



CLASS Connections

Fanuchanan 2019 Newsletter



CLASS Student Spotlight: Shannon Ada, holding the University of Guam's "G", is a CLASS alumni who won an award with a \$1,000 prize for presenting her Communication Capstone project, "WhatsApp Group Chats in the College Setting" at the 2019 World Communication Association (WCA) Conference held in New Zealand.

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FOR FIELD SCHOOL"
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**"Ngdi sengsongd
e mrechorch a
kauang."**

- Palauan Proverb

**/Even a small twig can
bring the pot to boil./**

effort

1. a lot of small twigs can make a hot fire; from small contributions, come great accomplishments



Isla Art-A-Thon: Kristen Castro, a student from D. L. Perez Elementary School stands with her family after getting 1st place in her division at the SY 2018-2019 Isla Art-A-Thon. This year's theme, "Päs Familia" required students to create an art piece of how they interpreted family peace.

**NEW CLASS FACULTY
ON PAGE 4 & 5**

From the Dean's Desk

Dear Faculty, Staff, and Students,

August 13, 2019

Welcome back to campus and the beginning of the Fañuchãnan semester, 2019. I hope you had a relaxing and a productive summer break. I would like to take a moment to provide some guidance on how to avoid filing allegations of alleged ethics violations.

A violation of a code of ethics is only an alleged violation until an ethics committee or other professional body determines that a violation actually occurred. This is similar to legal violations. Though you see John Dillinger running from a bank with a bag of money, Mr. Dillinger is merely an alleged bank robber until he is found guilty of bank robbery by a court of law.

Step I: Talk to them: First practice professional courtesy and talk to the person. If you believe that a professional has violated a professional code of ethics, and you feel compelled to file a complaint against that person, then the first step is to practice professional courtesy and talk to him or her about it. You might begin the conversation by asking them to explain how or why they did what they did. If their explanation is not satisfactory or exposes the violation, then you might directly discuss the alleged violation with them. You might try to convince them to correct the alleged error or violation. If they cannot convince you that all is well, and you cannot convince them that all is not well, then you might talk to one or more colleagues about the alleged violation in a hypothetical manner.

Step II: Talk to others: Talk to other professionals in the profession without accusing the alleged wrongdoer or releasing too many specific details about the alleged violation. Seek guidance and advice from other professionals. They may be able to assist you to either convince the colleague to correct the error, or to convince you that either there is no violation or that it is not worth pursuing.

Step III: Talk to the supervisor: After steps I and II, if you are still convinced that a wrong is not being addressed, then you might talk to the colleague's supervisor without accusing the person by asking the supervisor a series of questions and expressing your concern about an alleged violation of professional standards. You might ask the supervisor to investigate the matter. If there is a formal Ethics Committee, then you might consider bringing your concern to the Ethics Committee.

Step IV: File a complaint with the Ethics Committee, EEO or other appropriate office: If there is a formal Ethics Committee, then you might bring your concern to the Ethics Committee, EEO, or other appropriate office. If you want them to take your complaint seriously, then it is important that you do not directly pass judgment on the alleged wrongdoer-colleague, namely, that you do not accuse the colleague of the alleged violation, but rather that you express your concern and ask the committee to investigate the matter. File a formal complaint with the appropriate office.

Step V: File a legal complaint: There is a good deal of overlap between ethical violations and legal violation. However, the two are not synonymous. There can be ethical violations that are not legal violations and vice versa. If a colleague harmed someone in the course of doing his or her work, then you might want to contact the legal authorities. It would be prudent for your self-protection to merely ask them to look into the matter and provide what evidence you have for filing the complaint. People in the legal profession like people serving on ethics committees are suspicious of explicit accusations. Explicit accusations are often a sign that someone is trying to "get even" with another person, and experience teaches that such accusations are often frivolous, unfounded and unwarranted.

