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The Ambassador of Belgium to the Philippines His Excellency Michel Parys (seated, center) with (seated, from left:) CRS Regent Rev. Fr. Joaquin Valdes, O.P., Dean Assoc. Prof. Anne Marie C. Aseron, Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Cheryl R. Peralta, DrPH, OIRP Director Prof. Lilian J. Sison, Ph.D., (standing, from left:) CRS Secretary Asst. Prof. Arlene C. Chiong Maya, Speech-Language Pathology Department Chair Ms. Judith A. Damian, CRS Community Development Coordinator Asst. Prof. Christian Rey D. Rimando, TM International Coordinator Dr. Kirsten Schraeyen and researcher Dr. Dorien Vandenborre, CRS Assistant Dean Asst. Prof. Ma. Georgina D. Mojica, Embassy of Belgium Public Diplomacy Officer Ms. Mikaellah Grace Vinluan, OIRP Associate Director Prof. Karen S. Santiago, Ph.D., and SIMBAHAYAN Director Asst. Prof. Froilan A. Alipao

UST CRS, Embassy of Belgium, Thomas More University discuss forthcoming collaborations

The University of Santo Tomas welcomed a delegation from the Embassy of Belgium, led by the Ambassador of Belgium to the Philippines His Excellency Michel Parys, on January 16, 2022, at the Main Building. Top administrative officials and academic officials of the College of Rehabilitation Sciences met with the Ambassador regarding partnerships and projects.

After first being welcomed by the Office of Public Affairs Director Asst. Prof. Joreen Rocamora, Ph.D., and paying a courtesy call upon the Vice Rector Rev. Fr. Isaias Tiongco, O.P., the Ambassador graced a meeting at the Rector's Hall, with UST representatives led by Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Cheryl R. Peralta, DrPH, and Thomas More University (TM) of Applied Sciences representatives, International Coordinator Dr. Kirsten Schraeyen and researcher Dr. Dorien Vandenborre.

Also present at the meeting were: Office of International Relations and Programs (OIRP) Director Prof. Lilian J. Sison, Ph.D., OIRP Associate Director Prof. Karen S. Santiago, Ph.D., SIMBAHAYAN Community Development Office Director

Asst. Prof. Froilan A. Alipao, College of Rehabilitation Sciences Dean Assoc. Prof. Anne Marie C. Aseron, CRS Regent Rev. Fr. Joaquin Valdes, O.P., CRS Assistant Dean Asst. Prof. Ma. Georgina D. Mojica, CRS Secretary Asst. Prof. Arlene C. Chiong Maya, CRS Community Development Coordinator Asst. Prof. Christian Rey D. Rimando, CRS Department of Speech Language Pathology Chair Ms. Judith A. Damian, and Embassy of Belgium Public Diplomacy Officer Ms. Mikaellah Grace Vinluan.

In 2022, the TM-UST team submitted a proposal to a funding agency supporting partnerships between Universities in Flanders and in Asia. The project proposal focused on helping people with disabilities (PWDs) gain access to rehabilitation services in one of the islands in Rizal. Such a proposal prompted the visit of H.E. Parys to the University.

The UST-CRS Department of Speech Language Pathology (SLP) partnership with the Thomas More Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology in Antwerp, Belgium began in 2017 when Schraeyen

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UST Vice Rector Rev. Fr. Isaias D. Tiongco, O.P., (right) presents a University token to His Excellency Michel Parys.

De Guzman of CTHM, RCSSEd, is Top Thomasian Scientist - AD Scientific Index 2023

Prof. Allan B. de Guzman, Ph.D. was recognized as the Top Thomasian Scientist, 63rd in the Philippines, based on the Alper-Doger (AD) Scientific Index 2023. A total of 159 Thomasian Scientists were included in the index.

The scientific index, according to its website, is a “ranking and analysis system based on the scientific performances and the added value of the scientific productivity of individual scientists.” Prof. Dr. Murat Alper, M.D. and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Cihan Doger, M.D. developed the index where they used the total and last six (6) years’ values of the i10 index, h-index, and citation scores in Google Scholar.

de Guzman’s research specialization includes Gerontology, Teacher Education, Leadership Studies, Curriculum and Instruction, and Quality Assurance in Tourism and Hospitality. ■

AD Scientific Index - World Scientist Rankings - 2023							H INDEX		I10 INDEX		CITATION	
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RCSSED app helps Filipino families learn sustainable agriculture



CRS Dean Assoc. Prof. Anne Marie Aseron (left) with Dr. Dorien Vandendorre (center) and Dr. Kirsten Schraeyen

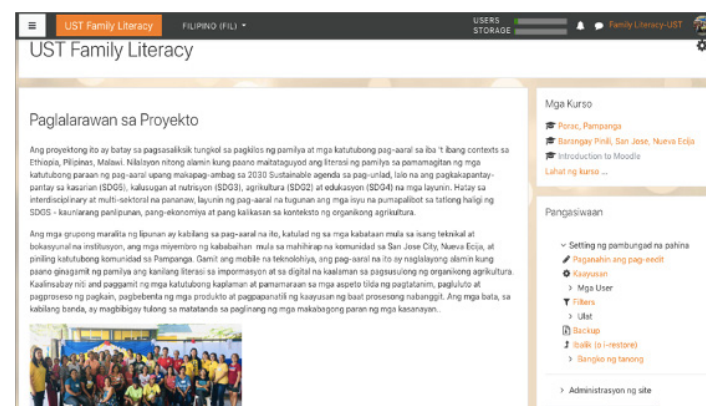
invited Mojica to co-write the Erasmus KA 107 Mobility Program application, which is an exchange of academic staff from the two institutions to study, teach or train, based on the staff’s expertise for a short duration.

Upon its approval, the first mobility exchange was in August 2019 when Schraeyen visited UST for the first time. In December of the same year, Mojica and Speech Language Pathology academic staff Veronica Yu went to Antwerp to deliver lectures, meet with the students and academic staff of TM, and observe the SLP program there.

In 2020, Dr. Dorien Vandendorre visited UST, where she provided UST SLP students perspectives on Stroke rehabilitation. Also in UST were three SLP students of TM, who shadowed the UST SLP students in their internship program for over a month. The mobility was cut short by the pandemic, which also led to the cancellation of the planned visit to Antwerp by Damian and Czarina Maximo.

Not to be deterred by the pandemic, all teaching-learning activities between the two institutions shifted online in 2021 and 2022. These activities included participation in the Collaborative Online International Learning, International Days at TM, research presentations, joint case management/discussions, among others.

One of the many significant gains from this collaboration is the inclusion of UST in the SLP International Network (SLP-IN). This is a network of 21 universities in 16 countries, mostly from Europe. Outside of Europe, there are two universities in the USA, one from Hong Kong, one from Taiwan, and one from the Philippines. The SLP-IN is devoted to advancing the profession of SLP by networking through education, research and professional practice. ■



The Family Literacy Project of the University of Santo Tomas in Manila, in collaboration with the UNESCO Chair in Adult Literacy and Learning for Social Transformation, has maximized the power of technology to promote family learning and sustainable agriculture. The project team composing of Dr. Gina Lontoc, Dr. Camilla Vizconde, and Dr. Belinda de Castro developed an app to promote sustainable agriculture initiatives in San Jose, Nueva Ecija and created a website dedicated to programs and initiatives not only of the Philippine team but of the other UNESCO partner institutions. This was created under the UST main website.

The UST Family Literacy app enables various stakeholders to upload and share relevant and timely digital content on sustainable agriculture and family learning in the identified rural area. The app serves as a repository for videos, images, and files in easy-to-retrieve models and modules. The app contains a chat assistant, a content management system, data sharing options, a messaging system, and a research monitoring system. This model was adapted by other academics who intend to conduct a similar work in the field of family literacy and sustainable agriculture in the Philippines.

The family literacy team collaborated with UST’s technology experts, the UST Research Center for Social Sciences and Education (RCSSED) and the Graduate School in rolling out the application and the project website. The funding for this project was provided by the UNESCO Chair in Adult Literacy and Learning for Social Transformation based at the University of East Anglia (UEA) through the grant from the Global Research Translation Award under the UK Research and Innovation’s Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF).

This project started in 2019. Though it ended in December the previous year, the technology it has employed continues to be useful for farming families. The project has also paved the way for new projects involving families in both rural and urban communities not only in UST but also in other UNESCO Chair partner institutions. The Family Literacy website can be accessed via this link: <https://healthliteracy.ust.edu.ph/> ■

MA Journalism lecturers, student publish book chapters, article for scholarly outlets

Two lecturers of the graduate and undergraduate journalism programs, and a student of the MA in Journalism program, got published in two compendiums and a leading journal during the final two months of 2022.

Former MA in Journalism Program Lead Felipe Salvosa II co-authored the book chapter titled *News reporting of the Covid-19 pandemic: Perspectives from the Global South* in a compendium published by Routledge last November 28.

