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EDUCATION

Ph. D. in Anthropology, Arizona State University, 2008

M. A. in Anthropology, Arizona State University, 1997

B. A. in Anthropology, with a Minor in History, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, 1993

A. A. in Liberal Arts, with Honors, Honolulu Community College, 1991

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2025-2026 term Associate Director, CMRS Center for Early Global Studies
University of California, Los Angeles

2021 to present Associate Professor of Southeast Asian Studies
Department of Asian Languages and Cultures
University of California, Los Angeles

2019-2021 Assistant Professor of Southeast Asian Studies
Department of Asian Languages and Cultures
University of California, Los Angeles

2011-2019 Assistant Professor, Department of Southeast Asian Studies
Convenor, Minor in Religious Studies, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
National University of Singapore

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

Monograph

2013 **A Mountain of Difference: The Lumad in Early Colonial Mindanao** (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press/SEAP). Reviewed in: *TRaNS: Trans -Regional and -National Studies of Southeast Asia* (2016); *Journal of Asian Studies* (2015); *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* (2015); *Asian Studies Review* (2014); *Moussons: Recherche en sciences humaines sur l'Asie du Sud-Est* (2014); *Philippine Studies* (2014)

As Editor

2023 **Su Panud ta Baligiyan: Su kasaysayan hi apù Intampil daw su mga otaw gabi ha anay ha napuun ku kalapaya ta kalibutan** (The Oral Tradition of Baligiyan) by Datu Limpukawan Budluwà Ansihagan, with Jerry Manlipania Obelno and Sansuwà Ansihagan (Manila, 2023)

Journal Articles (peer-reviewed)

- 2026 Invited Commentary in response to “Plantation Liberalism: A Genealogy of Personhood, Property, and Environmental Activism between Philippine Mindanao and the Black Atlantic” by Alyssa Paredes, *Current Anthropology*, in press.
- 2022 “More Indigenous than Others: The Paradox of Indigeneity among the Higaunon Lumad,” *SOJOURN: Journal of Social Issues in Southeast Asia* 37(1): 27-57.
- 2022 “Making Mindanao: Place-Making and People-Making in the Southern Philippines,” *Southeast Asia Research* 30(1): 3-8.
- 2019 “Preserving ‘Tradition’: The Business of Indigeneity in the Modern Philippine Context,” *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* 50(1): 86-106.
- 2017 “Projecting Order in the Pericolonial Philippines: An Anthropology of Catholicism beyond Catholics,” *The Australian Journal of Anthropology* 28(2): 225-241.
- 2017 “Imagining the Future of Lumads in Bangsamoro,” *Kasarinlan: Philippine Journal of Third World Studies* 30(2)/31: 93-105.
- 2016 “Rivers of Memory and Oceans of Difference in the Lumad World of Mindanao,” *TRaNS: Trans - Regional and -National Studies of Southeast Asia* 4(2): 329-349.
- 2015 “Indigenous vs. Native: Negotiating the Place of Lumads in a Bangsamoro Homeland,” *Asian Ethnicity* 16(2):166-185.
- 2006 “True Believers: Higaunon and Manobo Evangelical Protestant Conversion in Historical and Anthropological Perspective,” *Philippine Studies* 54(4):521-559.
- 2000 “Studying Mindanao through Southeast Asian Ethnographic Themes,” *Kinaadman: A Journal of the Southern Philippines* 22:1-81.
- 1998 “Describing Higaunon Culture,” *Kinaadman: A Journal of the Southern Philippines* 20: 53-74.
- 1997 “Higaunon Resistance and Ethnic Politics in Northern Mindanao,” *The Australian Journal of Anthropology* 8(3):270-290.
- 1996 “Benevolent Altruism or Ordinary Reciprocity? A Response to Austin’s View of the Mindanao Hinterland,” *Human Organization* 55(2):241-244.

Book Chapters (peer-reviewed)

- n.d. “Peoples on the Fringe.” In *Oxford Handbook of Southeast Asian History*, ed. Eric Tagliacozzo (Oxford: Oxford University Press) – under contract.
- 2025 “(De)Constructions of Indigeneity in the Philippines,” co-authored with J.A. Ruanto-Ramirez. In *Knowledge, Identity, and Rights: Studies on Philippine Indigeneity*, eds. Leah Abayao, Jimmy Fong, and Carolyn Podruchny (Honolulu: University of Hawai’i Press), pp. 39-39.
- 2021 “Indigenizing Culture: Research Collaboration and Heritage-Making with Higaunon Lumad Communities in the Southern Philippines.” In *Indigenous Peoples, Heritage and Landscape in the Asia Pacific: Knowledge Co-Production and Empowerment*, edited by Stephen Acabado and Da-wei Kuan (New York and Milton Park: Routledge), pp. 183-201.
- 2018 “Indigenous Peoples: Between Rights Protection and Development Aggression.” In *Handbook of the Contemporary Philippines*, eds. Mark Thompson & Eric Batalla (London: Routledge), pp. 341-351.
- 2017 “Custom and Citizenship in the Philippine Uplands.” In *Citizenship and Democratization in Postcolonial Southeast Asia*, eds. Henk Schulte Nordholt, Ward Berenschot, & Laurens Bakker (Leiden: Brill), pp. 157-179.

- 2000 "Discriminating Native Traditions Among the Mindanao Lumad." In *Old Ties and New Solidarities: Studies on Philippine Communities*, eds. Charles J-H Macdonald & Guillermo Pesigan (Philippines: Ateneo de Manila University Press, 2000), pp. 74-90.

Other Selected Academic Publications

- 2022 "Views from the Ground: Reflections on Studying Indigeneity in Southeast Asia," with Rusaslina Idrus, Liana Chua, Poline Bala, Kwanchewan Buadaeng, Kelvin Egay, Prasit Leepreecha, Dave Lumenta, Zanisah Man, Kendy Mitot, Shanthi Thambiah, and Vilashini Somiah, *SOJOURN: Journal of Social Issues in Southeast Asia* 37(1): 113-127.
- 2021 "Christianity as Colonialism: Understanding the Impact of Catholicism Beyond Catholics in the Philippines," *Filipinas: Journal of the Philippine Studies Association* 4: 41-50.
- 2021 "New Decade, New Directions: Advancing the Study of Southeast Asian Religions," with Alexandra Kaloyanides, Chiara Formichi, Cuong Mai, Richard Fox, Kelly Meister Brawn, Nathan McGovern, and Penny Edwards, *SOJOURN: Journal of Social Issues in Southeast Asia* 36(3): 573-600.
- 2006 "Working with Spanish Colonial Records and Archives," *Kyoto Review of Southeast Asia* issue 7.
- 2001 "Ethnic Borderlands in the Southern Philippines," *ILAS Newsletter* 24:12.
- 1997 "What in the World is a Higaunon? Identity and Differentiation in the Southern Philippines," *Suvannabhumi* 9(1):11-13.