Consider that filing an ethical or legal complaint can backfire in such a way that the person filing the complaint, especially a frivolous, unfounded and unwarranted complaint, may in turn be found to be unethical or legally liable for improperly making accusations, defamation of character or something similar. This is not to say that a person should allow injustices and unethical behavior to occur or be perpetuated. It is merely to suggest that a person should be cautious and follow proper procedures in filing complaints.

Wishing you a fruitful and productive semester,

Yours Truly,

James D. Sellmann, Ph.D., Dean

Critical Thinking Class Focused on Hunger Awareness



Photos courtesy of V.Zafra-Kasala

Students from Verna Zafra-Kasala's CT101 class spent the Finakpo' 1 session working on a service learning project focused on hunger awareness. They did research on the issue, shared their findings via informational flyers that they posted up around campus, and participated in a volunteer activity at Kamalen Karidat. The students were divided into groups where they either prepared "balutan" bags given to the clients of Kamalen Karidat or hosted a dinner feeding in which they provided and served the food.

UOG student Prairie Garrido a finalist for Truman Scholarship

University of Guam senior Prairie Garrido was selected as one of 199 finalists for the Truman Scholarship award in a record year of 840 applicants. The Truman Scholarship, a living memorial to the 33rd U.S. president Harry S. Truman, is the premier graduate fellowship for students planning to pursue careers in government or public service in the United States. The program normally receives 600 applications per year and selects 60 students as Truman Scholars to receive \$30,000 toward their graduate studies and significant opportunities for professional development.

Though Garrido was not selected as an awardee, she surpassed 76% of applicants nationally in being selected a finalist. "I think that one of the best aspects of the whole Truman Scholarship process is actually answering the application," Garrido said. "Taking the time to deeply ponder your life, what you want to do, and why you even want to do these things in the first place has undoubtedly given me a better sense of direction and purpose."

Garrido is a third-year UOG student at the senior level in her studies toward dual degrees in political science and public administration with a minor in writing. She serves as vice president of the Political Science Student Association and is also involved with the Public Administration and Legal Studies Society, where she assisted in putting on The 2018 Great (Gubernatorial) Debate. She also volunteers with AmeriCorps.

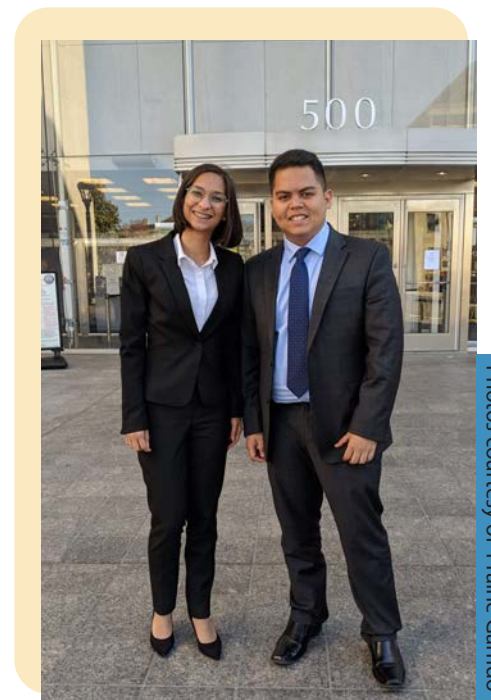
Academically, she has plans to graduate from UOG in 2020 and then simultaneously pursue a master's in political science and a juris doctorate and eventually a doctorate in political science.

She is weighing several career options that would afford her the opportunity to address Guam's self-determination and to work toward greater national security in America.



"Specifically, I desire to commit to public service here on our island of Guam. As an avid proponent of the self-determination process, I fervently want to see the success of decolonization on our island before I leave this world."

- Prairie Garrido



Photos courtesy of Prairie Garrido

Truman Scholarship finalist Prairie Garrido of the University of Guam, left, and Thomas Mangloña III, a fellow finalist from the Northern Mariana Islands attending University of California-Berkeley, stand outside the H. Carl Moultrie Courthouse of the Superior Court in Washington, D.C. Both were in D.C. to interview for the award.