The chapter by Salvosa and Sara Chinnasamy of the University of Technology in Mara, Malaysia form one of 50 chapters in *The Routledge Companion to News and Journalism* (second edition). Veteran journalism scholar Stuart Allan, of Cardiff University's School of Journalism and Media Culture (JOMEC), edited the compendium.

Salvosa's and Chinnasamy's chapter is part of their work for the *Global Risk Journalism Hub*, a network of journalism researchers, educators and practitioners that studies the news reporting of "globalized crises issues".

Meanwhile, current MA in Journalism Program Lead Jeremiaiah Opiniano and

2019 BA in Journalism alumna Kristine Anne T. Macasiray published a chapter in the Palgrave Macmillan book *Journalism Pedagogy in Transitional Countries* released online last December 5.

Macasiray's undergraduate thesis became the chapter titled *The Voices of Students in the Learning of Journalism: Views from the Philippines*. Opiniano served as Macasiray's thesis supervisor.

Journalism Pedagogy in Transitional Countries featured chapters from China, Slovenia, Egypt, Turkey, Bangladesh and Mexico. Diana Garrisi and Xianwen Kuang of Xi'an-Jiaotong Liverpool University in China co-edited the book.

Finally, MA in Journalism student Jasper Emmanuel Arcalas and MA in Marketing Communication student Jhoana Paula Tuazon co-authored a journal article for the top-tier journal *Journalism Practice* of Taylor and Francis.

Arcalas, Tuazon and Opiniano co-authored *How Journalists Cope with News Work's Stresses While Remaining Creative Amid the Covid-19 Pandemic: A Phenomenological Study* that was first published online by *Journalism Practice* last December 7.

The said study was a finals requirement for the MA in Journalism class in *Communication Theory and Theories of the Press* (under Opiniano) during the second term of Academic Year 2020-2021.

Students and academic staff of the undergraduate and graduate journalism programs had been published in international journals and in books since 2017—all of which are indexed in the world's leading scholarly research indexing services (Scopus by Elsevier, and the Web of Science by Clarivate).

These indexed scholarly outlets include the journals *Journalism: Theory, Practice and Criticism* (SAGE), *Journal of Applied Journalism and Media Studies* (Intellect), *SEARCH Journal of Media and Communication* (Taylor's University – Malaysia), *Jurnal Komunikasi* (Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia), and *Pacific Journalism Review* (Pacific Media Centre).

The MA in Journalism program began during the second term of Academic Year 2015-2016 to further train journalism and communication practitioners and make them future newsroom managers that help produce quality journalism. ■

Granado of CTHM wins Best Research Presenter at the 1st ITECReC 2022

The College of Tourism and Hospitality Management Dean Assoc. Prof. Gezzez Giezi G. Granado, DCL, won Best Research Presenter at the 1st International Tourism Educators Convention and Research Conference (ITECReC) held from November 28 to 30, 2022, at the Mandarin Hotel Bangkok, Thailand. It was organized by the Union of Filipino Tourism Educators, Inc. (UFTE).

He presented the research titled, "The Value and Significance of Local Ordinances in Sustainable Community-based Tourism – The Case of Barangay San Miguel, Echague, Isabela, Philippines." It is co-authored by CTHM academic staff members Mr. Jame Monren T. Mercado, Mr. Avi Ben P. Andalecio, Ms. Fhamela F. Sarmiento,

Asst. Prof. Maria Concepcion A. Ang, and Assoc. Prof. Evangeline E. Timbang, Ph.D. The research aims to understand how laws and ordinances contribute to Sustainable Tourism in Barangay San Miguel, Echague, Isabela.

Other research studies from the same team were presented during the conference. "Explicating the Contributions of the Local Community on Sustainable Community-based Tourism: The Case of Barangay San Miguel, Echague, Isabela, Philippines" and "Behind the Community Lenses: Community-based Tourism Potentials of Barangay San Miguel, Echague, Isabela using the Extended Parameters of Sustainable Tourism Development" were presented by Mercado and Andalecio respectively on behalf of their research team.

The research presented was part of the approved project funded by the Department of Science and Technology – National Research Council of the Philippines (DOST NRCP) under the Policy Funded Research Award 2021 in cooperation with the Office of Hon. Faustino "Inno" A. Dy V of the 6th District of the Province of Isabela and the Municipal Government of Echague, Isabela. ■



Dean Granado receives the Certificate for Paper Presentation



Mr. Mercado receives the Certificate for Paper Presentation

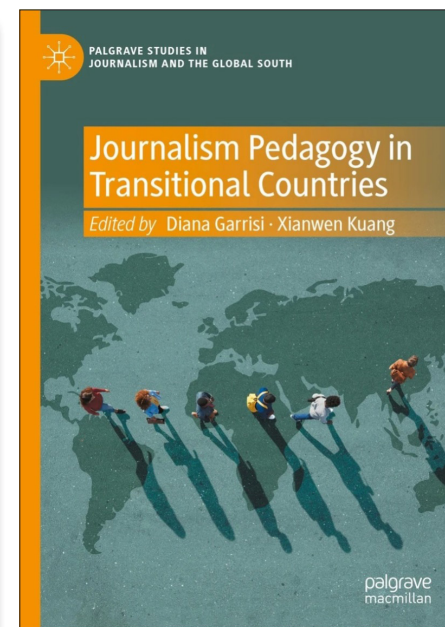
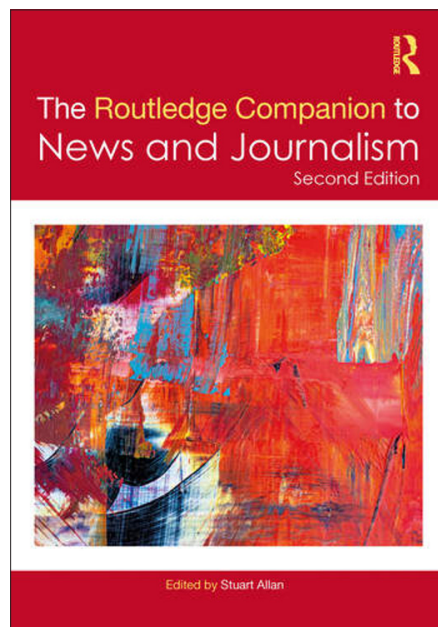


Mr. Andalecio receives the Certificate for Paper Presentation



Dean Granado receives the Certificate Recognition for Best Research Presenter

MA in Journalism lecturers Felipe Salvosa II and Jeremiaiah Opiniano got published in these Routledge and Palgrave Macmillan books on journalism recently. Their book chapters add up to the collection of scholarly publications of the undergraduate and graduate journalism programs of the University since 2017.



Fil Dept's Cocabo, De Guzman share research on distance learning at SP confab

Asst. Prof. Catherine C. Cocabo and Mr. Billy De Guzman joined Sikolohiyang Pilipino (SP) experts at the 46th Pambansang Kumperensiya sa Sikolohiyang Pilipino held from November 24 to 26, 2022.

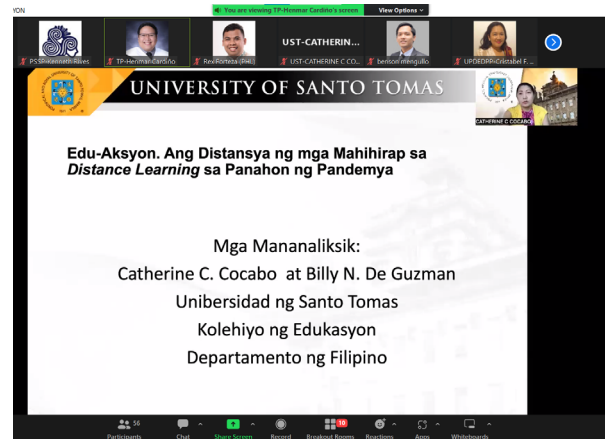
The duo from the Departamento ng Filipino – College of Education, discussed the results of their research “Edu-Aksyon. Ang Distansya ng mga Mahihirap sa Distance Learning sa Panahon ng Pandemya.”

Conducted in September 2020, the research used purposive sampling to acquire data among impoverished students in Cabuyao, Laguna.

With the theme “SP bilang Mapagpabagong-Isip,” the national conference is organized by Pambansang Samahan sa Sikolohiyang Pilipino.

Registered Psychologists (RPsy), Registered Psychometricians (RPM), Registered Guidance Counselors (RGC), Registered Social Workers (RSW), and Licensed Professional Teachers (LPT) attended the annual gathering.

