to FABC especially in the field of social communications. He also shared how Fr. Eilers helped him personally and through his books. Affirming his unique role in the Church in Asia, Bishop Mallari remarked that “Fr. Eilers is one of the fathers, if not the father

of social communication in Asia.” He also added that in this time of the pandemic, [means of] social communications can be of much help to the ministry of the Church and establish connections across the globe. Pointing out three important achievements of *Inter Mirifica*, the Pontifical Council for Culture Secretary and Titular Bishop of Drivastum Most Rev. Paul Tighe cited how Fr. Eilers was able to reflect these in his ministry. First, he was able to highlight the importance of communications in the life of the Church. Second, he was able to build “a network of communicators” in Asia through guidance and interaction aside from having an office on social communications in FABC. Lastly, he was able to integrate “social” with “communication” through building personal relationships among

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# Graduate School features food for body, soul, culture at St. Antoninus Lecture



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The UST Graduate School held the St. Antoninus Professorial Lecture on May 8, 2021, to honor its patron saint, St. Antoninus of Florence, who is a Dominican friar and Archbishop, and whose feast day falls on May 10. The guest speaker, Ms. Felice Prudente Sta. Maria, a respected Cultural Worker and Philippine Colonial-Era Food Historian, delivered her lecture “All you can eat, a buffet for well-being.” Sta. Maria invited her audience to join her in the virtual gastronomic journey. She traveled down the memory lane, illustrating the culinary history of foods in our country, including the influence infused by our colonizers. While she discussed the food buffet as her main menu, it entailed a lot of attachment to our culture, practices, and other dimensions. Food history is an area of recent interest in the Philippines. Clues to the Filipinos’ heritage of positive character-building values are found in native vocabularies, including food-related terms published during the Spanish colonial era. These food-related vocabularies add to the historical dimension of findings in anthropology and sociology.

While Philippine cuisine, like in many cultures, nourishes the physical and the spiritual dimensions, it also feeds the social self that indicates the high interpersonal intelligence Filipinos seem to demonstrate. Furthermore, Sta. Maria mentioned that food reveals exemplary Filipino cuisine and character values. A Filipino diet for happiness and contentment, sustainable food prevents and stabilizes food heritage. The renowned food historian added that nutrition prevents sickness and aids in speedy recovery. The diet depends on age and daily labor and affects physical, mental, and emotional chemistry. Food literacy aids in responsible food choices. Pioneering Catholic missionaries were concerned about feeding the soul well. Pagans and Christians both considered food sacred, applied food in rituals, gave food religious symbolism believed food was powerful as medicine and mystical element, and there are many shared similarities. Through Ginhaus, missionaries

advocated feeding the body with its life force and that on which the life force depended metaphysically, a well-nourished contented soul. The KKK made *kaginhawahan* a political objective, *katwiran* (straightness, reason, truth to protect, *Kalayaan* (freedom) so all her people might enjoy, *buong kaginhawahan* (full contentment) well-being required moral rectitude. *Kaguinhawahan* was not just ease of life, freedom from want, comfortable living *kaguinhawahan* was a virtuousness leading the soul of its ultimate Christian banquet of happiness. Filipinos prefer eating with others to eating alone as it brings people together. Filipinos have high interpersonal intelligence and connect person to person and create occasions for togetherness. Filipinos become happy when they feed others, not only need when they eat.

