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Fañomñakan 2022 Newsletter



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College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Fañomñakan 2022 graduates at the CLASS Pinning and Hooding Ceremony held at the CLASS Lecture Hall on May 13, 2022.

Watch the Livestream on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=425570335568830>

See full list of Fañomñakan 2022 CLASS Graduates on Page 4 & 5

Inacha'igen Fino' CHamoru 2022

Source: UOG Website || CLASS



This year's theme was:
**Agonlná'atotchē, Hináhatsa,
yan Hinéhemlo'**
(The CHamoru Language:
Reconnecting, Rebuilding, Recovery)

For more information and to see the
language competition winners:
<https://bit.ly/3bCyck9>

(From left) Malia Ramirez, Jimmy Teria, Joseph Franquez, Soledad Cabrera, Mye Ganán-Flores*, Rosa Palomo, and Rufina Mendiola, served as judges for this year's Inacha'igen Fino' CHamoru competition that was conducted via Zoom on March 28 and 29.

(*not a judge, but a member of the planning committee)

From the Dean's Desk

Dear Faculty, Staff, and Students,

August 12, 2022

As we prepare together for the coming academic year, I wish to take this opportunity to welcome you all back to campus. The start of the year is always a special time on our campus, with new students and faculty, new relationships, new scholarship, and exciting conversations beginning. We are fortunate to welcome five new full-time faculty members this academic year, whose diverse areas of expertise will build upon the remarkable dedication to excellence in teaching and research that characterizes our CLASS community.

As we begin a semester under historical and unique circumstances, I made time this summer to reflect on where we have been and where we are heading. Over the past year, we have seen the exposed and amplified problems with our institutions and society. So much of our country has been significantly affected by the pandemic, the related economic toll, and the ongoing awakening to the depths of systematic, institutional racial injustices. These facets have shaken the very core of who we are, challenging us individually and as a community in profound ways.

Despite what we continue to face, I am filled with hope for the coming year. We know this unique moment will present opportunities for our students to develop the essential capacities of resilience against disruption, while promoting recovery from unplanned setbacks. As they continue their college journey at the University of Guam, we will do everything we can to encourage them to embrace this growth and to meet the challenges of the moment, and I am confident they will rise to the occasion.

The deeply committed faculty members, and College staff have worked hard to ensure our community is ready to meet the challenges of the coming academic year. I wish to take this opportunity to share with you some updates. In addition to the three new professors, we installed Promethean touchscreen "boards" in 18 classrooms. The College staff painted the classrooms as part of their community service.

As we look ahead and seek to engage with the opportunities and challenges facing higher education today, we continue to be dedicated to making investments that strengthen our community, create a positive learning environment for our students and faculty to pursue their passions while continuing to position our university for future success.

Our students remain among the very best in the region. We are proud to welcome an extraordinary first-year undergraduate class, and to welcome back our outstanding returning students. We continue to engage the extraordinary talents and resources of our community to lead us in this important time. Dr. Mary Therese Flores Cruz is the Interim Associate Dean. Dr. Sharleen Santos-Bamba is the Interim Associate Provost for Academic Excellence, Graduate Studies, Online Learning. We continue to find new ways to live our mission, educate our students and advance our work by making strategic investments in personnel and technology.

This is an exciting time in the life of our university as we engage the opportunities and challenges facing higher education. I am deeply grateful to each of you for your contributions and extraordinary dedication to our students and mission. I am honored to be a part of such a remarkable and talented community.

Biba CLASS! Biba UOG! Biba!

Yours Truly,

James D. Sellmann, Ph. D.
College of Liberal Arts Social Sciences, Dean



College Academic Affairs Committee (Left to Right): Dr. James Sellmann, Dean; Dr. Mary Therese Cruz, Interim Associate Dean; Dr. Arun Swamy (Social and Behavioral Sciences); Dr. Michael Clement (Humanities); Dr. Chris Garcia (English and Applied Linguistics); Dr. Irena Keckes (Communication, Media, and Fine Arts).

