



CLASS Connection

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COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Pågat Combines Arts & Humanities



Courtesy M. Bevacqua

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Pågat, by **Michael Lujan Bevacqua (DH)** and **Victoria-Lola Leon Guerrero**, was revised for April's production by UOG Theatre under the direction of **Michelle Blas (CFA)** with choreography by **Vince Reyes** and scenery and lights by **Glenn Fox (CFA)**.

Pågat was an associate entry in the American College Theatre Festival; performers **Joyce Torres (FA' 14)** and **Steven Torres (FA)** were nominated for the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship competition in Feb '15; and the ensemble—as well as costume designers **Marc Marcos (FA'13)** and **Joey Certeza (CM)**—received a Meritorious Achievement award.

Singers Win Gold

The University of Guam Singers won a Gold Award for their a capella pop/jazz performance at the 42nd International Choir Festival of Songs in the Czech Republic. The international competition featured choirs from the Czech Republic, Germany, Philippines, Russia, Singapore, Slovenia and Turkey. The UOG Singers previously won gold at other Festa Musicale choral festivals in Thailand and Guam.



Courtesy R. Johnson



COMMUNICATION & FINE ARTS

FALL 2013 GRADUATES

Candice Ananich
Communication

Bianca Cruz
Communication

Manuel Cruz III
Communication

Jaydee Damaso
Communication

Jezebel Duplito
Fine Arts

Jonathan Glaser
Fine Arts

Nathaniel Macaraeg
Communication

Vanessa Malumay
Communication

Rogelio Orio
Communication

Katrina Palanca
Communication

Nona Perez
Communication

Joyce-Lynn Torres
Fine Arts

From the Dean's Desk

Dear Faculty, Staff, and Students,

August 14, 2014

Welcome back to campus and the beginning of the Wet Season semester, 2014. I hope you had a relaxing and a productive Summer break.

What **can't** you do with a liberal arts or social science degree? As I mentioned last semester, professors and students of the liberal arts and social sciences can no longer remain silent about the advantages of earning B.A. degrees in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

Liberal arts and science majors earn more money over the long-term, have greater live satisfaction, and they are employed at similar rates as graduates from the other (so-called) professional disciplines ("How liberal arts and sciences majors fare in employment," January 2014, AAC&U and NCHEMS).

Three out of four business and nonprofit leaders say they would recommend a 21st century liberal arts education for future employees ("It takes more than a major: employer priorities for college learning and student success," April 2013 AAC&U).

Salaries are on the rise for liberal arts and social science majors over the past few years ("January 2013 salary survey," National Association of Colleges and Employers).

We, professors, students, alumni, need to do a better job of telling "our" stories. Liberal arts and social science graduates can do almost anything. They go into space, become judges, lead communities, build businesses, fight diseases, write novels, produce videos, movies, documentaries, and they do much, much more.

When people ask "what can you do with a liberal arts or social science degree?" let them know that the sky is not even the limit.

Wishing you a fruitful and productive semester,

Yours Truly,

James D. Sellmann, Ph.D.,

Dean

Dean Sellmann published "Two Paths to Self-Realization: Übermensch and Zhenren真人," in the *Taiwan Journal of East Asian Studies*, vol. 11, no. 1 (Issue 21), June 2014. He was invited to present "A Way of Learning: Bridging Ancient Chinese Philosophy of Education with Contemporary Learning Assessment and Learning Organizations," at the International Conference on Classics and College Education in an Age of Globalization at National Taiwan University, July 31 to August 1, 2014.

Annual Research Conference

The 35th Annual Research Conference was organized by **Co-Chairs Arun Swamy (SBS)** and **Elizabeth Kelley Bowman (DEAL)** with **Michael Clement (DH)** and **Lewis Rifkowitz (CFA)**. Dr. Earl Jackson of National Chiao Tung University delivered the keynote address on East Asian Cinema's Inter-Asian Contexts. There were a total of 59 presentations; 9 of them from off-island presenters and 17 of them by students, as well as about 50 students involved in poster sessions in Psychology and Communication. Travel grants were also awarded to Agnes Chrisostimo of Bulacan State University and Mark Curry of De Le Salle University.

Courtesy A. Chrisostimo



Earl Jackson receiving his certificate from Swamy, McVey, and Sellmann

Courtesy M. Bevaqua



(left to right) **Shinako Oyakawa (Ph.D. Student Ryukyu University)**, **Midori Teruya (Founder of an Okinawan Language School)**, **Dean Sellmann**, **Tak Fujitani (History, University of Toronto)** and **Lisa Yoneyama (East Asia Studies, University of Toronto)** during their visit to UOG.

