



SOCIETY OF EMERITUS PROFESSORS AND RETIRED SCHOLARS

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2023 ANNUAL REPORT

March 28, 2024

Hafa Adai President Anita Borja Enriquez and Senior Vice President/Provost Sharleen Santos Bamba,

It is a great pleasure and privilege to present the SEPRS Annual Report for Calendar Year 2023 as President of the UOG Society of Emeritus Professors and Retired Scholars.

In the spring of 2023, the leadership of SEPRS changed by electing Dr. Hiro Kurashina who had previously served as SEPRS Vice President for several years to become President, Dr. Larry Kasperbauer, immediate past President, as Vice President, Dr. Kathryn Wood as Secretary, and Dr. Kenneth Carriveau as Treasurer. To express gratitude to the past leadership of SEPRS, Certificates of Appreciation were presented to the previous SEPRS officers at the September Quarterly meeting. The June Quarterly meeting was not held as the island of Guam was still recovering from the major natural devastation caused by Super Typhoon Mawar which made the closest contact of approach to the Mariana Islands on May 25/26, 2023.

Despite the challenges brought by Super Typhoon Mawar, SEPRS stayed on the track with resilience to support the Mission of the University of Guam in 2023. SEPRS awarded 7 SEPRS Scholarships (\$1000 each) to deserving and highly qualified UOG students in the Fall Semester of 2023. Thus far since the inaugural year of awarding the SEPRS Scholarships to students in 2018, SEPRS has granted 25 Scholarships totaling \$25,000 and the SEPRS Scholarship has gained much prestige among the UOG students. The success of the SEPRS Scholarship Program is based on the generous donations coming from our members and the strong support provided by the UOG Financial Aid Office as well as the UOG Endowment Foundation. The annual SEPRS Luncheon Gala was successfully held at the Hilton Hotel and Resort in April with more than 200 guests. Entertainment provided by the legendary Patrick Palomo and UOG student Choir Group Latte Tones led by one of our SEPRS emeritus professors during the Gala was well received. In addition to the SEPRS Scholarship Program, several of our SEPRS members have

Endowed Scholarships and provide financial support to UOG students. The generosity of our donors and supporters is duly acknowledged here with much appreciation.

The SEPRS new leadership proposed innovative initiatives which included creating SEPRS Regional Coordinators – one in Hawaii and the other in the Continental US. In addition, the SEPRS Legacy Project would be expanded to include the Speaker Series (Presentation Series) to be moderated by one of the emeritus professors. More new initiatives are in the making. These new initiatives are designed to increase communication and a sense of belonging among the members as well as enhancing the sharing of our legacies with the UOG community.

As in previous years, all SEPRS finances were managed by the UOG Endowment Foundation. The SEPRS financial assets at the end of Calendar Year 2023 totaled more than \$135,000. The internal allocation of the financial grouping was rearranged by the SEPRS Treasurer as shown in the attached SEPRS Financial Report. Over the 12-month period during 2023, the financial assets increased by approximately 15%.

The SEPRS Legacy Paper Collection which has nearly 40 contributions from our members highlights the outstanding achievements of our members during their professional careers at UOG. It also embodies precious institutional memories of our beloved academic institution of higher learning. The Legacy Papers contributed by our members can be viewed online at the following website: <http://hasso.uog.edu:8080/jspui/handle/20.500.11751/238> The total cumulative number of years served by our members during their career at UOG exceeds well over 1,000 academic years.

The present document which is a compilation of annual activities reports submitted by some 39 active SEPRS members residing on Guam or elsewhere off island provides solid proof that our members continue to make significant contributions to support the University of Guam either directly or indirectly. The SEPRS Annual Report illustrates that SEPRS members, even in their retirement, provide their time and energy to support its mission, teaching, research, and service in a variety of ways. Their dedication and compassion of our Emeritus/Emerita Professors and Emeritus/Emerita Administrators who reach out to their community to help non-profit or charitable organizations and their humanitarian activities are highly laudable. Community engagement through philanthropy continues to be an important endeavor by many SEPRS members.

Several SEPRS members attended the UOG Presidential Investiture and UOG Commencements held at the UOG Field House to honor the new UOG President, Dr. Anita Borja Enriquez, and the graduates, respectively. At these important rites of passage, SEPRS members proudly wore their academic regalia. Special seats were kindly allocated to SEPRS at these events by the UOG Administration.

Specific examples of SEPRS members' support for the University of Guam include significant sums of monetary contributions to various scholarship programs on campus, including its own SEPRS Scholarship Program which supports outstanding and deserving fulltime undergraduate and graduate students pursuing their academic degrees in the social sciences, in natural science, and the humanities as well as other related fields. Some members have made monetary

contributions to their alma maters. Other forms of donations included educational materials such as academic books to libraries.

Besides the conventional teaching, such notable activities as tutoring, mentoring, academic advising, and giving guest lectures are part of the hallmarks of SEPRS members' contributions.

A number of SEPRS members continue to excel in their academic disciplines and they are productive in publishing research papers in reputable international journals or chapters in edited books, writing poems, science fictions, autobiographies, monographs and the like. Some members attended international symposia and conferences.

Community Service endeavors ranged from participating in the 2023 Earth Day Beach Cleanup activity in Guam that took place at the Ypao Beach to serving various boards of directors. An exceptional example is a UOG Emeritus President who chairs the important Government of Guam Retirement Fund which has a portfolio of approximately 2 billion dollars.

University Service activities ranged from participation in serving on the steering committee for the UOG WASC accreditation self-study to writing letters of recommendation for students or their colleagues.

While two long-time members of SEPRS have passed away (Professor Emerita Lorraine C. Yamashita and Professor Emerita Milagros K. Moguel), two new members have joined our Society (Professor Emerita Toyoko Kang, and Professor Emeritus Aubrey Moore) during the past year.

On behalf of the Society of Emeritus Professors and Retired Scholars, I extend our appreciation to both of you for your warm support and encouragement.

Biba UOG! Biba SEPRS!

Sincerely,



Hiro Kurashina, Ph.D.

President, SEPRS, UOG



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SOCIETY OF EMERITUS PROFESSORS AND RETIRED SCHOLARS
UOG STATION, MANGILAO, GUAM 96923

Twenty-Fifth Annual Report 2023

Compiled by
Kathryn M. Wood, Secretary



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**OFFICE OF THE TREASURER
SOCIETY OF EMERITUS PROFESSORS AND RETIRED SCHOLARS
UOG STATION, MANGILAO, GUAM 96923**

TREASURER’S REPORT JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023

All financial resources of the Society of Emeritus Professors and Retired Scholars are invested in a single endowment account using the Raymond James Freedom ETF Balanced Strategy. A minimum balance of \$50,000.00 must be maintained at all times. The endowed fund underwrites each of Society's budget categories, i.e., the General Fund, the Scholarship Fund, and the Reserve Fund.

Table 1 displays the financial transactions of the endowment fund for the year-to-date. Table 2 indicates the Society's fiscal status by budget category.

Table 1. Freedom Balanced ETF Portfolio

BEGINNING BALANCE	YEAR-TO-DATE INFLOW	YEAR-TO-DATE OUTFLOW	ENDING BALANCE
\$ 118,101.76 (net)	\$ 7,455.00 (deposits) \$ 4,124.00 (income) \$ 16,409.53 (+ change in mkt val.)	\$ (3,500.00) (withdrawals) \$ (4,713.78) (expenses) \$ - (- change in mkt val.)	\$ 137,876.51 (net) \$ 87,876.51 (expendable)

Table 2. The Freedom Portfolio by Budget Categories

BUDGET CATEGORY	BEGINNING BALANCE	% OF TRUST	YEAR-TO-DATE INFLOW	YEAR-TO-DATE OUTFLOW	ENDING BALANCE
General Fund	\$ 2,505.18	2.1 2%	\$ 55.00 (deposits) \$ - (income) \$ 2,109.59 (+ change in mkt val.)	\$ (1,517.00) (expenses) \$ - (transfers) \$ (384.16) (UOGEF fees) \$ - (- change in mkt val.)	\$ 21,605.90
Scholarship Fund	\$ 48,005.04	40.6 5% 5%	\$ 7,400.00 (deposits) \$ 4,124.00 (income) \$ - (transfers) \$ 7,259.87 (+ change in mkt val.)	\$ (5.53) (withdrawals) \$ (3,500.00) (awards) \$ (1,402.83) (UOGEF fees) \$ - (- change in mkt val.)	\$ 61,880.55
Reserve Fund	\$ 67,591.54	57.23%	\$ - (deposits) \$ - (income) \$ 7,040.07 (+ change in mkt val.)	\$ - (withdrawals) \$ - (grants) \$ (1,404.26) (UOGEF fees) \$ - (- change in mkt val.)	\$ 54,390.05

UNIVERSITY OF GUAM

Society of Emeritus Professors and Retired Scholars

HAROLD ALLEN, Ph.D.
President Emeritus (Member since 2008)

As of January 31, 2024, no reports have been received. However, records indicate

PHILANTHROPY:

- Donor (SEPRS Scholarship Fund)

VICTOR T. ARTERO, M.S.
Professor Emeritus of Agricultural Economics (Member since 2016)

ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO UOG, GUAM & MICRONESIA:

- **Teaching, tutoring & mentoring.**

Collaborator and reviewer of non-formal education program plans and publications.

- **Service to UOG, collaborating institutions and local civic/religious organizations.**

Board member of the non-profit Guam Fishermen's Cooperative Association.

PHILANTHROPY:

- a. Donor to annual UOG SEPRS Scholarship drive.
- b. Charitable donations to Capuchin Franciscan Friars of Guam.
- c. Donations to Catholic Social Services and Salvation Army.
- d. Contributions to food drive with local religious organizations.

CHARLES BIRKELAND, Ph.D.
Professor Emeritus of Marine Biology (Member since 2004)

ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO UOG, GUAM & MICRONESIA:

- **Teaching, tutoring & mentoring.**

This past semester (Fall, 2023), I team taught with Dr. Mark Hixon a graduate course at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. The course was Biological Science 310: Environmental Issues: Climate Change in Cinema

I gave the following guest lectures in other courses or events:

2023 January 13– lectured to Biology 411 (Corals and Coral Reefs) at the University of Hawaii at Manoa on “Geology of reefs” for Cindy Hunter

2023 February 10 – lectured to Biology 411 (Corals and Coral Reefs) on “The future of corals and coral reefs with changes in climate and ocean chemistry as predicted by the past” for Cindy Hunter

2023 February 15 – lectured to Biology 411 (Corals and Coral Reefs) on “Working with, not against, coral-reef fisheries” for Cindy Hunter

2023 April 5 – lectured to Biology 411 (Corals and Coral Reefs) on “Effects of terrestrial runoff of sediments and nutrients on coral reefs” for Cindy Hunter

2023 May 17 – gave a talk on board the ship The Seven Seas for the passengers on “Living underwater for three weeks on Tektite II and one week on Hydrolab”

- **Research endeavors, creative endeavors & publications.**

For Publications: Birkeland, C. The scuba community’s history of taking responsibility of self-governance for diving safety and non-destructive practices. American Academy of Underwater Sciences historic documents

For research, I am analyzing data and writing a manuscript for surveys determining changes in coral communities across six islands in American Samoa with data from eight years between 1982 and 2018.