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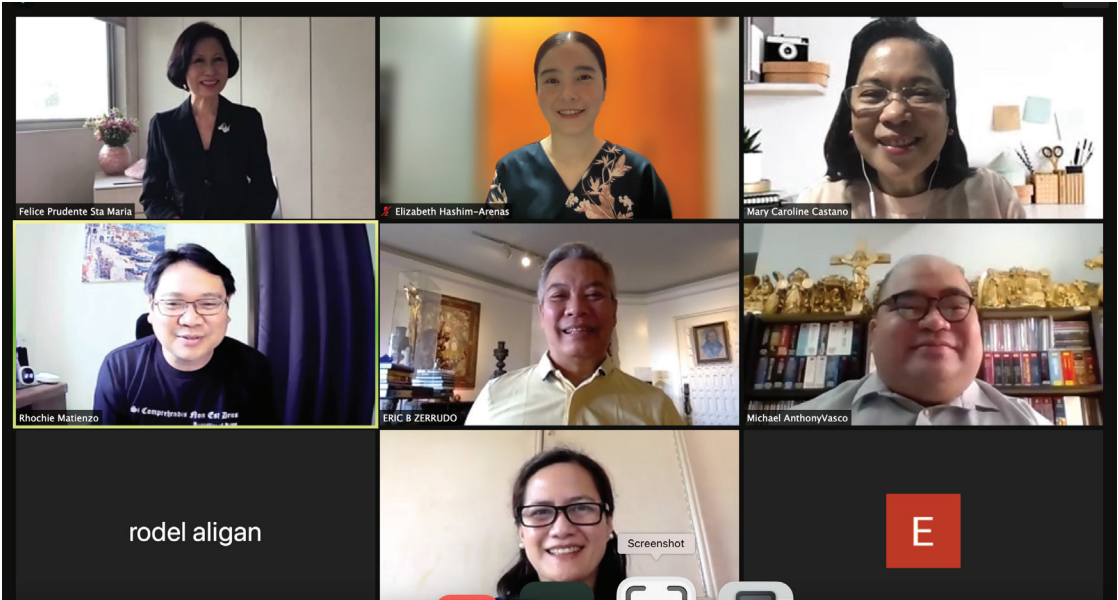
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his peers and colleagues. “Despite all the expertise and knowledge, it was his heart that he put into his work that brings so much result,” he added. In his talk, Archbishop of Bombay and President of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of India His Eminence Cardinal Oswald Gracias enumerated the significant accomplishments and roles assumed by Fr Eilers in line with his ministry on Social Communication. He pointed out that Fr. Eilers did not only focus on the technical side of media communications stand point but also on its social, intercultural and relationship-building implications. Furthermore, in his talks and books written, Fr. Eilers presented many challenges and opportunities that were prophetic of the landscape of communications today.

It was in this regard that Cardinal Gracias reminded the participants to be aware of the issues concerning communication as reflected also on Pope Francis’ 55th World Day of Communication message, “Come and See.” He also noted that access to information is problematic in many countries and it leads to manipulation of truth. In the face of these challenges, Cardinal Gracias emphasized the need to advance the Gospel values, re-echoing also the message of Fr. Eilers himself. During the open forum, some of the participants, especially those who were close to the heart of Fr. Eilers, shared some of their insights on the talk and their personal encounter with him. The webinar has not only been an educational opportunity to the participants but also served as a “reunion” of Fr. Eilers’ friends and former students, who, gathered to honor him on his birthday.



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(First row, from left:) Guest speaker and food historian Felice Prudente Sta. Maria, Graduate School Secretary Dr. Elizabeth Hashim-Arenas, Dr. Mary Caroline N. Castano, (second row, from left:) Dr. Rhochie Avelino E. Matienzo, Dr. Eric B. Zerrudo, GS Dean Dr. Michael Anthony C. Vasco, (third row, from left:) GS Regent Rev. Fr. Rodel Aligan, O.P. (camera turned off), and GS Assistant Dean Dr. Camilla Vizconde

A person who from being happy from entertaining and serving others becomes affable, benign, content, calm, and at peace. Nayanaya is a central concept for Filipino hospitality, charity, food security, and benevolence. Cooking is a group affair that brings joy to all. A Filipino diet has a holistic meaning that should feed the physical self, feed the spiritual self, and feeds the social self. Every dish has a history, and every bite has a story.

Sta. Maria exhorted her listeners to give importance to the food that we eat as this greatly affects us physically, spiritually, and socially. Filipinos should put a premium on the food that gives healthy nourishment and happiness, especially sharing with others.

St. Antoninus speaker Maria Felice Prudente Sta. Maria has been a veteran culinary historian and cultural heritage advocate for over four decades. Her

writings on food and culture offer a taste of history that aims to understand who we are by what we eat.

Graduate School Dean Michael Anthony Vasco, Ph.D., delivered the closing remarks emphasizing the importance of food as nourishment and medium to indicate the parameters of a county's social, economic, and political standing. He thanked the guest speaker for having been part of the commemoration of the 83rd founding anniversary of the UST Graduate School.

