

NINE DLSU AUTHORS LAUNCH 16 BOOKS

NINE FACULTY MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LITERATURE, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS, launch 16 books published during 2020 to the first quarter of 2021 by leading university presses and reputable independent publishing houses in the Philippines and international publishing imprints.

These research projects in the Humanities come in the forms of creative works in the genres of poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction, children's literature, translation, and narratives of migrant workers in Asia. University Fellow Dinah T. Roma wrestles with the political zeitgeist in

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her fourth collection titled *We Shall Write Love Poems Again* with the University of the Santo Tomas Publishing House. Literary scholar Lily Rose Tope reviews this as “Dinah Roma at her best” as the 47-poem collection is “social history, global commentary, poetics, and personal pain.”

Roma’s *Weaving Basey: A Poet’s History of Home*, recipient of the 2015 National Book Development Writing Trust Fund of the National Book Development Board of the Philippines (NBDB), is published by the Ateneo de Naga University Press. In lyrical essays, Roma writes about her birthplace Basey in Western Samar.

Full Professor and Research Fellow Genevieve L. Asenjo assembles a polyphony of voices in her short story collection *Ang Itim na Orkidyang ng Isla Boracay*, published by the University of the Philippines Press. The book retells the narratives of the Indigenous Peoples of Panay, particularly the Ati/Aeta of the Boracay Island, juxtaposed with the plight of Filipino migrant workers in South Korea.

Also published by the UP Press is her third poetry collection in Kinaray-a and Filipino, *Indi Natun Kinahanglan kang Duro nga Tinaga sa Atun Tunga/Hindi Natin Kailangan ng Maraming Salita sa Ating Pagitan*, chosen as part of the Philippine Writers Series 2021 by Likhaan: UP Institute of Creative Writing.

Asenjo’s first novel, *Lumbay ng Dila*, which received the 2010 citation as Juan C. Laya Prize for Best Novel in a Philippine Language, marks its 10th anniversary with its second edition from Balangay Books.

Full Professor and Research Fellow Carlos M. Pioscos, in *Affect, Narratives, and Politics of Southeast Asian Migration* published by Routledge, contributes to the discourse of the politics of gendered labor migration in Southeast Asia in his studies of representations of Filipino and Indonesian domestic women workers in Hong Kong and Singapore as seen in films, fiction, and performances.

In another book, Pioscos forays into literary translation from Bahasa Indonesia in his edited *Mga Bantay Salakay sa Loob ng Aking Bahay: Antolohiya ng mga Maiikling Kuwento ng mga Indonesian Domestic Worker sa Hong Kong, Singapore, at Taiwan* published as part of Aklat ng Bayan by the Sentro ng Wikang Filipino-UP Diliman.

Associate Professor John Ireml Teodoro gathers his journalistic pieces on *Palawan in Yakap ng Gubat at Dagat ng Palawan: Mga Ekosanaysay* and published by Pawikan Press. The themes range from fighting for the rights of the Indigenous Peoples to environmental conservation alongside man-made ecological disasters.

Associate Professor Mesandel V. Arguelles collects the sum of his poetry practice in the last two decades encompassing eighteen books in *Atra: Mga Tula 1999-2019* published by Balangay Books. This volume shows Arguelles’s extensive, complex, playful, and evolving creative process through the years.

Arguelles’s work is introduced to the international audience in the two books with English translation by Kristine Ong: *Muslim: Twelve Clay Birds* published by the University of the Philippines Press and part of the Philippine Writers Series 2021 of the Likhaan: UP Institute of Creative Writing, and *Three Books*, with illustrations by Erika Carreon, and published by Broken Sleep Books, UK.

Asst. Prof. Lecturer Genaro Gojo Cruz adds to his oeuvre of children’s literature and collaboration with artists with his *Ang Alaga Kong Lolo*, illustrated by Lui Buan, and *Ang Alpabeto sa Malaking Kahon*, illustrated by Pepot Atienza. Both books are published by the foremost publishing house of children’s literature, Lampara Books, as products of Room to Read (RtR) program in cooperation with Adarna House.

Asst. Prof. Lecturer Vijae Alquisola commits to challenging popular notions of children’s literature by championing the voices of the marginalized and the displaced children of our Indigenous Peoples in *Awit ng Bakwit: Mga Tula*, published as part of

Aklat ng Bayan by the Sentro ng Wikang Filipino-UP Diliman.

Asst. Prof. Lecturers Mark Adrian C. Ho and Josephine V. Roque debut with their respective outstanding thesis in the Master of Fine Arts in the Creative Writing program of the department. Ho’s *ANX: Poems* published by the University of the Santo Tomas Publishing House tackles the issue of anxiety translated into poetic forms that explore the binary oppositions that exist in its contexts. The 50 poems respond to the heightened visual culture that is prevalent in the current era of digital information and social media.