Selected Book Reviews

- 2023 "Babaylan Sing Back: Philippine Shamans and Voice, Gender, and Place," by Grace Nono. *Journal of Asian Studies* 82(3): 512-514.
- 2014 "Making Moros: Imperial Historicism and American Military Rule in the Philippines' Muslim South," by Michael C. Hawkins. *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* 45 (3): 473-476.
- 2011 "Verbal Arts in Philippine Indigenous Communities," by Herminia M. Coben. *Journal of Folklore Research Reviews* (online, posted 23 March).
- 2005 "Shamanism, Catholicism and Gender Relations in Colonial Philippines, 1521-1685," by Carolyn Brewer. *Journal of Asian Studies* 64:1067-1069.
- 2004 "The House of Our Ancestors," by Thomas Reuter, and "Paths of Origin, Gates of Life," by Andrew McWilliam (Joint Review). *Journal of Asian Studies* 63:850-854.
- 2004 "Cultures of Disaster: Society and Natural Hazard in the Philippines," by Greg Bankoff. *Bijdragen tot de Koninklijke Instituut voor Taal-, Land- en Volkenkunde (BKI)* 160(2/3):394-395.
- 2002 "Power and Intimacy in the Christian Philippines," by Fenella Cannell. *Moussons* 5:137-139.
- 2002 "Capital, Coercion, and Crime: Bossism in the Philippines," by John Sidel. *Moussons* 5:141-143.

Work in Progress

- "Race and Ethnicity." In *Handbook of Philippine Sociology: Understanding and Transforming Society*, eds. Jayeel Cornelio, Nicole Curato, & Athena Presto—under review with Ateneo de Manila University Press.
- "Decolonial Affinities: On Fake 'Indigenous' Icons and Self-Indigenizing Practices among Filipinos," co-authored with J. A. Ruanto-Ramirez. In *Imagined Ancestries: The Phenomenon of Indigenous Identity Fraud in a Transnational Frame*, eds. Trevino Brings Plenty, Victoria Grieves-Williams, and Crystal Semaganis, with a preface by Jean Teillet—under review with Melbourne University Press.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AWARDS, HONORS

Fellowships and Research Grants

- 2014-2019 Fellowship in the Collection of Oral Literature and Traditional Ecological Knowledge
Firebird Foundation for Anthropological Research, USA
- 2017 Strom Visiting Professor (inaugural appointee for an endowed research fellowship)
Department of History, **University of Toronto**, Canada
- 2009 American Fellowship – Short-Term Research Publication Grant
American Association of University Women (AAUW), USA
- 2008 Conference Grant No. BCS-0742024 (participant), **National Science Foundation**, USA
- 2008 Graduate College Dissertation Fellowship, Arizona State University
- 2004-2005 Dissertation Fieldwork Grant No. 7153, **Wenner-Gren Foundation**, USA
- 2005 *Beca de Residencia* (Residential Fellowship), **Escuela de Estudios Hispanoamericanos**,
Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC), Spain
- 2004 Short-Term Fellowship for Individual Research, **Newberry Library**, Chicago IL, USA
- 2004 Mellon Fellowship for Research-in-Residence, **Vatican Film Library**, St. Louis, USA
- 2003 Student Participant, Dissertation Workshop on “Rethinking Asian Society/Societies,”
Association for Asian Studies (AAS) & **Social Science Research Center** (SSRC), USA
- 1997 Conference Grant, Institut de Recherche sur le Sud-Est Asiatique (**IrAsia**), France
- 1996-1999 Graduate Research Fellowship (Three-Year Award), **National Science Foundation**, USA
- 1995 **Henry Luce Foundation** Field Research Grant, Arizona State University
- 1994-1995 **Henry Luce Foundation** Graduate Fellowship, Arizona State University
- 1992-1993 Pre-Graduate Fellowship, Operation Manong Program, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa

Internal Institutional Awards

- 2020-21 Faculty Research Grant for *Panud Oral History Recording Project*, UCLA Council on Research
- 2020 Research Travel Fund, UCLA Center for Southeast Asian Studies
- 2012-2015 FASS Research Grant No. R-117-000-028-133, National University of Singapore
- 2012 FASS Book Grant, National University of Singapore
- 1994-1996 Regents Academic Scholarship, Arizona State University

Special Honors

- 2019 Faculty Teaching Excellence Award (for teaching in AY2017-18),
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore
- 2018 Faculty Teaching Excellence Award (for teaching in AY2016-17),
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore

- 2008 First Place Award for Excellence (General/Interdisciplinary), Pacific Division Annual Meeting, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), USA
- 2002 Bronze Award, The Shell-Economist Prize, United Kingdom
- 1995 Honorable Mention, Graduate Research Fellowship Competition
National Science Foundation, USA
- 1994 Honorable Mention, Graduate Research Fellowship Competition
National Science Foundation, USA

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Presentations for Workshops, Keynotes, and Plenaries

- 2025 “Becoming a People: Studying the Higaunon Panud as Historical Resource” (Keynote), *Tultulanen: Pagtuntun sa mga Naratibo ng mga Mindanawon sa Kasaysayan ng Pilipinas* (Tracing Mindanawon Narratives in Philippine History), 36th National Conference of ADHIKA (Philippine History Association), Central Mindanao University, Bukidnon, 28 November (online).
- 2025 “A Sort of Homecoming: Stewardship and (Re)Patriation in a Postcolonial Context,” Opening Keynote, *Balikan: Shared Stewardship and Ethical Returns for Philippine Collections* symposium, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 24 October.
- 2025 “From Migpanud to Migsolat: Translating an Oral Tradition into Written Form in Lumad Mindanao” (Methodology Masterclass on oral traditions) *20th Singapore Graduate Forum on Southeast Asian Studies*, Asia Research Institute, Singapore, 17 June (online)
- 2023 “Conceptualizing the “Fringe” in the History of Early Modern Southeast Asia” (Keynote), *Frontiers, Borders, & Borderlands in the Early Global World*, UCLA Medieval and Early Modern Student Association. Hosted by UCLA CMRS Center for Early Global Studies, 2 June.
- 2021 “Revisiting Mindanao’s History from the Perspective of the Lumad in the Context of 500 Years of Christianity” (Keynote and Open Forum), *Pakigdait ug Pakigbisog: Kristiyanismo sa Mindanan*, University of the Philippines-Mindanao, 17 September (online).
- 2021 “Christianity as Colonialism: Understanding the Impact of Catholicism Beyond Catholics in the Philippines” (Keynote and Open Forum), *500 Years of Christianity in the Philippines*, Philippine Studies Association National Conference, 27 August (online). Co-hosted by the University of the Philippines-Diliman and UP-Visayas.
- 2021 “Death on the Beach: ‘Decolonizing’ Mactan’s Pericolonial Moment” (Paper for Keynote Panel), *Mactan500 Virtual Conference*, NYU Global Philippine Studies Forum, 23 April (online). Event co-sponsored by *Sulo: The Philippine Studies Initiative*, the NYU History Department, the Bulosan Center for Filipinx Studies at UC Davis, the King Juan Carlos I of Spain Center at NYU, and the NYU Portuguese and Spanish Students Association.
- 2021 “Pericolonial Spaces and the Limits of Empire in Southeast Asia,” *1521: Making the Globe While Breaking the World*, UCLA Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, 19 February (online).
- 2020 “Anthropology in the Time of Coronavirus” (Plenary Lecture), *Encountering the COVID-19 Virus in Mindanao: Peoples’ Responses to the Pandemic*, 42nd UGAT [Philippine Anthropological Association] Annual Conference – Mindanao, 21 November (online).

