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**Profile**

Dedicated scholar of philosophy with vast experience in teaching and research. Committed to the promotion of philosophy and scholarship, particularly in Eastern Visayas. Experienced research collaboration with international scholars of philosophy. Driven and open to learning new approaches and frameworks.

Employment History**Burauen Community College**

January 2024- June 2025

Designation

- Head, Office of Research and Development
- Faculty Member, General Education Department

Accomplishments

- Presented a paper during the Philosophical Association of the Philippines International Conference.
- Presented a paper during the 6th Politics and Culture International Conference (Social Ethics Society).
- Served as paper reviewer for the Social Ethics Society Journal of Applied Philosophy.
- Member, Philosophical Association of the Philippines
- Published an article entitled, *Prospects of Doing Philosophy in Eastern Visayas from Reading Borrinaga and Kobak's The Colonial Odyssey*.
- Published an article entitled, *Mad World: The Image of War and Peace in Philippine Motion Pictures*.
- Co-authored an article entitled, *Memes, Viral Content, and Digital Stories: Constructing Political Narratives and Political Mobilization*.
- Conducted research-workshop for the faculty member of Burauen Community College

Visayas State University
May 2014- 2024

Faculty, College of Arts and Sciences

Accomplishments

- Participant of the University of Santo Tomas Special Intensive Courses for Philosophy Educators.
- Published a Scopus indexed article
- Founded an organization, Association of Eastern Visayas Studies, Inc.
- Conducted and Organized conference in December 2021 and 2022.
- Received a Publication Award for Article in Peer-Reviewed Publications (Scopus Indexed) Category.
- Presented a research paper hosted by Mindanao State University-IIT.
- Member of Societas Ethica Philosophica, Inc.
- Co-authored textbooks on: Understanding the Self, Life and Works of Rizal and Ethics.
- Received a Publication Award for Article in Peer-Reviewed Publications (National) Category
- Become a member of Philosophical Society of Visayas and Mindanao (PHAVISMINDA)
- Member, Social Ethics Society
- Extension project component member.
- Attended seminar on various conferences on philosophy.
- Published philosophical articles.
- Invited as a resource speaker in handling new general education subjects.

Educational Background

Master of Arts in Philosophy (2020)
University of San Jose-Recoletos
Cebu City, Philippines

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy (2006)
University of San Carlos
Cebu City, Philippines

Textbook Publications for the New CHED General Education Courses

Understanding the Self, Manila, Philippines: Mutya Publishing House, 2018.
Main author

Life and Works of Rizal, Manila, Philippines: Mutya Publishing House, 2018.
Main author

Ethics, Manila, Philippines: Mutya Publishing House, 2018.
Co-author

Scopus-Indexed Publications

Redefining the Common Causes of Social Struggles: An Examination of the Antinomies of Value, Labor and Subsumption. *International Journal of Political Philosophy/Las Torres de Lucca*. 2023 Vol. 2 Issue no. 2

Freedom, history and the subject of the unconscious. Theoretical contributions to the ideological study. *Revista de Humanidades de Valparaíso*. 2023 Issue no. 23:69-89.

Daydream and Emancipation: against surplus-enjoyment, repression and their parallax of lack and excess. In *Political Jouissance*. Nicole Barria-Asenjo and Slavoj Žižek (2024):115-132.

Ideology in the time of Pandemic: a Filipino Experience. *Discusiones Filosóficas* 2021 Vol 22. Issue no. 38: 31-41.

Intersectionalities of the left and right in Latin America and Europe: An exploration of contemporary political processes. *Iconos-Revista de Ciencias Sociales*. 2023. Vol. 77: 157-176.

The Cinematic Daydream as a tool of Political Emancipation: plus-de-jour, aufhebung and the parallax. *Bajo Palabra: Revista de Filosofía*. 2023. 32: 37-55.

Book Chapter Publications

Prospects of Doing Philosophy in Leyte. In Christopher Maboloc (ed.) *Ethics in Contemporary Philippine Society*. (2025):284-201.

Daydream and Emancipation: against surplus-enjoyment, repression and their parallax of lack and excess. In *Political Jouissance*. Nicole Barria-Asenjo and Slavoj Žižek (eds). (2024):115-132.

Žižek and Violence in the Philippine Context. In *Psychoanalysis Between Philosophy and Politics* edited by Nicol A. Barria-Asenjo and Slavoj Žižek. 2023.

