

## *Curriculum Vitae*

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I was born on November 20, 1967 in Guinobatan, Albay Philippines. I hold Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy from the Philippine Dominican Center of Institutional Studies (PDCIS) in 1991, Bachelor in Sacred Theology from the University of Santo Tomas (UST) in 1994. I obtained Master of Arts in Anthropology from the University of the Philippines, Diliman in 1999 with the thesis, “*Diskurso Tungkol sa Damdamin, Salita at Gawa ng Kapatirang Deo sa Bundok Banahaw*” (Discourse on the Feelings, Messages and Rituals of the Deo Community in Mount Banahaw), from fieldwork in Mount Banahaw in the province of Quezon, Philippines. I was mentored by Dr. Prospero Covar.

I obtained Ph.D. Anthropology from the University of the Philippines Diliman in 2014 with the dissertation: “*Ragpa nin Pagkabago’: A Deconstructive Ethnography of the Detritus of Modernity in Bicol’s Coastal Villages.*” I did fieldwork from 2008-2013 in Siruma and Lagonoy towns in Camarines Sur, Philippines mentored by Chancellor Michael Tan. Currently, I am a postdoctoral Fellow of the European Scientific Institute, 2023-2024.

### **CURRENT TEACHING ENGAGEMENTS**

#### **I. University of Santo Tomas (Associate Professor, Faculty of Philosophy)**

1st Term 2024-24 Philo 212 Philosophy of Religion

*Guest Lecturer, Faculty of Sacred Theology*

1<sup>st</sup> Term 2024-25: STL 704 Anthropological Field Methods and Ethnographic Writing (*intensive graduate course*)

UST Graduate School Cultural Heritage Studies Program

2<sup>nd</sup> Term 2024-25 CHS 107A- Approaches to Archaeological Heritage

**II. University of the Philippines Diliman** (*Senior Lecturer 3, Dept. of Anthropology*)

Midyear Term 2024: Anthro 280 Special Problems in Philippine Communities  
(*Focus: Online Communities*)

1<sup>st</sup> Term 2024-25: Anthro 266 Seminar in Folk Traditions

**CURRENT FIELDWORK ENGAGEMENTS**

*Bikol Archaeological Project* (Resource Person)

Consortium between the University of California Los Angeles, Archdiocese of Caceres, and Partido State University

Archaeology Season of July 2022-*present*

'*Mga Karaang Kanta*' (Folksongs) Self-directed fieldwork in music and cultural history (Pacific War 1945) *November 2021-present*

Field location: Cebu, Philippines

**RECENT LOCAL/INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES ATTENDED (2002-2023)**

***Reactor***

*The Syncretic Iglesia Mistica Filipina, Inc.: Non-Christian, Nationalist, Spiritual and 'Feminist' Elements.* A lecture by Dr. Elisabeth Luquin, INALCO, Paris. Organized by UP Diliman Department of Anthropology, October 27, 2023

***Plenary Speaker***

"Traditional Systems as Foundation for Food Security: Exploring the Social Life of '*Namu*' (*Dioscorea hispida*)". *Malikhaing Guro International Conference on Culture-based Education.* ARTIST, Inc., National Commission for Culture and the Arts. Cavite, Philippines, September 9, 2023

***Lecturer***

2<sup>nd</sup> UP Anthropology Graduate Students Forum. An online workshop on *Indigenous Elements in the Christian Religions of the Philippines.* UP Diliman Department of Anthropology and *Institut de Recherche sur l'Asie du Sud-Est Contemporaine*, June 2023

***Plenary Speaker***

*Conference Mondiale des Institutions Universitaires Catholique de Philosophie* (COMIUCAP) World Congress Manila. *On Faith, Reason and Dialogue: Listening to Asia.* University of Santo Tomas, November 16-18, 2022

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Pama, Hermel. "On Paths From Angst to Redemption: Southeast Asian Root Metaphors and Key Scenarios." *PHILIPPINIANA SACRA* Vol. LIX, No. 179 (May-August 2024)  
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.55997/2003pslix179a3>

Pama, Hermel. Reviews and Notices: Lee, Cristina. *Saints of Resistance: Devotions in the Philippines under Early Spanish Rule*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2021. pp. 193. ISBN 9780190916145. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.55997/1008pslviii175br1>  
*PHILIPPINIANA SACRA*, Vol. LVIII, NO. 175, January-April, 2023, pp. 237-248.

## RECENT CITATION IN ACADEMIC/CULTURAL PUBLICATIONS

"*Ragpa nin Pagkaba'go: A Deconstructive Ethnography on the Detritus of Modernity in Bikol's Coastal Villages*." Doctoral dissertation (2014) cited in: Robin Meyer-Lorey and Stephen Acabado. Department of Anthropology, University of California Los Angeles, U.S.A. Manifest Destiny in Southeast Asia: Archaeology of American Colonial Industry in the Philippines, 1898- 1987. *American Antiquity* (2024), 1-23. [doi/10.1017/aaq.2024.24](https://doi.org/10.1017/aaq.2024.24)

## REFERENCES

Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., Ph.D.  
*Rector*  
University of Santo Tomas  
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Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., Ph.D.  
*Dean, Faculty of Philosophy*  
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*Professor Emeritus and Academician* Michael Lim Tan, Ph.D.  
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