- 2020 “Peripheral Pasts and Presents: Constituting Pericoloniality at the Edges of the Pacific,” *The Pacific Horizon: Technology, Migration and Conversion Across Greater Oceania*, Cornell University, Tech Campus, New York City, 18-19 June. (*Cancelled due to COVID-19*)
- 2019 “Becoming Mindanao, Becoming Mindanawon: Narratives of Place-Making and People-Making Over the Centuries” (Keynote), *Mindanao: Cartographies of History, Identity and Representation* (conference), SOAS - University of London, 5-6 July.
- 2019 “More Indigenous Than ‘Indigenous’: Democratizing Indigeneity Among the Higaunon Lumad,” *Unpacking Indigeneity in Southeast Asia*, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, 25 April. Co-sponsored by the British Academy and a Newton Mobility Grant (NMGR1180433).
- 2018 “The Challenges of Indigeneity in the Philippine Context” (Session: Ethnonationalities Affairs: Asian Experience), *Shanghai Forum 2018*, Fudan University, Shanghai, China, 27 May.
- 2017 “The Cultural Contexts of Indigeneity in Southeast Asia,” *Indigeneity in Asia series* (public talk), Dr. David Chu Program in Asia-Pacific Studies, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto, Canada, 25 September.
- 2015 “Preserving ‘Tradition’: Discourses of Governmentality and Identity Among the Higaunon of Mindanao” (Keynote), *Indigeneity in Southeast Asia: The Geopolitics of the Expansion and Localization of an Increasingly Global Movement* (workshop), University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA, 21 March.
- 2014 “Rivers of Memory and Oceans of Difference in the Lumad World of Mindanao,” *Water in Southeast Asia: Navigating Contradictions* (invitation-only workshop), Institute for East Asian Studies, Sogang University, South Korea, 27 June.
- 2014 “Being ‘Ethnic’: Reflections on the Minority Experience in Asia,” (Keynote), *5th Northeast Asia National Cultural International Forum*, Inha University, South Korea, 28 June.
- 2013 “Converting *Colonialistas*: Iberian Itineraries and the Catholic Ordering of Philippine and Pacific Histories,” *Orders and Itineraries: Buddhist, Islamic, and Christian Networks in Southeast Asia, c. 900-1900* (workshop), Asia Research Institute (ARI), Singapore, 21 February.
- 2005 “True Believers: Higaunon and Manobo Evangelical Protestant Conversion in Historical and Anthropological Perspective,” *International Symposium on Global Pentecostalism and Charismatic Christianity among Filipinos*, Institute of Philippine Culture, Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines, 16 September.

Sessions Organized, Moderated, and/or Chaired

- Organizer and Chair, Roundtable session on “Indigeneity in the Philippines: New Conversations on Knowledge, Identity, and Rights,” with Carolyn Podruchny (York U), Jimmy Balud Fong (UP-Baguio), Antoine Laugrand (UC Louvain/U Ottawa), Lisa Decentecio (UP-Diliman), and Karminn Daytec Yañgot (UP-Baguio), *Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies*, Vancouver, March 2026.
- Moderator and Discussant, “Counter-Hispanization in the Colonial Philippines,” a book talk with Professor John D. (Jody) Blanco,” University of California-San Diego, 22 October 2024.
- Moderator, Roundtable on the Mindanao special issue, *Southeast Asia Research*, 14 June 2022 (online)
- Moderator, *Who Has the Right to Imagine the Regions?* (live discussion panel featuring regional film festival directors Bagane Fiola, Keith Deligero, Juliet Cuizon, & Katrina Tan), *13th Cinema Rehiyon*, National Commission for Culture & the Arts, Philippines, 29 March 2021 (online)

- Moderator, *Intersections of Religious Devotion and Community Identity in the Philippines and Vietnam* (panel), UC Berkeley-UCLA Conference: Ethnic and Community Identity in Southeast Asia, Los Angeles, 8 February 2021 (online)
- Chair, *Quotidian Structures of Colonial and Postcolonial Governance* (AAS Annual Meeting, Boston, March 2020). (*Cancelled due to COVID-19*)
- Co-Organizer (with Prof. Nam C. Kim, U Wisconsin-Madison), *Rising Voices in Southeast Asian Studies: Archaeology, Heritage, and Nationalism in Southeast Asia* (special panel sponsored by SEAC/AAS and TRaNS journal, for the AAS Annual Meeting, Denver, March 2019)
- Organizer and Chair, *An Illiberal Project? Nation-building in Duterte's Philippines* (Asia Research Institute seminar/ roundtable discussion, Singapore, 13 November 2017)
- Co-organizer, *Higaunon Issues*, special panel with locally-based Indigenous leaders conducted exclusively in Hinigaunon and Cebuano (Annual Conference of UGAT [Philippine Anthropological Association], Cagayan de Oro City, Philippines, 2017)
- Panel Chair, *The Mission of Development: Religion and Techno-politics in Asia* (Asia Research Institute Workshop, Singapore, 2015)
- Panel Chair, *Anthropology, Christianity, and the Problem of Difference* (Asia Research Institute Workshop, Singapore, 2015)
- Organizer and Chair, *Emerging Networks of Power in the Southeast Asian Uplands* (AAS-in-Asia, Inaugural Conference, Singapore, 2014)
- Organizer and Moderator, Plenary Session on *Resourcing Anthropology in Mindanao* (Annual UGAT [Philippine Anthropological Association] Conference, Philippines, 2011)
- Organizer and Chair, *Intersections and Divergences of Traditional Political Authority in South & Southeast Asia* (AAS Annual Meeting, Chicago, 2009), *Discussant*: Mary Callahan
- Organizer and Chair, *Perspectives on Indigenous Warfare: Collective Violence and Identity in Island Southeast Asia* (AAS Annual Meeting, San Diego CA, 2004), *Discussants*: Barbara Watson Andaya & Charles O. Frake