New Faculty



Jonathan Wurtz, Ph.D. || Assistant Professor of Philosophy

Dr. Wurtz received their PhD in Philosophy from the University of Memphis in 2020. Their research is divided between two interrelated but separate projects at the intersection of philosophy of childhood, political philosophy, and decolonial philosophy. On the one hand, they are interested in uncovering the conceptual and material mechanisms that instrumentalize childhood for the sake of power intensification. They are specifically interested in elaborating how the concept of childhood is utilized to morally and politically justify systemic forms of oppression towards children and other disenfranchised groups within liberal democracies. Alongside this critique, this side of their research also seeks to reconceptualize childhood on its own term to rethink the normative scope of the contemporary adult-child relationship. On the other hand, Dr. Wurtz also works in philosophy for children (P4C). Their research specifically focuses on questions of racial justice and philosophical education in philosophy for children, and aims to think P4C as decolonial pedagogy.



Kate Yusi || Instructor of Political Science

Kate Yusi is a graduate of political science from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. Having taken her undergraduate degree at the University of Guam in political science, it deeply encouraged and moved her to learn more about political theory and indigenous politics. Particularly, she's interested in learning more about the ways in which ontological and epistemological violence manifest in the Asia-Pacific regions and its peoples. She's interested in learning more about different stories and living in this world differently. Recently, she's been into studying ontological differences around the concept of death and dying, and what the ways of dying means to a people who's lives have been in a perpetual state of injury.



Brett A. Fulkerson-Smith, Ph.D. || Associate Professor of Philosophy

Brett A. Fulkerson-Smith (Ph.D., University of Kentucky) specializes in the history of philosophy, with an emphasis on German Idealism. His primary research focuses on the philosophical methodologies of Immanuel Kant and J.G. Fichte—and the role of the imagination therein—and can be found in book chapters and scholarly journals like *Kantian Review*, *Bulletin of the Hegel Society of Great Britain*, *Epoché: A Journal for the History of Philosophy*, and *Society and Politics*. He also contributes to the scholarship of teaching and learning, having presented on the transformation of (physical) learning environments in colleges and universities to facilitate deep learning among students, the use of argument maps in college classes, the Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl, and the Philosophy with Children (PwC) movement. Before coming to the University of Guam, Dr. Fulkerson-Smith was Professor of Philosophy at Harper College, just outside of Chicago, Illinois, where he served as a faculty member for over ten years.

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Carmen Victoria Camacho
Gogue
Franky Lynn Aguon Hill
Lisa Rose Sanchez Rosario
Hacie Calubaquib San Jose
Maxon Manel William
Cianna T.Q. Yanger

English

Edward Frank Cruz Acfalle Jr.
Mariana Noelani Gabriel
Chriselle Marie Tenorio Muna
Vanessa Turingan Peralta
(+ Secondary Education)
Esther Yeun Su Raposa
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Fine Arts

Jhoanna Marie Quinto Antonio
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(Art)
Betty Ann Heflin (Art)
Sarah Amanda Johnson (Art)
Derek Marion Smith (Theater)

History

Joseph Peter Aquino Jr.
Makaelah Marie Blas
Emilio Yasser Trampe Repancol
(+ Secondary Education)
Amarah Bernadine Abuan San
Nicolas

Philosophy

Aaron Teriong Aragon
Juanita Noemi McCarthy

Political Science

Muturwan Choay
(+ Communications)
Nolan G.T. Flores
(+CHamoru Studies)
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Angelo Diether Paule
Joaquin Paulino Taitague
Gwendolyn Marie Quitugua
Yanger

CSR GRANTS DATES!

CSR Grants have a maximum award amount of \$3,000. These are seed grants intended to either fund small one-time projects or to start fledging projects and help faculty in applications for external funding. The budget for CSR grants is \$24,000 this year. There is roughly \$12,000 per semester to award.

