



Center for Philippine Studies
University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
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Fall 2023

● **Film Showing: *Kunyari***

Directed by Justin Ocampo

Kunyari, written and directed by Justin Ocampo, is a Filipino American romantic comedy short film about two former lovers pretending to be together at a party in the act of self-preservation against the expectations of their gossiping and intrusive Filipino families, encountering unresolved feelings along the way.

Date: September 19, 2023, 12:00 pm

Spring Fall 2023

● Webinar: **Beads, Batok and Beauty: Philippine Traditions of Adornment**

By Dr. Maharah “Raju” Desai, San Francisco State University

This lecture explores the traditional concept of beauty to the contemporary. We will look at adornment in clothing in multiple indigenous communities including Kalinga, Ifugao, Bukidnon, Talaandig, Tiboli and Maguindanao. We will explore how colonial systems of white supremacy and heteropatriarchy influence the Filipina/o sense of beauty and constructions of gender.

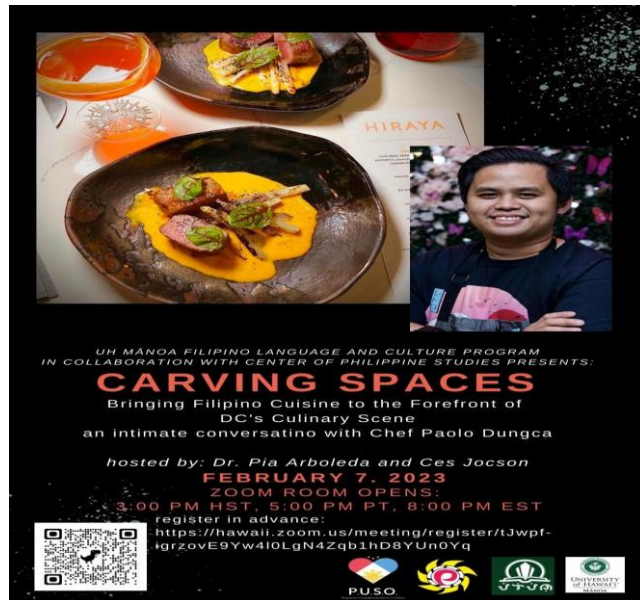
Date: April 4, 2023, HST

● Webinar: **Bringing Filipino Cuisine to the Forefront of DC’s Culinary Scene**

By Chef Paolo Dungca and Chef Francis Maling

Another Pinoy food talk. Chef Dungca and Chef Maling share their experiences in defining and redefining Filipino cuisine in the United States.

Date: February 7, 2023, 3:00 pm, EST



Fall 2022

● Webinar Schedule: **HALF A CENTURY AFTER MARTIAL LAW - RECOLLECTIONS AND REFLECTIONS**

In 2022, the Center for Philippine Studies hosted a year-long webinar series on Martial Law in the Philippines based on the above theme.

This webinar series will feature presentations by invited scholars to reflect on the Martial Law, Philippine style, declared by then President Ferdinand Marcos on September 23, 1972 ([Proclamation No. 1081](#)). Holding office beyond what the law allowed, Marcos continued governing the Philippines by an iron hand. He suspended the *writ of habeas corpus*, dissolved Congress and installed a puppet legislative body, incarcerated thousands of militants and oppositionists without due process while hundreds of *desaparecidos* left no trace, and militarized the country especially Mindanao, where about three-fourths of the army ran after the Moro secessionists led by Nur Misuari. The military also clamped down on the rising communist threat propagated by Jose Maria Sison.

The schedule is shown below. Also, details on the individual lecturers are provided here.

1. Belinda A. Aquino, PhD – **The Philippines Under the Marcos Regime: A Broad Overview and the ‘Plunder of the Ages’**, March 9, 2022, Wednesday, 4:00 pm, HST (Hawaii time). *Please click this link for details* – [Aquino](#)
2. Dexter Cayanes, PhD – **Specific time-continuum in the “Signification” of Bienvenido Lumbera: The Nation, the Writer and the Sagisag Magazine in the Imaginative Period of Martial Law 1975-1979**, April 13, 2022, Wednesday, 4:00 pm, HST. *Please click this link for details* – [Cayanes](#).

3. Rufa C. Guiam, PhD – **Impact of Martial Law on the Bangsamoro and their Struggles**, April 27, Wednesday, 4:00 pm, 2022 (HST). *Please click this link for details – [Guiam](#)*
 4. Patricio N. Abinales, PhD – **Philippine Democracy at Death’s Door: 1986 and the Marcos Resurrection,** September 8, 2022, Thursday, 4:00 pm, HST (Hawaii time). *Please click for details – [Abinales](#)*
 5. Josen M. Diaz, PhD – **The Crisis of Martial Law**, October 5, 2022, Wednesday, 4:00 pm, HST. *Please click this link for details – [Diaz](#)*
 6. Mark J. Sanchez, PhD – **From Barefoot Lawyers to International Tribunals**, November 4, 2022, Friday, 4:00 pm, HST. *Please click for details – [Sanchez-](#)*

- Webinar: **The Philippines Under the Marcos Regime: A Broad Overview and the ‘Plunder of the Ages’**, March 9, 2022, Wednesday, 4:00 pm, HST (Hawaii time).

By Dr. Belinda A. Aquino, Professor Emeritus, UH

Dr. Aquino served as the keynote speaker of this series.

Her presentation attempts to broaden our understanding of the colossal Marcos plunder by probing its national and transnational dimensions. It was a mind-numbing phenomenon that profoundly shocked even the most hard-boiled critics and cynics. It earned for Marcos such titles as “the world’s greatest thief,” “one of the world’s 10 worst dictators,” and “the perpetrator of the plunder of the ages.” Thirty-five years after Marcos declared Martial Law in the Philippines in 1972, and nine years after his death in exile in Hawai’i in 1989, Philippine society continues to grapple with the pernicious and unprecedented assault against the very core of the country that Marcos had plundered for so long.