Previous lecturers include, among others, His Excellency, former Philippine President Diosdado Macapagal (1991), Hon. Chief Justice Andres R. Narvasa (1998), Associate Justice of the Supreme Court Hon. Marvic Mario Victor F. Leonen (2014), Her Excellency Alicia dela Rosa Bala (2015), Dr. Justo A. Ortiz (2016), Dr. Margarita R. Cojuangco (2017).

CFAD mentors present poster, paper on design, museum management

UST College of Fine Arts and Design (CFAD) mentors presented a poster and a lecture online, sharing their expertise with local and foreign audiences.

CFAD Assistant Dean Jennifer S. Aguilar, DBA, presented her poster “Pen Your Thoughts: A Visual Design Language Study on Student’s Learning Progression” at the DESIGN CULTURE(S) Roma 2021 Cumulus Conference on June 11, 2021.

The conference was organized by Cumulus International Association of Universities and Colleges of Art, Design and Media. Cumulus is a global association for education and research on art and design. Founded in 1990, it currently has over 280 prominent member institutions from 56 countries.

Similarly, CFAD Interior Design Department faculty member Assoc. Prof. Anna Marie H. Bautista shared her insights on managing a university museum in a webinar held on May 25, 2021, in her capacity as former Asst. Director of the UST Museum, known as the oldest school-based museum in the Philippines.

Her lecture, titled “Managing a University Museum in the Context of Heritage Studies,” was part of the online series organized by the Provincial Government of Cagayan, Cagayan Museum & Historical Research Center, and Crania Heritage Sciences, Inc. The webinar had the theme “Managing the Past in the Present and for the Future.”



Aguilar



Bautista

Two UST grads present studies on heritage architecture at ICOMOS webinar



Tria’s presentation



Two graduates of the UST College of Architecture presented their papers on heritage studies as applied in architecture. Ms. Shayna Mari Tria and Ms. Gellaine Maria Burgos, Class 2020 graduates, were featured in the Second International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) Philippines Student Symposium (IPSS 2021) held from May 28 to 29, 2021, in celebration of the National Heritage Month.

With the theme “Heritage Makers, Change Makers,” the webinar featured research works of undergraduate and graduate students that focus on heritage conservation. It covered three sessions,

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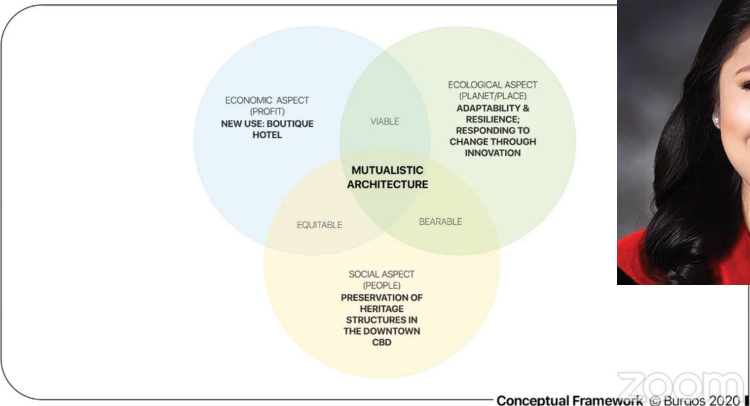
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namely, “The doing of built heritage conservation: Methods and approach,” “Heritage Values: Intangible meanings, tangible effects,” and “Adaptive Reuse: Old buildings, new uses.” Dr. Felipe de Leon Jr. of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) delivered the keynote address.

In the first session, Ms. Shayna Mari Tria presented her project titled “The Redevelopment of the PASAKK Indigenous Peoples School based on the Traditional Manobo Raft & On-Stilt Architecture.”

The project is a proposed school that is sensitive to the unique culture of education of the Manobo and Kamayo indigenous communities of the CARAGA Region in Mindanao. Furthermore, through traditional and innovative solutions, it promotes ecological stewardship on its site, the Agusan Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary, which constantly experiences monsoon floods.