<https://class-csr22.questionpro.com/>

There are only two deadlines for CSR Grants, **September 29 in the Fanuchánan (Sept. - Dec.)** and **March 2 in the Fañomnákan (Jan. - May)**. Grant funds are valid for one year.

ONLINE CONFERENCE FEES DATES!

Faculty Grants for Online Conference Fees will be awarded a maximum of \$400. Priority is given to presenting at academic conferences. The application link, which includes more criteria, is below.

Faculty Online Conference Application -
<https://class-ocg22-faculty.questionpro.com/>

* Application deadlines for the 2022 Fanuchánan Semester (Fall 2022) are **August 31 and November 2**. Deliberations will take place on the Friday of the same week. Priority consideration will be given to applications received by the deadline.

Student Grants will be awarded a maximum of \$300 for Graduate and Undergraduate students. Again, priority is given for presenting at academic conferences. Either the student or the faculty member may apply, but the student must have a faculty sponsor. The application link, which includes more criteria, is below.

Student Online Conference Application -
<https://class-ocg22-students.questionpro.com/>

*Deadlines for Student Online Conference Fee Grants are the same as Faculty Online Conference Fee Grants. The deadlines for the 2022 Fanuchánan Semester (Fall 2022) are **August 31 and November 2**.

TRAVEL GRANTS DATES!

Faculty Travel Grants are awarded for a maximum of \$1,500. Priority is given to presenting at academic conferences. The overall budget for Faculty Travel Grants is \$29,000 this year. There will be roughly \$7,250 per quarter to award. The application link, which includes more criteria, is below.

Faculty Travel Grants Application -
<https://class-ocg22-students.questionpro.com/>

*Application deadlines for the 2022 Fanuchánan Semester (Fall 2022) are **August 31 and November 2**. Deliberations will take place on the Friday of the same week. Priority consideration will be given to applications received by the deadline.

*For questions or more information about grants and applications, please contact the Interim Associate Dean, Dr. Mary Therese I. Cruz, mifcruz@trilon.uog.edu.

Conference Grants...

- Dr. Masumi Kai received \$70 to attend an online conference on Endangered Languages of East Asia.
- Three students from Dr. Arun Swamy's class received \$60 each to attend the 2022 Conference on Island Sustainability.
- Fourteen students from Dr. David Gugin's class received \$60 each to present at the 2022 Conference on Island Sustainability.

CSR Grants...

- Dr. Arun Swamy received \$1,000 to research political organization in Palau.

Teachers share CHamoru language techniques

Source: By Julianne Hernandez | Guam PDN || guampdn.com



Siñot Ryan Leon Guerrero, CHamoru teacher at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic School in Hågat on March 21, 2022. (Photo cr. Rick Cruz/PDN)

Siñot Cody Lizama inside his CHamoru language classroom at the Father Duenas Memorial School in Mangilao on March 24, 2022. (Photo cr. Rick Cruz/PDN)

Pacific Daily News featured two College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, CHamoru Studies alumni, Ryan Leon Guerrero (Class of 2020) and Cody Lizama (Class of 2018), who are CHamoru teachers at Mount Carmel School and Father Duenas Memorial High School.

Read the full article here: <https://bit.ly/3bEsMoD>

Congratulations to our CLASS Graduates!

- **Thomas Santos**, MA English alumnus, was accepted into the Linguistics PhD program at University of California, Berkeley, and will begin the fully funded five-year program in the Fall 2022 semester.
- **John Darag**, BA English alumnus, was accepted into the Educational Psychology PhD program at the University of Northern Colorado with a full-time research assistantship, stipend, and a full tuition and fee reimbursement.



FAÑOMNĀKAN 2022 GRADUATES

Psychology

Shantei Lovender Omerbang Angeles
 Miranda Castro Duenas
 Lawrenz Ivan Morales Gaerlan
 Rosezane Anne Desalit Gonzales (+ Biology)
 Milagros Concepcion Inton King
 Eries Jay Dalisay Moreno (+ Biology)
 Walter G. Short
 Christian C. Sourgose
 A'esha Chantel Naputi Tedtaotao

Graduate Studies

Master of Arts in English (M.A.)