New Faculty



Eunice Choe

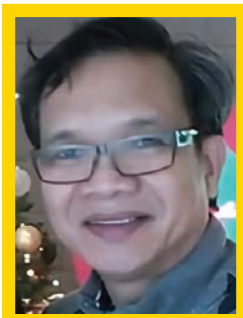
Dr. Yung-Eun(Eunice)Choe, a native of Korea, is a versatile pianist, collaborative artist, and pedagogue. She recently joined as a non-tenure track faculty member in the Division of Communication and Fine Arts. She earned her doctoral of musical arts degree from the University of Minnesota, a master's degree from Rice University and a bachelor's degree from the University of Cincinnati College- Conservatory of Music. She also received her second master's degree in piano pedagogy from the University of Minnesota. Dr. Choe has performed throughout the United States and South Korea as a soloist and in collaboration with singers and instrumentalists. She is a recipient of numerous prizes and scholarships, including the Young Artist competition, the Baur scholarship, the Lloyd F. Gonyea Scholarship, the Cliburn scholarship for outstanding pianist, and a full scholarship award to Rice University.

Dr. Choe is in demand as an adjudicator and clinician for music festivals. She has previously served as a faculty member at Myongji University, Southeastern University and Sam Houston State University.



Hunter Fine

Hunter H. Fine (Ph.D., Southern Illinois University Carbondale) is a critical communication scholar working at the intersections of intercultural communication, rhetorical theory, performance studies, critical pedagogy, and social advocacy. His teaching interests and experiences include public speaking, communication theory, public discourse, nonverbal communication, intercultural communication, and communication theory. His academic work employs a variety of qualitative research methodologies drawn from these interests. Often emphasizing interactions between physical locations, cultural performances, and mediated environments, his work explores the social constructions of place and space as well as the negotiations of power therein. His latest publication with Lexington Books, *Surfing, Street Skateboarding, Performance, and Space* (2018) draws from postcolonial and poststructuralist frameworks to examine surfing and skateboarding as theory and advocacy. His work can also be found in *Liminalities*, *Nerve Lantern*, *Communication Theory and Millennial Popular Culture*, and the *Journal of Popular Culture*.



Jose Edgardo Aban

Dr. Jose Edgardo Aban was Senior Lecturer at the Department of Geography, Development and Environmental Studies, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Brunei Darussalam (UBD). He holds a Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Science in Remote Sensing from Chiba University, Japan, and University of the Philippines, respectively, and a Bachelor of Science in Biology from the latter university.

He is an advocate of remote sensing education and was instrumental to the establishment of an image processing laboratory at UBD. Dr. Aban is a seasoned research and project manager, having served for almost two decades at the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) of the Philippines. Prior to joining UoG, he served as a technical consultant at the Asian Development Bank (ADB), as project manager of the GIS-based project dubbed, "Communication and Information Systems for the Control of Avian Influenza (CISCAI) of the ASEAN Foundation, and as a consultant of a mapping unit of a huge agricultural company.

His research interests are quite varied ranging from land use/cover change analysis, global change analysis, ecosystems change research, applications of non-parametric methods for global change analysis and modeling (power and singular spectrum analysis of multi-temporal datasets) using satellite data (e.g. normalized difference vegetation index - NDVI) and climatic data, development of pre-processing algorithms for noise reduction in satellite images, phenological change analysis and its relationship with changes floral and faunal populations, and climate change impacts (sea-level rise scenarios) modeling with the use of digital elevation modeling (DEM), climatic oscillations (e.g. ENSO, PDO), drones, among others.



National Geographic geneticist taught anthropology at UOG during summer

University of Guam students had a unique opportunity this summer to take a class taught by a National Geographic scientist who has been researching the genetics and origins of Micronesians. Miguel G. Vilar leads the National Geographic Society's Genographic Project, a 14-year-old project that analyzes historical patterns in human DNA and maps human migration across the continents over time. His work in the project focuses on the people of Latin America and the Pacific.

Vilar taught Biological Anthropology, an introductory anthropology course, from July 8 to 29. The course has not been taught for years since the retirement of UOG's last biological anthropology professor.