Date: March 9, 2022, 4:00 pm

- Webinar: **Specific time-continuum in the “Signification” of Bienvenido Lumbera: The Nation, the Writer and the Sagisag Magazine in the Imaginative Period of Martial Law 1975-1979**

By Dr. Dexter Cayanes, University of the Philippines

The lecture will outline the advance of the cultural struggle (‘literature of circumvention’) from the writings of our National Artist Bienvenido Lumbera. It can be said that he has contributed a comprehensive awareness in the repository of our national consciousness. Lumbera’s writings in his column *Pananagisag* (Signification) reveal the roots of miseducation, the importance of decolonization, support for the native language, and the

crafting of a critical pro-Filipino values. Lumbera also gives recognition to the value of heritage and involvement towards the area of the psychology of learning and the liberating perspective/understanding about the complexity of our changing society.

Date: April 17, 2022, Wednesday, 4:00 pm, HST

● Webinar: **Erasing, distorting, and revising foundational narratives of the Bangsamoro struggle during the dark years of Martial Law**

By Prof. Rufa Guiam, Mindanao State University-General Santos

The dark period of Martial Law under the late President Marcos Sr brought massive changes in the lives of the Islamized populations (Moro or now Bangsamoro) in southern Philippines, particularly in the new region now called Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM). Details on the inordinate suffering of the Bangsamoro people are being constantly challenged by efforts first to erase, distort and revise peoples' narratives of their horrendous experiences especially in the current political context when the son and namesake of the late dictator is now perceived to be the frontrunner among the candidates for president in the coming May 9 elections.

Date: April 27, 2022, 4:00 pm, HST

● Webinar: **From Barefoot Lawyers to International Tribunals**

By Dr. Mark John Sanchez, Vanderbilt University

This talk will discuss the ways that legal aid organizations challenged the Marcos government. Within the Philippines, organizations like the Free Legal Assistance Group (FLAG) led by Jose Diokno collected testimonies and opposed the government's treatment of prisoners.

This webinar is part of the year-long symposium organized by the Center for Philippine Studies in commemoration of Martial Law in the Philippines.

Date: November 2, 2022, 2:00 pm (HST)

● Webinar: **"The Crisis of Martial Law"**

By Dr. Josen M. Diaz, University of San Diego

Dr. Josen M. Diaz will talk on "The Crisis of Martial Law" in a different angle. Her presentation reconsiders martial law (in the Philippines) as both a political tactic for navigating a "a world [that] has grown more perilous" and where "problems have become more complex and critical" and as authoritarian historiography.

This webinar is part of the year-long symposium organized by the Center for Philippine Studies in commemoration of Martial Law in the Philippines.

Date: October 5, 2022, 4:00 pm (HST)

● Webinar: **Philippine Democracy at Death's Door: 1986 and the Marcos Resurrection**

By Dr. Patricio N. Abinales, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

How can we explain the historic electoral victory of Ferdinand II? What happened to the Democracy that was supposed to have returned in 1986? The lecture tries to explore some of the institutional and political factors behind the Marcosian restoration as well as the twilight of the EDSA Revolution.

Date: September 8, 2022, 4:00 pm (HST)

This webinar is part of the year-long symposium organized by the Center for Philippine Studies in commemoration of Martial Law in the Philippines.

● Zoom Lecture: **Pamana ng Lahi Workshop**

The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Center for Philippine Studies, UHM Center for Southeast Asian Studies and UHM Philippine Language and Culture Program in collaboration with Southville International School and Colleges Filipino and Foreign Languages Department proudly present the **Pamana ng Lahi Workshop: Teacher Training for Language and Culture**. Participation is by Registration (details to be announced).

Date: August 10, 2022 at 3:00 pm -11:00 pm HST (August 11, 2022 at 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Philippine time)

Spring 2022

● Webinar: **Food Stories (Mga Kuwentong Pagkain) from the Philippines**

Hosts: Mama Sita Foundation, Center for Philippine Studies, and City College of San Francisco Filipino Program.

Join the second session of the *Mga Kuwentong Pagkain: Pinoy Food Stories* on May 6, 3:00 pm (Hawaii) / May 7, 9:00 am (Manila) and explore how our interactions with our Asian neighbors through history manifests itself in Filipino food. This month, our guests include Chonaisa Simbulan (writer and home chef), culinary consultant and chef Datu Pendatun III, and Chinese Filipino heritage advocate Meah See to discuss *The Asian Connection: Bridges of Flavor*.

Date: May 6, 2022, 3:00 PM Hawaii;
* May 6, 2022 6:00 PM San Francisco

● Webinar: **Ouster of a Dictator and Exile to Hawai'i – The Fateful Days of February '86**

About this Forum: Five speakers will share eyewitness accounts of what happened on that fateful day in February 1986 – its basis, and repercussions. Hosted by coalitions of organizations in Hawai'i.

“The dictator who was ousted from that struggle, together with his family, was exiled in Hawai'i. The son of the former dictator is now running for the highest political position in the Philippines. A generation seems unaware or are misinformed about the events of the past. The forum will also recall the aftermath of that exile—from the extent of the plunder that they brought with them to Hawai'i and the results of the human rights violations filed against them in the US courts, to the \$2 billion judgments imposed by the courts which have not yet been settled.”

Date: February 25, 2022, 4:00 pm

● Webinar: **The Philippine National Hero's Chinese Ancestry: Issues and Controversies**

Date: February 2, 2022, 12:00-1:30 pm

Hosts: The Center for Chinese Studies hosts a Faculty Dialogue (via Zoom) on Dr. Jose Rizal and his Chinese Ancestry, in cooperation with the Center for Philippine Studies.

