

CLASS Connections

Fañomnåkan 2021 Newsletter

Thank you for your years of service!



Kyle D. Smith, Ph.D.

Professor of Psychology
Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences
29 Years of Service
[1991 - 2020]



Lilnabeth P. Somera, Ph.D.

Professor of Communication

Division of Communication and Fine Arts

24 Years of Service

[1996 - 2020]

Thank you to Dr. Smith and Dr. Somera for their years of service and contributions to the University of Guam and to the College. Their research service and instructional endeavors have impacted the lives of many UOG students and community members.

We wish you both well on your next journey.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase for being a part of our CLASS community!



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"Ang mabigat ay gumagaan, kung pinagtutulungan."

- Filipino Proverb

/Anything that is heavy can be light if we put our resources together./

collaboration

1. The action of working with someone to produce or create something.

Fañomnåkan 2021 CLASS Study Space Reservation

Set-up an appointment during the following days/times:

| Monday to Friday - 9:00am - 12:30pm; 1:00pm - 4:45pm We are closed on holidays and weekends. You may call 735-2851 for more details.

* In order to provide the best times for the staff and maintenance to sanitize our facilities, reservations must be made 2 days in advance.

Set-up an appointment: https://tinyurl.com/class-study-space

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From the Dean's Desk

Dear COVID-19 Warriors,

January 19, 2021

On behalf of the UOG family, I want you to know how much we value and appreciate you. Much of what we do centers around providing the best possible education experiences, which include many high impact learning activities. With the unprecedented challenges caused by the pandemic, we are taking precautionary measures that continue to impact how we engage with you. Please know your safety and well-being are of utmost importance to us, and we are making our best efforts to protect you and our community while providing you with the best support and service possible.

Please make note of the calendar changes:

- Spring Break – March 22nd to the 27th (during the 10th week of the semester)

There will be two additional 4-day long weekends:

- The first 4-day long weekend will be from **February 13th through the 16th**, observing President's Day and the following day.
- The second 4-day weekend will be from **April 2nd through the 5th**, observing Good Friday and the day after Easter.

There will be no classes held during these breaks, no deadlines, and no faculty meetings.

Note these important resources are available:

- Office of Information Technology 735-2630 || oit@vtriton.uog.edu
- Triton Advising Center 735 2271 | tac@triton.uog.edu
- Uplift Counseling Services 787-7978 | uplift@westcare.com
- **Project Tulaika Mental Health Services** 647-5317; 647-1901; 647-5440; 647-8833/34 || care@gbhwc.guam.gov

I will continue to send you updates as the status of the situation unfolds and as management strategies evolve. I encourage you to stay informed about day-by-day changes related to managing this dynamic, challenging situation by monitoring the UOG website: www.uog.edu

Resiliency built the foundation of our community, and this is an excellent opportunity for us to join together to make the best of this challenging situation.

I sincerely hope the situation shifts in a way that allows all of us to return to campus in the near future. I look forward to welcoming you back to campus when that moment occurs.

Very best wishes to all of us on staying informed, safe, and healthy.

Wishing you a healthy, productive and innovative semester.

Sincerely Yours,

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



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Advisement Schedule for New and Continuing Students, and CLASS Majors/Minors

Students Registering for Fañomnåkan 2021 Courses Advisement services for the 2021 semester are available by appointment during the following days/times:

Days	Times	Location

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday Virtual conference/phone call 8:00-10:00am

To schedule an appointment, please contact: Royce Camacho - camachor7980@triton.uog.edu

|| Days || Times || Location

Virtual conference/phone call Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10:00-12:00pm

To schedule an appointment, please contact: Kiana Brown - brownk8162@triton.uog.edu

How one student overcame self-doubt in an intimidating career field

Source: UOG Website | uog.edu

"I have come to realize that I was the only person limiting and doubting myself,"

- Eries Moreno

Eries Moreno has overcome an ongoing internal battle. It's something that, as a psychology major, he knew as imposter syndrome — the belief that everyone else knew more than he did and that he wouldn't belong in a prestigious career field. But with each opportunity he's taken advantage of through UOG, less of his mind is occupied by self-doubt and more is dedicated to confidence.

Moreno, a junior who is simultaneously majoring in biology as well, is part of the BUILD EXITO program, a three-year program through Portland State University in which students from underrepresented backgrounds in scientific research are mentored by faculty and peers from their school to identify their research interests, learn how research is performed and documented, and ultimately develop a research project that addresses a health-related issue in the community.