Cocabo and De Guzman’s research paper is forthcoming in the December 2022 issue of MALAY Journal. ■



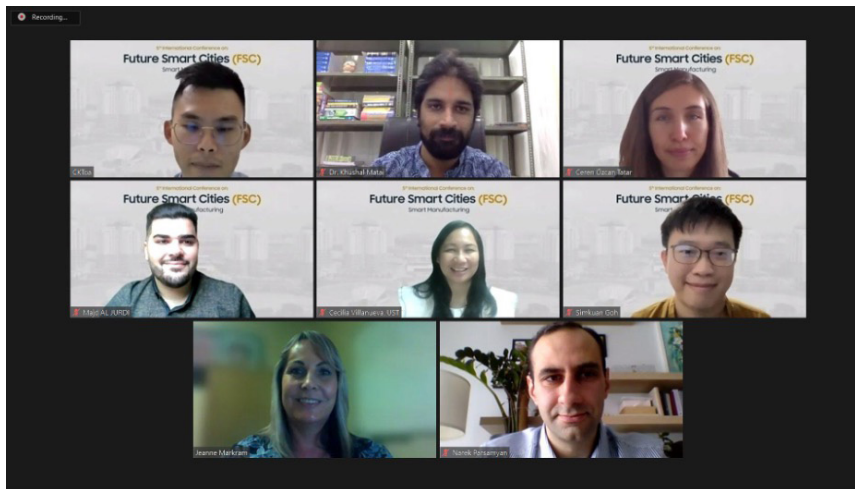
Asst. Prof. Cocabo’s presentation

Vizconde presents paper on pandemic literacy experiences



Dr. Vizconde (fourth from left) with the other International Partners of JALT (ThaiTESOL, BELTA, MELTA, TEFLINand LinguaPax)

Villanueva of Architecture presents her research on role of public, private spaces during pandemic



Asst. Prof. Ar. Cecilia May S. Villanueva of the College of Architecture and Research Center for Culture Arts and Humanities (RCCA) highlighted the ecosystem service benefits derived from Barangay 530 in Manila as part of the implementation of the Bahay Kubo Paradigm: Wellbeing in future urban landscapes proposal. The study was under the 5th Edition of the International Conference on Future Smart Cities (FSC) grant from the National Commission on Culture and the Arts (NCCA). The event was organized by International Experts for Research Enrichment and Knowledge

Exchange (IEREK) in collaboration with Xiamen University Malaysia (#XMUM) and was held from November 18-19, 2022. The event was held via Zoom. Villanueva discussed how the pandemic transformed private and public space utilization into more functional, flexible, and green spaces in Manila. Urban agriculture has become a sustainable endeavor towards food security and allowed diverse resources to be well documented within neighborhoods in collaboration with the efforts of the NCCA Luntiang Pook grant and Barangay 530 of the City of Manila as proponent.

The study featured the collaboration of landscape architects for technical expertise, as well as urban designers, foresters, GIS mappers, agriculturists, advocates, and nutritionists. The study proposes the participation of different sectors and stakeholders in the City of Manila. Results show that there is a need to empower the logistical capability of barangays to fully engage communities in a smart link for Manila’s future landscape. IEREK is an international institution that is concerned with the exchange of knowledge and enhancing research through organizing and managing conferences in various fields of study. ■



Dr. Vizconde with Dr. George MacLean (right), JALT Organizer for International Affairs



Dr. Vizconde

Research Center for Social Sciences and Education (RCSSD) Researcher and Graduate School Assistant Dean Prof. Camilla J. Vizconde, Ph.D., presented her paper, “Literacy Experiences of Filipino Families during the Covid 19 Pandemic”, in the Japan Association for Language Teachers (JALT) International Conference held in Fukuoka, Japan from November 11 to 14, 2022.

Vizconde’s research, which focused on the various homeschooling and module accomplishment activities of students with their family members (nuclear or extended), was conducted following the unobtrusive design using YouTube vlogs as main data. Initial results show that family literacy efforts are focused more on children, very rare on adults’ literacy development. Challenges met by the family were focused on the requirements to be met by students in their subjects. Mothers remained to be the primary support of students in the accomplishment of school tasks. Also, disparity in access to resources between and among families was evident.

As a board member of the Philippine Association for Language

Teaching, Inc. (PALT), Vizconde also represented the PALT in the Learning from Students, Educating Teachers – Research and Practice- a forum for the international partners of JALT. Representatives from Thailand, Taiwan, Malaysia, Indonesia, South Korea, Bangladesh, and Tokyo discussed plans in addressing language teaching and learning concerns in their respective countries. She also attended the Pan-Asian Consortium Meeting where representatives of the English Teachers’ Association of the Republic of China (ETA-ROC), Far Eastern English Language Teachers’ Association (FEELTA), Korea TESOL (KOTESOL), Philippine Association for Language Teaching (PALT), Thailand TESOL, and Japan Association for Language Teaching (JALT) shared ideas and sought ways to collaborate in order to improve language education in their respective regions and in Asia.

The 48th Annual International Conference on Language Teaching and Learning & Educational Materials Exhibition, had face-to-face and online presentations following a hybrid platform. ■

Sociology undergraduates present research on Catholicism, politics, youth at PSS int'l conference



Sociology undergraduates from the UST Faculty of Arts and Letters presented their research during the international conference organized by the Philippine Sociological Society (PSS) held from November 11 to 15, 2022.

Following the research agenda of the UST Department of Sociology (i.e. Sociology of Catholicism and Pastoral Issues; Sociology of Politics, Governance, and Communities; Sociology of Youth, Education, and Work), Kalea Adrienne D. Aquino, Marie Hannah Nichol M. Narag, Sweet Hershey D. Araga, Jayson U. Dela Cruz, and Paola Mari V. Jamola presented on the second day in 5 separate parallel sessions, whose themes circulated on the conference's theme: "Sociology of the Future(s): Uncertainties, Alternatives, and Emerging Narratives". These are thesis-based presentations guided by

their respective advisers, Prof. Clarence M. Batan, Ph.D., and Asst. Prof. Louie Benedict R. Ignacio, Ph.D., as part of their research output forms. Both Ignacio and Batan are former presidents of the Philippine Sociological Society.

Under the session, "Social Hazards, Inequalities, and Fight for Fairness: Narratives of Activism", Aquino presented a phenomenological paper titled, "Sa Naratibo ng mga Aktibista: Exploring the Influence of the Catholic Church and Church-based Teaching towards the Collective Action of Student Activists from Saint Louis University" which stems from concepts circulating on Catholic Social Teachings, student activism, the church in politics, social justice, and socio-political development.

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Biology Ph.D. candidates present ecology research at hy-flex seminar

“Eco 4.0 PH: Rebuilding Ecological Approaches in the Philippines”, the first hy-flex seminar organized by the UST Graduate Seminar class of the Natural Sciences cluster, was held at the Science Online Learning Environment, UST College of Science, and virtually at Zoom on December 2, 2022.

This seminar, which was attended by UST graduate students and working professionals from external institutions, updated its participants about some of the current approaches being done in the study of ecology in the Philippines.

Three UST Ph.D. Biological Science students served as the speakers of the event.

Cagayan Valley Science High School academic staff Joel C. Magday, Jr., talked about the exploration of novel fungal endophytes from endemic ginger species. According to him, this kind of organism is a rich source of natural product compounds that could be used as medicines or remedies for known diseases like cancer.

Southern Luzon State University academic staff Essex Vladimer G. Samaniego, shared his expertise in studying invasive alien species, particularly of frogs, in protected sites like the Mt. Banahaw-San Cristobal landscapes. His hope about this research is to find an appropriate management system that would neutralize the imbalance in the ecosystem brought by the invasive alien frogs in the said protected landscapes.

Our Lady of Fatima University-Quezon City Asst. Prof. Zandra D. Tolentino-Salut, discussed biodiversity and hydrological factors affecting the life of organisms in swamp areas around Candaba, Pampanga. Through this study, she believed that a new version of understanding about aquatic ecology can be constructed and can be applied to the restoration of devastated aquatic systems aiming towards the sustainability of these ecosystems.

The 'rebuilding' concept in this seminar's context was about integrating new information from the evolving life of organisms to



(From left:) Speakers Essex Vladimer G. Samaniego and Zandra D. Tolentino-Salut, organizer Franklin V. Amandy, Graduate Seminar adviser Prof. Rey Donne S. Papa, Ph.D., speaker Joel C. Magday, Jr., and organizers Geraldine B. Dayrit and James Kennard Sanz Jacob

existing ecological approaches so that innovative solutions like dynamic management systems can be established; this strategy, in effect, could sustain the biodiversity of microorganisms, plants, and animals in different ecosystems in the Philippines.

The event was formally opened by the Program Lead of the Natural Science cluster in UST Graduate School and Dean of the College of Science Prof. Rey Donne S. Papa, Ph.D., and it was concluded with the closing remarks given by the UST Graduate School Dean Prof. Michael Anthony C. Vasco, Ph.D. ■

Dela Cruz of Sociology presents paper on Franciscan Family at Intramuros conference



Mr. Dela Cruz

UST Sociology student Jayson U. Dela Cruz presented his paper on the Franciscan Family of Intramuros during the 4th Annual Young Scholars Conference (AYSC) organized by the Center for Intramuros Studies (CIS) on December 12, 2022.

His paper, "The Case of the Franciscan Diaspora from Post-War Intramuros: Narratives of Departures, Settlements, and Continuities" was among the six papers presented. It provides an examination of the post-World War II Intramuros using the case of the Franciscan Family (i.e. Order of Friars Minor, Order of Friars Minor Capuchin, Order of Saint Clare, Secular Franciscan Order) surrounding the conceptual notions of diaspora vis-à-vis public response on Intramuros.