Dr. Pia Arboleda will spearhead the discussion on Rizal: “The Philippine National Hero's Chinese Ancestry: Issues and Controversies.”

Jose Rizal was a patriot and visionary whose literary masterpieces exposed societal injustice under Spanish rule and the oppression of Filipino people by the Church. Yet his Chinese ancestry has always been surrounded by controversy. In the Philippines, courses focused on Rizal do not discuss his heritage; and the general attitude toward the idea that Rizal is Chinese is one of disbelief and denial. This presentation will discuss factors giving rise to misconceptions about Rizal's ancestry in the context of 19th century Philippines, and its implications in today's society. At the heart of this issue is the anti-Chinese bias that has been perpetuated over the centuries. Joining the discussion is Ming-Bao Yue, Associate Professor of Modern Chinese Literature in the Department of East Asian Languages & Literatures, and currently Director of the Center for Chinese Studies.

The original announcement is found in

<https://manoa.hawaii.edu/chinesestudies/2022/01/spring-2022-webinar-schedule>

● Webinar: **“Getting Manila Wrong Since 1840: Flawed Simulations, Third World Blues and Other Western Literary Misrepresentations.”**

By Dr. Tom Sykes, University of Portsmouth, United Kingdom

Dr Tom Sykes, Senior Lecturer at the University of Portsmouth, UK, draws from his recently published book, *Imagining Manila*, to describe several enduring representational tropes and devices that have defined a trajectory of British and American Orientalist fiction, travel writing and journalism about the city of Manila. Termed “Manilaism,” he will discuss counter-hegemonic canon of Filipino and foreign writers who have dissented from this distorted view of Manila.

Date: February 22, 2022, 3:00-4:30 pm (HST)

Fall 2021

● Webinar: **University of Hawai‘i’s Ilokano Language and Literature Program 50 Years Later**

By Prescila L. Espiritu

This presentation discusses the determined quest to revitalize and maintain a significant regional language in the Philippines and the diaspora – Ilokano - through the educational system of Hawaii, the University of Hawai‘i’s Ilokano Language and Literature Program. It chronicles the various means by which the pursuit of this mission was to be attained. It begins with the Filipino farm workers’ arrival to Hawai‘i, leading to their roles in contributing to enduring linguistic preservation and a multi-ethnic population. It warns of attitude-driven policies and behavior and inadvertent linguistic complacency and advocates for a unified movement to fortify a commitment to keeping it alive for future generations.

Prof. Prescila L. Espiritu is the founder of the University of Hawai‘i Ilokano Language and Literature Program and Nakem Conference, Honolulu, Hawai‘i. She began her career in 1971 and retired in 2007 after nearly 35 years of service.

Date: October 19, 2021, 11:00 am (HST)

Summer 2021

● **Virtual Symposium: Observing the 75th Anniversary of US-Philippine Relations**

Hosted by: Knights of Rizal-Aloha Chapter and the UH Center for Philippine Studies.

Date: July 4, 2021, 2:00 pm (Hawai‘i time)

VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM

CELEBRATION AND REFLECTIONS:
Observing the 75th anniversary of US-Philippine relations

Sunday, July 4, 2021
2:00 pm UTC-10 (Hawaii Time)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86722401249?pwd=eU1sMTQ2YlhxOEIiYXZuZE9PVFVLT09>

Meeting ID: **867 2240 1249**
 Passcode: **434282**

"Balik-Tanaw: Tracing Philippine-U.S. Connections"
 Speaker: **Dr. Vina Lanzona**
 Professor of History, University of Hawaii at Manoa

"U.S.-Philippine Relations: Gains, Challenges and Trajectories"
 Speaker: **Ambassador Mario de Leon**
 Former Philippine Consul General in New York

"Ho'oiikaika: Strengthening Hawaii-Philippine Relations at the Grassroots Level"
 Speaker: **Arch. Rose Churma**
 Hawaii-Philippines Business and Economic Council

"Ho'oiikaika: Strengthening Hawaii-Philippine Relations through Legislative Initiatives"
 Speaker: **Sen. Brian Schatz***
 United States Senate

Moderator: **Sen. Bennette Misalucha**
 Hawaii State Senate

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For questions, contact
 Dr. Raymund Liongson at (808) 381-4315,
 Dr. Pia Arboleda at (808) 389-2561.

Spring 2021

Pinoy Food Stories: Evolution of Philippine Cuisine

This event is jointly sponsored by Mamasita Foundation, the Philippine Consulate General in Honolulu, the UH Center for Philippine Studies, and Filipino Language and Culture Program. Hosted by Markee Micu. Register today: at <https://cutt.ly/wkOjJl>

Speakers: Pia Arboleda and Paulo Paculan.

Place and time: Hawai'i, April 23-May 21, 2021
 Manila, April 24-May 22, 2021

Jose Rizal: On the Virtual Rizalian Lecture # 2.

Sir Edwin D. Bael, KGOR, will speak on **"Rizal's Unfinished Revolution."** Sir Bael is currently Consultant to the Presidential Adviser on OFWs and Special Envoy of President Rodrigo Duterte to the State of Kuwait, Secretary Abdullah D. Mama-o.

Date and Time: Saturday, January 16, 2021, 5:00 pm Hawaii time
 Sunday, January 17, 2021, 11:00 am, Philippine time

Reactors: Pia Arboleda, PhD, Director of UH Center for Philippine Studies
 Raymund Liongson, PhD, KGCR, Professor (ret), UH Leeward Community College

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 presents
 VIRTUAL RIZALIAN LECTURE # 2

RIZAL'S UNFINISHED REVOLUTION

Speaker: **Sir Edwin D. Bael, KGOR**

Saturday, January 16, 2021 at 5:00 p.m., Hawaii Time
Sunday, January 17, 2021 at 11:00 a.m., Philippine Time

What Dr. Rizal passionately advocated, lived and died for was no less than a revolution. A revolution not in the sense of a sudden violent action, disruption, and convulsion to remove and replace a government necessarily entailing millions of people dead, but rather in the sense of society being politically heaved upward – marked by great change – from internal pressures similar to the raising of part of the earth's crust.