In the third session, Ms. Gellaine Maria Burgos presented her project “Mutualistic Architecture: An Alternative Approach to the Conservation of the Javellana Building in the Iloilo Downtown Central Business



Burgos’s presentation

District (CBD) Heritage Zone.” The project employs the mutualistic approach to the conservation method by applying modern addition to the heritage building.

Tria was mentored by Ar. Assoc. Prof. Clarissa Avendaño, while Burgos was mentored by Ar. Asst. Prof. Demetrio Alcaraz.

Burgos and Tria joined student

presenters from the University of San Carlos, University of Northern Philippines, Ateneo de Manila University, Mapua University, and the De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde.

The video recording of the event is available for viewing on the Facebook page of the International Council on Monuments and Sites Philippines.



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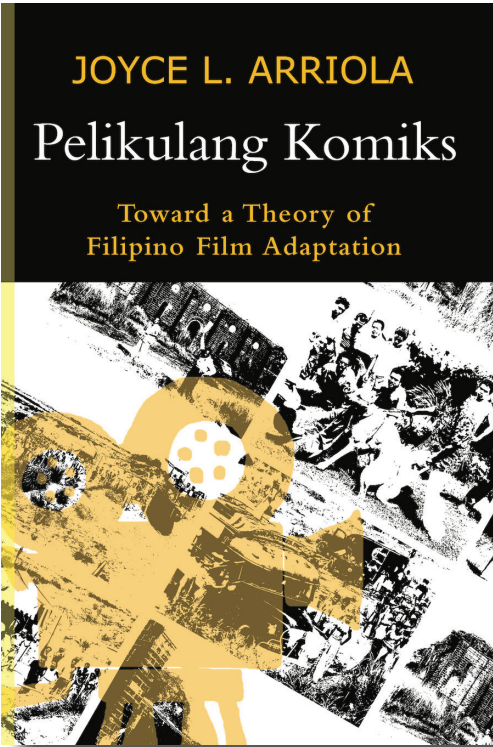
historical film. Contemporary adaptation criticism was also employed to explain constructs specific to Filipino narrative culture. Moreover, a social film history based on unstructured interviews with ten key informants provided the context to the texts analyzed. This was supplemented by periodicals published in the fifties.

Arriola was a recipient of the 2018 Achievement Award in the Humanities by the National Research Council of the Philippines and won the National Book Award for Film/Film Criticism in 2007 for the book titled “Postmodern Filming

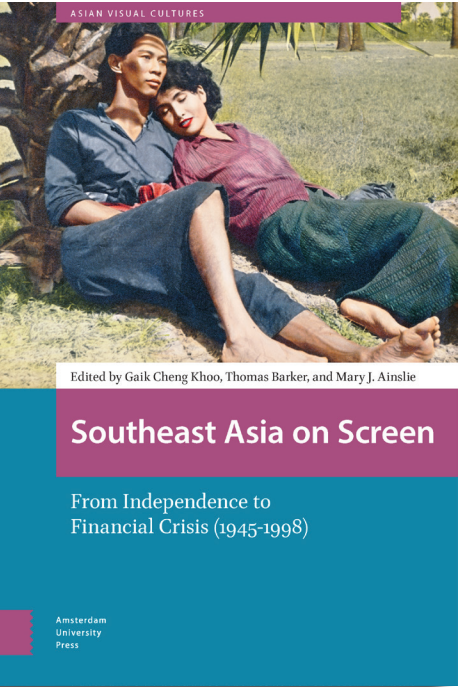
of Literature: Sources, Contexts and Adaptations.” She is a professor of literature and communication at the University of Santo Tomas, where she was the Director of the UST Research Center for Culture, Arts and Humanities from January 2017 to December 2019.

Published by the University of the Philippines Press in 2019, *Pelikulang Komiks* is available at its online store: [https://press.up.edu.ph/store/books/view\\_item/736](https://press.up.edu.ph/store/books/view_item/736)

Book cover [Photo courtesy of UP Press Online Store]



Arriola’s work on *komiks* film adaptation is part of Amsterdam U Press book on Southeast Asian Cinema



Book cover (courtesy of Amsterdam University Press)

Graduate School faculty member Prof. Joyce Arriola’s work was recently published as a chapter in a book anthology released by the Amsterdam University Press.

