



**FACULTY AMONG
THE WORLD’S TOP 2%
RESEARCHERS
BASED ON IMPACT**

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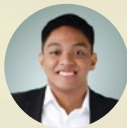
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SEVEN FACULTY MEMBERS ARE INCLUDED IN THE LIST OF THE WORLD'S TOP RESEARCHERS BASED ON CUMULATIVE CAREER STATISTICS.

Six faculty members are included in the list of top researchers based on cumulative career statistics.

They are Dr. Kathleen Aviso, Dr. Allan B.I. Bernardo, Dr. Anthony SF Chiu, Dr. Consolacion Ragasa+, Dr. Luis Razon, Dr. Kainam Thomas Wong, and Dr. Raymond Tan. There are 44 Philippine-based researchers, and only 25 are affiliated with HEIs.

Moreover, 11 Lasallian faculty members are among the leading researchers in the world based on single recent year data per citations received in 2024. They are Dr. Rowalt Alibudbud, Dr. Melchizedek Alipio, Dr. Kathleen Aviso, Dr. Allan B.I. Bernardo, Dr. Jerome Cleofas, Dr. Jeff Clyde Corpuz, Dr. Alvin Culaba, Dr. Fides Del Castillo, Dr. Raymond Tan, Dr. Frederick Tapia, and Dr. Aristotle Ubando.

There are a total of 69 locally-based researchers listed, with 52 from Philippine HEIs.

The list includes around 200,000 scholars from all over the globe. For the full list, visit <https://elsevier.digitalcommonsdata.com/datasets/btchxktzyw/8>.

Fairwork Philippines launches 2025 report on platform work precarity and extreme weather

FAIRWORK'S 2025 REPORT ON GIG WORKERS, WHICH WAS HOSTED IN THE PHILIPPINES BY DLSU SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH CENTER (SRDC), was presented to various stakeholders last September 30 at the Br. Andrew Gonzalez Hall.

The report on "Labor on the Edge: Riding Through Extreme Weather and Precarious Labor" focused on the growing risks of platform work precarity and worsening climate conditions in the Philippines.

Communication professor and principal investigator Dr. Cheryll Soriano highlighted that "Platform workers across the country are exposed to harsher working conditions

exacerbated by extreme heat or heavy rains and flooding, but still with limited social protection. All the burden, not just the basic costs such as fuel, mobile load, or vehicle maintenance—but also, given the recent typhoons and floods—to get their vehicles repaired, or to recover from illnesses and accidents, is shouldered by the workers."

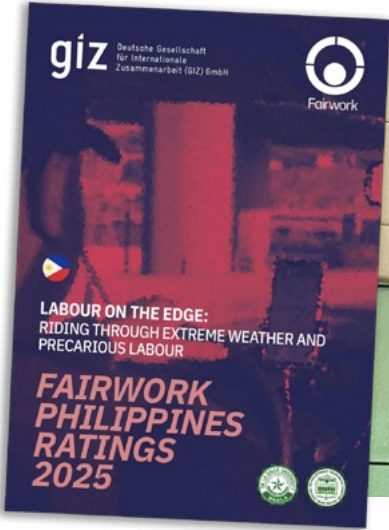
The event, followed by a policy dialogue, brought together representatives from various sectors to discuss the state of platform work in the Philippines and share expertise in shaping a future of fair work grounded in worker-centered policies.

Among the invited speakers were Atty. Alvin

Curada, director of the Department of Labor and Employment Bureau of Working conditions; Julius Cainglet of the Federation of Free Workers; Karol Ilagan from the Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism (PCIJ), and Kirk Gonzales of the National Union of Food Delivery Riders (RIDERS). The panel was moderated by Professor Virgel Binghay, Fairwork PH co-investigator and professor at UP School of Labor and Industrial Relations.

Fairwork PH aspires for its reports to translate into tangible changes that will promote a fair and decent working environment for platform workers.

