



Notes on CSSP Publications Output

As the University of the Philippines gears up to become not only a teaching but also a research University, the College of Social Sciences and Philosophy (CSSP) continues to contribute to the growing body of knowledge through research and publications. The report prepared by the CSSP Office of the Dean in January 2010 underscores the numerous publications and research outputs of the faculty members of various departments of the college from January 2007 to October 2009.

Publications that appeared in books, refereed journals and conference proceedings, were classified as either local or international. Of the fifteen books published, four were international while 11 were local. The Departments of Philosophy and Political Science published two (2) books at the international level while the Departments of Anthropology and History published one (1) book each during the period. On the other hand, eleven (11) books were locally published: three (3) from the Linguistics department, two (2) from the Departments of Anthropology, History and Political Science and one (1) each for the Psychology and the Sociology departments.

Twenty six (26) and twenty four (24) chapter contributions by CSSP faculty members found print in locally and internationally published books, respectively. The History department recorded the most number of chapter contributions (10) in locally published books, followed by the Sociology department (9) while the Political Science department recorded the highest number of chapters published internationally (13).

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FEATURES

UPPI hosts visiting researcher from Barcelona, Spain

On December 9, 2009, the UP Population Institute welcomed Ms. Eva Marxen, a visiting researcher from Barcelona, Spain. Ms. Marxen is an anthropologist, art therapist, and psychoanalytical psychotherapist. She is currently a collaborator of the Health Institute of the local government of Catalonia and lecturer about adolescence and immigration. She is also collaborator of the Museum of Contemporary Art, Barcelona where she conducts art workshops and art therapy with adolescents at social risk.



As part of her PhD studies at the Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Tarragona, Ms. Marxen is undertaking research on Filipino adolescents in Barcelona and the families they left behind. In particular, she is interested in the anthropological, sociological and demographic research which has been done in the Philippines about adolescence, as well as the impact of emigration on Filipino youth.

On 26 January 2010, from 11:30 am to 1pm, Ms. Marxen conducted a brown bag lecture on art therapy at the UP Population Institute Conference Room, 3/F Palma Hall, UP Diliman. The lecture provided an overview of art therapy and how Ms. Marxen has applied it as a form of psychoanalytical psychotherapy with the arts (drawing, painting, sculpturing) for the last 10 years in Barcelona. Ms. Marxen had stayed in the country until the end of January 2010.

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What's Next for KSSP

February 2010

1-5 Anthropology Week

4-5 2010 Annual Scientific Conference
Philippine Population Association
UP Population Institute
9:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.
Heritage Hotel, Pasay City

8-12 Psychology Week

15 Launching of UP Department of History Centennial Year
6:00-7:00 am: Fun Run
7:00-8:00 am: Tree Planting

15-19 College of Social Sciences and Philosophy (CSSP) Week
Day1: Political Science
Day2: History
Day3: Population Institute
Day4: Linguistics

16-19 Kapistahang Asyano 2010
Theme: Asya sa Dantaon 21:
Tungo sa Pagtugon sa mga
Pandaigdigang Hamon

22-26 Philosophy Week

Geography holds its department week

The Department of Geography held its annual Geography Week with theme "Geography: No Boundaries" from January 18 to 22. The celebration started with a thanksgiving mass at the UP Parish of the Holy Sacrifice. On the second day, the Department had an opening exhibit. It featured its history as a department, its faculty profile, its student organizations and its extension activities such as the Summer fieldwork. With the participation of several regional geography classes, the department also held a food festival showcasing delicacies from different provinces and from other countries as well. On the third day, the department had a fieldwork

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The CSSP is celebrating its weeklong celebration from February 15 to 19. Featuring for this year's celebration are the departments of History, Linguistics, Political Science and the Population Institute. This year's festivity also marks the centennial celebration of the Department of History and the inauguration of the college's newest building for its faculty members.
- The Office of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs is still accepting applicants for this year's CSSP Writing Fellowship Program. The grant is open to CSSP faculty members for their scholarly works for possible publication in the *Philippine Social Science Review*. For details, please visit the OADAA office at PH 209-A or call 9262511, or 9818500 local 2427. Deadline is extended to March 1, 2010.

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Scholarly articles were also published in refereed journals during the period: thirty-seven (37) in local journals and thirty-five (35) in international journals. The Department of Political Science again was the top producer with eight (8) published articles in local refereed journals. The Anthropology and Philosophy departments came next to Political Science with five (5) published journal articles, followed closely by Geography with four (4) articles published in local peer reviewed journals. The faculty members of other departments were able to publish from three journal articles during the period in local refereed journal. On the other hand, the Philosophy department recorded the highest number of published articles in international refereed journals (12) followed by the Political Science department (9), the Population Institute (5), Geography (4) and Sociology (3). The other departments published one (1) journal article each in refereed international journals during the period.

Sixty-one (61) and twenty-seven (27) papers presented by CSSP faculty members in local and international conferences found print in proceedings of local and international conferences. The History department accounted for 92 and 52 percent of conference papers published in local and international conference proceedings.