"Anthropology is a subject that many college students miss out on," Vilar said.

Vilar's advisor, Koji Lum, first brought the study of human genetics to Micronesia, taking



Lei Bao

The mission of logic is to help human pursue the truth. Majoring in this subject, it enlightened me to find the ultimate truth and goal in my life, which is to dedicate myself into the education industry. Having more than 10 years of teaching experience, I have earned a good reputation and relation from and with my dear students. Seeing them growing up and succeeding is my biggest fulfillment. As a new full-time instructor at the University of Guam, I am endeavoring to transfer my knowledge and experience into this new position.

I am hoping every student from my class can learn and acquire something valuable not only for their education but also for their entire lives. Biba, Guam!



Rita Sharma

Dr. Rita Sharma is an alumna of the University of Guam. As an undergraduate, her social psychology courses with Dr. Kyle Smith and her research experiences with Dr. Iain Twaddle working with incarcerated women instilled in her a passion to become an agent of change through education and research. In 2010, Dr. Sharma received her PhD in Clinical Psychology from Alliant International University in San Diego, California (and her Master's in 2004). Currently, she has over 15 years experience in the field of psychology providing direct clinical services to the community, consulting, supervising, and teaching. Her last employment was with Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center where she worked as a psychologist for 6 years. Her research interest is exploring social environmental factors in the onset of mental health disorders. She looks forward to working at UOG as an Associate Professor in the Psychology and MSCP programs.

CSR Grants

- Ann Ames received \$300 to research in Yap.
- Todd Ames received \$300 to research in Yap.
- David Atienza received \$1,000 for Spanish translation services.
- Michal Bevacqua received \$2,500 for Instructional CHamoru posters.
- Hyun Jong Hahm received \$640 for the continuation of Chuuk Publishing.
- Colleen Jennings and Michael Slane received \$2,800 to work on an Anti-Bullying Musical.
- Randall Johnson received \$1,100 to record a new Christmas CD.
- Masumi Kai received \$500 to conduct language research.
- Irena Keckes received \$500 to conduct art research.
- David Ruskin received \$640 to conduct CHamoru language research.

genetic samples for analysis in Guam, Saipan, Rota, Palau, and Yap. Vilar then picked up where he left off and has since involved more than 200 CHamorus from Guam and Saipan the project during his visits in 2013 and 2016. He presented his findings on the origins and genetic distinctiveness of CHamorus as the speaker of the 29th Presidential Lecture Series in January 2016.

The recording can be watched here: <https://url.uog.edu/gRmXuL>.

The opportunity to teach a course at UOG was presented when Vilar met with former UOG President Robert A. Underwood and Associate Professor of Biology Frank A. Camacho last October.

"I had talked to them at length about my research on genetics of CHamorus and how I would like to spend more time on the island, work with more people, do research at the libraries, and — if the opportunity presented itself — I would offer to teach a course," Vilar said.

Vilar encourages UOG students to study anthropology and even to learn field methods and take his work further forward.

FAÑOMNĀKAN 2019 GRADUATES

COMMUNICATION

Shannon Marie Leon
Guerrero Ada
Michael T. Aguon
Eliza Almajose Casimbon
Amanda Dedicatoria
Sophia Ann Dizon Madlambayan
Therese Agpalza Martinez
Audrey Jose Meno
Sierra Celeste Quiblat Reyes
Carly Rae Tam Rosete

ENGLISH

Jianna Rose Salas Barcinas
Mayleen Takeshi Benjamin
Dylan Patrick Delos Santos
Clymer
Krizel J. Dela Cruz
Christen De Pedro Dimalanta
Joshua Mae M. Fernandez
Danielle Marie Manibusan
Hagen
Donabelle Vitug Laxamana
Michaëlle Marie Chong Muna
Eileen Grace Francisco Prangan
Krizia Chloe Labuanan Raqueno
Kalyne Loren C. Roberto
James Julian Rojas
Ammica Calubaquib San Jose
Lorenz Christopher H. Santarin
Kailee Nicole Gutierrez Santos
Thomas Duenas Santos
Telbakes T. Yano