For the full report, visit: <https://fair.work/en/ratings/philippines/>



The panel members

Photo: Dr. Cheryll Soriano

First Filipino to receive Yale Emerging Climate Leaders Fellowship



Ocon

DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY CHEMICAL ENGINEERING PROFESSOR DR. JOEY OCON WAS SELECTED AS ONE OF THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2026 YALE EMERGING CLIMATE LEADERS FELLOWSHIP, which will be hosted by Yale University’s International Leadership Center at the Jackson School of Global Affairs.

He is the first Filipino to be selected for the fellowship, representing perspectives from the Philippines and the rest of Southeast Asia.

The Fellowship is a five-month program that convenes 16 rising practitioners who were selected out of over four thousand applications from across the developing economies to strengthen leadership skills, deepen networks, and explore policy solutions with global leaders advancing climate and clean energy.

The Program will commence in February 2026 at the Yale campus in New Haven. The fellowship then continues with a series

of remote learning sessions featuring top international experts on policy issues associated with climate change and the clean energy transition. It concludes in June with an in-person week in Paris, including dialogues with leading international energy and climate change experts.

Ocon is a scientist, educator, entrepreneur, and sustainability practitioner bridging science, policy, and innovation to advance a just and regenerative energy future in Southeast Asia. As a researcher, he has over 150 international publications and 4000 citations.

He is also a Principal Strategist for Energy Transition (Southeast Asia) at the global sustainability organization Forum for the Future; Co-Founder, President, and CTO of Nascent Batteries, the ASEAN region’s first sodium-ion battery start-up; and a Co-Convenor of the independent think tank Center for Energy Research and Policy (CERP).

2025 Outstanding Professional of the Year Award in Psychology

DR. RON RESURRECCION RECENTLY RECEIVED THE PRESTIGIOUS 2025 OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR AWARD IN THE FIELD OF PSYCHOLOGY FROM THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION. He is a member and former president of the Psychological Association of the Philippines (PAP).

Resurreccion is a registered psychologist and an associate professor at De La Salle University where he obtained his PhD in Counseling Psychology. He is currently the director of the DLSU Student Success Center.

He has more than 25 years of teaching experience, and more than 17 years of clinical practice. He is a former associate dean of the DLSU College of Liberal Arts and former chair of the DLSU Psychology Department.

He advocates for mental health, children with disabilities and their families, and the environment, with research interest in the fields of mental health, families of children with autism, and positive youth development.



Resurreccion/Photo credit: PAP FB

Student wins award in Okinawa conference

A BS INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING STUDENT FROM THE DLSU GOKONGWEI COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING received the Best Paper Presentation award at the 2025 13th International Conference on Information Management and Engineering (ICIME 2025) held last September 24–26 in Okinawa, Japan.

ICIME is the premier forum for the presentation of technological advances and research results in the fields of Information Management

and Engineering. It brings together leading engineers and scientists in Information Management and Engineering from around the world.

Justin Frankson Pardo presented the paper “Civilian Level Mosquito Control Optimization for Varied Environmental Contexts,” which he co-authored with other ISE students John Paul Chen, Pamela Bernice Estillore, Rafael Niksa Puerto, Pancho Antonio Sibayan, under the mentorship of Dr. Richard Li.

Communication Arts Program's 50th year highlights pursuit of truth

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMMUNICATION ARTS PROGRAM, the DLSU Department of Communication hosted last October 1 a series of activities that highlighted the pursuit of truth through the works of its award-winning faculty and alumni and shared experiences of leading media practitioners.

A screening of short documentaries, themed *Long Way From Truth*, was held in the morning, kickstarting with *Ehem! Plo*, a 2008 documentary video which examines corruption and integrity in Philippine society. The documentary was directed and co-written by University Fellow Dr. Clodualdo del Mundo, Jr.

Bullet-laced Dreams by Kristoffer Brugada and Cha Escala is a 2020 documentary short about indigenous tribal children who fight for their right to education in the face of their schools' militarization.

Obrero by Norman Zafra is an independent multi-platform documentary project that tells the stories of Filipino rebuild workers temporarily migrating to Christchurch, Aotearoa New Zealand after the earthquake in 2011.