Sir Edwin D. Bael is a Knight Grand Officer of Rizal (KGOR) trained as a lawyer as well as a policy and national security analyst with experiences as a career diplomat, practicing attorney, and management consultant. He was consul/consul general in Madrid, Honolulu, Los Angeles and Canberra. Currently, he serves as Consultant to the Presidential Adviser on OFWs and Special Envoy of the President to the State of Kuwait, Secretary Abdullah D. Mama-o. He holds BA, LLB, MPA and MNSA degrees, and was former supreme archivist of the KOR Supreme Council.

Free and open to the public but must register in advance for this lecture:
<https://tinyurl.com/AlohaVirtualRizalianLecture2>

Panel of Reactors: **Pia Arboleda, PhD**
 Director, Center for Philippine Studies
 University of Hawaii at Manoa

Raymund Liongson, PhD, KGCR
 Area Commander
 Knights of Rizal-Hawaii

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the lecture forum. For questions, contact Sir Jun Colmenares, PhD, KGCR at (808) 838-9775 or email juncolme@yahoo.com OR okor.aloha@gmail.com.

Fall 2020

📍 **CALL FOR PAPERS:** [UbUfok-CallForPapers](#)

Ub-Ufok: Explorations on Philippine Folklore 2021

The Center for Philippine Studies at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa is hosting Ub-Ufok, a virtual conference on September 16-17, 2021. Come and join us!

Please click the link below for more details: [Ub-Ufok](#)

Spring 2020

📍 Two lectures: "Tracing Postcolonial Configurations," and "Reckoning with the Dictator's Body," by Dr. Josen Masangkay Diaz

In 1965, Ferdinand Marcos was elected to the Philippine presidency and would remain in office until he was ousted in 1986. That same year, U.S. president Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law the Hart-Celler Act, effectively liberalizing U.S. immigration policy by

eliminating national quotas from immigration law. In this talk, Dr. Diaz will explore the relationship between Filipino American subjectivity and Marcosian martial law by considering the important confluence of these two events.. She will also analyze the significance of Marcos's exile and death in Honolulu for memorializing and remembering the legacies of martial law. Reading two poems by R. Zamora Linmark and Vince Gotera, this talk considers the ways that a poetics of reckoning contends with the meanings of dictatorship in the present.

Date and time: February 19, 2020, 3:00-4:30 pm (Tracing Postcolonial...)

February 20, 2020, 3:00-4:30 pm (Reckoning with the Dictator's...)

Venue: BusAd A102 (both lectures)

Fall 2019

● **GINA APOSTOL "A Reading and Discussion of INSURRECTO"**

Gina Apostol's fourth novel, *Insurrecto*, is a finalist for the Dayton Literary Peace Prize. Publishers' Weekly named it one of the Ten Best Books of 2018. Her third book, *Gun Dealers' Daughter*, won the 2013 PEN/Open Book Award and was shortlisted for the William Saroyan International Prize. Her first two novels, *Bibliolepsy* and *The Revolution According to Raymundo Mata*, both won the Juan Laya Prize for the Novel (Philippine National Book Award). Her essays and stories have appeared in *The New York Times*, *Los Angeles Review of Books*, *Foreign Policy*, *Gettysburg Review*, *Massachusetts Review*, and others. She lives in New York City and western Massachusetts and grew up in Tacloban, Philippines. She teaches at the Fieldston School in New York City.

Date: November 6, 2019, 6:30 pm

Venue: Kuykendall 410

● **From Bonfire to Firewire: Innovative Online Modules on Philippine Folklore**

A lecture jointly sponsored by the UC Berkeley Center for Southeast Asian Studies and UH Center for Philippine Studies

by Pia Arboleda

Director, Center for Philippine Studies &

Associate Professor of Filipino and Philippine Literature

University of Hawaii at Manoa

Historically, in the mountains of Barlig on the island of Luzon in the Philippines, the Ifallig people would sit around the fire of the ator (council-house) to listen to tales of their hero-ancestors. When work in the rice fields was done, venerable elders and storytellers (umu-ufok) recounted these stories in their own language. These stories (ub-ufok), handed down

for many generations, serve as a record of Ifiallig history, genealogy, and cultural traditions. This talk will review current research on Ifiallig orature in Barlig, including the significance of Ifiallig oral traditions, the methods used in collecting orature, and the process of reviving tales through different media.

The animations that will be featured during the presentation are available through the University of Hawaii's Center for Southeast Asian Studies website.

Date: September 10, 2019 at 11:00-12:30 pm

Venue: 351 Dwinelle Hall

DSSEAS Library, Level F/G

Berkeley, California

📍 *Batas Militar: Noon at Ngayon (Martial Law: Then and Now)*

Jointly Sponsored by: UH Center for Philippine Studies & Hawaii Committee for Human Rights in the Philippines



The Marcoses and President Rodrigo R. Duterte.

Isang film-showing ng "Ferdinand & Imelda: Exile in Hawaii" at talakayan ng mga aral mula sa kasaysayan ng Batas Militar sa Pilipinas. Mapapanood ang dokuu gamit ang [Link](#) na ito: . Pagkatapos ng dokuu, pangungunahan ni Dr. Belinda A. Aquino at Dr. Pia Arboleda ang talakayan at ihahambing sa kasalukuyang Batas Militar sa Mindanao ng administrasyon ni Pangulong Rodrigo R. Duterte.