With an interest in becoming a physician-scientist to research and improve health care in Guam, Moreno also became involved with the UOG chapter of the American Medical Student Association, which connected him to upperclassmen and faculty who have offered support and guidance in finding his path.

Read the full article at:

https://www.uog.edu/news-announcements/2020-2021/2020-how-one-studentovercame-self-doubt.php

^{*}Advisement services may be arranged if the above times are inconvenient for you, please contact the Student Advisement Specialist to schedule an advisement appointment.

FANUCHÅNAN 2020 GRADUATES

ANTHROPOLOGY

Mikhael Cruz Phelps (+ *Pacific-Asian Studies*) Keona Deleon Guerrero Torres

COMMUNICATION

Kayla Allyn F. Eata Jasmin Marie Gogo Lacee Anne Claros Martinez Kimberly Grace B. Teves Ingrid Toyama

ENGLISH

Rocxanne-Cherie Angel
Marcy Ann Acosta Ermitanio
(+ Secondary Education)
Chaina Nicole J. Pereira
(+ Secondary Education)

Valedictorian

Maya Nena Desnacido Nanpei

Victoria Hiroko Revello Naiomi Colleen Mangloña Sasaki April Joy Dela Cruz Silvestre Katherine Melray Stovall Joseph Pangelinan Taitano II

FINE ARTS

Anthony Macapagal Carino (Music)
Joannie R. Dabugsiy (Art)
Jordan Albert Celes Limtiaco (Art)

HISTORY

Lu'ane Johnice Eber Franz Lawrence Santos Milagroso Da Bin Namkoong

PACIFIC-ASIAN STUDIES

Jesse James Chargualaf Jr. (+ *History*)

CSR GRANTS DUE DATE!

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.

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The deadline for CSR Grants is March 31 in the Fañomnåkan 2021 semester. Grant funds are valid for one year.

CSR GRANTS

- Dr. Raymond Anderson received \$2,500 to film a documentary titled "Coral & We," which seeks to show how some coral species are reacting differently to climate change.
- Dr. Hunter Fine received \$2,500 for materials and tools to establish a local bicycle riding community around Guam.
- Dr. Francis Dalisay received \$2,500 to research media literacy with Guam residents and perceptions regarding the spread of information.
- Dr. Yoshito Kawabata received \$2,500 to research climate and environmental changes in the Pacific.

TRAVEL GRANTS

- Faculty Travel Grants for AY2020-2021 will be suspended until PCOR4 is declared.
- Student Travel Grants for AY2020-2021 will be suspended until PCOR4 is declared.

Japan Foreign Minister's Commendation for FY2020: Dr.Poong-Ja Toyoko Kang!

Source: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan



The Consulate-General of Japan in Hagatna announced that the Foreign Minister's Commendation for FY 2020 was awarded to **Dr. Toyoko Kang**, a professor of Japanese language at the University of Guam.

Dr. Kang has been recognized for teaching the Japanese language to about 3,500 students over the course of 35 years, since she started her teaching career at the University of Texas in 1985.

Dr. Kang started teaching the Japanese Language to about 2,200 students at the University of Guam in 1993. Dr. Kang's teaching career is a fine example of the promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the USA as well as Japan and Guam.

The Foreign Minister's Commendations are awarded to individuals and groups with outstanding achievements in international fields, in order to acknowledge their contributions to the promotion of friendship between Japan and other countries and areas. The Commendations also aim to promote the understanding and support of the Japanese public for the activities of the recipients.

For more details, please log on to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan website: https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press6e 000255.html

Last Mile Scholarship helps 10 students complete their degrees

Source: UOG Website | uog.edu

Ten students who are in the home stretch of their degrees have been given a financial boost to the finish line. Each has received \$1,200 through the Last Mile Scholarship, a new scholarship launched in July meant to help senior-level students who might not be able to complete their degrees due to personal or financial hardship.

Of 34 applicants, 10 were selected by a committee headed by Senior Vice President and Provost Anita Borja Enriquez.

Three students from the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences were selected:







(from left to right)

- **Daniel Dimag**, a major in Psychology
- Kristian Simbulan,

 a major in Secondary
 Education and English for Education
- Ryu Espinosa,
 a major in Biology with a
 Minor in Japanese

The award is meant for students who are within 30 credits of graduating who have exhausted other sources of financial aid, have demonstrated hardship, or have a financial constraint in regards to income.