Roque’s *How to Ride a Train to Ulaanbaatar and Other Essays* is about a Filipina who leaves home for the first time to work in Shanghai during the first decade of the century. Published by Penguin Random House SEA, the travel essays reflect on themes of mobility, gender and identity politics, and shifting global dynamics in the increasing rise to power of China.

“These yields are products of years of individual commitment encouraged by the enabling mechanisms of the university and the continued valuation of the literary community. They serve as the department’s contribution to the current conditions of cultural and civic life,” the department said in a statement.



De La Salle University RANKED 401–600



DLSU among the world's most sustainable HEIs

FOR THE THIRD STRAIGHT YEAR, DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY IS AMONG THE WORLD'S TOP UNIVERSITIES ranked by the Times Higher Education (THE) for their success in delivering the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In the recently released results of THE Impact Rankings that measured 1,240 institutions from 98 countries, DLSU belongs in the Top 600 bracket. It was ranked in four areas, namely: Clean Water and Sanitation (Top 200), Life Below Water (Top 200), Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions (Top 600), and Partnership for the Goals (Top 400).

DLSU was ranked in the category Clean Water and Sanitation, or SDG 6, for its efforts in improving waste management and operating sewage treatment plants within university premises, in coordination with the Laguna Lake Development Authority.

For the category Life Below Water, or SDG 14, the University's flagship initiative is the DLSU Br. Alfred Shields FSC Ocean Research Center (DLSU SHORE). One of its more recent marine protection projects is the first community-led reef check monitoring at the Kay Reyna Marine Protected Area and Binubusan Marine Protected Area in Batangas.

In pursuit of SDG 16 or Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions, DLSU implements various initiatives, among which is the JRIG-led program on policy research and development towards good governance.

One of the University's key projects addressing SDG 17 or Partnership for the Goals is its partnership with various local government units, including the cities of Manila, Alaminos, and Iriga, in cooperation with the national government agencies, civil society, private sector, academe, and international organizations. Collaborative activities include capacity development, research, and innovation activities.

The rankings are THE's pioneering initiative to recognize universities around the world for their social and economic impact. It has calibrated indicators to provide comprehensive and balanced comparisons across four broad areas: research, stewardship, outreach and teaching.

The UN SDGs, which include initiatives for inclusive and accessible quality education, promoting innovation, and achieving gender equality, offer a framework for global sustainable development.

Asian Scientist 100

GOKONGWEI COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING ASSISTANT DEAN and Chemical Engineering Full Professor Dr. Kathleen Aviso was recently named part of the Asian Scientist 100 list for 2021.

Released by Singapore-based Asian Scientist Magazine, the Asian Scientist 100 recognizes the region's exemplary researchers, highlighting their achievements across a range of scientific fields.

To be part of the list, the researcher must have received a national or international award in the preceding year for his or her research area, made a significant scientific discovery, or taken on a leadership role in academe or industry.

Aviso received the 2020 Dr. Michael Purvis Award for Sustainability Research for her significant contributions to environmental systems engineering. Together with other DLSU researchers, she developed an anti-viral and vaccine allocation model which can help minimize COVID-19 mortality rates in the country.





University unveils Jose T. Pardo AFSC Hall

DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY FORMALLY PRESENTED THE JOSE T. PARDO AFSC HALL, a collaborative e-learning space located at the 5th floor of the Henry Sy, Sr. Hall, on April 24. The venue is named in honor of outstanding Lasallian, public servant, and business magnate Br. Jose “Titoy” T. Pardo AFSC (GS ‘52, HS ‘56, BSC Accounting ‘60, MBA ‘65), whose 82nd birthday coincided with the event.

The Pardo children, led by eldest daughter Yvette Pardo-Orbeta and husband JP, Dianne Pardo-Aguilar and husband Jude, Tina Pardo-Harne and husband James, Barbie Pardo-Tiangco with husband Cong. John Rey, and Ignacio Pardo, and the Pardo grandchildren witnessed the virtual ceremony.

The event commenced with a Eucharistic celebration officiated by DLSU alumnus Fr. Ramon U. Merino (BSIME ‘84), and was attended by the Brother Visitor of the Lasallian East Asia District Br. Armin Luistro FSC, De La Salle Philippines President Ed Chua, DLSU Board of Trustees

members, and DLSU administrators led by President Br. Raymundo Suplido FSC. The honoree’s friends and colleagues who are veritable who’s who in the business, government, and civic circles also attended the celebration.

The Jose T. Pardo AFSC Hall will be equipped with state-of-the-art equipment and facilities for university events, conferences, discourses, and virtual learning activities.