I am updating and expanding a previous booklet on “The importance of refuges for reef fish replenishment in Hawaii”

- **Service to UOG, collaborating institutions and local civic/religious organizations.**

A. Professional service

I submitted support for a set of proposed herbivore fishing rules developed by the Division of Aquatic Resources of the State of Hawaii, 14 August 2023

I served as a person experienced with the crown-of-thorns seastar (CoTS) for consultation with a freelance writer for National Geographics on new findings about the CoTS

I reviewed seven manuscripts for four peer-reviewed journals, three manuscripts for The Scientific Naturalist section of the journal Ecology, two for the journal Neotropical Ichthyology, one for Marine Ecology Research Series, and one for Global Ecology & Biogeography

I am an active member of Scientists and Fishers Exchange (SAFE), an organization of NOAA and also of Division of Aquatic Resources, State of Hawaii and we have met and made advances in 2023

I served as a consultant to NCCOS (National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science) for agency priorities for mapping coral reefs in American Samoa

I reviewed and served as a consultant for the 15 Endangered Species Act – Listed Indo-Pacific Coral Recovery Plan by Danielle Jayewardene and Lance Smith of NOAA

B. Service to the University

I am serving on the dissertation committee of Paolo Marra-Biggs who is working towards a PhD at the University of Hawaii at Manoa

At the University of Hawaii at Manoa, I served as an Affiliate Graduate Faculty member with the Marine Biology Graduate Program of the Department of Biology and as an Affiliate Faculty Member in Ecology, Evolution, and Conservation Biology

PHILANTHROPY:

University of Illinois Foundation - Charles and Wilma Birkeland Horticulture Scholarship

University of Washington Foundation – Robert T. Paine Experimental and Field Ecology Endowed Fund

University of Washington Foundation – Pamela Roe Graduate Student Endowed Fund

University of Hawaii Foundation – Tester Symposium Support Fund

Bernice P. Bishop Museum

Macular Degeneration Research

Alzheimer’s Disease Research

Maui Strong Fund (for aid to residents affected by Lahaina fire)

GEORGE BOUGHTON, Ph.D.

Professor Emeritus of History (Member since 1997)

As of January 31, 2024, no reports have been received.

DONALD E. BRUCE, M.A.

Professor Emeritus of English (Member since 1997)

As of January 31, 2024, no reports have been received.

PAUL CALLAGHAN, Ph.D.
Professor Emeritus of Economics (Member since 1997)

I suppose my biggest accomplishment this year is survival to age eight-one with a modicum of remaining mental capacity. The following two items are about all I would consider to be academic accomplishments during 2023:

- **Research endeavors, creative endeavors & publications.**

My memoir entitled Going With The Flow was published and is available on Amazon or Barnes & Noble and in other book stores. There are several chapters covering my time in Palau, Guam, and at UOG. Some emeritus faculty and others on Guam might find it an interesting read.

Don Rubenstein and I were working on a second edition of my biographical sketch entitled, Flight of the Dudek. Don's passing has slowed that project, but editing of a second edition continues underway at UOG press. The first edition is still available on Amazon.

FILOMENA M. CANTORIA, DBA
Professor Emerita of Accounting (Member since 2002)

As of January 31, 2024, no reports have been received. However, records indicate

PHILANTHROPY:

- Sponsor (Alfredo Cantoria Scholarship)

CLAYTON CARLSON, M.A.
Professor Emeritus of English (Member since 1989)

As of January 31, 2024, no reports have been received.

KAREN A. CARPENTER, M.A.
Professor Emerita of Consumer and Family Science (Member since 2001)

As of January 31, 2024, no reports have been received. However, records indicate

PHILANTHROPY:

- Donor (SEPRS Scholarship Fund; University of Guam Endowment Fund)

KENNETH CARRIVEAU, Ph.D.
Professor Emeritus of Library Science (Member since 1989)

ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO UOG, GUAM & MICRONESIA:

- Service to UOG, collaborating institutions and local civic/religious organizations.

Interim Archivist, Micronesian Area Research Center

- *Bibliographic Index to Titles of UOG Documents & Publications and Their Locations.* <http://hasso.uog.edu:8080/jspui/handle/20.500.11751/191>

Interim Genealogist, Micronesian Area Research Center

- Four thousand two hundred & twenty-six death memorials gleaned from *The Guam Recorder*, 1924-1935.
<https://www.findagrave.com/user/51297292/memorial>

Legacy Series Digital Editor, Society of Professors Emeritus & Retired Scholar

- <http://hasso.uog.edu:8080/jspui/handle/20.500.11751/284>

Secretary/Treasurer, Society of Professors Emeritus & Retired Scholars

- Quarterly Minutes & Financial Reports
- Annual Report. <https://www.uog.edu/seprs/index.php#Documents>

Volunteer Archivist & Genealogist, Micronesian Area Research Center

- *Index to Titles of UOG Documents & Publications and Their Locations.*
<http://hasso.uog.edu:8080/jspui/handle/20.500.11751/191>
- Death memorials gleaned from *The Guam Recorder*, 1924-1935.
<https://www.findagrave.com/user/51297292/memorial>

Legacy Series Digital Editor & Secretary/Treasurer, Society of Professors Emeritus & Retired Scholars

- <http://hasso.uog.edu:8080/jspui/handle/20.500.11751/284>
- Quarterly Minutes & Financial Reports

PHILANTHROPY:

Donor (UOG Archive Equipment & Supplies; Micronesian Area Research Center)

Donor (SEPRS Scholarship Fund; University of Guam Endowment Foundation)

Sponsor (Carriveau Family Scholarship Fund; University of Guam Endowment Foundation)

YAOXIN CHANG, Ph.D.

Professor Emeritus of English (Member since 2014)

As of January 31, 2024, no reports have been received.

RICHARD S. COLFAX, Ph.D.
Professor Emeritus of Human Resource Management(Member since 2020)

ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO UOG, GUAM & MICRONESIA:

- **Teaching, tutoring & mentoring.**

Teaching: (Course title, institution, semester of course offering). Mentoring,
Tutoring,

2023 Teaching related (SBPA)- mentoring of SBPA Faculty:

BA630 Global Human Resource

Mentored/Coached 1 Instructor: Dr. J. Diego

BA444 Staffing & Employee Development

Mentored/Coached 1 Instructor: Dr. J. Diego

BA241 Human Resource Management

Mentored/Coached 1 Instructor/3 sections: Dr. J Diego

BA180 Business Essentials

Mentored/Coached 1 Instructor/1 section: Dr. J Diego

2023 Personalized Mentoring Activities

Doctoral Student advisement & mentoring:

Mr Vincent Borja (Dissertation in progress)

Mr Tony Whitt (Dissertation in progress)

Professional Development mentoring:

Dr J. Diego, DBA, SHRM-CP (SBPA Faculty)

Dr. Natalia Faculo, PhD

Mr. Austin Terlaje, SHRM-SCP, SPHR, GPHR, PMP

- **Research endeavors, creative endeavors & publications.**

Peer Reviewer for Scholarly Publications in 2023 (reverse order)

- 1) Scientific & Academic Publishing (SAP): Education :12/2023 Student Academic Experiences, Social Support, Health, Psychological Existential Orientation, Satisfaction
- 2) Scientific & Academic Publishing (SAP) Management: 06/2023 The Impact Of Total Quality Management On Performance During Crisis: The Case Of Lebanese Social Security Services
- 3) Scientific & Academic Publishing (SAP) International Journal of Psychology and Behavioral Sciences: 04/2023

The Effect of Personality on Cyberloafing Behavior Among Education staff in Universitas Islam Riau, Indonesia

- 4) Scientific & Academic Publishing (SAP): Science and Technology: 02/2023 The Role of Different Leaderships in the Global Environment
- 5) Scientific & Academic Publishing (SAP): International Journal of Psychology and Behavioral Sciences: 01/2023 Factors And Consequences Of Rural-Urban Women Migration: Evidence From Injibara Town, Ethiopia

Professional Development;

I continued (in 2023) to pursue the Recertification requirements of both HRCI and SHRM for active learning, professional work, teaching, and other qualified activities during the 3 year period prior to recertification. I currently hold professional HRM certifications with SHRM until 2024 and HRCI until 2025.

I am recertified for the following SHRM credentials:

- SHRM Senior Professional in Human Resources (SHRM-SPHR)

I am recertified for the following HRCI credentials:

- Global Professional in Human Resources (GPHR)
- Senior Professional in Human Resources-international (SPHRi)
- Human Resource Management Professional (HRMP)
- Professional in Human Resource Management (PHR)

I am recertified for the following HRCI credentials:

- **Service to UOG, collaborating institutions and local civic/religious organizations.**

SHRM-CP (Certified Professional) Preparation Program

I remain a resource and mentor to this professionally-related service offered to provide guidance and tutoring to prepare SHRM student members, HRM majors, and recent HRM Alumni for the SHRM-CP professional Certification. The program utilizes Certification Exam review Practice exercises and Certification Exam test-taking Guidance. I continue to serve as a guide to Ms. D. Leon Guerrero, SHRM-SCP and Mr. P. Galimba, SHRM-CP who assumed active roles in leading the prep classes since 2022.

Prepare for professional HR Certifications

SHRM-CP

SHRM-SCP

HRCI PHR

HRCI SPHR

Other professional HR- related Certifications

I was a member of the Spring 2023 Service related:

- UOG Society for Human Resource Management Student Chapter
Co-Advisor for Spring Semester
SHRM Mock Job Fair Advisor

Fall 2023 Service related:

UOG Society for Human Resource Management Student Chapter
Co-Advisor for Fall Semester
SHRM Mock Job Fair Advisor

I have participated in numerous community service activities including:
UOG Distinguished Military Alumni Award Selection Committee
Bank of America Advisory Board

I am a supporting member of the following organizations:

- Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA)
- The Enlisted Association (TREA)
- Wounded Warrior Project

I remain an active member in numerous organizations including:

- Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) - national member
 - Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) Guam Chapter - local member
 - UOG Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) Student Chapter- co-Advisor
 - Ventana Lakes Veterans Club
 - Ventana Lakes Italian-American Club
- Ventana Lakes Baby Boomers Club

PHILANTHROPY:

To UOG

To other academic institutions

Charitable organizations

AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:

Inclusion in Marquis Who'sWho Publications:
Who's Who in America
Who's Who International

JOSE A. CRUZ, M.A.
Professor Emeritus Extension/Soil and Plants (Member since 1997)

As of January 31, 2024, no reports have been received.

THEODORE M. CRITCHFIELD, Ph.D.

Professor Emeritus of Japanese (Member since 1999)

As of January 31, 2024, no reports have been received.

NICHOLAS GOETZFRIDT, Ph.D.
Professor Emeritus of Library Science and Micronesian Studies (Member since 2017)

ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO UOG, GUAM & MICRONESIA:

- **Service to UOG, collaborating institutions and local civic/religious organizations.**

President, Rochester Public Library Board of Trustees

Chair, Planning Committee, Rochester Public Library Board

Member, Personnel Committee, Rochester Public Library Board Chair, Executive Committee, Rochester Public Library Board

Volunteer - St. Mary's Patients Library (Mayo Campus)

Channel One - public food pantry

Rochester Symphony Orchestra

PHILANTHROPY:

Donor UOG Endowment Fund

MARK J. HEATH, M.B.A, CPA.
Vice President Emeritus of Financial Affairs (Member since 2020)

We heard from Mark. Unfortunately, he is unable to submit a report this year. However, records indicate:

PHILANTHROPY:

- **Sponsor (Bicentenary of the Birth of the Bab2019; University of Guam Endowment Foudation)**

LEROY F. HEITZ, Ph.D.
Professor Emeritus of Engineering (Member since 2008)

As of January 31, 2024, no reports have been received.

MELVILLE J. HOMEFELD, Ed.D.
Professor Emeritus of Education (Member since 1976)

As of January 31, 2024, no reports have been received.