An Analysis of Philippine Political Economy under Duterte. In *Radical Politics in the Philippines: A Reader* (2022).

CHED Recognized Publications

The Mad World: The Image of War and Peace in Philippine Motion Pictures. *Social Ethics Society Journal of Applied Philosophy* (2025): 201-212.

Memes, Viral Content, and Digital Stories: Constructing Political Narratives and Political Mobilization. *Social Ethics Society Journal of Applied Philosophy* (2025): 222-236.

An Analysis of Philippine Political Economy under Duterte. *Social Ethics Society Journal of Applied Ethics Special Issue*.

Prospects of Doing Philosophy in Eastern Visayas from Reading Borrinaga and Kobak's *The Colonial Odyssey of Leyte*. *Social Ethics Society Journal of Applied Philosophy*. February 2024:245-262.

Euphemistic Interpersonal Relationship in the Philippines. *USC Graduate School Journal*. 2012.

Extension

Introduction to the Philosophy of the Human Person
Department of Education Senior High School Teachers of Baybay City

Invited as a Resource Person

Public Forum on Philippine Democracy. *Social Ethics Society*, Waseda University and Mindanao State University- IIT. Online. May 9, 2025.

Orientation Seminar on General Education Courses, Re-Echo Training on the New CHED General Education Course in Rizal, Visayas State University, Visca Baybay City, Leyte on 12-14 April 2018.

Orientation Seminar on General Education Courses. Naval State University, Naval, Biliran. July 11-12, 2018.

Re-Echo Training on the New CHED General Education Course in Ethics, Visayas State University, Visca, Baybay City, Leyte on 8-10 March 2018.

Re-Echo Training on the New CHED General Education Course in Rizal, Visayas State University, Visca, Baybay City, Leyte on 12-14 April 2018.

Teacher's Training on the Teaching of Introduction to the Philosophy of the Human Person, ISRDS Training Hall, Visayas State University, Visca, Baybay City, Leyte on 25-27 May 2017.

Environmental Jamboree for Senior High School Students. Visayas State University, Visca, Baybay City, Leyte. November 17-18, 2017.

Presented Research Papers at a Conference

Emancipated Spectator: Film as an Audiovisual Resource for Philosophical Thinking. *Philosophical Association of Philippines International Philosophy Conference*. Visayas State University, Baybay City, Leyte. July 18-20, 2024.

The Mad World: The Image of War and Peace in Philippine Motion Pictures. 6th Politics and Culture Conference. Online. October 11-12, 2024. Social Ethics Society and North Valley College Foundation Inc.

Prospects of Doing Philosophy in Eastern Visayas from Reading Borrinaga and Kobak's The Colonial Odyssey of Leyte. 5th Politics and Culture Conference. Online Conference. May 5-6, 2023.

"Ideology in the time of Pandemic: A Filipino Experience" Online International Multidisciplinary Conference. Cebu Normal University, Cebu City, Philippines on 19-20, 2021.

An Analysis of Philippine Political Economy under Arroyo, Aquino III and Duterte. 3rd International Recoletos Research Congress. University of San Jose-Recoletos, Basak Campus, Cebu City, Philippines. March 4-6, 2019.

Zizek on Tolerance. 8th Social Ethics Society Philosophy Conference. Punta Isla Lake Resort, Lake Sebu, South Cotabato. October 25-27, 2018,

Amartya Sen's Capability Approach and Euphemistic Interpersonal Relationship in the Philippines. 2nd International Conference on Philippine and Asian Studies, Visayas State University, Baybay, Leyte on May 3-5, 2018.

"On the Dehumanization of Labor" 5th Social Ethics Society Conference, Saint Francis Xavier College Seminary, Pearl Farm Resort, Island Garden City of Samal, Davao on 30—31 October 2015.

The Filipino Euphemistic Interpersonal Relationships. 37th PHAVISMINDA Conference. University of San Carlos, Nasipit, Talamban, Cebu City. May 22-24, 2014.

"Philosophical Reflections on Peace and Development" 3rd Social Ethics Society Conference, Notre Dame of Marbel University, Marbel, South Cotabato on 4-5 October 2013.

3rd Philosophy Graduate Research Forum. CAFA Theater, University of San Carlos, Talamban Campus, Cebu City. Feb. 13, 2013.

Awards and Recognition

Most Promising Write Award. 18th Lamiraw Creative Writing Workshop. Online. Katig Writers Network and National Commission on Culture and Arts. June 24-28. 2022.