Cassandra Genesis Santos
Linguistics Track

Thesis || wrtg vs Writing: Exploring metadiscursive constructions of online & academic English varieties among first-year students

Master of Science in Clinical Psychology (M.S.)

Jacklyn Montuerto Garote
 Thesis || Dating Violence, Sexual Violence, and Suicidality Among CNMI Adolescents

Amber Jewel Robles Henricksen
 Thesis || Stress, Traumatic Experiences, and Coping Among Law Enforcement Officers in the Pacific Island of Guam/Immigrants on Guam

Casiana Lenae Ceraos Reyes
 Thesis || Exploring Risk and Protective Factors Among Juvenile Youth in the Pacific Island of Guam: A Grounded Theory Study

2022 CLASS Outstanding Awardees!



Outstanding Undergraduate Student
Seanna Bataclan



Outstanding Graduate Student
Cassandra Santos



Outstanding Staff
Glaizy Peregrino



Excellence in Teaching (Full-time)
Dr. Raymond Anderson



Excellence in Research
Dr. Hunter Fine



Excellence in Service
Dr. Michael Clement



Excellence in Teaching (Part-time)
Siñot Vince Reyes



Robertson Applied Linguistics Award
Esther Song Raposa



Collegiality Award
**Philosophy Search Committee –
Dr. Chris Rasmussen, Dr. Toyoko Kang,
and Dr. Rika Dunlap (not pictured)**



Excellence in Assessment
**Anthropology &
Philosophy Programs**

Book Publications

Dean Sellmann is lead co-editor of the anthology *Living Confucianism: Strategies for Optimizing Harmony*, Rowman & Littlefield, 2024. He has a chapter in that book entitled “Confucian Political Philosophy as an Organic Contract Theory.” The Dean has other chapters forthcoming this year, namely, “The Daodejing and the Lüshi Chunqiu: Huang-Lao Cosmic and Political Order” in *Dao Companion to the Philosophy of the Daodejing*, edited by Liu Xiaogan, Switzerland: Springer Nature, and “Zhu Xi, Daoism and Internal-Meditative Alchemy,” in *Zhu Xi’s Humanism*, edited by Chun-chieh Huang, 2022.



English students intern at SEPRS Legacy Project

Source: UOG Website || uog.edu

Via De Fant and Kiana Brown, MA English alumni, and John Daniel Tangalin, an MA English student, served as interns from October 2021 to March 2022 for the Society of Emeritus Professors & Retired Scholars (SEPRS) Legacy Project. They composed brief biographies of retired UOG professors and gathered stories from SEPRS members both on island and off-island.



(From left to right) Dr. Hiro Kurashina, VP of SEPRS, Via De Fant, John Daniel Tangalin, Kiana Brown, and Katrina Perez, Executive Director of Endowment Foundation, at their 12th Zoom Meeting for the SEPRS Legacy Project on March 31, 2022. (Photo cr. *Via De Fant*)

PROJECT TITLE:

The Making of the University of Guam – Our Legacies.

The purpose of the proposed project aims to preserve the legacies, major contributions, and special memories of the members of SEPRS, as part of the permanent institutional history of the University of Guam on the occasion of the 70th Anniversary of the Territorial College (Precursor of the University) of Guam. The legacies will be digitally published with the aid of the online platform available at UOG.

For more details on the the SEPRS Legacy Project:

<https://bit.ly/3QnN7qO>

Congratulations to our Honor Society Inductees!