YUKIKO INOUE-SMITH, Ph.D.
Professor Emerita of Educational Psychology (Member since 2021)

ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO UOG, GUAM & MICRONESIA:

- **Teaching, tutoring & mentoring.**

In Summer 2023, as an *adjunct* instructor, I taught one *accredited* online course (including Zoom sessions): ED647: Issues and Research in Literacy Education for the Master of Education at the University of Guam. The purpose of this course is to conduct a critical examination of current issues in literacy, including extensive reading of recent research literature relevant to those issues.

Learning outcomes are aligned with the following: ILA (previously IRA) PLOs, ILOs; National Board of Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS); Teacher Professional Standards (GTPS); and SOE Conceptual Framework, Information Literacy Objectives, and Course Assessments.

- **Research endeavors, creative endeavors & publications.**

I believe that my contributions to the University of Guam, to my field of expertise, and to my students have expressed my commitment to lifelong learning. What I learned in my research activities ensured continuing updates and improvements in my teaching, and that of many others. I retired but my attitude toward **lifelong** learning has not changed at all.

I am committed to poetry as the second area in which I have continuously invested my passion for writing. My new tanka book (as shown below) was published in 2023.

Inoue-Smith, Y. (2023). *The happiness of living unknown* (bilingual tank collection, written in English and Japanese). SIA OmniScriptum Publishing: Riga, Latvia, European Union.

Publications

Five bilingual tanka poems & tanka prose published: *International Tanka*, No. 13, 2023.

Five bilingual tanka poems & tanka prose published: *International Tanka*, No. 14, 2023.

- **Service to UOG, collaborating institutions and local civic/religious organizations.**

Professional Service to Individuals, Organizations

One service I have continuously involved—**passionately** and **significantly**—is the editorial assistance for *International Tanka*. This (*bilingual/trilingual*) tanka journal is published twice a year by International Tanka Society.

This volunteer work started in 2016 when I was still working at the University of Guam. Since then, on a daily basis, I provide my feedback and suggestions—and thus the most important task for me is to edit the final publishable tanka poems. In the year of 2023, I provide extensive English corrections and suggestions for poems written by twenty-one (21) individual tanka authors.

PHILANTHROPY:

As a member of the adult book group in my new community, I participate—**actively** and **sincerely**—in each of our regular meetings for a lively book discussion, featuring a range of genres both fiction and non-fiction.

AWARDS AND SPECIAPL RECOGNITIONS

Awarded an honorable mention in a tanka competition: 7th Mt. Fuji Grand Prix.

Listed continuously in the 2023 Tanka Poets Directory (along with my recent representative tanka) published by Tanka Kenkyu-Sha, Japan.

JOHN W. JENSON, Ph.D.

Emeritus Director of WERI (Member since 2022)

In response to the attached memo from SEPRS (received by email, 13 December 2023), I am herein submitting my annual report to the SVP and appropriate Deans and Directors on my emeritus service for calendar year 2023, as required by the UOG RRPM (12/8/2003). I have also copied colleagues with whom I collaborated or whom I assisted.

ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO UOG, GUAM & MICRONESIA:

- **Teaching, tutoring & mentoring.**

Teaching. I taught, *pro bono*, two graduate courses this past year:

Economics-Management-Law (EV 512). EV 512 is a required (core) course in UOG's interdisciplinary graduate Environmental Science Program (administered by CNAS). It was previously taught by Dr. Roseann Jones, SBPA. When Dr. Jones was suddenly appointed Interim Dean of SBPA late in 2022, however, the university had no one on the faculty available to teach the course, which is offered annually during Fañomnåkan, and was therefore already scheduled to start in January 2023. Since my background includes training in economics (i.e., BS in Economics and MA in Applied Economics) I offered to teach the course. With the gracious support of Dr. Jones, I compiled the syllabus and prepared the course materials during the Tinalo' intersession, and then taught the course

online from January through May 2023. There were five students enrolled—four from Environmental Science and one from Biology. All of them successfully completed the course.

Scientific Competence and Integrity (EV/BI 508). EV508 is a required (core) course in UOG's interdisciplinary graduate Environmental Science Program (administered by CNAS). It is also cross-listed as an elective course for Biology, as it is team-taught by myself and Dr. Ross Miller, who has appointments in both programs. Dr. Miller and I (along with the late Dr. Mark Lander) launched the course in 2009 and have team-taught it ever since. The course is offered annually during Fanuchånan. When Dr. Miller took an appointment as Interim Director of WERI upon my retirement from the directorship in October 2022, I agreed to continue to teach the course with him. When I arrived in West Virginia in November 2022, I invested in a state-of-the-art online teaching studio for my home, and have used it effectively to teach EV 512 during Fañomnåkan and EV/BI 508 during Fanuchånan. Dr. Miller and I just finished the course for 2023 and will collaborate to teach it together again during the 2024 offering.

Tutoring, mentoring, research and publications. I have been working with two former students to get their thesis research published:

Ms. Ida Shalilian received her MS in 2016 and has since then been working as an environmental scientist for an environmental consulting firm in Houston, Texas. In 2017, she received an RCUOG Travel Grant to return to Guam to revisit and extend her thesis research. We collected a high-resolution dataset from her field area in 2018, with which she has refined and extended her thesis results. She is now preparing a WERI technical report incorporating the revisions, and we are also nearly ready to submit a manuscript to *Journal of Coastal Research*.

Ms. Maria Jhonnie Villareal, whose research followed up in the same field area, and who graduated last year, has published a WERI technical report (#176), and is now in a Ph.D. program at Northwestern University. She is co-authoring Ida's paper and working on a companion paper of her own for the same journal, which she and Ida are also co-authoring.

I am also on the thesis committee of Ms. Hazzelle Ko, who is working under Dr. Wen at WERI. She is preparing her thesis and technical report now, and we anticipate that she will graduate in the coming year.

- **Research endeavors, creative endeavors & publications.**

WERI 5-year Report to US Geological Survey (USGS). WERI is one of the nation's 54 federally-funded Water Resources Research Institutes—one at each of the Land Grant Universities. The funding is administered by the USGS, to which each institute must submit a summary report of its research, teaching, and service activities at five-year intervals. The USGS uses these reports to prepare its Five-Year Program Reauthorization

Request to the US Congress and to rate each institute (Outstanding, Excellent, Satisfactory, Marginal, Unsatisfactory). The latest report, for the interval 2016-2020, became due this past summer. During July and August, I worked with the WERI Interim Director and the WERI administrative staff to compile, review, edit, and submit the 2016-2020 Report. We met the deadline and submitted a detailed and comprehensive report, which we expect will keep WERI ranked in the Outstanding category for the 5th consecutive time.

PHILANTHROPY:

- **Sponsor (Joseph D. Rouse Scholarship & Mark A. Lander Scholarship; University of Guam Endowment Foundation)**

J.D. Rouse scholarship. With the passing of Joe Rouse in August 2019, near the end of my first term as WERI Director, I launched the *Joseph D. Rouse Scholarship for Professional Excellence and Integrity* with the support of WERI colleagues and friends. I have been working ever since to build the principal for it by finding additional donors and encouraging additional contributions from current donors. In addition, I personally contributed \$100/month through February 2023. We now have a capital base of \$26,347.91.

M.A. Lander Scholarship. With the passing of Mark Lander in July 2022, near the end of my second term as WERI Director and three months before my retirement, I launched the *Mark A. Lander Scholarship for Excellence in Environmental Science* with the support of WERI colleagues and friends. I have been working during the past year to build the principal for it by finding additional donors and encouraging additional contributions from current donors. I found an anonymous donor who has so far contributed \$10,000, and I will continue to work on funding, to include making my own contributions of at least \$100/month (which I started in March 2023), until we have at least a \$25,000 capital base. The fund currently has \$16,484.43.

Emeritus Scholarship. This year, I contributed \$1,000 to the Emeritus Scholarship.

RANDALL JOHNSON, DMA
Professor Emeritus of Fine Arts (Member since 2022)

ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO UOG, GUAM & MICRONESIA:

- **Teaching, tutoring & mentoring.**

During Spring 2023 I was still employed by UOG as an adjunct professor teaching the university Singers (aka The Latte Tones) as well as private voice lessons. Covid restrictions had lifted, and we were back to some regularity as far as the number of performances at UOG and in the community. The biggest event of the year for The Latte Tones was a tour to the Val Pusteria Choir Festival in Northern Italy. The Latte Tones

were the stars of the festival and voted the top choir by the other directors. The tour was about 3 weeks long and after Northern Italy it included stays in Slovenia and Croatia.

- **Research endeavors, creative endeavors & publications.**

I also received a commission from the American Choral Directors Association to compose an original piece for their National Conference coming up in Fall 2024. This is an honor that usually goes to a much larger name than mine in the choral composition world.

- **Service to UOG, collaborating institutions and local civic/religious organizations.**

Other than my personal music practices (trying to keep up some abilities on trombone, saxophone, and guitar) and a small children's ukulele class and Christmas saxophone quartet, the above is the extent of my professional music activities for 2023...unless you count meeting with old band mates in Indonesia and singing four-part Sea Shanties to anybody who would listen.

ANTHONY K. KALLINGAL Ph.D.
Professor Emeritus of Statistics & Measurement (Member since 1991)

As of January 31, 2024, no reports have been received.

GEORGE K. KALLINGAL, Ph.D.
Professor Emeritus of Educational and Developmental Psychology (Member since 2004)

ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO UOG, GUAM & MICRONESIA:

- **Service to UOG, collaborating institutions and local civic/religious organizations.**

Community Service:

- a. Conducted a 7-day training program in Don Bosco, Bandel, Kolkata, India, from September 29 to October 5, on "Human Formation"
- b. Gave a lecture to the upper class students of Don Bosco School, Bandel, Kolkata, India, on October 3.
- c. Gave training to the teachers of Don Bosco School Bandel, Kolkata, India on "Smart Instruction", on October 2
- d. Gave a lecture to students of Auxilium School, Bandel, Koata, India, on October 4,
- e. Gave a lecture to the MSMHC Novices, Bandel, Kolkata, India, on "Human Elements in Religious Training".
- f. Gave a lecture to the MBA students of Don Bosco Institute in Guwahati, India on "Key elements of business professionals" on October 5.
- g. Gave 2 lectures to the Principals of Orthodox Church Schools in India on "The real mission of schooling" on October 6 and 7
- h. Gave a talk to the staff of Don Bosco Institute, Guwahati, India on "Stress Management" on October 6.

- i. Gave 4 lectures to the students of Christ School in Shillong, India, on October 8 & 9
- j. Gave Training to the teachers of Christ School, Shillong, India on October 10 and 11.

Clinical Services:

- a. Conducted suitability evaluation for new GPD recruits
- b. Conducted several suitability evaluations for new G4S recruits
- c. Carried out evaluation services for GAA
- d. Provided diagnostic and therapeutic services for the Veterans in Kallingal's Clinic
- e. Provided mental health services to the community in Kallingal's Clinic

PHILANTHROPY:

Part owner of a Pre-K to K-12 school, Christ School, Shillong, India, providing financial support for the school. This school provides free education to many marginalized students.

TOYOKO KANG, Ph.D.

Professor Emerita of Japanese Language (Member since 2023)

2023 was the first year for me to be a UOG retiree.

ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO UOG, GUAM & MICRONESIA:

- **Research endeavors, creative endeavors & publications.**

I have been doing research on linguistic clitics including those in Chamorro and Tagalog. The manuscript have been in progress. In 2024, I am planning to finish up the paper for publication.

I also started to do research on pragmatic particles which usually located in the sentence final position in Asian language like Japanese and Korean.