Meanwhile, the report from the Dean's Office also shows that research is thriving in the college with one hundred (100) research projects completed during the period and ninety-two (92) on-going research projects. The History department reported the most number of completed projects (31) while the Sociology department reported the most number of on-going research projects (22) during the reference period.

The foregoing data provide evidence that CSSP faculty members are highly productive in research and publication. Comparison by department, however, should be treated with caution due to the high variability in the number of faculty members per department.

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Geography holds its department week

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presentation entitled "Social Science Research: The Geographical Way." The students presented their researches from their different fieldwork sites such as Agusan Marsh, Agusan Del Sur, Brgy. Calawis, Antipolo, Pakil, Laguna and Banaue, Ifugao. On January 21, there was a career-orientation. For this activity, the department invited several alumni who came from the fields of law, non-government organizations, mapping and research institutions. This was to share ideas to the students of possible opportunities waiting them after graduation. In a lighter mood, the last day was observed with a talent showdown wherein various groups of

TALASTASAN CORNER

Agpaoa: Loving the Friend for the Friend's Own Sake

Professor Jerwin Agpaoa of the Philosophy Department started this year's *Talastasan* Series with his presentation, entitled "Loving the Friend for the Friend's Own Sake", on January 19, 2010 at the CSSP AVR, Palma Hall 207. His study gave emphasis on the important relationship between happiness and the circumstance of having friends as well as on the notion of wishing well for the friend's own sake, following largely the works of Aristotle in his *Nichomachean Ethics*.

Agpaoa began his presentation by posing the difference between the life of one when one pursues things in life alone and when one pursues it with a friend. He warned that though one can be happy pursuing things on one's own, in the end, he said, one may lose zest and not achieve full happiness in life. He went on to say that "After all, living a flourishing or a happy life is what most of us strive for, and this is highly likely to happen if we live our lives in the company of our friends".

Quoting John Cooper, he said, "One tends to become apathetic and inactive without the stimulation and support which others, especially those whom one likes and esteems, provide by sharing one's goals and interests."

In other words, one can find strength and motivation from the friend(s) one most likely wishes to be with.

There are three kinds of friendship that are mostly behind what attracts and binds one person to the other according to Agpaoa. These are the friendships based on utility, pleasure or goodness. Quoting Aristotle, Agpaoa said, "These three motives differ from one another in kind, and so do the corresponding types of affection and friendship. In other words, there are three kinds of friendship, corresponding in number to the objects worthy of affection. In each of these, the affection can be reciprocated so that the partner is aware of it, and the partners wish for each other's good in terms of the motive on which their affection is based."

A friendship is based on usefulness when the partners do not feel affection for each other per se but in terms of the good accruing to each from the other. The friendship of pleasure is related to the friendship of usefulness, since Agpaoa explained that one tends to love pleasant friends not for what they are but for the pleasure they provide one. And the third form of

friendship, which is friendship of the perfect kind, is based on the goodness between men who are alike in excellence or virtue, which, according to Agpaoa, 'lasts as long as the parties are good and this means that it will last for a long time since goodness or virtue is a good that lasts'.

Agpaoa clarified that, in spite of Aristotle's emphasis on the friendship between good men, friendships based on goodness are not an exclusive preserve of moral heroes and that ordinary decent human beings can equally achieve this not by recognizing perfect or complete virtue in the other alone but on the simple recognition of some morally good qualities that one possesses.

The parties involved in friendships based on goodness (which is the rarest kind of friendship, according to Aristotle, since there are few paragons of virtue in this world) can love each other for each other's sake since the parties are friends not through one party's accidental qualities that happen to respond to the other party's contingent needs, that is, not through the utility or pleasure that accrues from one to the other but through the kind of persons that the friends are. Despite initial appearances, Agpaoa clarified that even if friendships based on usefulness or pleasure (which are friendships of the dominant kind) tend to show self-centered motivations, since the partners seem to be friends only through the utility or pleasure they can get from one another, one can still wish for the pleasure- or utility-friend's own sake by deeply recognizing him as someone who has been an enjoyable companion or as someone who has regularly benefited one and has done so in the past, independently of consideration of one's welfare or pleasure.

The discussant for the dialog, Prof. Cherrie Billedo, a Social Psychologist and Assistant Professor from the Department of Psychology, agreed with Agpaoa on the idea that one loves his friend for his own sake because such friend is a reflection of his own. To emphasize her point, Billedo even joked that 'we tend to love those who like us' since they serve as 'mirror' to our very soul.

Billedo expounded that the relationship is more of one's mirroring oneself in another human being as a projection of one's love for oneself. To explain this, she said, one cannot project love unto others unless one loves oneself.

Agpaoa's presentation is based on the first chapter of his master's thesis which he is currently working on. He is also teaching as Instructor at the Department of Philosophy where he graduated Magna Cum Laude in April 2007. He teaches Basic and Intermediate Logic courses with focus on Symbolic Logic. He also handles Ethics and Philosophical reasoning courses.

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