



Celebrating 50 years!



## The UH Mānoa Center for Philippine Studies

is excited to commemorate 50 years of excellence in serving the Filipino community. As we honor the past, we look forward to mobilizing and transforming for a brighter future, inspiring new generations through education and cultural exchange. We're proud to present a dynamic range of programs in the coming year that reflect our commitment to education, culture, and community engagement.

Highlights will include:

- A fashion and design exhibit in collaboration with East-West Center
- A Philippine rare library collections workshop and tour
- Center for Philippine Studies Anthology and video documentary
- Artist residency workshops featuring local and international talent
- The first-ever Filipino-centered Mainstage Dance Production in the history of the University of Hawai'i
- A curriculum publication focusing on Filipino history, culture, and contributions

We are dedicated to building on the proud legacy of the Center for Philippine Studies, and we hope to raise \$50K in the coming year to strengthen the Philippine Studies Enrichment Fund. This will help us continue empowering learners to embrace their identity and give back to the community through partnerships, knowledge production, advocacy, and the arts. We hope you'll consider making a gift!

## Center for Philippine Studies

UNIVERSITY  
OF HAWAII  
AT MĀNOA



**Dr. Patricia E. Halagao & Dr. J. Lorenzo Perillo**  
Co-Directors



## ABOUT THE CENTER

The Center for Philippine Studies (CPS) plays an important role in promoting interest in the Philippines and Filipinos in the diaspora as an academic field of study. As such, it occupies a unique place in the university as it finds a niche in the world.

CPS was originally established as a program in 1975 by an Act of the Hawai'i State Legislature to recognize the contributions of Filipinos to the history of Hawai'i, and to highlight the academic expertise on the Philippines at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

## OUR MISSION

The mission of the Center for Philippine Studies is to promote the study of the Philippines and the Filipino diaspora through teaching, research, community outreach, and academic partnerships. It aims to support Filipino students, recognize Filipino contributions to Hawaii and the U.S., and strengthen the University of Hawai'i's global reputation in Philippine studies.

## OUR VISION & GOALS

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# CPS by the Numbers

Over the past 50 years, the Center for Philippine Studies has made longstanding impact in advancing academics, representation, and programming. Here is a snapshot of our progress.



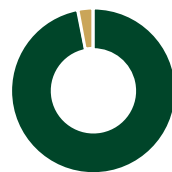
**25%**

**Hawai'i residents:**  
367,525 of  
Filipino descent



**9.7%**

**UHM students:**  
1,951 of Filipino  
descent in  
Fall 2024



**3.2%**

**UHM faculty:**  
30 tenured/tenure-  
track faculty  
identify as Filipino

**151**

**Courses**

with Filipino content



**56**

**BA degrees awarded**

Bachelor of Arts in Philippine  
Language and Literature  
with two emphases offered:  
Filipino/Tagalog and Ilokano



**200+**

**Student  
scholarships**  
awarded

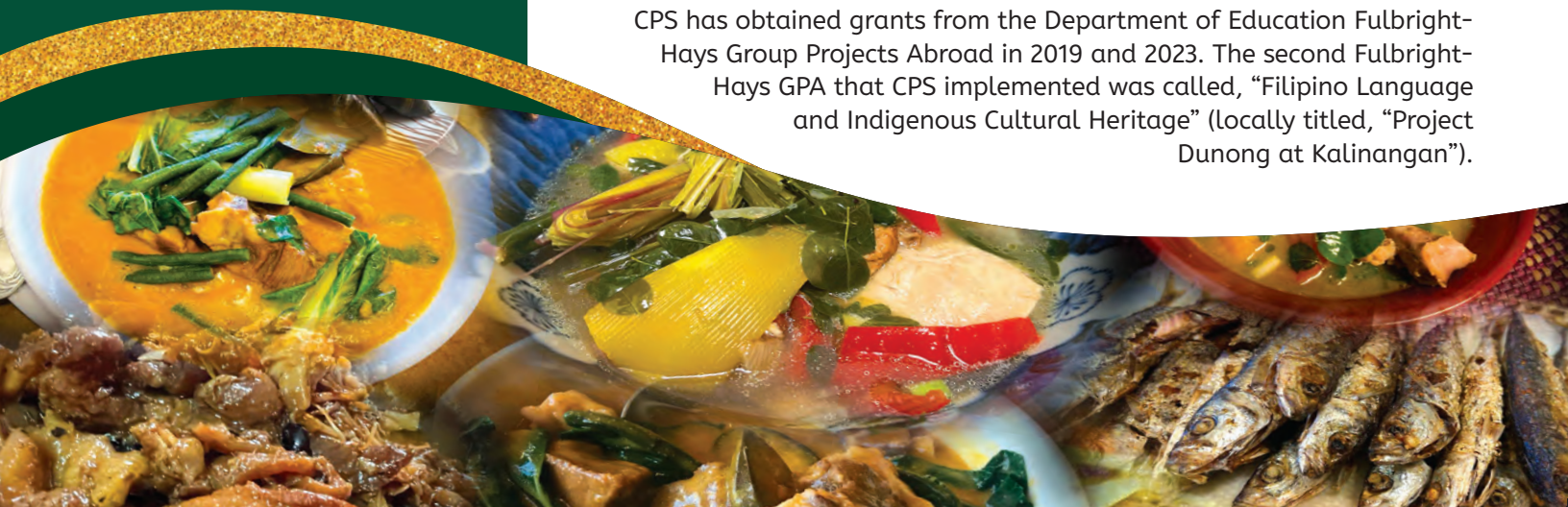
Bachelor of Arts in Asian  
Studies with a Philippine  
interdisciplinary  
concentration