PHILANTHROPY:

Donation: Shriners Children's hospital
I am planning to donate to SEPRS scholarship this year,

Personal

By virtue of retirement, I was able to start what was neglected during my employment: cleaning and reorganize each room of my house to make them suitable for my retired life. As you know, we had a super typhoon Mawar in May 2023. My life became much busier because I had to take care of outside of the house, too! Even so, I had opportunities to enjoy traveling and underwater photographing.

LAWRENCE KASPERBAUER, Ph.D.
Professor Emeritus of Sociology (Member since 1994)

ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO UOG, GUAM & MICRONESIA:

- **Service to UOG, collaborating institutions and local civic/religious organizations.**

University service:

UOG Society of Emeritus Professors and Retired Scholars (SEPRS): Active Member and Vice President

Community Service:

Sias International University, Zhengzhou, Henan Province, PRC, Foundation Board of Director Member

Rotary Club of Guam, member past president and active with 53 years of near perfect weekly attendance at meetings; financial supporter of community programs and projects A Paul Harris Fellow, Honorary Member status, Rotary Club of Makati, Philippines.

Agana Beach Condo (61 units/home) Home Owners Association, Member & Board of Directors.

Saint John Paul II – Divine Mercy Church construction planning committee member; AsTunbo, Dededo. Public Information Officer

Other Emeritus Membership Status:

American Rural Sociological Society

Phi Delta Kappa (PDK) National Education Honor Society

Guam Educator Hall of Fame member.

University of Guam School of Education Lifetime Achievement Award

PHILANTHROPY:

UOG Foundation Benefactor Emeritus Society Scholarship Fund

Sias University (China) Benefactor Foundation Scholarship Fund

Divine Mercy-Saint Paul II Catholic Church, AsTunBo Building Funds.

Monetary donations to various organization in Guam, Micronesia, and the United States.

LOURDES KLITZKIE, Ph.D.
Professor Emerita of Special Education (Member since 1998)

As of January 1, 2024, no reports have been received.

SHARAM KHOSROWPANAH, Ph.D.
Dean Emeritus of Civil Engineering (Member since 2021)

We heard from Dr. Khosrowpanah's wife. Unfortunately, he is unable to submit a report this year.

PHILANTHROPY:

Donor: UOG Endowment Fund

HIRO KURASHINA, Ph.D.
Director Emeritus of MARC (Member since 2003)

ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO UOG, GUAM & MICRONESIA:

- **Teaching, tutoring & mentoring.**

Guest Lecture to Students from Kyushu University at the request of UOG's Global Learning and Engagement on August 23, 2023 at AV-1, RFK Library on campus.

Guest Lecture to Students from Ryukoku University at the request of UOG's Global Learning and Engagement on August 28, 2023 at AV-1, RFK Library on campus.

- **Research endeavors, creative endeavors & publications.**

Collaborated via Internet (Zoom) on the ongoing research pertaining to the early migrant workers from Japan to Guam in the early 20th century with Dr. Reo Nagashima (Tokyo Seitoku University) and Dr. George Takagi (Guam).

Continued archaeological laboratory analyses of prehistoric assemblages from Guam at MARC throughout 2023.

Continued archival research concerning the early history of the historic preservation program in the CNMI in collaboration with Mr. Scott Russell, former CNMI Deputy

Historic Preservation Officer and TTPI Historic Preservation Officer which was initiated in 2022.

Invited by General E. Perez and his family to examine a site in Talofofo in March, 2023.

Attended a Zoom meeting with Dr. Mike Carson and Dr. James Bayman in May, 2023 regarding various research endeavors.

Consulted with University of Wisconsin Archaeologist, Dr. Nam Kim, at the MARC Manuscripts Collection in August, 2023.

Met with SHPO Patrick Lujan, AAFB Archaeologist Ms. A. Snider and other AAFB officials to visit the UOG Tarague Archaeology Project site in December, 2023.

Professional Scholarship

Invited Official Reviewer - Interviewer for the JET (the Japan Exchange and Teaching Program) Applicants as well as the Japan National Scholarship Applicants (MEXT) – Under the Auspices of the Japanese Government – Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Education.

Served as an Interviewer on the panel of official reviewers to conduct oral interviews with JET applicants at the Consulate General of Japan in Tamuning, February 8, 2023. Attended the JET send-off reception at the official residence of the Japan Consul-General on August 4, 2023.

Professional Consultation

Professional consultations with Dr. Reo Nagashima of Tokyo Seitoku University, Dr. James Bayman of the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Dr. Mike Carson of MARC, Dr. Liz Rechebei of CNMI, Mr. Scott Russell of CNMI, Dr. George Takagi of Guam, and Dr. Kenichi Sudo (Sakai Museum) on a regular or occasional basis either via email/Zoom or phone calls or in person whenever possible during 2023.

Professional Development

Attended all three public lectures presented by University of Wisconsin Archaeologist, Dr. Nam Kim on August 7, 9, 11, 2023, at Micro Mall, UOG, and Guam Public Library, respectively.

- **Service to UOG, collaborating institutions and local civic/religious organizations.**

University Service

Invited to serve as a member of the UOG Presidential Search Committee in the spring, 2023.

Attended the public presentations by the three finalists for the UOG President's position held at CLASS Lecture Hall in May, 2023.

Attended the Farewell Reception for outgoing UOG President Thomas Krise on May 12, 2023.

Attended the Investiture of the new UOG President, Dr. Anita Borja Enriquez, on November 14, 2023 at the UOG Field House.

Elected to serve as President of the Society of Emeritus Professors and Retired Scholars (SEPRS) during the March 2023 SEPRS General Membership meeting. Other Officers elected are: Vice President Professor Emeritus Dr. Larry Kasperbauer, Secretary Professor Emerita Dr. Kathryn Wood, and Treasurer Professor Emeritus Dr. Kenneth Cariveau.

Attended or chaired the SEPRS [Quarterly] general membership meetings at the Emeritus Hall, UOG on March 14 (in person), September 12 (in person) and December 12, 2023 (in person).

Continued to serve as Chairman, the SEPRS Scholarship Committee, the Society of Emeritus Professors and Retired Scholars during 2023. Initially appointed by SEPRS Chairman, Dr. Larry Kasperbauer, in 2011.

Attended the Annual SEPRS Scholarship Gala held at the Guam Hilton Hotel on April 29, 2023 which was coordinated by SEPRS Scholarship Committee Member Dr. Lou Klitzkie.

Chaired the SEPRS Scholarship Committee meeting held on September 8, 2023 (in person) to evaluate SEPRS Scholarship applications. Some 40 applications were received and reviewed in 2023.

Attended the SEPRS Scholarship Check presentation organized jointly with the UOG Endowment Foundation, UOG Financial Aid Office and UOG GLE, on October 20, 2023 at Emeritus Hall Classroom.

Attended a SEPRS Officers meeting held in person with SEPRS President/Vice President Dr. Larry Kasperbauer, Secretary Professor Emerita Dr. Kathryn Wood, and Vice Provost Emerita D. Leon Guerrero in March and July, 2023 at Emeritus Hall.

Attended a meeting with the Members of the UOG Endowment Foundation on August 17, 2023 concerning Asia-Pacific matters. Other SEPRS Officers also attended the meeting in person or via Zoom.

Attended a meeting with Ms. Gaynor, Interim UOG Communications Manager, on November 17, 2023, accompanied by SEPRS Secretary Dr. Kathryn Wood.

Attended the Memorial Service for Dean Dr. Margaret Hattori-Uchima held at the UOG Field House on January 20, 2023.

A wreath on behalf of SEPRS was presented to the family of the Dr. Lorraine Yamashita at her funeral held at St. Anthony's /Chapel/Church in Tamuning on September 19, 2023.

Attended the Memorial Service for Professor Emerita Dr. Lorraine Yamashita held at the CLASS Lecture Hall on October 13, 2023.

Attended the UOG Charter Day Celebration on March 2, 2023.

Attended a meeting with the Director and Staff of the Guam Cultural Repository in March, 2023.

Attended a meeting with Vice Provost Dr. Sharleen Santos Bamba regarding an Honorary Degree matter on April 5, 2023.

Attended an Award Ceremony for the Guam History Day Winners at CLASS Lecture Hall on April 14, 2023.

A visual damage assessment was conducted at MARC Archaeology Lab and Emeritus Hall on June 5, 2023 following Super Typhoon Mawar.

Visited Professor Larry Raigetel at his traditional Micronesian Canoe project site in Piti on July 5, 2023.

Attended a meeting with UH-Manoa linguists with CLASS Dean James Sellmann at CLASS Conference Room on August 7, 2023.

Attended and served as Emeritus Marshall at the Spring UOG Commencement on May 21, 2023.

Attended and served as Emeritus Marshall at the Fall UOG Commencement on December 17, 2023.

Met with the personnel of UOG HRO and received a UOG ID card in May, 2023.

SEPRS Legacy Project:

Continued to serve as a Coordinator for the SEPRS Legacy Project.

Coordinated with other members of the SEPRS Legacy Project – Dr. Kasperbauer, Dr. Cynthia Sajnovsky, Dr. Ken Carriveau, and Dr. Kathryn Wood. Some 35 SEPRS Legacy Papers have been uploaded to the RFK/MARC website to date.

MARC Advisory Council

A wreath on behalf of the MARC Advisory Council was presented to the family of the late Co-Chair Dr. Lorraine Yamashita at her funeral held at St. Anthony's /Chapel/ Church in Tamuning on September 19, 2023.

Community Service

Remained to serve as a consulting party for the USAF Divert Project on Tinian, CNMI.

Attended the Annual New Year Gala of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Guam held at the Dusit Thani Hotel on January 28, 2023.

Continued to serve as Co-Chairman, Election Committee, originally appointed by President Mr. Benson Au-Yeung in 2016 and reappointed by President George Chiu of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Guam (CCCG) in the period 2019 - 2023.

Served as Honorary Chairman, CCCG Directory Committee, appointed by President George Chiu of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Guam (CCCG) for 2019 – 2023. The new CCCG Membership Directory was published in mid-2023.

Served as Vice Chairman of the Electoral Committee of Guam Football Association (GFA) in 2023. Attended and conducted an election of officers at the Ordinary Congress of GFA on October 24, 2023 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Guam.

Served as a member of one of the committees of the Guam United Methodist Church.

Community Engagement

Invited to attend the Guam Red Cross Red Ball Gala at Dusit Thani on September 23, 2023.

Served as a Co-Sponsor of the CCCG Autumn Mixer held at AK Showroom on October 4, 2023.

Attended the Funeral for one of the women leaders on Guam, Ms. June Chang, on August 2, 2023 at the Guam Memorial Park.

Attended the Funeral for Tan Eugenia Leon Guerrero on October 3, 2023 at the FD School Chapel.

Photographed the “Tower of Humanity” at the Agana Shopping Center in September, 2023.

Attended the Japan Autumn Festival held at Ypao Beach Park on November 18, 2023.

PHILANTHROPY:

Sponsor (Robert A. Underwood Presidential Scholarship; University of Guam Endowment Foundation)

Monetary donations have been made to the following entities:

To UOG:

SEPRS Scholarship Fund through the UOG Endowment Foundation

MARC – Guam History Day Project

To Other Organizations:

National Geographic Society

CNMI Humanities Council for the Marianas History Conference 2023

Guam United Methodist Church

Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Guam

MEMBERSHIPS:

UOG Society of Emeritus Professors and Retired Scholars

Lifetime Member, Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, Alpha Chapter at UC Berkeley

Lifetime Member, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

Lifetime Member, Cal Alumni Association

National Geographic Society since 1983

CHIN-TIAN LEE, Ph.D.