Drawing from various materials retrieved by physical visits to local archives and virtual correspondence with two Franciscan archives in Spain, the paper

presents four historical narratives which demarcate succeeding events from the War and how their institutions eventually settled extramuros as influenced by relevant social trends and pragmatic arrangements relative to the conditions of post-War Philippines. Finally, it presents what can be called a "Diaspora Period" for Intramuros' post-War years which provides a foundational context to contemporary Intramuros Studies, to which the paper contributes.

The conference, with the theme, "Intramuros Through the Ages: Downfall, Revival, Sustainability, Adaptability", focuses on the difficulties, challenges, and lost stories of the Walled City as a whole, its residents and institutions, which provides an opportunity for a rediscovery of the intangible but valuable heritage that Intramuros had and has throughout the years. ■

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For the session themed "Gender Identities in Intangible Spaces: Framing and Representation of Gender Identities", Narag, together with her research adviser Prof. Batan, presented a film analysis paper titled, "Film Portrayals of Filipino Women's Growing-up Narratives: Uncertainties, Youthhood, and Sociologies," which argues how selected films structure the gendered images of youthhood in the Philippines, and how these representations lead to understanding some critical youth transitional and generational issues of precariousness in terms of identity formation as well as Familial, educational, and employment experiences.

For the session "Human Mobilities: The Future of Migration and Circulation", Araga presented an exploratory paper titled, "Let's Power Up!: Fan Activism of Filipino K-pop stans in Metro Manila as a form of Political Participation" which aimed to discover influential factors of political participation and experiences, online and offline, of Filipino K-pop stans in

relation to fan activism, the associated knowledge regarding fan activities vis-à-vis engagement choices, and to politically participate.

Dela Cruz, together with his research adviser Prof. Batan, presented a mixed-methods secondary data analysis paper titled, "Discoveries, Shifts, and Futures of Engagements in Catechetical Education in the Philippines: A Sociological Analysis" during the session "Future(s) of Education: Emerging Narratives from Learning Systems". Their research utilized a researcher-developed "webinar analysis", document analysis, and joint analysis to examine how catechetical engagements bring about meaningful and effective catechesis in the conduct of Catechetical Education. This paper stems from the National Catechetical Study (NCS) 2016-2021: Pastoral Action Research and Intervention (PARI) Project under the UST Research Center for Social Sciences and Education.

Lastly, for the session, "Technological Innovation and Social Interaction: Technology, Youth, and Active Engagements", Jamola

presented a quantitative paper titled, "Right to Vote: Influence through Social Media and Voting Behavior of Selected Undergraduate Student-Voters" which investigates on the impact of political participation and engagement through Facebook on the voting behavior of college students in Metro Manila, specifically by evaluating content typologies consumed by student-voters, examining social media as political tool, and determining personal network exposure as influence to voting decision of student-voters.

This year's annual conference of the Philippine Sociological Society is an international conference, which featured plenary sessions with Dr. Jan Nederveen Pieterse, Mellichamp Chair and Distinguished Professor of Global Studies & Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara, Dr. Debra Davidson, Professor of Environmental Sociology, University of Alberta, and Dr. Nina Castillo-Carandang, Professor of Health Sociology and Global Health, Vice Chair for Administration, Department of Clinical Epidemiology, College of Medicine, University of the Philippines, Manila. ■

Tejuco, Guerrero of Architecture are conferred ASEAN architects



Ar. Guerrero (fifth from left) and Ar. Tejuco (sixth from left) with fellow honorees and officials of the AMCASP

Two academic staff members of the UST College of Architecture were conferred as Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Architects on November 29, 2022, at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC).

Ar. Felicisimo A. Tejuco, Jr., and Ar. Christian F. Guerrero, College of Architecture academic staff, were among the four (4) new ASEAN architects who are all Thomasian alumni. The other two are Ar. Henry Steve R. Olonan and Carlo Chinolli Syquio G. Josen. With the conferment of the four, the ASEAN Architects of the Philippines are now 143 in total.

Tejuco specializes in master planning, specifically heritage and tourism sites. He has also presented and published research papers on Second World War studies.

On the other hand, Guerrero was recognized for specializing in Green Architecture and Car Dealership Facilities. His more than three decades of experience also include institutions, mixed-use development, and residential projects.

The event was facilitated and witnessed by officials of the ASEAN Monitoring Committee on Architectural Services of the Philippines (AMCASP). They are represented by Hon. Charito Zamora, chairwoman of the Professional Regulatory Commission; Ar. Robert Sac, Ar. Robert Mirafuente, and Corazon F. Tandoc of the Professional Regulation of the Board of Architecture; and Ar. Richard M. Garcia, National President of the United Architects of the Philippines. ■

Ampil joins NCCA-NCLT ExeCon



Prof. Ampil

Former *Departamento ng Filipino* chair Prof. Roberto Ampil, Ph.D. was elevated as an Executive Council (ExeCon) member of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts - National Committee on Language and Translation (NCCA - NCLT).

The department, under the College of Education, has been recognized as an Institutional Member of the council where Dr. Ampil will serve from 2023 up until 2025.

Ampil is also the current President of *Sanggunian sa Filipino* (SANGFIL), Executive Committee member of *Pambansang Asosasyon ng mga Tagapagtaguyod ng Salin* (PATAS), Board Member of *Pampelikulang Samahan ng mga Dalubguro* (PASADO), and Board Member of *Hamaka Pilipinas* (HAMPIL). ■

Mirasol of English Dept. is new RAP president



Assoc. Prof. Mirasol

Faculty of Arts and Letters and Department of English academic staff Assoc. Prof. Rosalyn G. Mirasol, Ph.D., was elected president of the Reading Association of the Philippines (RAP) from 2022 to 2023. The election was held during the National Demofest from November 24 to 25, 2022, at the Sorsogon Provincial Stadium. The said Demofest was attended by more than 750 teachers all over the country.

The Reading Association of the Philippines, a national affiliate of the International Literacy Association (ILA) based in Delaware, United States of America, is a professional association of

reading educators, teachers, advocates, and parents. Its mission is to improve all aspects of the national reading programs and teaching pedagogy through teacher-training, upskilling, and research.

Mirasol, an academic researcher at the Research Center for Social Sciences and Education, was the country representative to the International Development in Asia Committee of ILA.

She and Dr. Marie Grace Reoperez, RAP Secretary from 2021-2022, were the lead persons in the project proposal "*Kape, Basa, Pag-asa.*" This project has won funding from the ILA Global Committee. ■

Bountiful 2022: One Asian, five Philippine journalism awards for MA in Journalism students, lecturer

The MA in Journalism program made a bountiful harvest at Asian and Philippine journalistic contests this 2022.

These victories in Asian (one) and Philippine (five) journalistic competitions were courtesy of MA in Journalism students and a newly hired Graduate School academic staff.

The Philippine Star Reporter and MA in Journalism Candidate Neil Jayson Servallos won an honorable mention for Excellence in Human Rights Reporting (regional news outlets) in the 2022 Society of Publishers in Asia (SOPA) Awards.

The Awards, handed out in Hong Kong last June, accorded Servallos the citation for his investigative stories on online sexual exploitation of children (OSEC) in the Philippines. The COVID-19 pandemic spurred OSEC activities and has made the Philippines the "OSEC capital of the world" given an over-200 percent rise in cases.

Servallos' stories for the Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism (PCIJ) form part of the series Digital Sex Crimes in Asia, but the articles were originally submissions to Servallos' class on Data Journalism, handled by the MA in Journalism Lecturer Karol Ann Ilagan (also with the PCIJ).

SOPA is considered the Asian counterpart of the Pulitzer Prize, said to be journalism's most prestigious award.

The said series also won for Servallos the LaSallian Scholarum Award for Outstanding Feature on Youth and Education last March (handed out by De La Salle University).

For his part, MA in Journalism student Tyrone Jasper Piad towed BusinessMirror to victories in the 2021 Economic Journalism Association of the Philippines (EJAP)-Ayala Business Journalism Awards last November.

Piad is reporter of the year for the trade and industry beat. Meanwhile, Piad won a second EJAP award, the Best in Business Feature, for his story Village people's zest won't let Covid stop the music of business.

The said BusinessMirror feature (on its Broader Look section) was Piad's requirement for his 2021 class on Storytelling and Advanced Reporting Techniques with the MA in Journalism Program Lead and UST Research Center for Social Studies and Education Asst. Prof. Jeremiaiah Opiniano, Ph.D.

Piad's two victories plus two others for BusinessMirror helped the broadsheet capture its fifth straight Business Source of the Year Award.

Since the start of 2022, Piad has been a business reporter for the Philippine Daily Inquirer.

Newly-hired MA in Journalism program Lecturer Marie Carisa Ordinario also towed BusinessMirror receiving awards in statistics reporting and in agricultural

journalism.

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) made Ms. Ordinario winner in the Best Statistical Reporting in Print Media category during the 11th National Statistics Month (NSM) Media Awards held last October.