Discussant Papers/Roundtable Discussions/Workshop Participation

- 2026 Roundtable discussion on “Indigeneity in the Philippines: New Conversations on Knowledge, Identity, and Rights,” *Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies*, Vancouver, March.
- 2024 Discussant remarks for panel: “Aesthetics of Power in Maritime Southeast Asia: Critical Examinations of the Theatricality of Stateliness in Historical and Contemporary Maritime Southeast Asia,” *Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies*, Seattle, 16 March.
- 2023 Participant/Presenter, UC/CSU Working Group 2023: Social and Environmental Justice in Southeast Asia Workshop, UCLA Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Los Angeles, 24 April.
- 2023 Roundtable discussion on “Situating Narrative in Self-Determination: Empowering Communities through Storytelling,” *Asian American Studies Program (ASAM) Fellows Symposium*, University of Pennsylvania, 25 March.
- 2021 Discussant remarks for panel: “Magic and Materiality in Southeast Asian Religions,” *American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting*, 21 November (online).
- 2021 Roundtable discussion on “The Transnational Abuses of Philippine Indigeneity,” with Adrian de Leon (U Southern California) and Joseph Ruanto-Ramirez (Claremont), *Native American and Indigenous Studies Association (NAISA) Annual Meeting*, 14 June (online).

- 2021 Conversation on “Defining Decolonial Approaches to Philippine Collections” with a focus on Indigeneity, with Deirdre de la Cruz (U Michigan), Sarita See (UC-Riverside), and Analyn Salvador-Amores (U Philippines-Baguio). *Re-connect/ Re-collect: Reparative Collections and Connections at the University of Michigan*, 11 May (online).
- 2021 Roundtable discussion on the ‘Lumad’ naming issue, “What’s in a Name? Views from Anthropologists on ‘Lumad’” (Part 1 of 2) with Augusto Gatmaytan, Cherubim Quizon, Karl Gaspar, and Lilian de la Peña. Organized by Ugnayang Pang-Aghamtao (UGAT), in partnership with Philippine Social Science Council. Hosted by the University of San Carlos, Cebu, Philippines, 25 March (online).
- 2021 Discussant remarks for panel: “*Balik Bukid*”: Philippine Agrarian Studies in an Economy of Human Capital,” *Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies* (online), 25 March.
- 2020 Roundtable discussion on “New Decade, New Directions: Advancing the Study of Southeast Asian Religions” (co-sponsored by Religion in Southeast Asia unit), *American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting*, 9 December (online).
- 2019 “Finding the Philippines in Southeast Asia.” Prepared remarks for invited roundtable discussion on “The Philippines as a Site of Religion – Global Connections and Regional Entanglements” (co-sponsored by Religion in Southeast Asia unit), *American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting*, San Diego CA, 24 November.
- 2019 Discussant remarks for panel: Sabah and its Region: “Mobility and Migration on an Inter-Asian Frontier,” *Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies*, Denver, 24 March.
- 2019 Discussant remarks for panel: “Philippines and Indonesia,” *Making Identity Count in Asia*, Asia Research Institute, Singapore, 10-11 January.
- 2017 “The Dilemmas of Higaunon Leadership,” *Discussant remarks for panel: Higaunon Issues* (special panel with locally-based Indigenous leaders, conducted exclusively in Hinigaunon and Cebuano), *Annual Conference of Ugnayang Pang-Aghamtao (UGAT)*, Cagayan de Oro, Philippines, 10 November.
- 2016 “Crossing Epistemic Boundaries – Applying Ethnography in Anthropological Research,” Discussant paper for panel: “Multidisciplinary and Collaborative Investigations in Southeast Asia: Archaeology, History, and Colonialism,” with Peter Lape, Stephen Acabado, and John Miksic, *Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies*, Seattle, 2 April.

Panel Presentations at Professional Meetings

- 2021 “Finding Tribes: The Christianization of the Pericolonial Philippines” (*Session on Belief Systems and Spiritual Climate in the Philippines Over the Last 500 Years*), *Philippine International Quincentennial Conference* (online), 3 December. Co-hosted by the National Historical Commission of the Philippines and University of the Philippines-Baguio.
- 2020 “Birthright and Belonging: Assertions of Indigeneity, Religion, and Citizenship in a Philippine Lumad Community,” Mini-Conference on Southeast Asian Politics & The Boundaries of Belonging, *Western Political Science Association Meeting* (online), 22 May.
- 2020 “Noble Salvaging: Indigenous Consent, Nostalgia, and Cultural Misappropriation in Filipino and Filipino-American Identity-Making,” *Panel: The Transnational Abuses of Philippine Indigeneity, Native American and Indigenous Studies Association Annual Meeting*, Toronto, 7-9 May. (*Cancelled due to COVID-19*).

- 2018 “An Unbroken Whole: Law as Religion among the Higaunons of Mindanao (Philippines),” *Annual Conference of the American Academy of Religion*, Denver, 17 November.
- 2017 “On Several Serious Crimes Committed in the Province of Caraga: Conversion and Conflict in Early Colonial Mindanao,” *Global Reformations: Transforming Early Modern Religions, Societies, and Cultures*, Centre for Reformation and Renaissance Studies, University of Toronto, 28 September.
- 2017 “Curating the Nation: Reflections from Archival Research on the Early Colonial Philippines,” *Panel: Whither the Southeast Asia Research Archive?* (Sponsored by the Committee on Research Materials on Southeast Asia), *Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies*, Toronto, 17 March.
- 2014 “Networking Inequality in the Southern Philippines,” *Panel: Emerging Networks of Power in the Southeast Asian Uplands*, *AAS-in-Asia*, Singapore, 18 July.
- 2014 “Anthropologists and Anthropologetics,” *Panel: The Philippine Social Sciences Critiqued*, *Philippine Studies Conference in Japan*, Kyoto, 1 March.
- 2013 “Between Anarchy, Autonomy, and Citizenship: Locating IP’s,” *Panel: Complicating the Nation – New Perspectives on Philippine Studies*, *International Convention of Asia Scholars*, Macao, 25 June.
- 2013 “Indigenous vs. Native: The Dilemma of Asserting Lumad Ancestral Rights within the Proposed Bangsamoro Homeland,” *Panel: Sub-Regional Minorities in Asian Conflict Areas*, *Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies*, San Diego, California, 24 March.
- 2011 “The Blasphemy of Maria Campan: Gendering Apostasy and Piety in the Caraga Revolt of 1631,” *Panel: (En)Gendering Philippines Studies*, *AAS-ICAS Joint Conference*, Honolulu, 3 April.
- 2010 “Treachery Most Foul: Christian Identification and the Caraga Revolt of 1631,” *Panel: Anthropology and the ‘Spanish Lake,’* *Annual Conference of the World History Association*, San Diego, California, 25 June.
- 2009 “Datus or Deviants? Lumads in the Crossfire between Traditional Political Authority and the Modern Philippine State,” *Panel: Intersections and Divergences of Traditional Political Authority in South and Southeast Asia*, *Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies*, Chicago, 27 March.
- 2008 “Colonial Exemplaries: Parsing the Birth of Evil in Philippine Colonial Ethnography,” *Joint Symposium on Anthropology in East and Southeast Asia*, *American Association for the Advancement of Science* (AAAS), *Annual Meeting of the Pacific Division*, Waimea, Hawai’i, 16 June.
- 2007 “Imagined Colonies: Challenging Master Narratives of Power and Subjugation in Northern Mindanao,” *Panel: The Conundrum of Identity – Marginality, Power, and Agency in Southeast Asia*, *Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies*, Boston, 22 March.
- 2006 “Narratives of Belonging: Modernization and Identity in Lumad Millenarianism,” *Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies*, San Francisco, 8 April.
- 2005 “Transcripts of Power: Negotiating Political Authority in Colonial Correspondence,” *Annual Midwestern Conference on Asian Affairs*, Lansing, Michigan, 24 September.
- 2004 “Blood Brothers and the Enemies of God: The Impact of Early Missions on Lumad Warfare and Identity in Mindanao,” *Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies*, San Diego, 5 March.
- 1997 “Challenges and Opportunities in Writing the Ethnohistory of Northern Mindanao,” *European Conference on Philippine Studies*, Aix-en-Provence, France, 29 April.
- 1996 “Mainstream Marginality: Cultural Minorities and the Myth of the Original Filipino,” *International Conference on Philippine Studies* (ICOPHIL), Honolulu, 15 April.