The book titled “Southeast Asia on Screen: From Independence to Financial Crisis (1945-1998)” was edited by Gaik Cheng Khoo (University of Nottingham Malaysia), Thomas Barker (University of Nottingham Malaysia) and Mary Jane Ainslie (University of Nottingham Ningbo China) and featured scholars from Malaysia, Philippines, Australia, Vietnam, Indonesia and Singapore.

The book tackles, from a historical perspective, the rise of post-war cinemas from Southeast Asia, how these negotiate colonial influence, and build national expressions throughout the different political regimes until the Asian financial crisis of the 1990s.

Arriola, who also teaches at the Faculty of Arts and Letters, wrote a chapter

contribution titled “The 1950s Filipino Komiks-to-Film Adaptation during the Studio Era” is placed under the first section of the book titled “Independence and Post-World War II Filmmaking: Nation-building, Modernity and Golden Eras.” The said chapter tackles how post-war Philippine film industry rose from the devastation caused by the Second World War through the revitalization of the studio system that had been in place before the breakout of the war. The four major film studios of the 1950s – LVN, Sampaguita, Premiere and Lebran – each took a particular genre or two where they could specialize.

The studios also collaborated harmoniously with the *komiks* industry - then featured in both mixed-format magazines and in dedicated publications - which became the steady supplier of

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Arriola’s ‘*Pelikulang Komiks*’ receives NAST Outstanding Book/Monograph award

The National Academy of Science and Technology (NAST) recognized Prof. Joyce L. Arriola, Ph.D., for her book “*Pelikulang Komiks: Toward a Theory of Filipino Film Adaptation.*” She received the 2021 Outstanding Book/Monograph Award on June 1, 2021.

NAST presents this award annually for books and/or monographs published by Filipino publishers and authors based in the Philippines within five years preceding the award.

“*Pelikulang Komiks*” tackles a proposed/emergent Filipino komiks-to-film adaptation theory based on archival texts from the 1950s. An inventory of extant texts led to the selection of the identification of twelve cases of komiks-to-film adaptations, representing Filipinized genres such as the korido film; fantasy/ folklore, family drama, woman’s film, personality comedy and

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materials for the film industry. Stories from the *komiks* were drawn from *korido* (metrical romance), historical events, personages, popular culture, and true events.

Arriola argues that David Forgacs’ idea of “national-popular” may be applied on the synergistic relationship between the *komiks* industry and the film industry.

Adaptations became the instrument for nationalizing creative expressions, even if the source materials were foreign and colonial. They created, in the process, a formative realization of vernacular modernism wherein the new technology of modernity (cinema) is vernacularized or localized.

The book “Southeast Asia on Screen” is part of the Asian Visual Cultures series spearheaded by Amsterdam University Press, which is one of the top academic presses in the world today. The book

publication project took almost two years and invited scholars from Southeast Asia who could best articulate the rise, growth, problems and potential of post-war Southeast Asian cinemas.

Considered as an important contribution to a more specific and detailed study of Southeast Asian cinema, the book trains its lens on the impact of the nationalist movements on Southeast Asian cinemas; the struggle with different political ideologies and cultures; the influence of the West upon the form and genres of film products; the impact of the Asian financial crisis on the rise of independent cinema; and, the promise brought by digital technology and the new contexts around which emergent filmmakers built their fresh creative expressions.

Arriola’s work on the 1950s film adaptation culture has been part of her long-running interest in adaptation studies and adaptation theory. In 2019, she released her second book on adaptation titled *Pelikulang Komiks: Toward a Theory*



Dr. Arriola

of *Filipino Film Adaptation* (University of the Philippines Press).

According to Ms. Anna Rita Alomo, Acquisitions Librarian of UST Miguel de Benavides Library, the book *Southeast Asia on Screen: From Independence to Financial Crisis (1945-1998)* may be accessed through the Cambridge eBooks platform through the following link: <https://bit.ly/DrArriolaKomiks>

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

SIGLANG TOMAS 2021:  
Serve, Share to HEAL as One

COVID-19 brought drastic changes in the multidimensional facets of life of every Filipino. Health protocols were established to prevent the spread of the virus that caused the life-threatening disease. Health-promoting activities and health education were sought with unparalleled intensity to allow understanding of the spread and prevention of the disease, management of exposed and infected individuals, and to address issues on COVID-19 vaccination.