A month earlier, Ordinario, Piad and fellow MA in Journalism student Jasper Emmanuel Arcalas copped the Agricultural Story of the Year during the 15th Bright Leaf Agricultural Journalism Awards (organized by Philip Morris Fortune Tobacco Corporation, Inc.).

Ordinario, Piad and Arcalas (already a hall of famer in the Bright Leaf awards) won for their two-part series titled "Global shipment woes: Additional shocks to Philippines' food supply chain" and "Supply stiffness to stay as shipment issues seen spilling past Yule season."

Ordinario is also a lecturer in the BA in Journalism program of the Faculty of Arts and Letters.

The MA in Journalism program began during the second term of Academic Year 2015-2016 to further train journalism and communication practitioners and make them future newsroom managers that help produce quality journalism. ■

UST CTRSE researcher Lao joins 11th Thomistic Congress in Rome



Mr. Lao (center), with Fr. Seño (left) and Fr. de los Reyes



Pope Francis (seated, center) with participants of the Congress

After almost 20 years, the International Thomistic Congress once again gathered to explore new perspectives and resources in the study of St. Thomas Aquinas's thoughts on philosophy and theology. Among its research presenters is currently an associate of the UST Center for Theology, Religious Studies and Ethics (CTRSE).

Levine Andro Lao, who also teaches at the UST Ecclesiastical Faculty of Philosophy, was among the researchers chosen to speak at the international congress. The event, which gathered over 350 attendees, was held at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) in Rome, Italy in September 2022.

The honorary president of the congress was His Eminence Luis Cardinal Ladaria Ferrer, prefect of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith. Sponsors of the event were the Pontifical Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas, the Angelicum Thomistic Institute, the McDonald Agape Foundation, the University of Notre Dame, and the Jacques Maritain Center.

Lao presented a paper on the thoughts of Fr. Zeferino Gonzalez, O.P. a cardinal and alumnus of the UST, who was among the champions of the Thomistic revival in the 19th century. Gonzalez was noted to have influenced or had been referred to by several other important philosophers and theologians. Among them were Fr. Norberto del Prado, O.P. of the University of Fribourg; philosophers Fr. Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange, OP, Etienne Gilson, and Désiré-Joseph Cardinal Mercier; and the founder of the Ecole Biblique, Fr. Marie-Joseph Lagrange, O.P.

Pope Francis personally graced the gathering with a message and reminder to the Pontifical Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas and other scholars of Thomistic thought. One important note he gave was about the instrumentalization of the wisdom of the Angelic Doctor, which results in "casuistic thinking."

According to the Pope, one must never use St. Thomas's ideas to imprudently advance one's own position.

"Before speaking of St. Thomas, before speaking of Thomism, before teaching, one must contemplate: contemplate the master,



Pope Francis addresses the Congress

understand beyond intellectual thought what the master lived and what the master wanted to tell us," Pope Francis said.

This 2022 Congress is considered to have gathered the largest group of St. Thomas Aquinas scholars in one place. Attendees included scholars and students from across Europe, Asia, Africa, Latin America, North America, and Australia.

Filipino Dominicans Fr. Felix de los Reyes, O.P. and Fr. Rudolf Steven Seño, O.P. were also part of the historic gathering. Both are currently studying for their doctorate in Rome.

In 2020, Lao published a critical biography of Cardinal Gonzalez in the *Philippiniana Sacra* titled "The Nineteenth-Century Thomist from the Far East: Cardinal Zeferino González, OP (1831–1894)." ■

UST Sentro sa Salin taps Thomasian aspiring professional translators in Salinsanay 2022



Participants and organizers of Salinsanay

UST Sentro sa Salin at Araling Salin (UST SSAS) gathered 17 Thomasian educators for its *Salinsanay: Batayang Pagsasanay para sa Pagsasalang Teknikal* held from October 24 to December 9, 2022.

The pioneer university-wide translation hub in the country introduced the educators, aspiring to become professional translators, to the basic concepts of translating texts written in English to fit the Filipino context, especially in the field of technical translation.

Selected educators from the College of Education, Faculty of Arts and Letters (AB), National Service Training Program (NSTP), and Junior High School Department underwent a 40-hour training with synchronous and asynchronous sessions.

Attendees learned through video lectures by *Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino-Sangay ng Salin* Head Mr. John Enrico Torralba, KWF Senior Language Researcher Mr. Rene Roy Cagalingan, UST SSAS Chair Assoc. Prof. Wennielyn Fajilan, Ph.D., and former *Departamento ng Filipino* chair Asst. Prof. Alvin Ringgo Reyes. Live workshops were facilitated by Fajilan and Mr. Mark Anthony Angeles.

After completing the program, the participants received *Sertipikasyon ng mga Propesyonal na Tagasalin ng UST* and became part of UST SSAS's *Registri ng mga Tagasalin*. ■



KWF Sangay ng Salin Head Mr. Torralba

UST GS Education Cluster organizes webinar on teaching models, methodologies; emphasizes importance of flexibility, adaptability in education



(Top row, from left:) Ron Richard Callera, Mari Stefanie M. Segundo-Dimatata, speaker Prof. Peter Joseph Esperanza, Ph.D., and Marianne Garcia-Domingo, (second row, from left:) Joram Kim Corcuera, Lovely Joyce Pableo, Dianne Aquino, and speaker Prof. Gerald Walton Fry, Ph.D., (bottom row, from left:) Program Lead Assoc. Prof. Rodrigo Litao, Ph.D., Reinalene Gonzaga, Mai Jacinta and course facilitator Assoc. Prof. Lilia de Jesus

The Graduate School Education Cluster organized an international webinar geared towards providing educators with a repertoire of teaching models and new developments in pedagogical scholarship that they may adopt and/or adapt to their unique situations with the goal of achieving quality learning.

Two renowned professors shared their experience and expertise in exploring different teaching models through the lens of their own theoretical perspectives and their attended methodologies and research-based strategies during the virtual event titled “Global Educators as Bridge-builders to Innovative Teaching Practices” on November 16, 2022 via Zoom.

Prof. Gerald Walton Fry, Ph.D., a

distinguished international professor at the University of Minnesota, highlighted the importance of holistic education as part of his leadership Theory H during his discussion titled, “Learning from the Indigenous and Non-western Worlds: A New Theory H of Leadership for Educational Excellence and Human Well-being.”

“In terms of my new Theory H, it emphasizes humanistic leadership for happiness, harmony and health and we need to humanize technology so that we don’t become prisoners of technology. In terms of education, it’s so greatly important that we have holistic education,” said Fry.

The Pew Fellow also mentioned that the world is on fire and that the people are already living in the VUCA age, so it

is a must for teachers to have incredible flexibility and adaptability to prepare their students in facing the demands and challenges of the VUCA world.

Meanwhile, Prof. Peter Joseph Esperanza, Ph.D., a faculty member of Barstow Community College and West Coast University, talked about how technology can be combined with traditional learning and how it can be used as a resource in enhancing students’ learning experiences in his lecture titled, “Flipping Your Classroom Across Different Teaching Modalities.”

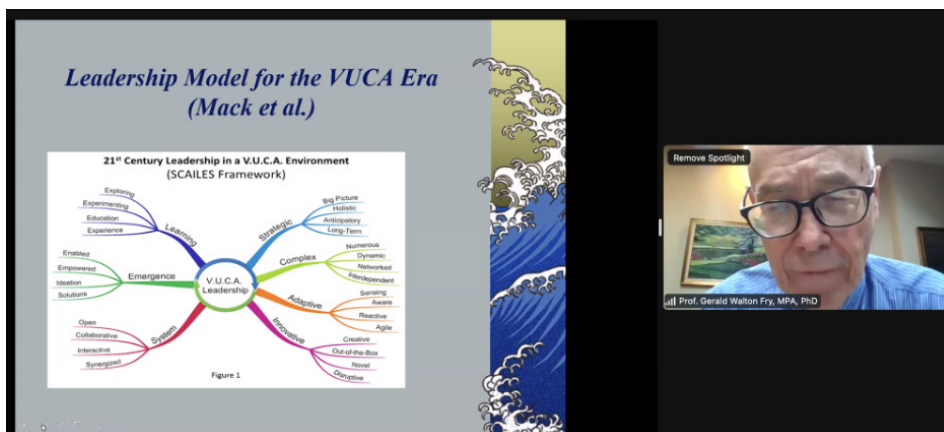
“One of the things that I require my students to do is to submit their handwritten notes because even if innovation is good for the majority of the time, we still need, as instructors, to give them a little bit of traditional learning,” said Esperanza.

The math professor and YouTube content creator also shared that it is very important to design your courses smartly in teaching in an online environment and to establish the core even if it is very difficult to achieve that in the virtual settings.

During his opening remarks, Assoc. Prof. Rodrigo Litao, Ph.D, the UST GS Education Cluster Lead, emphasized the importance for educators and scholars to continue to find platforms and discuss typically global issues and concerns that affect curriculum and instruction.