Seminars and Lecture Series

- 2025 “People of the Book: Translating an Oral Tradition into Written Form in Lumad Mindanao,” Lecture Series, Sulo: The Philippine Studies Initiative, New York University, 30 October.
- 2024 “From *Migpanud* to *Migsolat*: Creating a Literary Tradition in Lumad Mindanao,” Friday Lecture Series, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 22 March (in person and online).
- 2023 “From *Migpanud* to *Migsolat*: Translating an Oral Tradition into Written Form in Lumad Mindanao,” Friday Talks Series, co-sponsored by Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Dept. of Anthropology, and the Graduate Colloquium Program, Northern Illinois University, 3 November (in person and online).
- 2023 “People of the Book: Centering Indigenous Peoples in Research Design and Knowledge Production in Mindanao,” Indigenous Studies Lecture Series, University of the Philippines-Baguio, 16 February (in person and online).
- 2022 “Fringe Histories: Re-placing imperial spaces in Southeast Asia within an Indigenous context,” Friday Forum lecture series, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 22 April.
- 2021 “Founders and Settlers: Unpacking Indigeneity among the Higaunon Lumad in Mindanao,” Anthropology Seminar Series, School of Anthropology and Archaeology. Australian National University, 15 March (online).
- 2020 “The Epidemic as Social Movement in Lumad Ethnohistory,” ‘*Balongibog* Talks’ series, Partido State University, Philippines, 28 July (online).
- 2019 “Troublesome Ancestors: Orality and Tradition in Southeast Asia,” Asian Civilizations Museum, Singapore, 17 January.
- 2018 “The Paradox of Indigeneity in the Philippine Context,” Center for Southeast Asian Studies, University of California, Los Angeles, 9 November.
- 2015 “A Mountain of Difference? Talking About Lumads and Christianity in the Colonial Period,” Asian Center, University of the Philippines-Diliman, Philippines, 17 September.
- 2015 “Respecting People, Respecting Place: Thoughts on Identity and Belonging in Mindanao,” *Pakighinabi Series*, Al Qalam Institute, Ateneo de Davao University, Philippines, 20 May.
- 2013 “A Mountain of Difference: Realigning Indigenous Peoples,” *Forefront Asia Signature Series* conference, National University of Singapore, Singapore, 15 August.
- 2012 “A Mountain of Difference: Locating the Lumad in Philippine Historical Imagination,” Center for Philippine Studies, University of Hawai‘i-Manoa, 29 February.
- 2010 “Noah's Ark, Incestuous Mothers, and Giant Crabs at the Navel of the Sea: How Ancestors Complicate the Ethnohistory of Lumad Peoples,” *Anthropology Colloquium Series*, Department of Anthropology, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 5 April.
- 2010 “Datus or Deviants: The Challenge of Legitimacy and Authority in Higaunon Lumad Governance,” Department of Southeast Asian Studies, National University of Singapore, 30 November.

- 2010 “Studying the Culture and History of Mindanao in an International Context,” *Arts and Sciences Faculty Lecture*, Capitol University, Cagayan de Oro City, Philippines, 23 July.
- 2005 “Identidad y Guerra Indígena en Mindanao (Filipinas), Siglo XVII,” *Mesas Redondas* (roundtable series), Escuela de Estudios Hispanoamericanos (School of Hispanic American Studies), Sevilla, Spain, February.

Academic Podcasts

- 2024 “Founders and Settlers: Unpacking Indigeneity,” *Southeast Asia Crossroads* podcast hosted by Kanjana Thepboriruk, with Micah Morton & J.A. Ruanto-Ramirez, Northern Illinois University, released 21 October.
- 2023 “Working with Indigenous Communities in the Philippines,” Episode 72, *Heritage Voices* podcast hosted by Jessica Yaquinto, released 20 April.