Professor Emeritus of Horticulture (Member since 1996)

ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO UOG, GUAM & MICRONESIA:

- **Service to UOG, collaborating institutions and local civic/religious organizations.**

Community service:

Epsilon Sigma Phi society. Life time member. This national society is the key to professional excellence. It provides its members with professional development opportunities.

Advisor, Overseas Compatriot Affairs Commission, Republic of China (Taiwan).
Advising Taiwan Government on overseas Taiwanese policies and regulations.

Vice President, Global Alliance for Democracy and Peace, Taiwan.

President of the Chinese Table Tennis Association of Guam.

Invited by the Director General of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) on Guam to attend the celebration of Taiwan 112th Taiwan National Day held in Guam Hyatt Regency Hotel. Also sent a flower basket to congratulate the event.

Participated in the 2023 Earth Day Beach Cleanup activity co-hosted in Guam and GVB took place at the Ypao Beach.

Attended a ceremony to recognize 10 University of Guam Agricultural students who received scholarships to participate in two-week Smart Agricultural Technology and Culture Experience Study Abroad Program in Taiwan.

Serve as a volunteer resource personnel in answering inquiries relating to agricultural subjects to local individuals and foreign investing groups .

University service:

Member, UOG Society of Emeritus Professors and Retired Scholars.

PHILANTHROPY:

Donor (SEPRS Scholarship Fund)

Monetary donation to National Taiwan University.

Monetary donation: to University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Donate clothes, electronics to Salvation Army.

DEBORAH D. LEON GUERRERO
Emeritus Administrator (Member since 2023)

ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO UOG, GUAM & MICRONESIA:

- **Service to UOG, collaborating institutions and local civic/religious organizations.**

UNIVERSITY SERVICE:

Emerita Vice Provost of Institutional Effectiveness (BOR Resolution 22-42) Updated
SEPRS
informational brochure

Researched and archived work on SEPRS Retrospective project

Created a cloud folder for SEPRS documents

Participated on the steering committee for the UOG WSCUC reaccreditation self-study
and
EdD substantive change proposal

Provided technical support for Office of Institutional Effectiveness transition

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Lector, San Vicente/San Roke Catholic Church

PHILANTHROPY:

Contributed to UOG SEPRS Scholarship fund

Contributed to Endowment Foundation fundraisers

WILFRED P. LEON GUERRERO Ed.D. **President Emeritus (Member since 1993)**

ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO UOG, GUAM & MICRONESIA:

- **Service to UOG, collaborating institutions and local civic/religious organizations.**

I continue to Chair the Government of Guam Retirement Fund Board. The size of the portfolio is hovering around two (2) billion dollars. Proceeds from the fund is used to support pensions of all Government of Guam Retirees. They are about seven (7) thousand Government of Guam retirees in 2023. I resigned as Chairman of the Asia Pacific Association for Fiduciary Studies.

I continue to be a member of Asan's Catholic Church Parish Council.

I continue to be a member of the Young Men's League of Guam.

PHILANTHROPY:

- Sponsor (Virginia & Gina Leon Guerrero Scholarship; University of Guam Endowment Foundation)

I continue to make monetary contributions to the University of Guam (SEPRS Scholarship Fund) and the University of Northern Colorado.

CHRISTOPHER LOBBAN, Ph.D.
Professor Emeritus of Biology (Member since 2016)

ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO UOG, GUAM & MICRONESIA:

- **Teaching, tutoring & mentoring.**

BI 100/L (Intersession 2023)

- **Research endeavors, creative endeavors & publications.**

Peer Reviewed Scientific Publications (*student co-authors)

Lobban, C.S. 2023. *Nitzschia venerata*, sp. nov., a simulacrum for the conopeate, tube-dwelling diatom *Nitzschia martiana*, has scuta not conopea: a case of convergent evolution? *Botanica Marina* 66: 73–79. <https://doi.org/10.1515/bot-2022-0063>

Lobban, C.S. & T.A. Frankovich. 2023. Alveolate species of *Mastogloia* (Bacillariophyceae, Mastogloiales), including *M. frickei* Hustedt 1933 from Guam and two renamed species from Florida. *Botanica Marina* 66 <https://doi.org/10.1515/bot-2023-0039>

Lobban, C.S. 2023. *Disymmetria reticulata*, gen. nov., sp. nov. (Mediophyceae: Thalassiosirales), a new genus in Lauderiaceae emend., and transfer of *Lauderia excentrica*. *Diatom* 39: 25–30. <https://doi.org/10.11464/diatom.39.25>

Lobban, C.S., B. Sison* & M.P. Ashworth. 2023. The search for species flocks in marine benthic *Homoeocladia* spp. (Diatomeae: Bacillariales). I. Variations on three themes, seventeen new species. *Plants* 12, 4073: 1–45. <https://doi.org/10.3390/plants12234073>, open access.

Submitted:

Lobban, C.S. & A. Witkowski†. Marine benthic diatoms in the flora of Guam: New records, *Dictyoneis apapae* sp. nov., and updates to the checklist. Submitted to *Micronesica* 21 Aug. 2023

Lobban, C.S. & A. Witkowski†. Simulacra in the diatom genus *Diploneis* (Bacillariophyceae: Naviculales): Caribbean *D. gravelleana* and other small, strongly

constricted species resolved from ultrastructure. Submitted to *Bull. Mar. Sci.*, 19 Sep. 2023.

Diatoms of North America (reviewed web pages):

Lobban, C. (2023). *Climaconeis*. In Diatoms of North America. Retrieved December 10, 2023, from <https://diatoms.org/genera/climaconeis>

Lobban, C. (2023). *Licmophora*. In Diatoms of North America. Retrieved December 10, 2023, from <https://diatoms.org/genera/licmophora>

Frankovich, T., Lobban, C., Ashworth, M. (2023). *Microtabella*. In Diatoms of North America. Retrieved December 10, 2023, from <https://diatoms.org/genera/microtabella>

Conference presentations and posters (presenter underlined):

Lobban, C.S., K. Diego*, M.A. Ocampo*, T.A. Frankovich & C. Pennesi. Towards a biogeography of *Mastogloia*. Poster at the 26th International Diatom Symposium, Yamagata, Japan, August 2023.

Lobban, C.S. & M.A. Ashworth. “What if everything is not everywhere?” Presentation at the 26th International Diatom Symposium, Yamagata, Japan, 31 August 2023. Available on ResearchGate, DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.2.30510.69444

Ashworth, M.P., C.S. Lobban & T.A. Frankovich. The diatom genus *Microtabella* Round in south Florida and rethinking biogeography of marine benthic diatoms (Bacillariophyta). Southeast Phycology Colloquium, FL. Oct. 2023. DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.2.14551.85926

Diego, K.* & C.S. Lobban. Taxonomy and biogeography of microorganisms: Re-examination of the *Mastogloia* flora of Guam. SACNAS Conference, Portland, OR, Oct. 2022.

Ocampo, M.A.* & C.S. Lobban. Diatoms in genus *Mastogloia* on seagrass leaves versus seaweeds. SACNAS Conference, Portland, OR, Oct. 2022 and CERF Conference, Portland, OR, Nov. 2022

Ongoing research projects:

Checklist and Atlas of Yap diatoms (with Bernadette Tharngan*)

Several projects on specific genera including *Mastogloia*, *Microtabella* (with Ashworth, Frankovich and others)

Mangrove diatoms from Guam and Micronesia (with several students)

Marine Diatoms in Mediterranean [with Nihayet Bizsel (lead author) and Saúl Blanco]

Mentoring

I was again selected as a mentor CY2023 for SEAS INCLUDES Program and EPSCoR Program. In the former, I had two students year-long; they presented posters at the CIS conference and were among the 30 students from UOG who attended the SACNAS conference in Portland Oregon in October; The EPSCoR student, Kedrick Diego presented a poster at SACNAS and Merry Ann Ocampo presented one at a CERF student conference two weeks later. I presented a poster at the Diatom Symposium that included them as coauthors. Alas, this year Typhoon Mawar blew away the INCLUDES Bridge to Baccalaureate Program, which would have had a student from each of Palau and Saipan in my lab.

- **Service to UOG, collaborating institutions and local civic/religious organizations.**

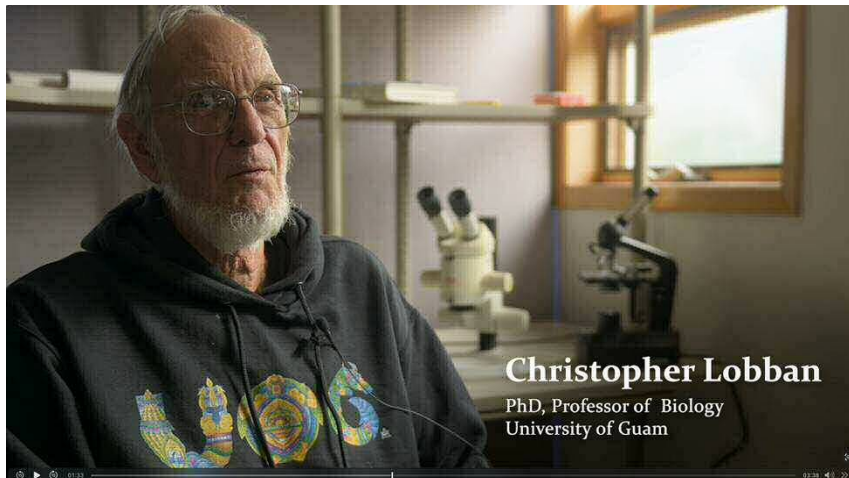
Professional service

Peer reviews of manuscripts for *Journal of the Marine Biological Association of the United Kingdom*, *Phycological Research*, *Plants*, *Journal of Phycology*, *Phycologia*

Service to the University

“Director” of CNAS Teaching & Research Microscopy Laboratory (in House 16, Dean’s Circle)

Outreach.



At the invitation of the organizers, I set up a display table at the 2nd Guam Migratory Bird Festival, held 11 Feb. at Jeff’s Pirate’s Cove, and later reworked this into a talk at the U.S. Forest Service during the Stikine River Migratory Bird Festival in Wrangell, AK, April 29–30. With assistance from the USFS, I also collected samples of the diatom biofilm shorebirds depend on, which I sent to colleagues in the contiguous US for

analysis, and was tapped for a video segment that aired publicly this month (Eden McCall, “With the Tides,” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cmwdlF0e-L0> for PacificBirds.org)

PHILANTHROPY:

- Donor (SEPRS Scholarship Fund)

HARLEY I. MANNER, Ph.D.

Professor Emeritus of Geography & Micronesian Studies (Member since 2008)

ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO UOG, GUAM & MICRONESIA:

- **Research endeavors, creative endeavors & publications.**

Accepted for publication in 2025, pagination subject to change.

Manner, H.I., Mueller-Dombois, D., Rapaport, M., Meyer, J-M., and Boehmer, J. Chapter 8. Terrestrial Ecosystems of the Pacific Islands. In, Rapaport, M. (editor), *The Pacific Islands: Environment and Society*, pp. 219-253. Third edition. Honolulu, University of Hawaii Press.

Boehmer, J., Galvin, S., Manner, H.I., Mueller-Dombois, D., Meyer, Y-J, Burns, B., and Rapaport, M. **Chapter 9.** Disturbance, Succession, and Restoration of Terrestrial Ecosystems.. In, Rapaport, M. (editor), *The Pacific Islands: Environment and Society*, pp. 254-288. Third edition. Honolulu, University of Hawaii Press.