(Back row, from left) Brendan-Alexander Valera, John-Daniel Tangalin, Darren Palmes, Camille Nicdao, Jericho Macaraeg & Rachel Marquez; (front row, from left) Verna Zafra-Kasala, Anna Uy, Matsuki Hirayama, Mariano Gabriel, Amberlyn Flores, Karmina Cayanan, Michael Castro, Mia Alvarez, Edward Acfalle Jr. & Desiree Jones. (Not shown: Kristina Argao, Gia Aromin, Christian Camacho & Joseph Chargualaf)



(From left) Rosezane Gonzales, Ulysses Story, Anesha-Maelene Ignacio, Andreillette Mayoyo, Professor of Sociology Kirk Johnson, Briante Barretto, and Rochelle Alviz.



Alpha Zeta Xi, the University of Guam chapter of the Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society, inducted its newest 19 members on May 6, 2022 in the CLASS Lecture Hall on campus.

Read the full article here:

<https://bit.ly/3vLNpGs>



A chapter of Alpha Kappa Delta, an international sociology honor society, has been established at the University of Guam under the Sociology Program, and with it came the recent induction of its first six student members.

Read the full article here:

<https://bit.ly/3dcqz4v>

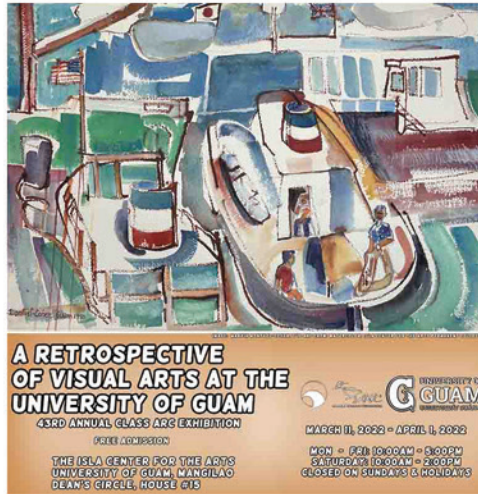


(From left) Dean James Sellmann, Professor of Political Science Dr. Arun Swamy, Kiana Joy P. Yabut, Angelo Diether Paule, Juan Tomas Gofigan, Nolan G.T. Flores, Muturwan Choay, and Interim Associate Dean, Dr. Mary Therese F. Cruz.



Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society, at the University of Guam inducted 5 new members on May 13 at the Annual CLASS Award Ceremony. The society's purpose is to stimulate productive scholarship and intelligent interest in government among students at higher learning institutions.

ISLA Virtual Art Exhibits



Si Yu'os ma'åse, for a successful outcome.



**THE RUSSIAN WAR
IN UKRAINE**

7 p.m. on Thursday, March 10
<https://zoom.us/j/96516504133> (Meeting ID: 965 1650 4133)

Since Russia invaded Ukraine on Feb. 24, attention in Guam has been focused on the conflict. Violence has claimed thousands of lives and forced approximately one million Ukrainian refugees to flee their homes. The threat of further escalation has transformed European security and isolated Russia from the world economy. If you have been wondering about the history of Ukraine and Russia, why this war is happening now, and the prospects of peace, join us at this CLASS Colloquium and bring your questions.



Dr. Svetlana Rasmussen



Dr. Chris Rasmussen

**PANEL
DISCUSSION &
BOOK
SIGNING**
with *Christine DeLisle*

Join us for a presentation by the author, a panel discussion with Dr. Laura Souder, Manaeka Flores & Dr. Francine Naputi and audience Q&A.

Thursday, May 5, 5:30pm
at UOG CLASS Lecture Hall



**OPEN
HOUSE**

PLACENTAL POLITICS
Christine DeLisle
When Women
and Infants enter
U.S. International Space

TRIVIA
with CLASS

TENTATIVE CLASS EVENTS Fanuchånan 2022

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 regulations set in GovGuam and the University, events are either postponed or constantly evolving due to our situation.

To stay up to date, check the [UOG website](#) and follow us on our [CLASS Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for more information on upcoming events.

For more information, contact the CLASS Dean's Office at 735-2850 or email at classdo@triton.uog.edu.

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follow us!



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