In response to these challenges, the University of Santo Tomas, through the SIMBAHAYAN Community Development Office, initiated a health advocacy project with the theme, “We H.E.A.L. (Hope-

Educate-Advocate-Live) as One.”

This project aimed to: raise people’s awareness and social responsibilities in achieving herd immunity of the country through mass immunization and health education; promote healthy lifestyles; develop the capability to take actions on health needs in this time of the health crisis; and uplift the morale and spirit in preventing the spread of COVID-19.

The Siglang Tomas Cluster is a university-wide community development advocacy for health. It is composed of six academic units with each unit headed by a community development coordinator.

The six academic units and their respective community development

coordinators are: Faculty of Medicine and Surgery, represented by Assoc. Prof. Ma. Teresa Tricia Guison-Bautista; College of Nursing, by Mr. Jayson A. Punzal; Faculty of Pharmacy, by Asst. Prof. Grace Marie Alunan-Maclan; College of Rehabilitation Sciences, by Asst. Prof. Christian Rimando; Institute of Religion, by Mr. John Paul T. Balanguit; and Ecclesiastical Faculties, by Ms. Cecilia Rebelyn A. Flores.

This year’s advocacy was chaired by Mr. Jayson A. Punzal, from the College of Nursing. The theme of the advocacy was

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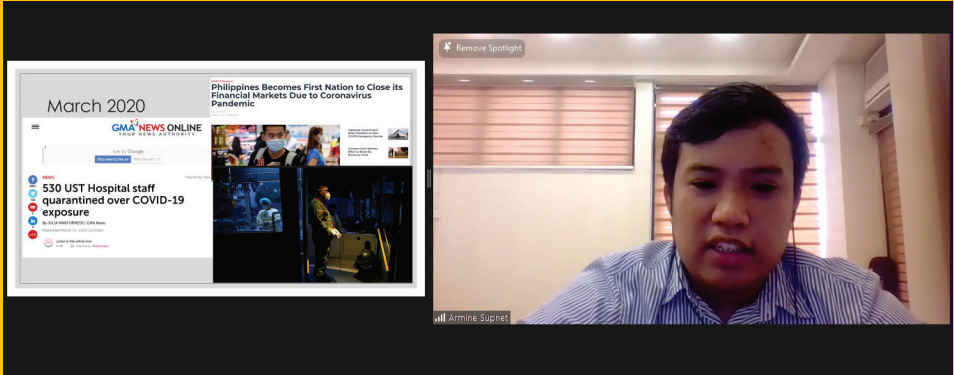
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highlighted by the different daily activities. The event was officially opened by UST SIMBAHAYAN Community Development Office Director Asst. Prof. Froilan A. Alipao, whose speech focused on illuminating HOPE in times of health crisis.

Dr. Armine Lee Supnet, a resident doctor of the UST Hospital from the Department of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, shared his fight against COVID-19. He inspired participants from UST and its partner communities to have courage and constantly have strength for their family and loved ones.

Concurrent on the first day of the event was the start of telemedicine facilitated by the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery through the initiative of Dr. Ma. Teresa Tricia Guison-Bautista.