Public Talks and Webinars

- 2024 “Appreciating Ethnos in Indigenous methodology: An example from Northern Mindanao,” presentation for *Research Gallery: Doing Ethnohistory of Northern Mindanao and Other Indigenous Methodologies*, Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology, 2 October (webinar).
- 2023 Mentorship Zoom, Women in Southeast Asian Social Sciences (WiSEASS), 15 May (webinar).
- 2023 “From *Migpanud* to *Migsolat*: Preserving/Transforming an Oral Tradition into Written Form in Lumad Mindanao,” *Monday Morning Lecture series*, Friends of the Museums, Singapore, 22 May (webinar).
- 2023 “Ethnohistory,” *Research Conversations in the Social Sciences*, University of the Philippines-Baguio, 15 February (in person and online).
- 2021 “SEAG in Conversation with Dr. Oona Paredes” (webinar on indigeneity in Southeast Asia and the future(s) of Southeast Asia area studies), organized by the Penn Critical Southeast Asian Studies Working Group (SEAG), University of Pennsylvania, 2 April (webinar).
- 2020 Discussion on writing Lumad ethnohistory, webinar for *Revisiting Histories series*, Department of History & Philosophy, University of the Philippines-Baguio, Philippines, 17 December (webinar).
- 2020 Conversation on “Indigeneity, Identity, and Empowerment” with Eulalie Dulnuan (Ifugao State University) and Sayun Simong (Sqoyaw, Taiwan), et al. Panel #7 of *Indigenous Peoples, Heritage, and Landscape in the Asia Pacific: Knowledge Co-Production, Policy Implications, and Empowerment*, Wenner-Gren Foundation Webinar Series on the Future of Anthropological Research [co-sponsored by Wenner-Gren Foundation, UCLA Asia Pacific Center, UCLA Cotsen Institute of Archaeology, First Peoples Rights & Law Centre, and Center for Taiwan-Philippines Indigenous Knowledge, Local Knowledge, & Sustainable Studies (National Cheng-chi University)], 28 October (webinar).
- 2020 Discussion panel on *Decolonizing Filipino/x History in the Time of the BLM Movements* with Professors Nerissa Balce (SUNY-Stonybrook), Rick Baldoz (Oberlin), and Richard Chu (University of Massachusetts-Amherst). Hosted by Ateneans for Social Justice, 6 August (webinar).
- 2020 “Filipino identity, citizenship, and cultural belonging as seen through the experience of Lumad peoples in Mindanao,” *Professors in the Pub Series*, Sponsored by UCLA Alumni’s Diversity Programs and the UCLA Pilipino Alumni Association, 27 February.
- 2017 “The Place of Indigenous Knowledge in a Globalised World,” Keynote lecture, *Theory of Knowledge Day, International Baccalaureate Programme*, Anglo-Chinese School-Independent, Singapore, 11 Aug.

- 2008 “Using Cultural Knowledge in Humanitarian Work,” *International Diploma in Humanitarian Assistance* (Course 25), Fordham University, New York City, June.

FIELD AND ARCHIVAL RESEARCH

Current Projects

- 2012 to present Ethnographic study and textual analysis of narratives of ancestral religion and customary law among indigenous Higaunon Lumads, Misamis Oriental province, Philippines, using collaborative methodology in all stages of the project, including original research design, and training of Higaunon stakeholders in collection of qualitative and quantitative data. *Funded by:* National University of Singapore, FASS Research Grant No. R-117-000-028-133.
- 2013 to present Oral literature transcription for the Baligiyan Panud Project, Misamis Oriental province, Philippines. Supervising a team of indigenous Higaunon informants in the collection of key genealogies and other oral traditions in support of heritage preservation and promotion of indigenous literacy. *Funded by:* UCLA Faculty Research Grant (2020 series) and Firebird Foundation Fellowship in the Collection of Oral Literature and Traditional Ecological Knowledge. *Related book project:* **Su Panud Ta Baligiyan** (published in 2023).

Completed Projects

- 2002-2006 Archival research on 16th-19th century Catholic missions in Mindanao, Philippines, undertaken in Archivo de la Provincia de San Nicolás de Tolentino (Marcilla de Navarra, Spain), Archivo General de Indias (Sevilla, Spain), Archivo Histórico Nacional (Madrid), Archivos Españoles en Red (www.aer.es), Newberry Library (Chicago), Vatican Film Library (St. Louis University), Regenstein Library Special Collections (University of Chicago). *Funded by:* Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation Fieldwork Grant No. 7153; CISC-EEHA Beca de Residencia; Newberry Library Short-Term Fellowship for Individual Research; Vatican Film Library Mellon Fellowship for Research-in-Residence.
- 1994-1995 Ethnographic field research on religious conversion, land tenure, and ethnic identity in four Higaunon Lumad settlements in Misamis Oriental and Agusan del Norte provinces, Philippines. Preparatory research conducted in T'boli Lumad settlement of Lake Sebu, South Cotabato province, Philippines. Five months total field time. *Funded by* a Henry Luce Foundation Field Research Grant.
- 1992-1993 Ethnographic interviews and participant observation with *santeros* and *babalawos* for undergraduate thesis on the role of drumming in Santería religious practice and other West African diaspora religions in the Americas. Conducted over one academic year in Honolulu, Hawaii and the San Francisco Bay Area, USA.
- 1993 Relief mapping and quantitative analysis of water reservoir (*kere*) system of Vijayanagara, India, supervised by Prof. Kathleen Morrison. *Publication:* K.D. Morrison, *Daroji Valley: Landscape History, Place and the Making of a Dryland Reservoir System* (New Delhi: American Institute of Indian Studies, Vijayanagara monograph series vol. 11, 2009).

OTHER RESEARCH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

- Founder and Executive Director, *Todak Foundation* (non-profit organization), USA, 2015 to present
- Special Advisor to the Tribal Council, *Baliguiban Higaunon Ancestral Domain Incorporated (BAHLANDI)*, Gingoog City, Misamis Oriental Province, Philippines (2012-2023)
- Consultant for television documentary series on the Philippines, *Peddling Pictures* (Singapore), 2019
- Consultant for Philippine consumer research, *Flamingo Group Singapore*, 2015
- Adjunct Research Associate, Dept. of Anthropology, *University of Nevada-Las Vegas* (2010-2011)
- Project Supervisor, *Reed L. Wadley Ethnographic Archive Project*, USA (2007-2009), funded by US\$25,000 grant from Firebird Foundation for Anthropological Research
- Visiting Lecturer, Department of Religious Studies, *University of Missouri-Columbia* (2009)
- Research Associate, Department of Anthropology, *University of Missouri-Columbia* (2008-2009)
- Subject Matter Expert on southern Philippines, *Science Applications International Corp.*, USA, 2008
- Graduate, *International Diploma in Humanitarian Assistance 22*, Fordham University, USA, 2007
- Staff Writer for Vice Provost for International Programs, *University of Missouri-Columbia*, USA, 2007
- Editor, Publications Department, *International Service for National Agricultural Research* (former division of IFPRI/CGIAR), The Hague, Netherlands, 1999-2000
- Copy Editor for book-length academic publications, *Institute of Social Studies* (Netherlands) and *National Historical Institute* (Philippines), 1999-2000
- Assisting Professional for the *Baliguiban (Higaunon) Ancestral Domain Claim and Management Plan*, Gingoog City, Misamis Oriental, Philippines, 1995-1999
- Summer Intern, *Cultural Survival Center*, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA, 1993

TEACHING

(*indicates a course I created)

University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Asian Languages and Cultures (2019 to present)

- SEASIAN 50: Introduction to Southeast Asian Studies (*large introductory level general education course*)
- *SEASIAN 120: The Supernatural in Southeast Asia (*undergraduate lecture course*)
- *FILIPINO 124: Translating Filipino Language and Culture (*undergraduate seminar*)
- SEASIAN 135: Religion and Society in Southeast Asia (*undergraduate lecture course*)
- SEASIAN 140: Zomia—Peoples, Societies, & Cultures of Upland Southeast Asia (*undergraduate lecture*)
- *SEASIAN 150: Indigenous Peoples of Southeast Asia (*undergraduate lecture course*)
- *FILIPINO 170: People, Society, & Cultures of the Philippines (*undergraduate lecture course*)
- SEASIAN 240: Zomia - Peoples, Societies, & Cultures of Upland Southeast Asia (*graduate seminar*)
- *SEASIAN 250: Indigenous Peoples of Southeast Asia (*graduate seminar*)