**30+**

**Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Participants**

CPS has obtained grants from the Department of Education Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad in 2019 and 2023. The second Fulbright-Hays GPA that CPS implemented was called, "Filipino Language and Indigenous Cultural Heritage" (locally titled, "Project Dunong at Kalinangan").







350+

Students



25+

College Instructors



25+

High School Teachers

## The Filipino Curriculum Project

CPS, in partnership with the Filipino Curriculum Project and the Sistan Alhambra Filipino American Education Institute, has introduced the nation's first high school Filipino social studies course adopted by a state, CHR 2300 Filipino History Culture. The course debuts in the 2024-2025 academic year at Farrington, Waipahu, Dreamhouse Charter, Maryknoll, and McKinley High Schools.



7

International  
conferences  
with nearly

1,000

participants  
combined



600+

## Colloquium Series Speakers Hosted

CPS conducts regular lectures and public seminars on topics related to the Philippines and Filipinos. It promotes intellectual interest and interaction within the University community, particularly among Philippine specialists.

50th

## Anniversary Cultural Production

In celebration of the CPS's 50th anniversary at UHM, CPS will partner with the Department of Theatre and Dance and produce the first Kennedy Theatre Main Stage Concert to celebrate the history of Filipinos in Hawai'i and the diaspora. It will feature student and community performances from local and international collaborations. Aimed to increase cultural resilience and awareness through performing arts, this project celebrates and makes new connections between various performing arts as tools for building Filipino diasporic identity and community.



# Support CPS

## Help CPS raise \$50K to celebrate 50 years of excellence in serving Hawai'i's Filipino community!

Please consider making a gift to the Philippine Studies Enrichment Fund to show your support! Your gift will make a difference in the lives of Philippine Studies students through academic support, recruitment and mentoring activities, cultural enrichment and community outreach. There are several other funds established for different areas, or you can create your own.

- Aquino International Studies Fund
- Corky Trinidad Endowed Fund
- Filipino and Philippine Literature Fund
- Ligaya Fruto Pamana Endowment
- Philippine Languages & Culture Fund
- Philippine Studies Paper Fund
- Philippine Studies Endowment
- Philippine Studies Enrichment Fund
- Philippine Studies Student Awards Fund
- Philippine Studies Visiting Scholars Fund

Learn more about how you can contribute to the CPS 50th anniversary celebration at

[www.uhfoundation.org/CPS](http://www.uhfoundation.org/CPS)

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"How does academic work contribute to society? It is our responsibility as researchers, teachers and scholars to provide vital sources of knowledge to clarify, advance, and help resolve problems and issues facing humanity. ... Society continues to change. So the job of furthering knowledge must always continue."

— **Belinda Aquino,**  
**CPS Founding Director**

"The support and recognition of the The Center for Philippine Studies Department through the \$1,000 Academic Excellence Award has been very meaningful to me, not just as funding, but as an acknowledgement of the work that I have done in my academic career as a Filipino Studies minor. This award helped to support me in continuing my studies of Filipino culture and language, proving that the work that I am passionate about and committed to doing is meaningful to others as well as myself." — **Jensen Villaflor**



"I deeply appreciate the scholarship I was awarded for in Spring 2023 as it helped me to further pursue my desire to learn more about my culture, study Ilokano, and delve into Tagalog language post graduation with some financial ease. As I'm anticipating my trip to the Philippines once again, I hope to gain additional literature insight."

— **Shekinah Glory Hernando**

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