“The change in the educational landscape is inevitable and brought about by the countless internal and external forces including the effects of the pandemic, and these have implications on how we deliver curriculum and instruction

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Prof. Fry discusses “Learning from the Indigenous and Non-western Worlds: A New Theory of Leadership for Educational Excellence and Human Well-being”

Jacobs of GS, Leynes of AB discuss Cooperative Learning at int’l conference in Croatia

To connect with scientists, researchers, and practitioners, UST Graduate School Visiting Professor Dr. George M. Jacobs and English Department academic staff Asst. Prof. Selenne Anne S. Leynes presented their lecture on Cooperative Learning at an international conference hosted by the Department of Pedagogy, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in the University of Zagreb, Croatia, and International Interdisciplinary Learning Community ENNEA from November 4 to 5, 2022.

Jacobs and Leynes emphasized in the two-day hybrid conference that cooperation is a solution to many of the world’s problems, and that people should possess the heartware and software for it.

Leynes discussed the benefits of cooperation, such as having more and better-tested ideas, greater enjoyment, deeper learning, social skills, and lifelong learning.

“With cooperation, it is not just one plus one equals two but actually, one plus one equals three: your ideas, my ideas, and the third, a new set of ideas, our combined ideas,” said Leynes.

During the conference, Jacobs also mentioned that this frame of mind is linked to the Social Interdependence Theory, a long-established theory which seeks to understand and facilitate cooperation.

“When group members feel positively interdependent, they feel as though their outcomes are positively correlated: this means that members feel that what helps one member helps all, and what one hurts one, hurts all,” said Jacobs.

The participants in this international interdisciplinary scientific and professional conference titled “Learning Outside the Box:



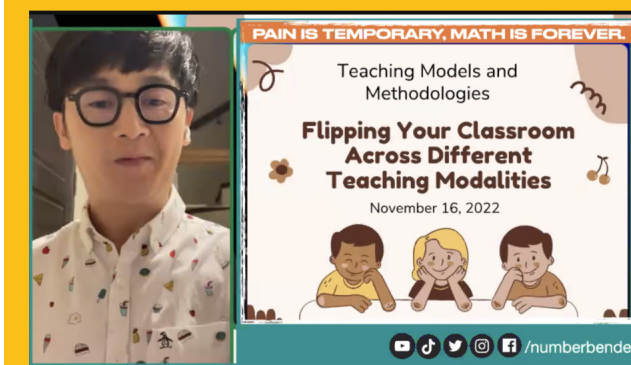
The lecture’s publication material, written in the Croatian language, indicates the theme as “Learning outside the box: Values and controversies of learning in a new age” with the following questions: Can everyone work successfully? What are the basic obstacles in achieving successful cooperation? What is positive interdependence? What is group autonomy? What are the limits of individual responsibility?

The Values and Controversies of Learning in a New Age” were introduced to strategies to facilitate student-student cooperation in academic settings. These strategies include the teaching of collaborative skills, techniques for promoting feelings of positive interdependence among students, service learning, cooperative controversy, maximum peer interactions, individual accountability, equal opportunity to participate, heterogeneous grouping, and cooperation as a value.

Translated to the Croatian language and presented with subtitles, the pre-

recorded lecture was capped with the question “Can people cooperate effectively?” to which Jacobs answered “absolutely!” The conference details may be found at <https://konferencija.ennea.hr>.

Jacobs is a Visiting Professorial Lecturer from Universiti Malaya, Malaysia. He also teaches the course Language Theory and Practice at the UST Graduate School, while Leynes is a Ph.D. graduate student in the English Language Studies program and a academic staff from the Department of English, Faculty of Arts and Letters. ■



Prof. Esperanza presents “Flipping Your Classroom Across Different Teaching Modalities”

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for our students and other stakeholders,” said Litao.

Assoc. Prof. Lilia de Jesus also mentioned in her speech that teaching models and methodology is an endless discovery and surge of learning and teaching strategy that will capacitate the teachers’ maximum potential to make learning happen.

“In order for us to be the real purveyors of genuine and authentic education, we are reminded to be always fully aware of the world we inhabit and the realities that come with it — the reality of the changing social, cultural and environmental order and the digital reality that now dominates the global sphere,” shared de Jesus in her closing remarks.

More than 400 educators from different countries including Indonesia and the Philippines registered for the virtual event. ■

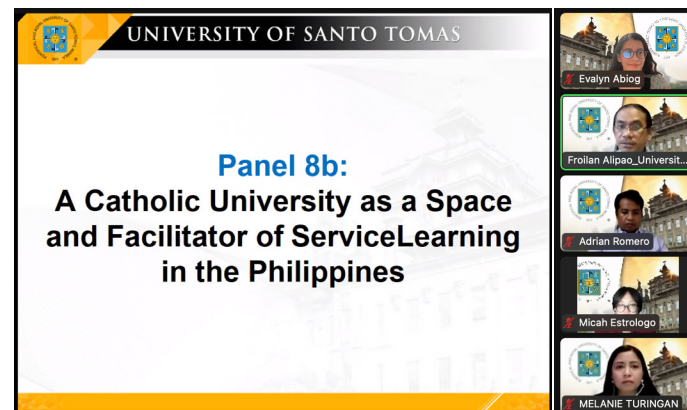
Thomsonian researchers discuss Service-Learning at 5th Philippine Studies Conference in Japan

Academic staff and students virtually presented a panel paper on Service-Learning in the Philippines at the 5th Philippine Studies Conference in Japan (PSCJ) 2022 hosted by the University of Tokyo, Komaba, Campus from November 26 to 27, 2022. The panel was composed of Asst. Prof. Froilan Alipao, Assoc. Prof. Evalyn Abiog, Ph.D., Ms. Micah Estrologo, Mr. Adrian Romero, and Assoc. Prof. Melanie Turingan, Ph.D.

The panel discussed Service-Learning in the context of a Catholic higher education institution in the Philippines as depicted in the studies "Service-Learning linking with communities for development: Exploring the Service-Learning praxis framework of the University of Santo Tomas vis-à-vis Salamanca Process" by Alipao; "Praxis of Salamanca: Process and politics of Service-Learning in the University of Santo Tomas Lumad Bakwit School by Romero; Catholic social teachings in Service-Learning: A multiple-case study in a Philippine Catholic higher education institution" by Abiog; "Service-Learning: The University of Santo Tomas experience" by Turingan; and "A phenomenological study of Service-Learning experiences in the National Service Training Program of University of Santo Tomas (UST) selected college students in the time of COVID-19 Pandemic" by Estrologo.

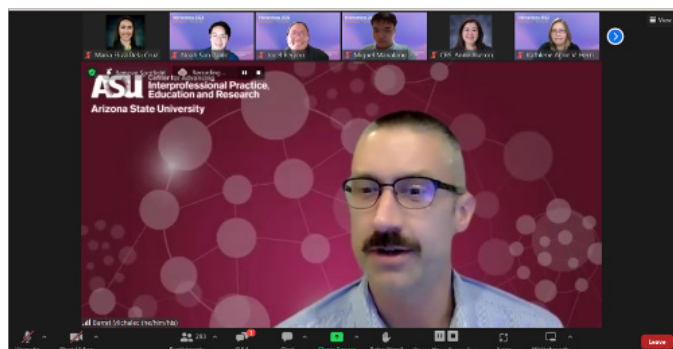
These studies emphasized the vital role of Catholic Higher Education institution like UST, in promoting Service-Learning inspired by the Salamanca process tradition, Catholic Social Teachings, and service engagements within and outside the university amidst the challenges brought by the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year's PSCJ centered on the theme, "The Philippines in the 21st Century Asia: Retrospect and Prospect," underscoring studies on the post-COVID-19 pandemic and other Philippine-oriented studies. ■



UST presenters discuss "A Catholic university as a space and facilitator of Service-Learning in the Philippines"

CRS, Arizona State University host joint webinar on Interprofessional Education



Prof. Michalec



Ms. Escudra

The College of Rehabilitation Sciences (CRS) Interprofessional Education team, in collaboration with Arizona State University (ASU), held its 2nd international webinar titled "Intersections 2022: Frontiers in Interprofessional Education" on November 29, 2022.

Attended by students and allied health professionals, the event serves as a venue to talk about the current trends and innovations in interprofessional education (IPE), as well as to highlight the activities, learnings, and experiences of students

presently taking the IPE course.

The webinar started with a welcome message from CRS Dean Assoc. Prof. Anne Marie Aseron and opening remarks from the Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Cheryl R. Peralta, DrPH.

The guest speakers included ASU Center for Advancing Interprofessional Practice, Education, and Research Director Prof. Barret Michalec and CRS academic staff and researcher Ms. Catherine Escudra.