Department of Education, Gingoog City, Misamis Oriental, Philippines (March 2023)

as Resource Person for Indigenous Peoples Education Program

*Seminar on Research Methods for Producing Culturally Relevant Teaching Materials

Department of History, University of Toronto (September 2017)

as Strom Visiting Professor in History

*Graduate Master Class on Applying Ethnographic Methods to Historical Research and Writing

National University of Singapore (2011 to 2019)

- Graduate Modules* { Approaches to the Study of Southeast Asia – core methodology course
*The Politics of Environment in Southeast Asia
*Anthropological Approaches to Southeast Asia
- Undergraduate Honours Seminars* { *Indigenous Governance
*Doing Ethnography in Southeast Asia
*Majorities and Minorities in Southeast Asia
*Indigeneity in Film and Popular Culture
Research in Southeast Asian Religions
- Undergraduate Modules* { Moro Peoples of the Philippines* (lecture and 2 tutorial sections)
Country Studies: Philippines* (lecture and 2 tutorial sections)
World Religions* (large lecture and 8 tutorial sections)
Southeast Asia: A Changing Region (very large lecture, 18 tutorial sections)
- Short Courses* { *“Boot Camp: Philippines,” University Scholars Programme (2012, 2013), for Cultural workshop for *Builders Connect*, a student-initiated learning expedition
*“Crash Course in Tagalog/Pilipino” for *Southeast Asia Week* (2012, 2014), for student-initiated outreach event for Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences

University of Missouri-Columbia (2008 to 2009)

as *Visiting Lecturer in Anthropology and Religious Studies*

- Indigenous Religions* (large freshman-level lecture and 4 tutorial sections)
- Political and Legal Anthropology* (graduate seminar)

Department of Anthropology, Arizona State University, (AY 1995-1996)

as *Graduate Teaching Assistant in Anthropology*

- Peoples of Southeast Asia (advanced undergraduate lecture course with Prof. James Eder)
- Comparative Religion (freshman-level lecture course with Prof. Lyle Steadman)

Department of Ethnic Studies, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa (AY 1993-1994)

as *Undergraduate Teaching Assistant in Ethnic Studies*

- Introduction to Ethnic Studies (freshman-level lecture course with Prof. Dean Alegado)
- Social Movements (advanced undergraduate seminar with Prof. Dean Alegado)

RESEARCH SUPERVISION

Ph.D. Theses (as Supervisor)

- Vilashini Somiah (Ph.D., 2019, Southeast Asian Studies, National University of Singapore), *"The Sea Is My Country, The Sea Is My Ally": Irregular Migrants and the Water at the Borders of the Malaysian State of Sabah*
- Kyaw Minn Htin (Ph.D., 2017, Southeast Asian Studies, National University of Singapore), *Where Mandalas Overlap: Histories, Identities, and Fates of the People from Arakan and South-Eastern Bangladesh*

B.A. Honors Theses (as Supervisor)

- Paulette Imperial (B.A. Hons, 2025, Southeast Asian Studies, UCLA) *Not Just Some Flowery Compositions: An Analysis of Philippine Short Stories and Novels in English during the American Colonial and Post-Colonial Era*

- Celia Barrie (B.A. Hons, 2024, Global Studies and Geography, UCLA) *How Do Arbitrary Borders Marginalize Indigenous Economies?: Case Study on the Rohingya*
- Ashrita Gottumukkula (B.A. Hons, 2024, Global Studies, UCLA) *Charting Paths and Forging Futures: Exploring the Dynamics of Asian Regionalism*
- Seri Ariyani bte Zulfakili (B.A. Hons., 2017, Southeast Asian Studies, National University of Singapore), *Straight Outta Kutaraja: A Case Study of Muslim Hip-Hop Youths in Banda Aceh, Indonesia*
- Amalina binte Komari (B.A. Hons., 2014, Southeast Asia Studies, National University of Singapore), *Indonesian Domestic Workers in the Mujahidin Mosque, Singapore*
- Nur `Ain binte Taha (B.A. Hons., 2013, Southeast Asian Studies, National University of Singapore), *Let Me Be a Servant of God: A Study of Pondok Pesantren Khusus Waria Senin-Kamis in Yogyakarta, Indonesia*

Membership in Thesis Committees

- Arvin Adovo (M.Sc., 2025, Human Geography and Anthropology, University of Melbourne, Australia), *Living with waste: Emotion, the Economy, and Power in Waste Work on Paradise Island*
- Bryan Lee Celeste (Ph.D. 2024, Sociology and Anthropology, University of Newcastle, Australia), *Cultural agency: power and resistance in everyday life among Manobo-Pulangiyan*
- Antoine Laugrand (Ph.D. 2023, Anthropology, Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium), *Showa tan kashowa (The double and the half): Cycles of Exchanges and Asymmetries between the Living and the Dead among the Ibaloy of Upper Loacan (Benguet, Philippines)*
- Shannon Toribio (Ph.D. candidate in Religious Studies, University of California-Santa Barbara, USA)
- Grace Vu (M.A. 2023, Sociology, UCLA) *Colonial Policies and Policy Feedback Effect: The Construction of Christian Elites and the Moros in the Philippines Under U.S. Colonization*
- Jeremy L Simons (Ph.D. 2021, Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Otago, New Zealand), *Lumad Husay (indigenous conciliation): Decolonizing justice and re-storying culture in Mindanao, Philippines*
- Veronica Gregorio (Ph.D. 2020, Sociology, National University of Singapore) *Farm and Familialism in Southeast Asia: Gender and Generational Relations in Malaysian and Philippine Villages*
- Simon Christian Rowedder (Ph.D., 2018, Southeast Asian Studies, National University of Singapore) *The Art of Being Small: Exploring the Transnational World of Lao Small-Scale Traders in the Yunnan-Laos-Thailand Borderland* – *served as initial supervisor*
- Dazzelyn B Zapata (Ph.D. 2015, Communication and New Media, National University of Singapore), *“Mensilipon isnan ka-Igorotan”: A culture-centered study on mobile phone use in/ by the Applai and Bontoc Igorot of Mountain Province, Philippines*
- Fiona-Katharina Seiger (Ph.D. 2013, Sociology, National University of Singapore), *Japanese-Filipino Children and the Mobilization of Descent*
- Tan Lee Oi (Ph.D. 2013, Southeast Asian Studies, National University of Singapore), *The Making of Modern Buddhism: Chinese Buddhist Revitalization in Malaysia*
- Phan Phuong Hao (M.A., 2012, Southeast Asian Studies, National University of Singapore) *Negotiating Gender Representation and Cultural Identity in the Host Society: The Case of Vietnamese Brides in Singapore*
- Cheong Han Wen Jay (M.A. 2012, Southeast Asian Studies, National University of Singapore), *The Dragon Worships the Buddha: Liminality, Community, Centre and Periphery in a Borderland*
- Misael Racines (M.A. Honours 2010, Asian Studies, The Australian National University), *Liminal Lives at the Edges: Cross-Border Mobility and Settlement of Sangir-Talauds in Southeastern Philippines*