CHamoru Language Competition

The Inacha'igen Fino' CHamoru 2014 (Guam's only CHamoru language competition), held on March 10 & 11, featured performances from public and private schools from Guam and the Northern Marianas. The competition opened with a spelling bee, and continued as students presented written poems and stories. The second day featured song and dance competitions at the UOG Field House.

Faculty Travel Grants



HUMANITIES

FALL 2013 GRADUATES

Derick Bascon
History

Geraldine Datuin
Anthropology

Angela Moylan
Anthropology

Mariana Sanders
Anthropology

Jennifer Yad
Anthropology

- **Todd Ames (SBS)** and **Ann Ames (SBS)** were each awarded \$1175 to present at the Conf on Intdis Soc Sciences in Vancouver.
- **Mary Cruz (SBS)** and **Michael Stoil (SBS)** were each awarded \$1175 to co-present at the APSA Conference in Washington DC.
- **Glenn Fox (CFA)** was awarded \$750 to present at the Int Assoc of Lighting Des in Las Vegas.
- **David Gugin (DEAL)** was awarded \$1175 to present at the Cormac McCarthy Soc in Sydney.
- **Hyun Jong Hahm (DEAL)** was awarded \$1175 to present at the LN Soc of Korea in Seoul.
- **Yuka Iwata (DH)** was awarded \$1175 to present at the Language in Focus in Turkey.
- **Randall Johnson (CFA)** was awarded \$1175 to present at the Festa Musicale Choir Contest in Czech.
- **Masumi Kai (DH)** was awarded \$1175 to present at the EU Conf on Lang Learning in the United Kingdom.
- **Christopher Schreiner (DEAL)** was awarded \$1175 to present at the Int Soc for Phenom and Lit in Cambridge.
- **Kim Skoog (DH)** was awarded \$1175 to present at the Soc for Asian and Comp Ph in New York.
- **Kyle Smith (SBS)** was awarded \$1175 to present at the Int Assoc for Relationship R in Melbourne.
- **Seyda Türk Smith (SBS)** was awarded \$1175 to present at the Int Assoc for Cross Cultural PY in France.
- **LilnaBeth Somera (CFA)** was awarded \$1175 to present at the Pac Asian Comm Assoc in Indonesia.
- **Velma Yamashita (CFA)** was awarded \$1175 to present at the Int Academic Forum in Osaka, Japan.



Courtesy C. Schreiner

Dr. Schreiner (DEAL) in Cambridge

Faculty & Staff in the News

- Sabbaticals were approved for **Todd Ames (SBS)**, **Andrea Sant Hartig (DEAL)**, and **Yuka Iwata (DH)**.
- **Stephen Bednarzyk (CFA)** was promoted to full Professor.
- **Mary Cruz (SBS)** was promoted to Assistant Professor.
- **Mary Fegurur (SBS)** retires after 9 years in Psychology.
- **Romina King (SBS)** won a \$15,000 grant with National Park Service.
- **Debbie Respicio (DEAL)** retired after 14 years of service to UOG.
- **Curtis Rigsby (DH)** was promoted to Associate Professor.
- **Sharleen Santos-Bamba (DEAL)** was promoted to Associate Professor.
- **Sarah Smith (SBS)** earned her Ph.D. from the University of South Florida.
- **Seyda Türk Smith (SBS)** will retire in December, after 22 years.
- **Arun Swamy (SBS)** was promoted to Associate Professor.

Student Travel Grants

- CM202 students were awarded \$650 to participate in their class trip to Rota.
- **Manuel Cruz (CO '14)** was awarded \$500 to present at the Pac Asian Comm Assoc in Indonesia.
- Students of **Seyda Türk Smith (SBS)** were awarded \$3,500 to present at the Int Assoc Cross Cultural PY in France.
- \$3,600 was awarded to the University Singers to present at the Festa Musicale Choir Contest in Czech.



Courtesy L. Somera

Manuel Cruz
(CO '14)

Research Grants

- **Ann Ames (SBS)** and **Todd Ames (SBS)** were each awarded \$2790 for Micro-Finance in Yap/Pohnpei.
- **Merissa Brown (DEAL)** was awarded \$2790 for Perceptions of EN OLL.
- **Yuka Iwata (DH)** was awarded \$1990 for Current Cultural Lang Use.
- **Masumi Kai (DH)** was awarded \$2720 for Dev Bilingual Speakers.
- **Toyoko Kang (DH)** and **Clarissa Quan (DEAL)** were awarded \$2790 for Tagalog Textbook (Cont).
- **Sarah Smith (SBS)** was awarded \$2790 for STD intervention in Chuuk.