English Translation:

A film-showing of "Ferdinand & Imelda: Exile in Hawaii" and discussion on lessons from the

history of Martial Law in the Philippines. Watch the documentary [Here](#). The documentary will be followed by a discussion of Dr. Belinda A. Aquino and Dr. Pia Arboleda, who will also talk about President Rodrigo R. Duterte's Martial Law in Mindanao.

Date: September 20, 2019, Friday; 3:00-4:30pm

Venue: Moore Hall 117

1890 East-West Road, Honolulu, Hawaii

Spring 2019

📍 “Makibaka! A Report on the Philippine Human Rights Situation under the Duterte Government”

By Ka Ed Cubelo
Human Rights Defender, Manila

During the past two years of President Rodrigo Duterte, there have been allegations of human rights abuses especially in connection with his war on drugs. In this lecture, Mr. Cubelo will present data and his analysis of what has happened since 2016 under the Duterte government, which human rights groups claim to have killed thousands from the hands of the police, and vigilante groups. He will also discuss the situation of laborers, including the issues of contractualization and regularization. Pls see the flyer for more info.

Center for Philippine Studies,
School of Pacific and Asian Studies, University of Hawai'i at Manoa and
Hawaii Committee for Human Rights in the Philippines

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MAKIBAKA!
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with speaker:
KA ED CUBELO
A human rights defender and union leader for 30 years. He chairs the Metro Manila chapter of Kilusang Mayo Uno, the largest labor center in the Philippines. He is also the president of Toyota Motor Philippines Corporation Workers Association, Defend Jobs Philippines, and Church People-Workers' Solidarity.

Free and open to the public. For more information regarding the Center for Philippine Studies, this lecture series, or disability access, call 956-6086 (Clem Montero) or email cps@hawaii.edu. The UH is an EEO/AA institution.

Mr. Cubelo is a human rights activist and labor leader of Kilusang Mayo Uno, the largest labor center in the Philippines. He works at Toyota Motor Philippines and is president of the Workers Association in that company.

Sponsored by Hawaii Committee for Human Rights in the Philippines and Center for Philippine Studies.

Date : May 7, 2019, Tuesday, 2:00-3:00 pm
Venue: Moore Hall 319 (Tokioka Room)

● **“Ambiguous Belonging: Race, Citizenship, and Filipinos in the U.S. Empire”**

By Katrina Quisumbing King
Provost’s Postdoctoral Scholar
University of Southern California

Just over 70 years ago, President Truman signed an act that revoked a path to U.S. citizenship and social welfare benefits from Filipino veterans. This is the only time in U.S. history that Congress revoked military benefits. This talk will address how and why the United States went back on this promise. Uncovering the answer to these questions requires delving back to the turn of the 20th Century – when the United States first took the Philippines and other island colonies from Spain. From the early days of U.S. conquest and rule over the archipelago, U.S. politicians, bureaucrats, and legal professionals constructed Filipinos as racial outsiders. By considering the imperial activities of the United States, this talk illuminates the legal tools employed by state actors in the construction of unequal citizenship statuses. It also considers how U.S. activities beyond its presumed national boundaries are constitutive of racial inequality. Uncovering what happened to these often-forgotten Filipino veterans is part of the history of how the United States defined itself as a white “nation.”

Date: April 18, 2019, 3:00-4:30pm
Moore Hall 319 (Tokioka Room)

● **“What’s Next for the Bangsamoro? Opportunities and Challenges after the Election in Mindanao, Philippines,”**

By Dr. Patricio Abinales and Dr. Federico Magdalena
Center for Philippine Studies &
UH School of Pacific and Asian Studies

Here, the two presentors will discuss the results of the recently conducted plebiscite, as required by the Bangsamoro Organic Law signed by President Duterte in July 2018. Majority of the voters in the affected area favored the setting up of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region for Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), except for some areas that would not be included in the new government for the Muslims (Moros). The speakers will also wind up with what is in store for the future of BARMM.

Sponsored by the East-West Center and Center for Philippine Studies

Date: February 26, 2019, Tuesday, 12:00-1:00 pm

Venue: EWC John Burns Room 4118

Fall 2018

● Violent Extremism and Illicit Drug Trade Nexus in Mindanao,

By Mark Anthony J. Torres, PhD

Dr. Torres, Director of Peace Center at Mindanao State University, Iligan City, will talk about the siege of Marawi City, on the island of Mindanao, Philippines, that devastated the whole city, claimed hundreds of lives, and displaced some 400,000 residents in a five-month war in 2017. The battle was fought between the combined forces of Maute brothers and Abu Sayyaf and the Philippine military.

The Marawi war was unprecedented. It was provoked by the Maute brothers and the Abu Sayyaf—two radicalized Islamic groups in the southern Philippines. These fighters were composed mostly of young members, many in their early thirties. The Maute brothers also founded *Dawlah Islamiyah*, which supports and propagates the idea of an Islamic state to be established in Mindanao in concert with the caliphate proposed by ISIS. The Abu Sayyaf, on the other hand, was led by Isnilon Hapilon, the ISIS leader in Southeast Asia who had a bounty of \$5M from the US government. Why the war took five months is a puzzle that the lecturer will unravel in his talk.

Date : August 2, 2018 (Thursday), 12:00-2:00 pm,

Venue: Moore Hall 319 (Tokiooka Room).

Dr. Torres will also give another lecture at UH Leeward Community College on August 4, 2018, Saturday, 10:00-12:00 noon, with Leeward CC and Knights of Rizal as co-sponsors.