Michalec discussed the roles of

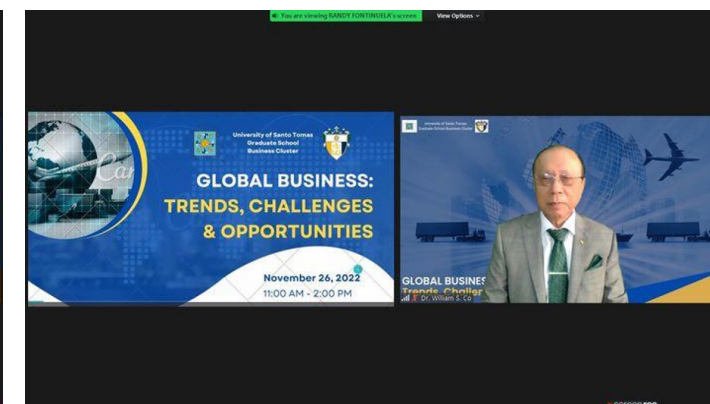
humility in healthcare delivery, its potential implications in interprofessional care, and how one can cultivate humility. Meanwhile, Escudra tackled the role of technology advancement in facilitating and enabling interprofessional education and collaboration in the educational and healthcare system.

The event concluded with presentations of student representatives in this year's IPE cohort who shared their experiences and reflection on Synergy and fieldwork activities. ■

MBA students host Global Business webinar



Atty. Gepty



Atty. Co

The graduate students of the International Business and Global Strategy class held an academic talk titled "Global Business: Trends, Challenges, and Opportunities" via Zoom on November 26, 2022. The webinar was broadcast live on Facebook.

Around 188 people attended, including students from other universities, students from UST undergraduate programs, and some Graduate School faculty members. The first speaker was UST alumnus and Department of Trade and Industry Assistant Secretary for Industry Development and Trade Policy Atty. Allan B. Gepty. After discussing "International Trade: Considerations, Challenges, and Opportunities," he stressed the significance of free trade agreements (FTAs), where he elaborated on the benefits of the agreement, which include eliminating behind-the-border barriers that would otherwise impede the flow of goods or services; encouraging investment; and improving rules governing issues such as intellectual property, e-commerce, and government procurement.

He also brought up the Fourth Industrial Revolution and the Evolution of Business Models. Transportation, hospitality, manufacturing, and the rise of artificial intelligence are among the industries mentioned. He also emphasized the role of globalization, which he defined as the integration and democratization of the world's culture, economy, and infrastructure through transnational investment and the rapid proliferation of communication and information technologies.

The speaker also provided a brief overview of PH International Trade Relations, including the trade deficit, the lack of bilateral FTAs, the optimal use of FTAs, the enhancement of export capabilities, better opportunities for people and businesses, and the identification of a PH niche in the international market. According to the speaker, policymakers

play an important role. They are the ones who foresee future trends and develop rules that foster a business-friendly environment. Finally, he enacted game-changing legislation, including the Retail Trade Liberalization Act, the Foreign Investment Act, and the Public Services Act. He concluded the event by reminding everyone that our country is progressing by responding to digitalization and seizing PH opportunities.

Also a speaker during the event was the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) Chairman of the Board and Vice Chairman of the Philippine Exporters Confederation of the Philippines Dr. William S. Co.

Co described PHILEXPORT's achievements in a globalized economy following the passage of R.A. 7844, also known as the Export Development Act (EDA) of 1994. He also shared his experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown in March 2020. It served as a stark reminder of the structural

flaws in national and global economies. He spoke about the country's semiconductors and manufacturing industries, which have been the main drivers of economic growth in the Philippines, employing three million people directly and indirectly. According to Co, they began to see an increase in exports in September 2021, owing to the reopening of China's economy, which resulted in a 43.3% increase in shipment to Beijing. He also discussed Project FIRE, or the Fourth Industrial Revolution, which was launched in June 2020. This project had several requirements, including smart cities and industries, the emerging global recession, and e-governance.

Co initiated the promotion of hybrid rice and corn modern fishery and aqua resources, as well as the export of Philippine tropical fruits around the world. The relaxation of quarantine measures in some countries, the gradual reopening of production all indicate that the export sector is regaining its footing. ■

Dominican Fathers, Alipao of SIMBAHAYAN represent DFJPCC-Philippines in Switzerland

Three members of the Dominican Family for Justice, Peace and Care for Creation-Philippines, namely, Rev. Fr. Victor C. Calvo, O.P. (Philippine Dominican Province Promoter on Justice, Peace, and Care for Creation), Rev. Fr. Reynor Enriquez Munsayac, O.P. (Colegio De San Juan De Letran-Abucay Vice Rector for Religious Affairs), and Asst. Prof. Froilan A. Alipao, (UST Simbahayan Community Development Office Director), attended the 52nd Geneva Course for Defenders from the Regions (Course on the Human

Rights Council, international human rights and humanitarian law, international procedures and diplomacy). The three served Dominican Delegates at the 51st Session of the UN Human Rights Council, from September 19, 2022 to October 5, 2022, in Geneva, Switzerland.

Their attendance at the two important events at the same time was a reality of the great efforts of the Dominicans for Justice and Peace led by Rev. Fr. Aneidi Okure,

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O.P., as Director and Permanent Delegate of the Order of Preachers to the United Nations. The Dominicans for Justice and Peace is the official Delegation Order of Preachers to the United Nations, and it has had an Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Consultative status since 2002.

The training was facilitated by Geneva for Human Rights (GHR), an international training organization. It trains human rights NGOs, defenders, and those promoting human rights in elaborating and realizing strategies and using domestic, regional, and international human rights procedures. The Geneva Course is an interactive and intensive training during ordinary UN Human Rights Council sessions.

Along with the three participants and delegates are the other 18 participants from different parts of the world. The participants learned the knowledge and skills according to the following courses and related subjects included in the training. A General Course (19-23 September 2022) was offered where an overview of international relations; international human rights, humanitarian and criminal laws; the UN mechanisms and procedures; the Human Rights Council; the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR); and the use of the Special procedures, treaty bodies, and Universal Periodic Review (UPR) were presented. Trainees learned drafting communications in accordance with special procedures.

Next was a course on the HR Council's proceedings (26-30 September 2022). This course introduced the main OHCHR, and Special procedures reports were submitted to the 51st session. Specific Courses on transitional justice, women's and indigenous peoples' rights, enforced disappearances, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and the protection of human rights defenders.

The last course (3-5 October 2022) was devoted to the conclusions and follow-up of the Geneva Course, with GHR Course on human rights implementation in the countries (SDGs, national plans, technical assistance, and NGOs' strategies inside the nations).

The participants of the said training were selected based on the priority given to defenders and NGOs from the regions and as members of national and regional NGOs delegations attending the session of the UN Human Rights Council, and trainees from regional and international human rights organizations having their seat or representation at the UN Office in Geneva.

The three DFJPCC-Philippines participants and delegates were able to accomplish the course. To highlight, they completed the documents on the country's human rights pattern and a letter to the special rapporteur. They also submitted and successfully passed several tests given to all the training participants.



The three delegates at the UN Headquarters in Geneva



Asst. Prof. Alipao delivers the oral statement at Room XX, Palais des Nations

The side of being Dominican delegates to the 51st Session of the UN Human Rights Council, the three regularly seated and observed different debates and side events on special issues. The highlight of their participation was their crucial role in the debate on the Philippine human rights situation about the UN Joint Program Report.

Alipao delivered a one-minute-and-a-half statement of the Dominicans for Justice and Peace during the debate last October 6, 2022, in Geneva.

The statement read:

"We welcome the High Commissioner's report on the progress and results of the UN Joint Program in the Philippines. It accurately assesses the persistence of impunity for human rights abuses, including the lack of access to justice by victims of extrajudicial killings and their families. Despite the implementation of the UN Joint Program and the inauguration of a new Government in 2022, we remain strongly concerned with the shrinking space of civil society and the persisting culture of impunity. Violence, intimidation, and arrests of 'red-tagged' human rights defenders continue.

"The new administration reinforced the disengagement of the Philippines from the International Criminal Court and announced the continuation of the War on Drugs. The Government consistently fails to cooperate with the UN Joint Program adequately and to investigate, prosecute and enforce comprehensive mechanisms to address the systematic and mass human rights violations.

"Now, more than ever, the international community's support is crucial to tackling the lack of domestic accountability and preventing future human rights violations. Therefore, we call on the Human Rights Council to keep the situation of the Philippines as a priority, with the adoption of a follow-up resolution establishing a Commission of Inquiry for the Philippines."

Alipao also attended and presented a three-minute statement during the CCPR (Covenant on Civil and Political Rights) NGO formal briefing on the Philippines, Haiti, Kyrgyzstan, and Japan, which took place on October 10, 2022 via Zoom. ■

CCCPET, NCCA-PCEP, Samar Province, Calbayog City LGU collaborate on Culture-based Governance National Training



Dr. Zerrudo during his lecture

The University of Santo Tomas Graduate School Center for Conservation of Cultural Property and Environment in the Tropics (USTGS-CCCPET) in collaboration with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts Philippine Cultural Education Program (NCCA-PCEP), Provincial Government of Samar and City Government of Calbayog held the "National Training on Culture-based Governance" in Calbayog City Convention Center, Samar from November 16 to 18, 2022.