Manner, H.I. Thaman, R.R. Koczberski, G., and Curry, G. Chapter 39. Agriculture. . In, Rapaport, M. (editor), *The Pacific Islands: Environment and Society*, pp. 910-937. Third edition. Honolulu, University of Hawaii Press.

- **Service to UOG, collaborating institutions and local civic/religious organizations.**

Academic: Provided references on the sustainability of Pacific Islands agroforestry/agriculture to a colleague at UOG.

Community: Vice-president, Maui Lani Neighbors. Local non-profit organization for the promotion of sustainable land use

PHILANTHROPY:

Lahaina Maui Wildfire Contributions (to First Hawaiian Bank and Faith Family Fellowship)

University of Hawaii;

Maui Food Bank;
Southern Poverty Law Center;
Environment Hawaii;
Maui Nui Botanical Garden;
The Nature Conservancy;
Amnesty International;
Habitat for Humanity;
St. Labre Indian School;
SW Reservation Aid

JAMES A. MARSH JR., Ph.D.
Professor Emeritus of Marine Biology (Member since 1988)

ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO UOG, GUAM & MICRONESIA:

- **Research endeavors, creative endeavors & publications.**

PUBLICATION
Marsh, J.A., J.L. Olsen & G.C. Fiedler. 2023. Tribute to Roy Toshio Tsuda (1939 - 2020),
Micronesica 2023-01, 21 pp. Published online 23 October 2023. <http://micronesica.org/volumes/2023>

- **Service to UOG, collaborating institutions and local civic/religious organizations.**

Served as coordinator/moderator for several internal resident discussion groups in
Willamette
View Retirement Community

Volunteered for various other services/resident-run activities on an ad hoc or continuing
basis

PHILANTHROPY:

Sponsor (SEPRS Scholarship Fund; Scholarship in Marine Biology or Water Resources;
University of Guam Endowment Foundation)

Ongoing support of the permanent James A. Marsh Jr. Scholarship in Marine Biology or
Water
Resources at UOG

Supported several other academic institutions with which I have been affiliated, including
a
named scholarship at my undergraduate alma mater Duke University

Contributed to various community charities and non-profit organizations

JOYCE McCAULEY, Ph.D.
Professor Emerita of Literacy (Member since 1998)

Since retirement from UOG in 1994, I have been teaching at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. I am a tenured full professor in the College of Education, and also the Executive Director of the SHSU Center for Community Engagement (CCE).

ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO UOG, GUAM & MICRONESIA:

- **Teaching, tutoring & mentoring.**

Early Literacy undergraduate courses

Faculty Development workshops on pedagogy and community engaged scholarship.

- **Research endeavors, creative endeavors & publications.**

Presentations - national

April 13, 2023. Doing Good AND Doing Well: The Role of Community Engaged Scholarship in Your Career. Gulf South Summit on Community Engagement, Athens, GA.

June 1, 2023. We are Citizen Scholars: Strengthening Community and Civic Engagement. Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement (CLDE) Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.

Presentation – local

February 4, 2023. Read Alouds: Do It Right! Joan Prouty Conference, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX. (Sponsored three undergraduate students to present with me.)

August 18, 2023. Dazed and Confused: Academic Community Engagement vs. Service Learning vs. Community Service...What?, Professional and Academic Center for Excellence Teaching Conference, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX.

August 18, 2023. Managing Students and Keeping Your Blood Pressure Down, Graduate/Undergraduate Instructor Academy (GUIA) Conference, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX.

Multiple workshops/presentations/invited speaker on community engagement in higher education

- **Service to UOG, collaborating institutions and local civic/religious organizations.**

Member, Excellence in Honors Council, Sam Houston State University

Member, Convocation Committee, Sam Houston State University

Member, Faculty Leave Committee, Sam Houston State University

Reviewer, Gulf South Summit on Community Engagement

Member, Distinguished Professor Committee

PHILANTHROPY

Regular donor to several SHSU scholarships and initiatives.

Regular donor to UOG – SEPRS Scholarship Fund

AWARDS

Received the “Distinguished Professor Award” from Sam Houston State University.

THOMAS McGRATH, S.J.

Professor Emeritus of Anthropology (Member since 1998)

As of January 31, 2024, no reports have been received. However, records indicate:

PHILANTHROPY:

Donor (Seprs Scholarship Fund)

RANGASWAMY MUNIAPPAN, Ph.D.

Professor Emeritus of Entomology (Member since 1969)

As of January 31, 2024, no reports have been received.

STEPHEN G. NELSON, Ph.D.

Professor Emeritus of Marine Biology (Member since 2004)

ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO UOG, GUAM & MICRONESIA:

- **Teaching, tutoring & mentoring.**
- **Research endeavors, creative endeavors & publications.**

Completed and submitted two chapters in the book *The Pacific Islands: Environment and Society* (edited by M. Rapaport)—waiting on the editor and publisher to get the new edition to press.

- **Service to UOG, collaborating institutions and local civic/religious organizations.**

Professional Service to Individuals, Organizations

Reviewed and suggested edits to manuscripts relating to aquaculture.

Service to the Community, Civic and Religious Organizations-

Member of the Desert Bluegrass Association;

the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum;

the Tucson Botanical Gardens;

the American Civil Liberties Union;

the Union of Concerned Scientists,

Arizona Public Media, and

the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

PHILANTHROPY:

Local Organizations: Tucson Botanical Gardens;

Food Bank of Southern Arizona;

Aviva Children's Services.

DONALD L. PLATT, Ph.D.
Professor Emeritus of History (Member since 2019)

As of January 31, 2024, no reports have been received.

DANIEL L. ROBERTSON, Ph.D.
Professor Emeritus of English & Applied Linguistics (Member since 2012)

As of January 31, 2024, no reports have been received. However records indicate:

PHILANTHROPY:

- Sponsor (Robertson Applied Linguistics Award)

ROBERT F. RODGERS, Ph.D.
Professor Emeritus of Political Science (Member since 2001)

As of January 31, 2024, no reports have been received.

CYNTHIA B. SAJNOVSKY, Ph.D.
Professor Emerita of Music (Member since 2011)

Chronic medical issues in 2023 restricted my normal activities as I was either at home or in medical appointments.

ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO UOG, GUAM & MICRONESIA:

- **Teaching, tutoring & mentoring.**

I taught one private harp student in my home each week.

- **Research endeavors, creative endeavors & publications.**

I was named to Who's Who of American Women since 2008, and

Who's Who in America since 2012

- **Service to UOG, collaborating institutions and local civic/religious organizations.**

SEPRS Meetings via ZOOM.

I have been a volunteer member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary since 1980,

I remain a member of the American Harp Society.

ROBERT M. SAJNOVSKY, M.F.A.
Professor Emeritus of Art (Member since 2002)

ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO UOG, GUAM & MICRONESIA:

- **Teaching, tutoring & mentoring.**

The following activities were also associated with my work with the Coast Guard Auxiliary:

Member Training: Provided 30 hours of training to Auxiliary members on a variety of topics.

Public Education: Instructed two 30-hour Boating Skills and Seamanship courses to employees of Smithbridge

Corp., an international construction company doing business on Guam with the U.S. Navy, to aid in use of boats

they drive as part of their work. Attended the Coast Guard Auxiliary District 14 Fall Conference and was

recognized for 45 years of service and the District's Boating Safety Educator with the most Instructor hours for

2021 and 2022. Received Admiral's Challenge coin from Retired C.G. Rear Admiral, Cari B. Thomas, in

recognition of many years of service.

Presented a session of Boating Safety topics at a Coast Guard Industry Day event to an audience of about 75 persons who work in various maritime industries, Port user's groups, vessel owner/operators, local government agencies, DOD/MSC etc..

- **Service to UOG, collaborating institutions and local civic/religious organizations.**

Was an active member of the Society of Emeritus Professors and Retired Scholars of the University of Guam. Due to continued risk of Covid and other health issues, SEPRS meetings attended during 2023 were via ZOOM.

Served on SEPRS Scholarship Committee.

Continued 46th year of volunteer work as a Coast Guard Auxiliarist including:

Continued appointments as the Guam Auxiliary Sector Coordinator, Guam Flotilla Member Training Officer, and Information Systems Officer. Duties include: 1. As Auxiliary Sector Coordinator: attend Coast Guard Sector Guam monthly Department Head meetings, provide information concerning Auxiliary activities and concerns to Active-Duty leaders, and inform C. G. leadership of local events and situations that may impact Coast Guard personnel and operations. Make quarterly reports to the District Commodore and report any matters of concern that should be brought to the attention of the District Staff Officers 2. As Member Training Officer: Oversee the training needs of Flotilla members by providing appropriate study materials, assigning mentors, proctoring exams, arranging for qualifications' demonstrations, etc... Make quarterly reports to the District Training Officer. 3. As Information Systems Officer: Record activity data of members in Division 02 into Auxiliary National Data base. Instruct members on use of new AUXDATA II reporting system.

PHILANTHROPY:

Sponsor James & Robert Sajovsky Scholarship;

University of Guam Endowment Foundation;

Isla Center for the Arts

Donated personal funds to my alma mater, the University of Notre Dame.

Am a Guahan member of KPRG, Public Radio for Guam.

Donated personal funds to the American Cancer Society.

Donated personal funds to the American Red Cross.

Donated to Guam Animal's in Need (GAIN).

HEIDI SAN NICOLAS, Ph.D.
Director Emerita of CEDDERS (Member since 2019)

We heard from Dr. San Nicolas. Unfortunately, due to providing care to family members, she is unable to submit a report this year. She was able to attend one meeting this year.

ANNETTE TAIJERON SANTOS, DBA
Dean Emerita of Business and Public Administration

Hafa Adai, please find my report of activities for the 2023 timeframe across the endeavors of Teaching, Research, and Service to the University of Guam, the profession, and the region.

ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO UOG, GUAM & MICRONESIA:

- **Teaching, tutoring & mentoring.**

I currently serve as full-time Interim Dean of Chaminade University of Honolulu and remain committed to providing high quality academic opportunities to students in Hawaii, its surrounding islands, as well as the Pacific region.

I continued to serve as a professional mentor to Triton alumni as well as local and regional professionals. I participated in professional presentations as invited.

- **Research endeavors, creative endeavors & publications.**

I continued to build content toward a book endeavor that focuses on business etiquette in Micronesia. This book is inspired by the work of Wayne A Conaway who wrote, Kiss, Bow, or Shake Hands and my interest in contributing to island wisdom efforts.

- **Service to UOG, collaborating institutions and local civic/religious organizations.**

I continued as an active member of the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) and an elected member of the PATA Micronesia Board. I continued to serve as the Chairperson of the Notre Dame High School Advisory Board and Local First, Guam as well as a member of the Rotary eClub of Pago Bay Guam and Lector at San Vicente Parish in Barrigada.

I am an active donor to the SEPRS scholarship as well as the Na Maolek Mo'na scholarship to benefit selected students in the SBPA graduate programs.

I attended SEPRS meetings.

In partnership with Dr. Kurashina, I am also exploring the concept of establishing chapters for SEPRS toward increasing membership engagement and a sense of belonging.

PERSONAL

In addition to the above, I continue to apply my strategic management knowledge and expertise in continued work with institutions of higher learning and build professional networks across the Pacific region. I engage in regular workout routines, reading, and mindful reflection. Most importantly, I take advantage of every opportunity to spend time with my family and close friends.