FINE ARTS

Marlo Christy A. Abrenilla
Joshua Soriano Cabrera
Brian M. Carpo
April Mae Cellona Colitoy
Auston Ngiltii Dennis
Elisa Jean Manalo Dizon
Noel Reguine Jimenez Jr.
Koholali'i Mocha Maertens
Aundrya Marlene Naputi
Manglona
Azuki Matsumoto
Jessica Janeen Q. Pangelinan
Daena Nikole Gogo Perez
Joann M. Quan
Christopher Joseph Taimanglo
Tajeron
Isabel Anne Aquiningoc Tajeron
Camille Maqalac Zapata

FAÑOMNÅKAN 2019 GRADUATES

HISTORY

Neri Phillip G. Blas
Ashley Francine Bukikosa
Andrew Jay Malinao Gimenez
Samuel Jason Olkeriil Mantanona

PACIFIC-ASIAN STUDIES

Kimberly Marie Babauta
Mendiola
Gerhard Johann Schwab
Joseph Timothy Oftana Tamayo
Tomoe Tani (+Fine Arts)

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Kelvin Christian Topasna
Diandra Villanueva
Taylor James Medler Whitt

PSYCHOLOGY

Jenadine Oamil Aguilo
Keana L. Artero
Sylvana Bermanis
Maria Leiza Lynn C. Bontogon
Jennilyn Nucum Bravo
Annie Fay Quillitis Camacho
(+Sociology)
Jacklyn Montuerto Garote
(+Sociology)
Johnathon Caine C. Lujan
Vance Kenneth Ogo Paet
Marc Brandon Pinera Pilante
V'Lyssa Krysten Sana
Elijah Iruul Funes Solang
Aisha Rochelle Mallorca Tabano
Samantha Marie Santos Torres

SOCIOLOGY

Samantha Marla Fernandez
David
Kenson T. Wong

GRADUATE STUDIES

MASTER OF ARTS IN ART

Sylvie Helene Pool Alvarez

MASTER OF ARTS IN ENGLISH

James Edward Yun-Keung Fee
Kohaku F. Flynn

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Sophia Angelina Tenorio Sablan

MASTER OF ARTS IN MICRONE- SIAN STUDIES

Perinne Lehua Cruz O'Brien

Faculty Travel Grants

- Ann Ames received \$1,500 to research in Yap.
- Todd Ames received \$1,500 to research in Yap.
- David Atienza received \$1,333 to present at the "Asociacion Antroologos Iberoamericanos en Red" in Madrid.
- Michelle Blas received \$1,333 to present at the KCAC Theatre Festival in Los Angeles, CA.
- Debra Cabrera received \$1,500 to present at the Pacific Sociological Association Conference in Oakland, CA.
- Francis Dalisay received \$1,500 to present at the World Communication Association ABC Conference in New Zealand.
- Rika Dunlap received \$1,500 to present at the Pacific Association for the Continental Tradition in Seattle, WA.
- Chris Garcia received \$1,500 to present at the College Composition and Communication Conference in Pittsburgh, PA.
- David Gugin received \$1,333 to present at the American Association of Australasian Literary Studies in Australia.
- Colleen Jennings received \$1,500 to present at the TVF 2019 Summer Retreat in Wisconsin.
- Kirk Johnson received \$1,500 to instruct at a cultural exchange field school in Bali.
- Masumi Kai received \$1,500 to present at the Digital Technology and Language Learning in Japan.
- Yoshito Kawabata received \$1,000 to attend the Society for Research in Child Development in Baltimore, MD.
- Holly Rustick received \$1,333 to present at the ICBEIT in Singapore.
- Chris Schreiner received \$1,333 to present at the International Journal of Arts and Sciences in Montreal, Canada.
- Lilnabeth Somera received \$1,500 to present at the World Communication Association ABC Conference in New Zealand.