During the training, two major cultural frameworks were introduced by CCCPET Director and training facilitator Assoc. Prof. Eric B. Zerrudo, Ph.D. The first lecture focused on the design and dignification of creative industries, aligned with this year's theme "Creative Governance is Good Governance". The second lecture highlighted cultural development planning, a forward-looking activity that defines culture and its context to impact on sustainable development.

The training also featured select case studies of different Local Government Units' (LGUs) best practices on culture-based governance. These were demonstrated in Iloilo City Creative Governance presented by Iloilo City Tourism Officer and Association of Tourism Officers of the Philippine incoming President Ms. Junel Ann Divinagracia; in Biñan City's Cultural Program delivered by Biñan City Tourism and Cultural Affairs Officer Dr. Bryan Jason

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Tejuco of Architecture turns over APEC publication to PRC

The first publication featuring the architects of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) was formally turned over to the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) by the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP) on November 29, 2022.

Among the UAP representatives were Ar. Richard M. Garcia, UAP National President and its publication chairman and editor-in-chief, Ar. Felicisimo A. Tejuco, Jr., of the UST College of Architecture. Through the collaboration of the PRC and UAP, the first APEC Architect Coffee Table Book was launched in October 2021 as one of the highlights of the 9th APEC Architect Central Council Meeting.

Spearheaded by the APEC Architects Registry Central Council Chairman and former UST College of Architecture Dean Hon. Yolanda D. Reyes, the publication showcased the pride and milestones of the participating economies in implementing the APEC Architect Project. A chapter was devoted to each participating economy and the notable works of their respective APEC architects. Among the featured works of APEC architects include those of Thomasian alumni: Ar. Abelardo Tolentino of Aidea, Arce-Bailon-Arce Architects; Ar. Daniel C. Go and Ar. Ana M. Ling of Jose Siao Ling Architects.

PRC was represented by its Chairperson Hon. Charito A. Zamora; Commissioners Hon. Jose Y. Cueto, Jr. and Hon. Erwin M. Enad; Chairman Hon. Robert Sac; Professional Regulatory Board of Architecture members Hon. Robert Mirafuente, and Hon. Corazon Tandoc; and International Affairs Office Director Atty. Melissa Jane B. Comafay. ■

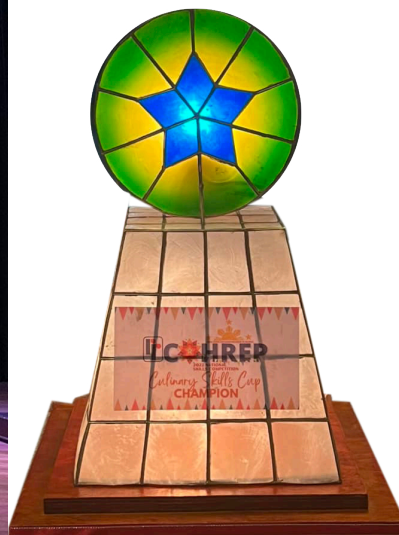


Ar. Tejuco (leftmost) with representatives Hon. Tandoc, Hon. Sac, Hon. Zamora, Hon. Cueto, Ar. Garcia, Hon. Enad and Hon. Mirafuente

CTHM reaps awards at the COHREP National Skills Competition 2022



UST CTHM Culinary Cup teams, led by its Dean Assoc. Prof. Gezzez Giezi G. Granado, DCL (second row, fourth from left)



The championship trophy for the Culinary Cup

Students from the UST College of Tourism and Hospitality Management (CTHM) received awards during the National Skills Competition organized by the Council of Hotel and Restaurant Educators of the Philippines, Inc. (COHREP) held from December 1 to 2, 2022, at Holy Angel University in Angeles City, Pampanga.

The event was officially hosted by COHREP Region III, in partnership with Holy Angel University, System Plus College Foundation, and Jocson College. The competitions were divided into three (3) clusters: the Tourism Cup (Virtual Tour Guiding, Flight Attendant Showmanship, and Tour Packaging), Hospitality Cup (Cocktail Challenge: The Talking Bartender, Floral Centerpiece Arrangement, and The Fruit and Vegetable Carving Challenge), and the Culinary Cup (Filipino Dessert Live Cooking, On-the-spot Cake Decorating, and the Pampanga Culinary Challenge).

For the Tourism Cup, Ms. Jhoa Nna A. Quinsayas, with her trainers academic staff Mr. Avi Ben P. Andalecio and Mr. Arnulfo Ricardo A. Butiong, won the Virtual Tour Guiding – Diploma Award.

Ms. Maria Martina Pauline A. Verzosa and Mr. Kyle Mealord V. Dayao, with academic staff coaches Ms. Theresa B. Resurreccion, Ms. Jeanne Bianca E. Abad, Ms. Josephine Frances V. Calanog, and Mr. Arnulfo Ricardo A. Butiong, won the Flight Attendant Showmanship – Silver Award.

Ms. Nathaniela Rhaine D. Bondoc and Ms. Maria Carren M. Santos, guided by Ms. Catherine C. Mondejar, Asst. Prof.

Christine Concepcion Cabigao-Fajardo, Ms. Maria Christina Dolor E. Villarin, and Mr. Arnulfo Ricardo A. Butiong, won the Tour Packaging – Bronze Award

For the Hospitality Cup, Ms. Jalil P. Noche and Mr. Steven Diego Mateu M. Sumulong (Alternate) won the Cocktail Challenge: The Talking Bartender – Diploma Award. Mr. Ramil M. Quinonez served as staff coach.

For the Culinary Cup, Mr. Thomas Dominic M. Zambrano, Ms. Franchezka A. De Roxas, and Ms. Sofia Angela M. Paja (Alternate) won the Filipino Dessert Live Cooking – Silver Award, with Chef Reinald Andaya serving as the team’s academic staff coach.



Winners of the Cocktail Challenge for the Hospitality Cup

Mr. John Ethan Kenneth R. Guerrero, Mr. Angelo Gabrielle J. Lati, and Ms. Ma. Sophia Lorenz P. Aga (Alternate) won the On-the-spot Cake Decorating – Bronze Award, under the guidance of Chef Kristian Kristoffer A. Roque.

Mr. Daniel V. Dalipe, Ms. Louise Orlane R. Reyes, and Mr. John Marco C. Acena (Alternate), with academic staff coach Chef Ramona Olga D. Ko, won the Pampanga Culinary Challenge - Gold with Distinction Award.

The UST CTHM student teams brought home the Culinary Cup Overall Champion having won one Gold awards with Distinction, two Silver awards, two Bronze awards, and two (2) Diploma Awards. ■



Dean Granado (rightmost) with winners of challenges under the Tourism Cup

Socius of the Master of the Order for Intellectual Life Rev. Fr. Pablo Carlos Sicouly, O.P.



UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., Ph.D., (third from left) presents a copy of the Rector’s Report to the Socius of the Master of the Order for Intellectual Life Rev. Fr. Pablo Carlos Sicouly, O.P. (rightmost). With them are the Socius of the Master of the Order for Apostolic Life Rev. Fr. Florentino Bolo, Jr., O.P. (leftmost) and UST Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Louie Coronel, O.P., EHL

UST Office of Public Affairs Director Asst. Prof. Joreen T. Rocamora, Ph.D. (leftmost), UST Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Louie Coronel, O.P., EHL (fourth from left), and Center for Theology, Religious Studies, and Ethics Director Prof. Joel Sagut, Ph.D. (rightmost), welcome the Socius of the Master of the Order for Apostolic Life Rev. Fr. Florentino Bolo, Jr., O.P. (second from left) and the Socius of the Master of the Order for Intellectual Life Rev. Fr. Pablo Carlos Sicouly, O.P. (center) to the University.

Guests from CFA Institute



Officials of the UST College of Commerce and Business Administration, including Assistant Dean Assoc. Prof. Al Faithrich C. Navarrete, Ph.D. (rightmost), welcome the CFA Institute Managing Director of Global Partnerships & Client Solutions Mr. Paul Moody (fourth from left), CFA Institute Senior Director for Society Relations (Asia Pacific) Ms. Brenda Hou (fifth from left), and CFA Society Philippines Program Director Ms. Rizchelle S. Manaog (second from left).

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Borja; and in Echague’s Municipality Cultural Development Program by Municipal Tourism Officer Mr. Louie Simbe.

The experiences of the World Heritage City of Vigan, forerunner of culture-based governance in the country, was also shared by its former Mayor Eva Marie S. Medina.

The highlight of the training was the Spark Culture presentation of Samar Province’s Governor Sharee Ann Tan. She narrated how her administration endeavored to change the negative image of Samar Province by addressing the problems of insurgency, disaster, and poverty. She also emphasized the importance of conducting cultural mapping programs, to move forward and to know how to deal with these problems in a culturally sensitive governance landscape.

Both the cultural mapping programs of the Heritage City of Vigan and the Province of Samar were conducted by USTGS-CCPET.

The face-to-face training gathered around 200 participants from the academe, local officials, tourism and cultural officers, artists club and organizations from different parts of the country. ■



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