PHILANTHROPY:

Donor (SEPRS Scholarship Fund; University of Guam Endowment Foundation)

Sponsor (Na Maolek Mo'na Scholarship; University of Guam Endowment Foundation)

ROBERT L. SCHLUB, Ph.D.
Professor Emeritus of Plant Pathology

As of January 31, 2024, no reports have been received. However, records indicate:

- **Service to UOG, collaborating institutions and local civic/religious organizations.**

SEPRS Meeting

DALJIT SINGH, Ph.D.
Professor Emeritus of Public Administration (Member since 1997)

ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO UOG, GUAM & MICRONESIA:

- **Teaching, tutoring & mentoring.**
- **Research endeavors, creative endeavors & publications.**

Zoom Meeting Participation, Claremont Graduate University Seminar on Global Leadership, Sunday, October 8, 2023, 1:00 PM.

The Roundtable Discussion Panel Participation on Contemporary Korean Politics: A Keynote Lecture by Professor Gi-Wook Shin, Director of the Korean Study Center, Stanford University, presentation was delivered at California State University, Business Center at Fresno Campus, October 26, 2023.

Sunday Service Presentation, “Remembering Sant Kaur Dua, Enlightening the Path to Interfaith Understanding.” The Unitarian Church of the Desert, October 29, 2023.

- **Service to UOG, collaborating institutions and local civic/religious organizations.**

Professional Service to individuals, organizations

The American Political Science Association. Member (1959---).

American Society for Public Administration. Member (1975---).

University of Guam. Society of Emeritus Professors and Retired Scholars.
Member (1996---).

California State University at Fresno Emeriti and Retirees Association. Life
Member (2006---).

The National Language Service Corps (NLSC). US Department of Defense (2016--).

Kaweah Delta Health Care District, Tulare County, California. Community Advisory Committee. Healthcare for Today and Tomorrow (2017--).

Service to the Community

President, Rotary Club of Rancho Mirage, CA (2022-2023).

Member, The Rotary Club of Rancho Mirage Foundation, CA (2020-2023).

Member, Rancho Mirage, California. The Rotary Scholarship Committee (2020-2023).

PHILANTHROPY:

Donor (University of Guam Endowment Foundation)

To other academic institutions

Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA

California State University at Fullerton Foundation, CA

California State University at Fresno, Foundation, CA

College of the Desert, Palm Desert. CA.

Other Charitable Organizations

The Rotary International Foundation, IL

The Rotary Club of Rancho Mirage Foundation, CA

Rotary Club of Rancho Mirage, CA

FIND. The Food Bank of Indio, CA

The Sikh Coalition

KIM SKOOG, Ph.D.
Professor Emeritus of Philosophy (Member since 2021)

We heard from Dr. Skoog. Due to numerous health issues with himself and his family, his report is limited to:

ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO UOG, GUAM & MICRONESIA:

- **Service to UOG, collaborating institutions and local civic/religious organizations.**

Attended SEPRS Meeting

PHILANTHROPY:

Donor (SEPRS General Fund & Scholarship Fund)

KYLE D. SMITH, Ph.D.
Emeritus Professor of Psychology (Member since 2020)

ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO UOG, GUAM & MICRONESIA:

- **Teaching, tutoring & mentoring.**

I continue to contribute guest lectures in social psychology to multiple online courses offered by Western Carolina University.

- **Research endeavors, creative endeavors & publications.**

Dr. Yoshi Kawabata (Professor of Psychology) and I continue to write together, having prepared a 4982-word manuscript on positive empathy that presents findings from a study I was certain would take 9000 words to describe. We are also considering previewing these findings at a peer-reviewed U.S.-based conference in social psychology, while journal editors put our manuscript through its paces.

As a member of the Alternate Worlds writers' community, I edit and continue to write science fiction with a verbosity that will surprise no one who served with me on UOG committees. William Faulkner famously remarked that novelists are "failed short story writers," given that it's much more difficult to tell a good story in the short form than in the longer. Add to that the challenges of world-building in science fiction stories (more often set in distant future worlds than in, say, 21st Century New York), and I'll tip my hat to Mr. Faulkner as I continue work on my second novel (17,000 words so far, and climbing.)

Still, I also have a short story in progress (about a mediation in the 22nd Century!) that I guarantee will come in under 7000 words.

Nothing will stop me...not even acceptance rates of 1%! (And I used to think journals in psychology that maintain acceptance rates of < 10%, were formidable.)

One of the things I most enjoy about writing fiction is how the research that these stories require takes me in such fascinating directions. Working on my current novel required—among other things—that I learn about dissociative identity disorder (what used to be called ‘multiple personalities’); theories about how a human being’s consciousness could be transferred to a computer; and how a Sufi prepares for the afterlife. The latter makes my head spin.

- **Service to UOG, collaborating institutions and local civic/religious organizations.**

I’m continuing my work as a lead mediator for Clark County’s Community Mediation Services. The challenge: I find mediations for small claims cases (the only type CCM conducts) even more challenging than many of the mediations I conducted for Guam’s *Inafa’ Maolek* (usually mediations for families.) The nationwide average success rate for small claims—at about 52%—is lower than for many other types of mediations. The upside: I’m learning steadily, and I’m enjoying an ever-improving track record with a success rate approaching 75%.

LILNABETH SOMERA, Ph.D.

Professor Emerita of Communication Studies (Member since 2021)

ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO UOG, GUAM & MICRONESIA:

- **Teaching, tutoring & mentoring.**

I wrote several letters of recommendation for colleagues in the Communication and Media program applying for

Promotion and Tenure and for former students (Communication graduates) applying to graduate school and for jobs. I’ve maintained e-mail and Whatsapp conversations with former students exploring graduate school and other career options.

- **Research endeavors, creative endeavors & publications.**

Lilnabeth P. Somera, Tressa Diaz, Angelina Mummert, Grazyna Badowski, Jaeyong Choi, Harmony Palaganas and Kristian Ayson. Cervical cancer and HPV knowledge and awareness: An educational intervention among college students in Guam, *Asian Pacific Journal of Cancer Prevention*,

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/36853291/> , February 2023.

Mark L Willingham Jr, Angela Sy, Munirih Taafaki, Reyna Bodnar, Tressa P Diaz, Lilnabeth P Somera, Christina Lucy Porte, Clementina D Ceria-Ulep , Annilet Pingul , Jeny Bissell, Kevin D Cassel. Utilizing Filipino key informants to guide community outreach for cancer prevention in Hawai’i.

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/37530122/>, Aug 2, 2023.

- **Service to UOG, collaborating institutions and local civic/religious organizations.**

I am on the board of directors of the University of the Philippines Alumni Association of Guam.

I helped coordinate the successful Pinoy Trivia events last October 2023, which raised almost \$20K for scholarships. I am currently chair of the Scholarship Committee, which will be selecting scholars for Fall 2024 at UOG, GCC, and a campus of the University of the Philippines.

I continue to support the ministries of the Guam United Methodist Church, including a Food Pantry which we started in 2022. I served as Administrative Council Chair in 2023 and have been elected for another year. I also as occasional pianist when the regular pianist is not available.

- **Personal**

My husband and I did some traveling in 2023, and have resolved to explore more of our homeland, the Philippines. During the year, we made several trips to Manila and visited Batanes, Davao, Ilocos Sur and Capiiz.

We also made a couple of trips to the US, and visited Vietnam, Taiwan and Japan (where our son got married in December).

MARY SPENCER, Ph.D.
Dean Emerita (Member since 2013)

ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO UOG, GUAM & MICRONESIA:

- **Teaching, tutoring & mentoring.**

Available to students; e.g., informal advising to students in the UOG Micronesian Studies M.S. Program, such as Paulette Coulter. Typically, I discuss questions they have regarding their planning and/or implementation of thesis research. Also typical is for me to suggest specific Micronesian studies and/or psychological research literature relevant to their research methods and questions. At times I discuss how to plan and carry out field research in Micronesia in a responsible and culturally appropriate way. The nuts and bolts of making arrangements and being prepared to imbed in a different environment is a topic I discuss with students with research sites away from their home communities. Involved in this work is my availability for reading drafts of student research proposals and reports and making recommendations for end results. I did some, but very little of this last year. I hope to be in contact with more students in the future as the COVID period fades away.

- **Research endeavors, creative endeavors & publications**

I serve on the Advisory Committee of a large federal grant awarded to **PREL** (Pacific Region Educational Laboratory), which serves the Micronesian Region. It is funded by, and under the direction of, the US Department of Education. Although its work was somewhat disrupted by the COVID epidemic, I have continued to make recommendations of relevant research and external reports of interest. An opportunity for

on-site visitation to one or more of the involved island or state projects is being discussed.

I am a member of the Board of the *Pacific Asia Inquiry* peer reviewed journal which is published four times a year by the UOG College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences. After my term as Editor last year, I worked with the new Editors during the transition to their terms. I provide advice and support to the Dean of CLASS when he asks for ideas or additional support relevant to the journal.

Although I am a psychologist, I also have a long-time interest in the ceramic arts, particularly porcelain. Associated with this is my collecting of Japanese art deco porcelain items produced by the Noritake Company since the early 1900's. (These items are not dinnerware; emphasis is on the collection of vases.) For several years, I have researched, photographed, and written articles on specific genres of art porcelain products within the Noritake realm; and in earlier years, I visited the Noritake factory in Nagoya, Japan. (The Morimura Brothers established the factory in Nagoya, Japan in 1904, along with US business operations in New York.) I wrote several art/history themed articles in 2023 for the nationally distributed Noritake Collectors' Society magazine. Professor Lewis Rifkowitz provided technical advice that was included in one of these. I also attended the annual national meeting of the NCS in Arizona of other serious collectors and students of the art.

- **Service to UOG, collaborating institutions and local civic/religious organizations**
- **Academic Contributions Planned for 2023-24**

I expect to continue in much the same way in the coming year; however, with relief from much of the COVID pandemic, I think opportunities for activity and contribution will diversify and improve over what was possible in the past year.

PHILANTHROPY:

I live on Maui, Hawaii. There are many Micronesians and other Pacific Islanders living here. Therefore, some of my relevant financial, material, and time donations are given on behalf of these Pacific Islanders. Many of my other donations go directly to the University of Guam on Guam, or directly to educational or community organizations in the Micronesian region.

I donated a full 10 volume set (new) of *History of Micronesia*, produced by the scholar Rodrigue Levesque, to the University of Hawaii, Library, Maui Campus. The UHM student body and faculty have good potential for the use of these historical materials:

The Levesque set addresses Pacific history and links with Europe, the US, and other international and insular connections; supported by the inclusion of copies of many original historical materials;

Many indigenous students from the Pacific Islands, including Guam and Micronesia; as well as faculty, administrators, and community members with Pacific Island expertise and application commitments – who live in Maui - will find these useful;

I donated a copy of each of the books I authored or co-authored on the subject of children of the Micronesian region to the University of Hawaii, Library, Maui Campus:

Spencer, M.L. (2015). *Children of Chuuk Lagoon: A 21st Century Analysis of Life and Learning on Romonum Island*. Guam: University of Guam Press;

Stephenson, R. A. and Spencer, M. L. (Editors; chapter articles) (2019). *Ulithi Atoll, Micronesia: Recalling the Past, Reaffirming the Future*. Guam: University of Guam Press;

Cash Donations (some relevant to Guam and Micronesia; some more general):

UOG Endowment Foundation: \$50 (12/23);

CLASS/UOG faculty travel to represent UOG at the opening of the National Women's Museum, Washington, DC: \$3,000 (7/21/23);

AARP on Maui, \$90 (2023)

Kansas Big Sisters/Big Brothers, \$200 (2023)

Obama Foundation, \$35 (12/2023)
League of Women Voters, \$20 (2023)

Emily's List \$100 (2023)

Salvation Army on Maui, \$50 (2023)

Gutmacher Institute (\$50)

Other women candidate donations (mostly to Pacific Islanders at the national level)
(\$325)

REBECCA A. STEPHENSON, Ph.D.
Professor Emerita of Anthropology (Member since 2008)

ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO UOG, GUAM & MICRONESIA:

- **Teaching, tutoring & mentoring.**

Presented guest Lectures to students from Ryukoku University, Kyoto, Japan and Kyushu University, Japan at the invitation of UOG's Global Learning and Engagement in August, 2023 at AV-1, RFK Library on campus.