Various scholarship opportunities are available throughout the year to students of all academic levels and major.

Students can find them posted at:

https://www.uog.edu/financial-aid/scholarships



Congratulations to Brandon L. Cruz!

Class of 2012 - Communication Alumni
On becoming the Bank of Guam's
2020 Bank Manager of the Year!







Congratulations to our CLASS Fanuchånan 2020 Graduates!

FANUCHÅNAN 2020 GRADUATES

PHILOSOPHY

Michael Vincent Meno Quitugua

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Kayleen Marie Quitugua Concepcion

PSYCHOLOGY

Arshalisha Kates I. Abellera
Shiela Mary C. Angeles
Keana L. Artero
Rita Teresa Terlaje Barcinas
Aiesha Ri 'Nae Flores Castro
Alu G. Concepcion
Anissa Danica Dela Rosa
Daniel C. Dimag
Delanne Camacho Leon
Guerrero
Lianna Marie Maniti Santos
Herbert Alexander Tom, IV
Amanda Janae Fegurgur Toves

SOCIOLOGY

Alyssa Gordon Mikeala Aldan San Nicolas Evigan Ngetbik Sengebau T'Anah Dominique Suzuki Terlaje

GRADUATE STUDIES

Master of Arts in English (M.A.)

Kiana LaMar Brown Via Justine Fuentes De Fant

Master of Arts in Micronesian Studies (M.A.)

Mylast Bilimon Judy Ren Pocaigue Cruz Marcel Dewayne Higgs II

GovGuam 50 Under 40: Emerging CLASS Alumni Leaders

Source: AGA | Association of Government Accountants



Ana Cornwell (Sociology)



(Master of Science in **Clinical Psychology**)



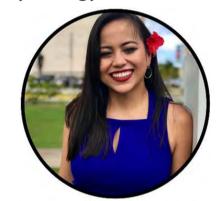
Emma Gillan Joanna McDonald Telena Nelson (English)



(Anthropology)



Amanda Shelton (Political Science and **Communication**)



Krystal Paco San Agustin (Communication and Music)



Joseph Gumataotao (Communication)



These seven College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Alumni were featured by the Association og Government Accountants (AGA) for their work in their respective organization and communities.

The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) Guam Chapter published their "50 UNDER 40: Emerging Leaders in the Government of Guam."

This publication highlights the biographies of 50 outstanding Government of Guam employees 40 years or younger, seven of whom where College of Liberal **Arts and Social Sciences Alumni!**

The honorees were selected based on being a current, full-time GovGuam employee with at least five years of work experience by the end of 2020. They must have also been 40 years or younger as of December 2020 and demonstrated the skills to be an outstanding leader and shown commitment to improving government operations.

The biographies of these GovGuam employees can be viewed online at http://aga.guam.net or https://issuu.com/ agaguamchapter/docs/50_under_40_-_emerging_leaders_in_the_government_o

Source: ISLA Center of the Arts

Creative Hands: Selected Works by Pacific Artists



"Due to the pandemic the University of Guam campus remains closed. I am disappointed that we are not able to feature this exhibition in the gallery. However, the pandemic has pushed us to explore new platforms and I am pleased that we are able to continue this series online.

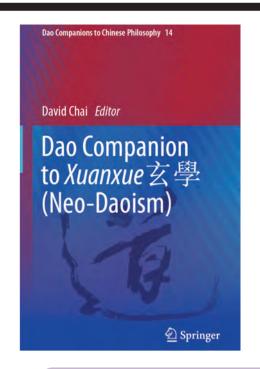
> - Dr. Velma Yamashita, **Exhibit Coordinator, Director of ISLA**

This "Creative Hands: Selected Works by Pacific Artists" exhibition is the fifteenth in the biennial series of juried exhibitions sponsored by the Isla Center for the Arts at the University of Guam.

The Isla Center for the Arts received 205 submissions from 31 artists for consideration. Dr. Deupi selected 96 works created by 26 artists for the online exhibition.

The selected works of art feature a variety of media including prints, photography, collage, acrylic, watercolor and oil paintings, batik on silk, copper sculptures, wood carvings, and mixed media compositions.