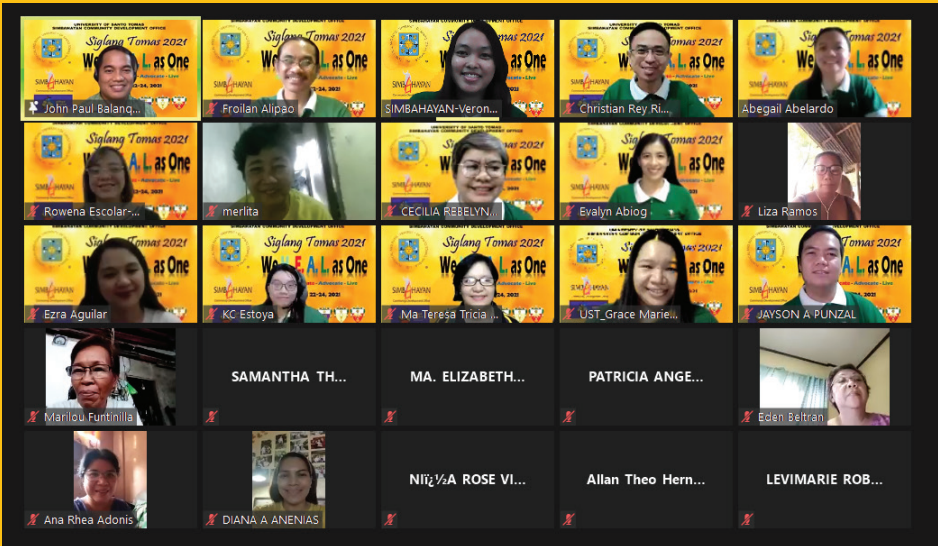
This set the bar as the first online consultation activity conducted with the partner communities of the University to address their health care needs. The free online consultation was attended by several doctors and specialists from the said faculty and assisted by medical clerks, UST Educational Technology Center staff, and UST SIMBAHAYAN personnel.



Dr. Armine Lee Supnet shares his story of COVID-19 survival.



Dr. Christopher Rey Dacanay discusses the benefits of anti-COVID-19 vaccines.



SIMBAHAYAN Director Asst. Prof. Froilan A. Alipao (first row, second from left), UST College of Nursing Dean Prof. Rowena L. Escolar Chua, Ph.D. (second row, leftmost), SIMBAHAYAN Assistant Director Asst. Prof. Evalyn B. Abiog, Ph.D. (second row, fourth from left), Siglang Tomas cluster, and the closing program participants.

Medical services like general consultation, surgery, obstetrics, dermatology, internal medicine, family medicine and others, were provided. The telemedicine activity was held for three days.

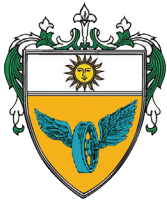
On its second day, the day’s theme was EDUCATE and ADVOCATE. The activities were a combination of medical and social outlooks that rationalized the issues and concerns on the COVID-19 vaccine through the webinar titled “COVID-19 *Puksain, Bakuna Ating Alamin.*”

Dr. Christopher Rey Dacanay of the UST Hospital discussed the different vaccine compositions, formulation, safety, efficacy, expected side effects and the importance of getting vaccinated in achieving herd immunity. Asst. Prof. Carol Pablo of the Faculty of Pharmacy highlighted the social impact of COVID-19

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# CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION TOPNOTCHERS



Registered  
Marketing  
Professional  
Certification

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National Passing Rate: 13.46%  
UST Passing Rate: 30.77%



1st  
Samantha Grace G. Paradero



2nd  
Austine D. Lee



3rd  
Marla Vanessa R. Villa



4th  
Francis Lee Y. Martinez



5th  
Jose Rafael Antonio R. Marcelo

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vaccination. Both speakers used Filipino as the medium of communication which made the webinar more understandable and meaningful to all participants.

To LIVE in the new normal would be the greatest challenge. This was the theme of the third day. A morning talk show with title “*Kalusugan at Kagalingan Ngayong Panahon ng Covid-19 Pandemic*” was hosted by Ms. Archelle Jane C. Tiuseco and Ms. Jordan P. Nava from the College of Rehabilitation Sciences. Speakers from different disciplines shared their expertise in the holistic promotion of healthy lifestyle and well-being amidst the pandemic such as physical wellness, nutrition and dietary recommendation, psychospiritual wellness in relation to coping and surviving, and achieving the state of health and well-being.

The advocacy project was concluded with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist presided over by UST Vice-Rector for Religious Affairs Rev. Fr. Pablo T. Tiong, O.P. A tribute to the frontliners followed, organized by the Institute of Religion and Ecclesiastical Faculties.

The participants’ take-away from the event included learning how to coordinate and communicate with the doctor and staff during online consultation, importance of getting vaccinated, alleviation of fears and anxiety towards COVID-19 vaccination, accessibility of services such as health care remotely with the use of technology and the importance social wellness in maintaining healthy lifestyle during pandemic.



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