Student Travel Grants

- Dr. Kirk Johnson's class received \$1,000 to participate in a cultural exchange at a field school in Bali.
- Kohaku Flynn, Arielle Lowe, Fu'una Sanz, and Kayle Tydingco each received \$500 to present at the College Composition and Communication Conference in Pittsburgh, PA.
- Jianna Barcinas, Kiana Brown, Nikko Capati, Dylan Clymer, Christen Dimalanta, Christina Lee, Krishelle Mortes, and Alejandra Roberto each received \$250 to present at the Sigma Tau Delta Convention in Missouri.
- Albert Perez, Jr. received \$500 to present at the Sigma Tau Delta Convention in Missouri.
- Shawn Camacho, Amanda Dedicataria, and Audrey Meno each received \$500 to present at the Broadcast Education Association Conference in Las Vegas, NV.
- Seahara Cruz, Mayumi Krause, and Andrew Linhardt each received \$1,000 to present at the Asian Association of Social Psychology Conference in Taipei.
- Shannon Ada, Sierra Reyes, and Salome Vuki each received \$500 to present at the World Communication Association ABC Conference in New Zealand.
- Casiana Reyes and Jean Santos each received \$1,000 to present at the Consolidating the Future of Culture Oriented Psychology Conference in Taiwan.



Presenting Resolution for Field School

Dear Senators Kelly Marsh Taitano and Telena Nelson,

It was indeed a high honor to present the Legislative Resolution to both the Mawar Family as well as to Threads of Life while we were in Bali. Both were very moved and touched by the gesture and both had watched the entire ceremony online prior to the presentation.

The Mawar family was presented with the resolution after a very special early morning family temple ceremony that our whole group participated in. I had never participated in this ceremony before as it never coincided with our visits. So it was very special for us to be there to celebrate with the family. The ceremony took about an hour and started at 7 a.m. with the Priest arriving as well as several women who chanted and made offerings. Then we all prayed and received the blessing of Holy Water as well as Rice. After the Priest left we asked the family if we could make the presentation of the resolution and I suggested we go out of the Temple and Ketut (the father of the family) said, "No, this is very important, let us do this here in this sacred spot". I started reading the resolution to them and could not get very far as emotion overwhelmed me. Thinking back over these many years, standing in front of the family who have cared for us so lovingly, after this powerful temple ceremony, surrounded by this dynamic 2019 group of students - it was all too much and I could not speak. So I asked my dear colleague Alison Hadley who has been with me in this endeavor since 2011 to continue, and she read the resolution. We all hugged and cried together and then took a few pictures.

Thank you again for your efforts and generosity of spirit in recognizing these dear souls in Bali who have accompanied us so closely over these two decades. Please convey our heartfelt gratitude to the entire Guam Legislature for its efforts on a daily basis as you continue to strive to foster an environment here on our island home that is conducive to the empowerment of young people and their families.

Warmly,
Kirk Johnson



2019 CLASS Awardees

Outstanding Student Award

Seahara Taylor Cruz
OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD

Sierra Quiblat Reyes
OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AWARD

Outstanding Staff Award

Adrian Ernest Davis
FOR EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE

Outstanding Faculty Award

Deane E. Jessee-Jones
FOR EXCELLENCE IN PART-TIME TEACHING

Amy Owen
FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING








William Frederick Jeffrey
FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH



Thanks, for a successful outcome.



SAVE THE DATES!

 Sept. 13 Bowl with CLASS	 Sept. 4 & Oct. 16 Faculty Travel Grant	 Sept. 4 & Oct. 16 Student Travel Grant	 Oct. 2 CSR Grant	 Oct. 24 (tentative) #GUdCLASS Alumni Talks	 Nov. 15 - 16 Language Arts Conference	 Nov. 22 CLASS Feeds the Homeless
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 Nov. 26 CLASS Thanksgiving Luncheon	 Dec. 6 Holiday Savory-Sweet Swap	 Dec. 13 CLASS Pinning & Hooding Ceremony
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