- **Research endeavors, creative endeavors & publications**

Publications:

The off-campus distribution, local and overseas sales, and such for the UOG Ulithi book cited below is being informally tracked. Recently the Univ. of Guam Press has placed this UOG Press/MARC publication in its pages. The book is also readily available through Amazon.com. Co-edited by Rebecca A. Stephenson and Mary L. Spencer, the book is entitled *Ulithi Atoll, Micronesia: Recalling the Past, Reconfirming the Future*. The book, comprising 247 pages, includes photos, maps, and illustrations, and also extensive bibliographies. The book is presented by the Univ. of Guam Press. This very new and recent edited volume highlights field research endeavors undertaken within Ulithi Atoll and collected especially on site within a time frame of many years. This new book has been written and prepared by 11 academic scholars who are directly linked with UOG. Some of the participants within this book project are Ulithians. During 2023, a digital version of the book was suggested by the UOG Press and a new cover design was reviewed by the principal editors.

(n.d.) manuscript: “Enua Manu Teia: Exploring Historical and Cultural Dynamics of Atiu, Cook Islands, Polynesia.” In preparation. This upcoming publication will draw upon data gathered by the writer during her many periods of field study on site while in residence at various times on the island of Atiu in the southern Cook group, Polynesia. Her Ph.D. Dissertation concerning Atiu was written in full while she was in residence for a lengthy period of time at the University of Oregon, USA, preparing the earliest full draft of this manuscript.

Professional Consultation:

1. Continuing academic contacts with Lan-Hung Nora Chiang, Ph.D., who is a Prof. Emerita of Cultural Geography at National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan, ROC.
2. Frequent contacts with Ann Ames, Ph.D. and Todd Ames, Ph.D., both full-time faculty members at UOG, in sharing continuing academic enhancement for UOG students who are enrolled in Micronesian studies courses, offered in general and also within the M.A. Degree Program in Micronesian Studies at UOG.

- **Service to UOG, collaborating institutions and local civic/religious organizations**

Attended SEPRS general membership meetings at the Emeritus Hall, UOG, when such meetings were called -- on March 14 (in person), September 12 (in person) and December 12, 2023 (in person).

Continued to serve since 2011 as a Member of the Emeritus Scholarship Committee for the Society of Emeritus Professors and Retired Scholars (SEPRS). Attended the Annual SEPRS Scholarship Gala held at the Guam Hilton Hotel on April 29, 2023,

which was coordinated by SEPRS Scholarship Committee Member Dr. Lou Klitzkie.

Attended 3 public lectures given by Dr. Nam Kim of the University of Wisconsin at three different venues on Guam in August, 2023.

Attended the Memorial Service for Dean Dr. Margaret Hattori-Uchima held at the UOG Field House on January 20, 2023.

Attended funeral for the Dr. Lorraine Yamashita held at St. Anthony's /Chapel/Church in Tamuning on September 19, 2023.

Attended the Memorial Service for Professor Emerita Dr. Lorraine Yamashita held at the CLASS Lecture Hall on October 13, 2023.

Member and former President of AAUW- Guam.

Longtime Member, International Women's Club of Guam (IWC). Up to the present time, membership has been maintained through regular telephone and e-mail communications with IWC leaders and members.

Served on two committees within the Guam United Method Church in Mangilao in 2023.

PHILANTHROPY:

Donor (SEPRS Scholarship Fund)

Made monetary donations to the following entities:

Bernice P. Bishop Museum, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Hamline University, St. Paul, Minnesota (Alma Mater).

University of Oregon (Alma Mater).

World Wildlife Fund (WWF).

National Geographic Society.

Guam United Methodist Church.

HONORS AND MEMBERSHIPS:

Lifetime Fellow, Pacific Science Association, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Regular Member of the Pacific Science Association.

American Anthropological Association, USA. Member.

American Association of University Women (AAUW), Guam Branch. Past President, and Longtime Member.

International Women's Club of Guam. Longtime Member.

Pan-Pacific and Southeast Asia Women's Association, Hawaii Chapter (PPSEAWA), Life Member.

Federation of Asia Pacific Women's Associations (FAWA). General Member, and Past Board Member.

HENRY J. TAIJERON, Ph.D.
Professor Emeritus of Mathematical Science (Member since 2001)

As of January 31, 2024, no reports have been received.

SALLY Y. TSUDA, M.S.
Professor Emerita of Nursing (Member since 1990)

We heard from Sally. Unfortunately, due to health issues, she is unable to submit a report this year.

ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD, Ed.D.
President Emeritus (Member since 2001)

ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO UOG, GUAM & MICRONESIA:

- **Teaching, tutoring & mentoring.**
- **Research endeavors, creative endeavors & publications**

Projects

Finished up the NSF Grant as co-PI with Dr. David Ruskin. This is the Documenting Endangered Languages project. Interviews are conducted of CHamoru speakers (first language) analyzed and marked for placement in two Linguistic Archives.

Finished the Bitiranu.Org project with Guam Humanities and the National Endowment for Humanities. These are interviews of 25 Vietnam Veterans in the CHamoru language. They are on the website and submitted to the Veteran's History Project at the Library of Congress as a special collection.

Continued Working on I Adai CHamoru – a Minecraft Game project. We have developed three scenarios and the game will “roll out” this year.

Vice Chair, Science and Technology Committee, EPSCoR- University of Guam

Writing

Write bi-weekly columns for the Pacific Daily News – “Put Fabot!”

Write monthly column for the Pacific Island Times – “These Islands”

- **Service to UOG, collaborating institutions and local civic/religious organizations**

Continued service on President’s Advisory Commission on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders.

Continued service on Equity Accountability Council for Coca Cola in Atlanta

Continued service on the American Folklife Center Board, Library of Congress

Continued service on the Kumision I Fino’ CHamoru

Chairman of the Pacific Center for Island Security

Began 5 minute podcasts for KPRG in November

Member, Pacific Elders Voice

PHILANTHROPY:

Donor (SEPRS Scholarship Fund; University of Guam Endowment Foundation)

TRAVEL

Victoria, BC, Washington DC – Feb 2023 (American Folklife Meeting)

Salt Lake City - March 2023 (Coca Cola)

Atlanta – July 2023 (Coca Cola)

Honolulu – July 2023 (President’s Advisory Council)

Fiji – Pacific Elders Meeting – September 2023 (Pacific Elders Meeting)

Washington DC – September 2023 (American Folklife Center: APIA Scholars)

Washington DC – October 2023 (President’s Advisory Council)

Charlotte NC – November – December 2023 (personal)

GEORGE CLAYTON WALL, Ph.D.
Professor Emeritus of Plant Pathology (Member since 2020)

As of January 31, 2024, no reports have been received.

CHIH WANG, Ph.D.
Professor Emeritus of Library Science (Member since 2007)

We heard from Dr. Wang. Unfortunately, due to medical issues, he is unable to submit a report this year. He does follow communications sent out to the membership.

HELEN J. D. WHIPPY, Ph.D.
Vice President Emeritus (Member since 2019)

ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO UOG, GUAM & MICRONESIA:

- **Teaching, tutoring & mentoring.**

During 2023, I mentored four young women faculty members and two deans as they progressed through their careers. I wrote 10 letters of reference for colleagues and mentees.

- **Research endeavors, creative endeavors & publications**

Continued as an elected Commissioner for the accrediting agency, WSCUC, the WASC Senior Colleges and Universities Commission. I served on various review panels for universities in the region, on several committees, and attended Commission meetings and a retreat. WSCUC asked me to continue to serve for another term, so I agreed and was reconfirmed for another three years. There’s something new to learn every time we meet.

Continued my service as a member of the Program Steering Committee (PSC) for the University of Guam-University of Hawaii U54 Cancer Grant Partnership. In this role, I reviewed grant proposals and provided feedback. I attended the Partnership meeting in Guam in 2023 as a member of the PSC, during which we evaluated the progress of the various components of the grant and provided direction for the future. This grant is preparing for

a competitive renewal next year and the PIs asked me to continue on as a PSC member, I agreed for the period until we have the renewal approved.

I attended the WSCUC ARC (Academic Resource Conference) 2023 and met with the Guam team

- **Service to UOG, collaborating institutions and local civic/religious organizations**

The Registry (a corporation which provides interim administrators for many universities across the US) appointed me as the official representative for the Pacific.

PHILANTHROPY:

- **Sponsor (The James Whippy Scholarship; University of Guam Endowment Foundation)**

Supported the James O Whippy Soccer Scholarship Fund in the UOG Endowment with a gift of \$3,000. This is for both men's and women's soccer players who are UOG students, based on merit and financial need. I awarded the scholarships in person on Charter Day 2023 and Dec. 1, 2023 (an athletics award ceremony). I spoke at the ceremony Dec. 1, 2023.

Supported through monetary donations the following: Public Broadcasting Hawaii, the Hawaii Foodbank, Civil Beat (independent news organization), the Hawaii United Way, Chaminade University scholarships, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln fund, Wikipedia, Goodwill Hawaii, the Sugarcreek United Methodist Church, and the Friends of Fiji.

Personal Enrichment

My traveling ways continued and included San Francisco; Berkeley, CA; Savannah, GA; hiking on Kilauea on the Big Island (and watching it erupt!!); Guam (Charter Day and Scholarships presentation); Orange County, CA; Salt Lake City, UT (I wanted to see the Great Salt Lake before it disappeared....impressive); Huntington Beach, CA; Nadi, Suva, Somosomo, Fiji; Jacksonville, FL;

Languages studied: Vietnamese (in preparation for 2024 travel), Fijian

Volunteered as an ombudsman for the long-term care community via the Hawaii Long-Term Care Office

I took golf lessons and joined a Ladies Golf Group. We play 18 holes every Friday. There were many other milestones during the year, but I am just happy to be here for

2024!

KATHRYN M. WOOD, Ph.D.
Professor Emerita of Nursing (Member since 2021)

ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO UOG, GUAM & MICRONESIA:

- **Teaching, tutoring & mentoring.**

Following the unfortunate and untimely death of Dr. Margaret Hattori-Uchima in December, 2022, I served as Interim Dean of the School of Health from January – August, 2023.

I co-taught NU304: Nursing Care of the Family during spring semester 2023.

- **Research endeavors, creative endeavors & publications**

I continue to serve on the Pacific Islands Cohort on Cardiometabolic Health (PICCAH) NIH grant.

I am a member of the Pacific Island Partnership for Cancer Health Equity (PIPCHU/U54) Internal Advisory Committee.

- **Service to UOG, collaborating institutions and local civic/religious organizations**

I attended the UOG Celebration of life for Dr. Hattori-Uchima in January, 2023, and the 1-year anniversary service for her in December, 2023.

I served as Secretary of SEPRS from January - March, 2023. I resumed the position in August, 2023.

I served on the SEPRS Scholarship Committee.

I served School of Health on the Committee overseeing the Nursing Annex addition. I attended the ground breaking in November, 2023.

I served on the Presidential Search Committee.

I attended Commencement for Spring 2023 and Fall 2023.

I attended the President's Investiture Ceremony.

I participated in Commission on Nurse Leadership (a part of Guam Nurses Association).

PHILANTHROPY:

Donor: I contributed to the Endowment Foundation SEPRS Scholarship.