Best Paper Award for the paper Ideology in Time of Pandemic: A Filipino Experience on November 2021 at the Cebu Normal University, Cebu City, Philippines.

Publication Award for Whole Book Category on December 2019 at the RDE Hall, Visayas State University, Baybay City, Leyte.

Publication Award for Article in Peer-Reviewed Publications (National) Category on December 2019 at the RDE Hall, Visayas State University, Baybay City, Leyte.

Publication Award for Whole Book Category on December 2019 at the RDE Hall, Visayas State University, Baybay City, Leyte.

Best Paper Award under the Organization and Governance during the 3rd International Recoletos Research Congress on March 4—6 at University of San Jose-Recoletos, Cebu City, Philippines.

Seminars and Trainings Attended

Special Intensive Courses for Philosophy Educators, Department of Philosophy of the University of Santo Tomas held every Saturday from 7 November to 5 December 2020 via Zoom.

SDRC Capacity Building and Training on Qualitative Research of the De La Salle University-Social Development Research Center. Pavilion Glassroom, Visayas State University, Leyte on January 17, 2020.

Training-Workshop on Writing Scientific Paper for Peer-Reviewed Publication, Center for Continuing Education (CCE), Baybay, Leyte on October 18, 2017.

Publication of Research Output is a Must: Navigating Carefully Through Ethical and Professional Challenges in the Competitive World, Visayas State University, Baybay, Leyte on August 14, 2017.

Faculty Training for the Teaching of the New General Education Core Course in Ethics, School of Labor and Industrial Relations, University of the Philippines-Diliman, Quezon City on 3-20 January 2017.

Regional Senior High School (SHS) Teacher's Training for SUCs and LUCs, Leyte Normal University, Tacloban City on 11-14 July 2016.

Research Extension Capability Building Workshop, DLABS Conference Room, Visayas State University, Baybay, Leyte on February 4-5 2016.

Organizational Affiliations

Association of Eastern Visayas Studies, Inc.
Founder

Societas Ethica Philosophica, Inc.

Member

Philosophical Society of Visayas and Mindanao (Phavisminda)
Member

Social Ethics Society of Mindanao
Member

Philosophical Association of the Philippines
Member

Thesis Panelist

Pre-oral Defense of Qualitative Research. Burauen Community College. April 10, 2025.

Final Oral Accounting Research Defense. May 28, 2024. Burauen Community College, Burauen, Leyte.

Public Administration Research Defense. Burauen Community College, Burauen, Leyte. December 23, 2024.

Thesis Adviser

Thesis Title: ASSESSMENT OF THE DA VEGETABLE SEED PROGRAM IN
BRGY. TAMBUCO, BURAUEN, LEYTE
College of Business and Public Administration
Burauen Community College

Other Services

Moderator.
Philosophical Association of the Philippines International Philosophy
Conference. July 18-20, 2024
Visayas State University, Baybay City, Leyte

Conference Secretariat
4th UGAT Annual Conference. November 7-9, 2019.
Visayas State University, Baybay City, Leyte

On-Going Projects

Book Project: CONTRADICTIONary: An Almanac of Resistance.
Project leader: Bernd Herzogenrath of Goethe-Universität Frankfurt and
Nicole Barria-Asenjo of Universidad de los Lagos, Chile.

Publisher: Verso

Routledge Book Project: What is Psychoanalysis Today? Criticizing
Psychoanalytic Theory and Clinic from Philosophy. (2024).

Project leader: Nicole Barria-Asenjo of Universidad de los Lagos, Chile

Publisher: Routledge

Routledge Book Project: Between the Duty and Responsibilities of
Intellectuals in the 21st Century: What is the Directions of the Social Sciences
and Humanities Today? (2024)

Project leader: Nicole Barria-Asenjo of Universidad de los Lagos, Chile

Publisher: Routledge

Book Project: José Luis Villacañas in the History of Ideas of the 21st Century
(2025).

Project leader: Nicole Barria-Asenjo of Universidad de los Lagos, Chile

Publisher: Routledge

Beyond Algorithm: The Role of Intellectuals in the Age of Disruption

Project leader: Nicole Barria-Asenjo of Universidad de los Lagos, Chile

Publisher: UNIVERSUM: Revista de Humanidades y Ciencias Sociales
(Universidad de Talca, Chile)

References

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