Spring 2018

● Mini-Conference and Conversation on Mindanao: Islam, Terrorism and the Marawi Siege of May 2017

By Dr. Sulpecia L. Ponce & Dr. Marilou S. Nanaman
Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology

On May 23, 2017, two radical groups that claim affiliation with the ISIS laid siege on the Islamic City of Marawi, on the island of Mindanao, Philippines. The Maute brothers from Lanao and the Abu Sayyaf Group joined forces and attacked the city, resulting in a deadly confrontation between these Islamists and government forces. For about five months of fighting and aerial

bombardment, the Marawi siege has left untold devastation: more than half of the city's infrastructure turned into rubbles, and practically all the city's residents of some 30,000 were displaced.

The lectures and conversations will touch on the following:

Does ISIS in the Philippines exist? Will this crisis be the last, or will it spell more trouble in Mindanao? What does it take to contain the growing extremism among Muslim youth, and put Marawi back to its feet? Two professors from Mindanao State University in Iligan City, some 40 kilometers away from the scene of fighting, will address these issues.

Dr. Marilou F. S. Nanaman and Dr. Sulpecia Ponce, Chair, Department of Political Science, and Professor of Sociology, respectively, from MSU-Iligan Institute of Technology will present lectures on what happened, why did these groups choose Marawi City, and what are the costs of reconstructing the war-torn city and healing the distraught Meranao and Bisayan residents. They will also discuss the implications of this conflict on the global war on terror, and the stalled peace process between Moro rebels and the Philippine government.

Sponsors: University of Hawaii at Manoa Center for Philippine Studies, UH Leeward Community College, Philippine Consulate General in Honolulu, Congress of Visayan Organizations, and Knights of Rizal. With financial support from UHM SEED-IDEAS and UHM CPS Endowments.

Dates & Venues: Mini-conference - April 18, 2018 (UH Center for Korean Studies Auditorium, 12:00-2:00 pm). Other lectures: Philippine Consulate, Knights of Rizal Meeting Place, and Congress of Visayan Organization Hall.

“Chinese Studies on the Philippines: Focus on Agriculture”

By Prof. Bao Maohong
Peking University

This presentation examines the recent interest in Chinese Studies on the Philippines, which has been spurred by international trade, and the new economic policies of the Duterte administration. One major focus of such economic relations gives impetus to the rise of organic agriculture as an alternative to industrial production and trade characterizing the bilateral relations between China and the Philippines. Trade and friendly foreign relations between them have been encouraged by a recent visit in 2017 to China by Philippine president Rodrigo R. Duterte.

The author argues that the current emphasis on trade which puts premium on agriculture (e.g., production of organic fruits, like bananas) will provide a balance in foreign relations between the two countries rather than dwell on the West Philippine Sea dispute which also places China at odds with some Asian countries like Vietnam and Japan. Besides, organic agriculture in the

Philippines has become an emergent market integrated into the national economy. In 1980s, the green revolution was deemed a failure due to its economic unsustainability and negative impact on the environment. The movement on international organic agriculture combined with reinvention of traditional Philippine agriculture will play a role as an alternative form of agricultural development that at the same time establishes new trading partnership. It also offers an economically viable alternative to rehabilitate degraded arable land. Hopefully, it will also strengthen foreign relations between the two countries through sustained agriculture exports of products in high demand from China.

Date: January 29, 2018, Monday, 12:00-1:30 pm

Venue: Tokioka Room, Moore Hall 319

This lecture is co-sponsored with the UHM Center for Chinese Studies

Fall 2017

● Prof. Ambeth Ocampo Gives Lectures in Hawaii

Prof. Ambeth Ocampo, an accomplished and renowned history professor from Ateneo de Manila University, will be in Honolulu to give a series of lectures on the occasion of the Philippine celebration of National Heroes Day. The lectures are as follows:

Lecture 1- Mukhang Pera: Banknotes and Nation

About the Lecture: “Mukhang pera” literally means “looks like money” but is often taken to denote a “greedy or materialistic person.” The lecture plays on this double meaning by showing how politics influences history and the way it is represented in the banknotes of the Philippines. Reception and book signing follow the lecture at the Philippine Consulate General, 2433 Pali Highway, Honolulu, Hawaii 96817.

Date/Time: August 29, 2017 (Tuesday), 5:30-6:30 pm

Pls [By invitation. RSVP](#) by August 22, 2017 through Fax (808) 595-2581 or email at pcghonolulu.culturalsection@gmail.com

Lecture 2 – Rizal in Dapitan: The Triumph of Life Over Death

Description: This year marks the 125th anniversary of Jose Rizal’s arrival in Dapitan, his place of exile from 1892 to 1896. A lesser man would have crumbled in depression and boredom but Rizal turned his misfortune around and contributed to the development of the sleepy town through education and civic work that is the bedrock on which to build nationhood. Pls see poster for more info.

Venue and time: UH Leeward Community College, August 31, 2017 (Thursday), 10:30-11:45 am, ED 201 & 202 Lecture Rooms (Diamond Head side of the campus).

Co-sponsored with Knights of Rizal and UH Leeward Philippine Studies Program.

Lecture 3 – Interrogating President Papers: The Ferdinand Marcos Diaries

Description: These handwritten diaries that span the years 1969-1984 were left when Ferdinand

Marcos and his family fled from the presidential palace in February 1986 and have been in the custody of the Presidential Commission on Good Government since. Prof. Ocampo is preparing the diaries for publication, collating from different manuscript sources, and annotating from newspapers and the Official Gazette. In the process being critical of Marcos's own view of events.

Venue and time: East-West Center Burns Hall

1601 East-West Road, Honolulu, Hawaii 96848

Date: September 1, 2017 (Friday), 12:00-1:00 pm. Pls RSVP to (808) 944-7111 or EWCInfo@EastWestCenter.org.