ENGLISH

FALL 2013 GRADUATES

Shawna Bamba
Literature

Krystyn Butler
*Literature and Sec-
ondary Education*

Christian Camacho
Literature

Dennis Chan
Literature

Joseph Chargualaf II
English

Jessecca Craig
Literature

Melia Cruz
Language

Maria Hernandez
Literature

Nicole Mendiola
Language

Gabrielle Palmares
Literature

Jerico Sablada
Literature

John Sarmiento
MA English

William Sullivan
Literature

Jefferson Cronin, Communication



Jefferson Cronin (CFA) is Collegiate Professor of Communication, English and Humanities at The University of Maryland University College and has taught at The Ohio State University. Before coming to Guam over 20 years ago he was a professional stage and screen actor and director. As the artistic director and producer of Theatre Guam he was responsible for many of Guam's most popular and successful theatrical productions. Theatre Guam shows also toured to Saipan, Manila and Honolulu. He has been a newspaper reporter, photographer and editor. His experience also includes radio and television journalist, producer, writer and personality. He is currently preparing to produce a weekly podcast, which will debut sometime in early 2015.

John Sarmiento, English



From 2000 to 2006, **Sarmiento (DEAL)** served in the U.S. Air Force as an aircraft mechanic, but he also kept his head in the clouds, so in 2007 he returned home and enrolled in the University of Guam. Sarmiento has taught language arts at George Washington High School, tutored in the Writing Center, and professed in first-year composition courses at UOG. In 2014, Sarmiento obtained an M.A. in English from the University of Guam, but he doesn't feel like stopping until someone calls him Doctor. His weapons of choice are the essay and the short story.

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Faculty Awards



David Atienza
*Faculty Excellence in
Collegiality*



Michael Bevacqua
*Faculty Excellence in
Service*



Douglas Farrer
*Faculty Excellence in
Research*



Rosa Palomo
*Part-Time Faculty
Excellence in Teaching*



Kim Skoog
*Faculty Excellence in
Assessment*



Seyda Türk Smith
*Faculty Excellence in
Teaching*

Student & Staff Awards



Suzanne Bernardo
*Outstanding
Undergraduate Student*



Debbie Respicio
Outstanding Staff Award



Alyssa Romine
*Outstanding Graduate
Student*



SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

FALL 2013 GRADUATES

Suzanne Bernardo
Psychology

Cloanie Chaco
Psychology

Christine Camacho
MS Clinical Psychology

Blaine Dydasco
Political Science

Jacqueline Fathal
Psychology

Julie Jasmin
Political Science

Bernadette Matthews
MS Clinical Psychology

Camarin Meno
MS Clinical Psychology

Andrew Orsini II
Political Science

Katherine Parkinson
Political Science

Hage-Ae Paul
Political Science

Dennis Reyes II
Psychology

Alexa Rojas
Sociology

Alyssa Serafico
Sociology

Jason Taitano
MS Clinical Psychology

Student Scholarships



Alexa Rojas
*Rebecca A.
Stephenson
Scholarship*



Verna Zafra
Robert Makus Prize



Vanessa Cabrera
*William Marmie
scholarship*

MSCP graduate accepts full scholarship

UOG graduate **Camarin Meno (MSCP)** will enter the Ph.D. Program in Clinical-Community Psychology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign this Fall. The program is offering her a full six-year tuition and stipend package worth approximately \$335,000.

Meno comments that while interviewing for doctoral programs, her experience in grant writing and coordination--gained while she worked with the Isa Psychological Services Center, I Pinangon Campus Suicide Prevention Program, and the Violence Against Women Prevention Program--helped her stand out as a candidate.

Upon concluding her doctoral studies Meno plans to return to UOG as a member of the psychology program faculty. "Teaching at UOG would fulfill a lifelong dream of coming back to Guam and serving my community," she says.

Japanese national scholarships

UOG students **Cole Schreiner (FA)** and **Kristine Tuazon (JS)** passed the Japanese national scholarship language tests, a major milestone toward being selected by the Japanese Ministry of Education and Science. The next milestone is graduation by Spring 2015.

PY graduate accepts full scholarship

UOG graduate **Mark Yu (PY '11)** will enter the Ph.D. program in Educational Psychology and Applied Developmental Science at the University of Virginia. The program is offering him a financial aid package covering tuition, health insurance, a graduate research assistant, and additional funding and travel grants for research projects and conferences.