> Creative Hands: Selected Works by Pacific Artists will be accessible online through February 26, 2021. https://islacenteruog.wixsite.com/creativehands



Dr. James Sellmann published:

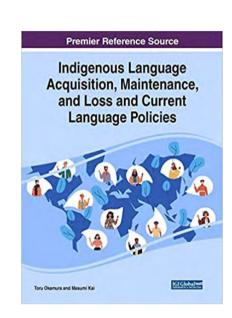
- 1) "**Xuanxue's Contribution to Chinese Philosophy**," Chapter 2 in Dao Companion to Neo-Daoism (Xuanxue 玄學), Edited by David Chai, 2020.
- 2) "Is Guåhan Going Green? Applying Four Theories of Environmental Philosophy," Micronesian Educator, Vol. 27 No. 1, April 2020.
- 3) "Database for Religious History: Religions of Micronesia," at The Entry "Micronesia, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; the Fed. States of Micronesia (Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae); Palau, Marshals." DOI, 10.14288/1.0391869.
- 4) "Zhu Xi and Daoism: Investigation of Inner-Meditative Alchemy in Zhu Xi's Theory and Method for the Attainment of Sagehood," Chapter 29 in Dao Companion Anthology on Zhu Xi, Edited by Young Huang and Kai-Chiu Ng, 2019.

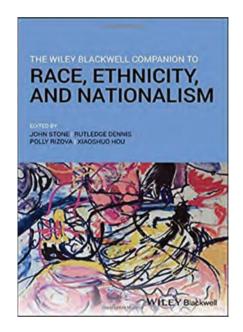
Dean James Sellmann also published 3 book reviews.

Japanese professor Masumi Kai published a book on indigenous language preservation

Source: UOG Website | uog.edu

Dr. Masumi Kai, a UOG professor of Japanese language, explored innovative research happening on indigenous languages around the world and efforts to maintain them. She and her co-editor, Dr. Toru Okamura from Komatsu University in Japan, compiled what they found in a book published by IGI Publisher in October 2020, titled "Indigenous Language Acquisition, Maintenance, and Loss and Current Language Policies."





Political science professor Arun Swamy writes about nationalism in India

Source: UOG Website | uog.edu

Dr. Arun R. Swamy, a UOG professor of political science and chair of the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences, authored a chapter on Hindu nationalism in "**The Wiley Blackwell Companion to Race, Ethnicity, and Nationalism**" published in August 2020 by John Wiley & Sons Ltd.

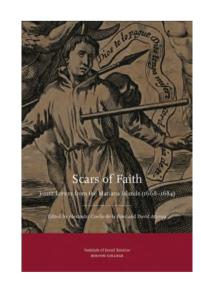
Swamy also authored a related piece on <u>EastAsiaForum.org</u> regarding religious tensions in India that surfaced with the Dec. 9, 2019, passage of India's Citizenship Amendment Act.

To read the full article, please go to:

https://www.eastasiaforum.org/2020/04/09/the-protests-over-indias-citizenship-amendment-act/

Anthropology professor David Atienza published a book on Jesuit letters from the Mariana Islands

Dr. David Atienza, a UOG professor of anthropology and Micronesian studies and co-author Alexandre Coello de la Rosa, published "**Scars of Faith: Jesuit Letters from the Mariana Islands (1668-1684),**" published in December 2020 by the Institute of Jesuit Sources, Boston College.



Drama Therapy Review



Creative dialogues across countries: Towards modern performance online during the global crisis related to COVID-19

Dr. Colleen Jennings, a professor of vocal performance together with **Dr. Steve Harvey,** adjunct professor of psychology at UOG, and E. Connor Kelly, professor at the University of Auckland co-authored, "Creative Dialogues Across Countries: Toward Modern Performance Online During the Global Crisis Related to Covid 19," published in the October 2020 Supplement of Drama Therapy Review.

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



















TENTATIVE CLASS EVENTS FOR FAÑOMNÅKAN 2021

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 Instagram** for more information on upcoming events.

- February 19-26, 2021 | Marianas History Conference
- March 4 | My Light During COVID-19: An Online Exhibition
- March 5 | 42nd Annual Research Conference
- May 7 & 8 || University Music Virtual Concert:

 By: Latte Tones, The Mangilao Hot Jazz Band, and a variety of solo perfomances
- Upcoming UOG Theatre Plays for Spring 2021:

"The Importance of Being Earnest" by Oscar Wilde & "The Three Little Pigs"



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For updates and videos, follow us!





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