Summer 2017

● “WHY FILIPINA MUSLIMS WILL OUTLAST ISIS”

By Dr. Patricio N. Abinales

Dr. Patricio “Jojo” Abinales will give a presentation on Filipinas and ISIS for the FAUW (Filipino Association of University Women) at Max’s Dillingham branch on July 15, 2017 at 1:30pm. Please come and join the forum! ISIS is allegedly present in the Philippines through Islamic militant groups such as the Maute brothers and their gang, and the Abu Sayyaf group. Both are now embroiled in a war in Marawi City.

Spring 2017

● “Weaving Dreams as Filipino Education Praxis”

A public lecture by members of the Tinalak Education Advisory Council at UH College of Education

Watch out for this lecture from members of the Tinalak Filipino Education Advisory Council at UH Mānoa College of Education! They will present their scholarly work published in *Educational Perspectives*, an interdisciplinary research journal focused on education in Hawai’i featuring Filipinos.

Date and time: April 12, 2017, 12:00-1:30pm

Venue: Tokioka Room (Moore Hall 319)

Sponsors: CSEAS and CPS

● DR. PATRICIO ABINALES TALKS ABOUT PH PRESIDENT RODRIGO DUTERTE AND COMMUNISM

By Dr. Patricio N. Abinales

Don't miss this chance! Listen to Dr. Patricio N. Abinales talk about President Rodrigo R. Duterte and the lingering issue of communism in the Philippines. Dr. Abinales is currently the director of UHM Center for Philippine Studies.

This presentation tries to figure out how divergent features of contemporary Philippine politics seem to blend seamlessly and unproblematically in the administration of President Rodrigo Duterte.

Date: April 5, 2017, 12:00-1:30pm
Venue: Tokioka Room (Moore Hall 319)
Sponsors: UHM CSEAS and CPS

● **“Christianity, Conversion and Overseas Chinese in 17th Century Philippines.”**

By Dr. Barbara Watson Andaya

In this presentation, Dr. Andaya steps outside her comfort zone to think about the interaction between the first generation of Christian missionaries and the largely Hokkien-speaking Chinese in Spanish Manila between 1581 and 1663. Much has been written on the Chinese in Manila, but this presentation will focus on the deep involvement of non-Christian Chinese in the production of Christian books and religious artifacts, and on the sustained but unsuccessful efforts of the missionary orders to convert them. The presentation will provide visual examples of this involvement as well as explanations as to why Christianity failed to appeal to overseas Chinese.

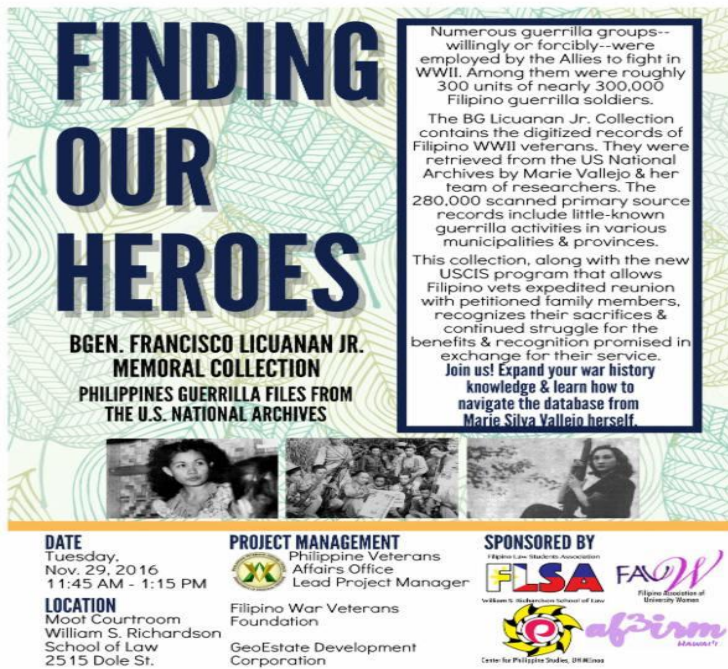
Please come and join us on March 1, 2017, 12:00-1:30 pm at Tokioka Room (Moore Hall 319). For more details, please see the [attached flyer](#).

Fall 2016

● **“Finding Our Heroes,”**

by Marie Silva Vallejo

This is a presentation on Filipino soldiers during WWII based on the archives mined from the National Archives, Washington, D.C.



FINDING OUR HEROES

BGEN. FRANCISCO LICUANAN JR. MEMORIAL COLLECTION
PHILIPPINES GUERRILLA FILES FROM THE U.S. NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Numerous guerrilla groups--willingly or forcibly--were employed by the Allies to fight in WWII. Among them were roughly 300 units of nearly 300,000 Filipino guerrilla soldiers.

The BG Licuanan Jr. Collection contains the digitized records of Filipino WWII veterans. They were retrieved from the US National Archives by Marie Vallejo & her team of researchers. The 280,000 scanned primary source records include little-known guerrilla activities in various municipalities & provinces.

This collection, along with the new USCIS program that allows Filipino vets expedited reunion with petitioned family members, recognizes their sacrifices & continued struggle for the benefits & recognition promised in exchange for their service.

Join us! Expand your war history knowledge & learn how to navigate the database from Marie Silva Vallejo herself.

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 Tuesday,
 Nov. 29, 2016
 11:45 AM - 1:15 PM

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 2515 Dole Street, University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Summer 2016

🔴 “An Evening with Grace Nono,”

By Grace Nono

Grace Nono is a music performing artist, cultural activist, and music and shamanism scholar from Mindanao. For this once in a life-time event, Grace will sing and speak about decolonizing voice and reclaiming cultural relations. For details, please see flyer. [Grace3](#) (Free and open to the public, but donations are welcome at the door. Please reserve your [Seat](#), first come first served.)