In his message, Br. Titoy shared, “there is no way to go back to the old ways of doing things ... we need to future proof our learning.” The Jose T. Pardo AFSC Hall will now play a significant role in molding younger minds and transforming future leaders, innovators, and change makers.

The donation was made by the Pardo children in celebration of the 80th birthday of Br. Titoy, two years ago.

Top climate scientist

VICE CHANCELLOR FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION AND UNIVERSITY FELLOW DR. RAYMOND TAN is among the world’s top climate scientists, ranked No. 775 of the **REUTERS HOT LIST OF 1,000 TOP CLIMATE SCIENTISTS IN THE WORLD.**

Tan is the co-developer of the carbon emissions pinch analysis (CEPA) algorithm, and he specializes in the development of computer models for low-, zero-, and negative-carbon industrial systems.

He delivered a public lecture entitled “Engineering Terrestrial Carbon Drawdown” as part of the La Salle Sustainability Lecture Series on April 28.



Climate, disaster, and waste management study highlights need to harmonize LGU initiatives



A DLSU FACULTY-LED STUDY SEEKING TO BUILD RESILIENCE IN COMMUNITIES underscores the need to have clear guidelines for local government units (LGUs) to implement international frameworks and existing laws.

Efforts on harmonization practices are highlighted in “Climate Change, Disaster Risk and Waste Management in the Urban and Rural Coastal Communities in the Philippines (INTRAMURAL Project),” a study undertaken by the DLSU Social Development Research Center (SDRC) and commissioned by the Ocean Policy Research Institute (OPRI) of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation.

Team members Dr. Marlon Era, an SDRC research fellow and faculty member of the Behavioral Sciences, Nagisa Yoshioka of Sasakawa’s OPRI, and Daisuke Sasaki of the International Research Institute of Disaster Science, Tohoku University surveyed residents from the cities of Biñan and Santa Rosa in Laguna and the municipalities of Lian and Calatagan in Batangas.

The study also engaged local experts representing the City and Municipal Planning and Development Office, City and Municipal Environmental and Natural Resources Office and City and Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office in a focus group discussion.

A follow-up to the study “Toward Integrated Approach for Climate Disaster Risk and Waste Management: A Comparative Vulnerability Assessment of Urban and Rural Coastal Communities in the Philippines,” the INTRAMURAL project attempts to develop policy-making at the national and regional levels.

The study reveals that community residents as well as local government employees and officials have high levels of awareness and behavioral engagement in relation to the themes of climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction, and solid waste management. They agreed that the Department of Interior and Local Government is the key agency in cascading the international frameworks locally.

University Fellow leads webinar on sustainable consumption and production

ADVOCATING SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION, GOKONGWEI COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING PROFESSORS led by a University Fellow joined a series of webinars for the 15th Asia Pacific Roundtable for Sustainable Consumption and Production.

University Fellow Professor Dr. Anthony SF Chiu of the Industrial Engineering Department, together with Full Professor Dr. Kathleen Aviso of the Chemical Engineering Department, and Mechanical Engineering Department Vice Chair Dr. Neil Stephen Lopez, co-organized the four webisodes, which were held every Tuesday from April 20 to May 11.

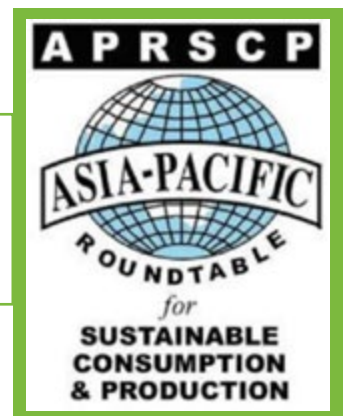
Chiu also served as the roundtable chair of the first webinar and moderated the discussion on the theme “Green Recovery and Beyond in the Asia Pacific through SCP”.

United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA5) Vice President Laksmi Dhewanthi, in her keynote address, stressed the importance of SCP (SDG12) in the global roadmap amid the pandemic. SCP updates were presented by the directors of the United Nations Economic and

Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, United Nations Environment Programme, United Nations Industrial Development Organization, EU SWITCH Asia, and GIZ.

Seven world SCP experts representing the Future Earth, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, United Nations Centre for Regional Development, Global Environment Outlook, Economic Research Centre for ASEAN and East Asia, and Bhutan delivered their short intervention.

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“The presence of God will be a great advantage to you to help and to inspire you to do your actions well.”

Benafale

Letter 2:7 To a Brother. May 15, 1701

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April 16, 2021

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35 Institutions represented

35 Paper presentations



The 2021 AUN-BE Conference aimed to harness the experiences, outlook, and strategies that would enable business and economic societies in the ASEAN region to become catalysts for alleviating the catastrophic effects of the pandemic on businesses and the economy.

Source: Ramon V. del Rosario College of Business and School of Economics



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