The department also hosted in the afternoon *Breaking Through the Noise: Truth in Our Stories*, a communication conference led by DLSU alumni. For the keynote, the featured speaker was Ms. Charo Santos-Concio, who talked about *The Power of Responsible Storytelling*.

A panel discussion on the topic, "*Beyond Buzzwords: Responsible Communication in Practice*" featured media and communication practitioners Lee Briones, Chi Datu-Bocobo, Karen Gomez-Dumpit, Rico Hizon and Edwin Lacierda. The discussion was moderated by Dr. Frances Sangil.

Closing reflections were shared by Dr. Clodualdo del Mundo, Jr. on the topic, *From the Founding Vision to the Future Voice*.



The panel discussants
Photos: DLSU Department of Communication FB

University receives a global award in social entrepreneurship education



Salonga

DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY RECEIVED THE ENTREPRENEURSHIP COURSE OF THE YEAR DURING THE 2025 Global Triple E Awards on Entrepreneurship and Engagement Excellence in Higher Education held September 11 at the Prague Castle in Czech Republic.

The Triple E Awards are a global recognition of efforts toward the quest for entrepreneurship and engagement in higher education by the Accreditation Council for Entrepreneurial and Engaged Universities (ACEEU). The Awards emphasize the role of universities in their communities and ecosystems.

ACEEU is a Germany-based accreditation council composed of world-leading experts in the fields of entrepreneurship and engagement.

DLSU won for its curricular program "Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship: An outcomes-based education approach," designed by Associate Professor of the Ramon V. del Rosario College of Business and LSEED Center Director Dr. Norby Roque Salonga, who was also invited as a speaker at the ACEEU Global Forum.



The group's thesis adviser, Timothy Chu, (rightmost) receives the award.

DLSU team bags Innovative Design Award in international conference

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING STUDENTS ANDREA SHANNE BERCE, R. ANDREA NICOLE BRIONES, ROVER MADRIA, AMIE SUACO, and Kyle Mathew Tuazon won the Innovative Design Award during the 17th International Conference on Social Robotics + AI Robot Design Competition in Naples, Italy held last September 12.

GCOE faculty and the group's thesis adviser Timothy Chu received the award on their behalf.

The recognized entries showcase fresh, forward-thinking concepts in robotics. Participants were encouraged to present novel solutions that tackle emerging challenges faced by consumers and producers, answering questions such as, "How can social robots be part of our life, enrich our life experience, assist, serve and entertain us?"

The aspects considered in the design of such robots include costs of materials and production of the robot, use of new materials, new levels of anthropomorphism and abilities of showing social signals, hardware.



Sustainability lecture focuses on infinite agriculture

DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY, IN COOPERATION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LA SALLE UNIVERSITIES (IALU,) hosted the La Salle Sustainability Lecture, "Toward Infinite Agriculture: Biosensors and the Internet of Living Things," featuring Gokongwei College of Engineering faculty member Dr. Ronnie Concepcion II.

Held last September 24 via Zoom, the webinar tackled Infinite Agriculture, which envisions the convergence of biosensors and the Internet of Living Things (IoLT) to build resilient, intelligent, and sustainable farming systems.

Biosensor-enabled platforms capture real-time physiological and environmental signals from plants, animals, and aquatic organisms, transforming them into actionable insights. When integrated within IoLT frameworks, these signals support adaptive decision-making, optimize resource use, and enable early detection of stressors and pathogens.

Practical applications in aquaculture and crop systems demonstrate

how IoLT extends beyond connectivity to foster co-evolution between biological and digital ecosystems. The concept of Infinite Agriculture advances circular, human-centered, and climate-smart agri-food production for the future.

The speaker, Dr. Ronnie Concepcion II, is an associate professor and Graduate Program coordinator of the Department of Manufacturing Engineering and Management.

He specializes in artificial intelligence (AI) and smart sensing applications for biosystems engineering, agro-environmental sustainability, planetary health, and digital agriculture.

As the head of the Biosensing and Phenotyping research group, he led and co-led multiple nationally and internationally funded R&D projects under the e-Asia, MECO-TECO, and Philippine-India Joint Research Program.

“Have much care and affection for the young people entrusted to you.”

De La Salle

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