Jointly sponsored by the UH Center for Philippine Studies and community partners (Decolonial Pin@y and University of the Philippines Alumni Association of Hawaii).

Date: June 6, 2016, 7:00pm-8:30pm, Venue: Doris Duke Theater, Honolulu Museum of Arts.

Spring 2016

🔴 “Countering ISIS Threat among Muslim Youth,”

by Datu Mussolini Lidasan,

Please come, listen and participate in this presentation to understand more why Islamic radicalism seems to be on the rise in the southern islands of the Philippines. Details at:

[Lidasan Lecture-ISIS-Threat](#). Mussolini Lidasan is the Director of Ateneo de Davao University's Peace Center.

Date: Monday, May 2, 2016, 1:00-3:00 pm, Moore Hall 319 (Tokioka Room).

Summer 2015

● *The Bangsamoro Agreement and the Status of the Peace Talks in the Philippines*, by Jose David Lapuz

Philippine Muslims have been politically marginalized and are considered economically deprived in what is their ancestral domain. Discontented, Moros formed armed separatist groups and have since waged a struggle for self-determination that continues to this day. This roundtable discussion will discuss the Framework Agreement on the Bangsamoro is an agreement between the Government of the Philippines and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front. [More...](#)

Date & Venue: June 3, 2015, Wednesday, 11:00am-12:00pm, Paradise Palms Cafe. Sponsored by the Center for Philippine Studies. Free and open to the public.

Spring 2016

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Fall 2015

Attorney Reyna Ramolete will speak at **Hamilton Library, Asia Multipurpose Room 401, Monday, October 5 at 5 PM**, on the **Lumad killings in Mindanao, Philippines**. (The Lumad are the indigenous people of southern Philippines.)

Reyna is a local born Japanese/Filipina lawyer with the Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i. She also has experience with nonunion labor organizing in upstate New York. She went with a solidarity delegation to the Han-Ayan area in Mindanao on December 2014 and was at the Alternative Learning Center for Agricultural and Livelihood Development (ALCADEV) that was destroyed by paramilitary troops on September 1, 2015.

The lecture will also be an occasion to launch a "Save Our Schools" campaign to build solidarity among several community-based events in the Philippines and Hawaii.

Spring 2015

● *'Utility Men', Servitude, and Youth Unemployment in the Philippines*
by Dr. Roderick Galam

The UH Manoa Filipino Program, & The Center for Philippine Studies.
Dr. Galam's presentation looks at how Filipino youths respond to their precarious economic conditions and uncertain future prospects. It focuses on young men who, having finished three or four years of maritime education, and in order to secure a job as a seafarer in the global maritime industry, first work as 'utility men' for crewing agencies that supply seafarers to ships. [More...](#)

Date: March 18, 2015, Wednesday, 3:00-5:00pm

Venue: Webster 203.

Co-sponsored by The University of Hawai'i at Manoa Ilokano Program,

Fall 2014

● *73rd Anniversary of the Invasion of the Philippines/Pearl Harbor*

by Cecilia Gaerlan and Domingo Los Banos

Ms. Gaerlan is Executive Director of Bataan Legacy Historical Society which she founded to address the lack of information about the role of the Filipinos during World War II in the Philippines. On the other hand, Mr. Los Banos was enlisted in the US Army in 1944 during WWII. He served as an infantryman with the 1st Filipino Infantry Regiment comprised almost entirely of Filipino-American, and saw action in Samar in 1945. [More...](#)

Date: December 5, 2014, Friday, 2:00-4:00 pm, Center for Korean Studies Auditorium.

Co-sponsored by the Bataan Legacy Historical Society, Filipino Language and Literature Program, and Center for Philippine Studies.

● *Puzzling Paradoxes in Philippine Feminism*

by Dr. Belinda A. Aquino

Professor Emeritus & Founding Director

Center for Philippine Studies at University of Hawai'i at Manoa

Dr. Aquino will discuss how the Philippines is characterized as a country of strong women, producing two female presidents (and one “de facto president”) and has achieved significant advances in female participation in major institutions of society. Yet, the Philippines, which is the 12th largest country in the world, remains poor by modern standards. And the vast majority of Filipino women still live on the edge of economic survival. The “feminization of poverty” is easily discernible in the continuous mass exodus of Filipinas every year to overseas destinations in search of better opportunities and economic security. [More...](#)

Date: November 21, 2014, Friday. 12:30-2:00 pm

Venue: Saunders Hall Room 637.

● Pinay Cultural Bearers of the Filipino Diaspora

by Virgie Chattergy

Professor Emeritus UHM College of Education

The Filipino Association of University Women is undertaking a project that would explore how Filipino women immigrants transmit Filipino culture, and looks at what is actually being transmitted. They are inviting women to share their (1) lived experiences of Filipino culture, (2) core values as passed on by their ancestors, and (3) their own culture transmission and culture perpetuation behaviors. FAUW plans to document the stories and conduct outreach presentations to share their findings. [More...](#)

Date & Venue: November 16, 2014, Sunday, Starts at 1:00 pm, Hamilton Library, Room 301

Sponsor: University of Hawaii, Hamilton Library

● Philippines-US Relations: Reflections and Perspectives on an Enduring Alliance, by Gina A. Jamoralin, PhD, Philippine Consul General

Newly-arrived Philippine Consul General to Honolulu, Gina A. Jamoralin will speak at the University of Hawaii on the challenges and opportunities of, as well as her visions for a stronger, enduring, and forward-looking Philippines-US relations. The Consul General will discuss the recent milestones and the recent signing of the Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement.

Date & Venue: October 15, 2014, Wednesday, 3:30-6:00 pm, Moore Hall 319

Sponsor: UH Manoa Center of Philippine Studies



Photo (From left to right): Dr abinales, Consul General Jamoralin, and Clemen Monetero