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Service to Academic Institutions

University of California, Los Angeles

- Associate Director, CMRS-Center for Early Global Studies (2025-2026 term)
- Faculty Core Member, *Race in the Global Past through Native Lenses* (Mellon Foundation Grant collaboration with CMRS-CEGS and American Indian Studies, 2023 to present)
- Review Board, Modern Endangered Archives Program (MEAP) (since 2020—extended term)
- Review Board, Keck Humanistic Inquiry Award Committee (since 2024)
- Faculty Advisory Committee, CMRS Center for Early Global Studies (since 2023)
- Faculty Advisory Committee, American Indian Studies Center (since 2023)
- Faculty Advisory Committee, Center for Southeast Asian Studies (since 2019)
- Faculty Affiliate, Pilipino Studies Program, Asian-American Studies Department (since 2019)
- Review Committee, Graduate Summer Research Mentorship (GSRM) Fellowship (2020-21)

UCLA Department of Asian Languages and Cultures

- Department Faculty Representative, UCLA Legislative Assembly (since 2024)
- Faculty Executive Committee, Southeast Asia area representative (2021 to present)
- Director of Undergraduate Studies (2021-2024)

National University of Singapore

- Faculty Convenor, Minor Programme in Religious Studies (2011-2013, 2015-2019)
- Philippines Study Group Coordinator, Asia Research Institute (2015-2019)

Service to Southeast Asian Studies

- External Advisory Board, *ReConnect/ReCollect: Reparative Connections to Philippine Collections at the University of Michigan*, University of Michigan USA (2021 to present)
- Jury Member, Social Science Book Prize, EuroSEAS (2024 competition)
- Member, SoCal Southeast Asia collective (since 2024)
- Member, Women in Southeast Asian Social Studies (since 2021)
- Associate Member, Religion and Globalisation Cluster, Asia Research Institute (2015 to present)
- Elected Member, Religion in Southeast Asia Comm., American Academy of Religion (2018-2024)
- Faculty Mentor, AAS-SSRC Dissertation Workshop (2019-2021 and 2022-2023 cohorts)
- Elected Member, Southeast Asia Council (SEAC), Association for Asian Studies (2016-2019)
- Committee Chair, AAS-SEAC Pattana Kitiarsa Prize for Best Graduate Student Paper (2018)
- Co-facilitator, AAS-SEAC/TRaNS Rising Voices in Southeast Asian Studies panel (2018)
- Jury Member, Social Science Book Prize, EuroSEAS (2017 competition)
- Selection Committee, AAS-SEAC Pattana Kitiarsa Prize for Best Graduate Student Paper (2017)
- Associate Producer, *Remittance*, a feature film by Patrick Daly and Joel Fendelman (2013)
- Committee Member, AAS-SEAC Translation Project Group, Assoc. for Asian Studies (2009-2013)

Service related to Academic Publishing

Journal manuscripts reviewed

International Journals: Identities (USA); Cultural Anthropology (USA); Critical Asian Studies (USA); Southeast Asian Studies (Japan); American Historical Review (USA); American Ethnologist (USA); Indonesia and the Malay World (UK); Feminist Anthropology (USA); Asian Ethnology (Japan); PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review (USA); Modern American History (USA); Southeast Asia Research (UK); The Australian Journal of Anthropology (Australia); Journal of Southeast Asian Studies (Singapore/UK); Ethos (USA); Moussons: Recherche en sciences humaines sur l'Asie du Sud-Est (France); Southeast Asian Studies (Japan); Alter Native: An International Journal of Indigenous Peoples (New Zealand); Human Organization (USA); The Information Society (USA); Journal of Folklore Research (USA); Sojourn: Journal of Social Issues in Southeast Asia (Singapore)

Philippines/Regional Journals: The Cordillera Review; Philippine Studies: Historical and Ethnographic Viewpoints; Philippine Political Science Journal; Philippine Sociological Review; Banwa: A Multidisciplinary Journal; Philippine Quarterly of Culture and Society; Kritika Kultura; National Museum Cultural Heritage Journal; Pilipinas: A Journal of Philippine Studies; Progressio Journal on Human Development; Asia Mindanaw: Dialogue on Peace and Development

Book-length manuscripts reviewed

University of Wisconsin Press (USA); University of Texas Press (USA); University of Pittsburgh Press (USA); National University of Singapore Press (Singapore); Cornell SEAP Publications (USA); Kyoto University Press (Japan); Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Education (UK); Routledge Press (United Kingdom); Baylor University Press (USA); National Historical Commission of the Philippines (Philippines); Ateneo de Manila University Press (Philippines)

Editorial boards of international journals

- Editorial Board, *Asian Ethnicity* (since 2021)
- International Advisory Board, *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* (since 2019)
- Editorial Board Member, *Asian Ethnology* (since 2017)
- Editorial Board, SAGE *Handbook of Cultural Anthropology* (2019-2020)
- Member, Scientific Publications Board, IRASEC/CNRS (France) (since 2018)
- Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* (2017 to 2019)
- Book Review Editor, *Asian Journal of Social Science* (2015 to 2019)

Editorial boards of Philippines-based journals

- Board of Editors, *The Cordillera Review*, University of the Philippines-Baguio (2020 to present)
- International Advisory Board, *Philippine Journal of Public Policy*, University of the Philippines-Diliman (2025 to present)
- International Advisory Board, *Tambara Journal*, Ateneo de Davao, Philippines (since 2024)
- Editorial Board, *Banwa (Series A: Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences)*, University of the Philippines-Mindanao (2021 to present)
- Elected Member, International Advisory Council, Philippine Studies Group (2004-2016, 2019-2021)
- Board of Reviewers, *Igra* journal, Al Qalam Institute, Ateneo de Davao, Philippines (2017 to present)
- Editorial Board, *Kinaadman* journal, Xavier University, Philippines (2014 to present)
- Founding Patron, *The Manila Review* (2012)

WORKING LANGUAGES

Austronesian: Bisaya (Cebuano Visayan), Tagalog (Filipino), Higanunon/Binukid

European: English, Spanish, Dutch