



CLASS Connections

Fañomnåkan 2023 Newsletter



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<https://bit.ly/3XsZagc>

Congratulations to the Fañomnåkan 2022 CNMI Public School System Cohort who graduated from the University of Guam's Chamoru Studies Program! The funding for this was made possible through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the CNMI PSS.

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ARC Call for Submission!

Call for Paper and Presentation Abstracts
Submission Deadline: Jan. 27, 2023

For more information: <https://bit.ly/3H5GxtE>

Looking for a Green Zone?

We have spaces available!

Zones: HSS Building (HSS111, HSS220 a/b, Hss308), EC Building (EC202, EC204*)

Times: Monday - Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

*(EC 204 Writing Center hours may differ.)

To Reserve: See the Division Staff where your desired Green Zone is located to sign-in before occupying a room. Schedule same-day reservations in-person required. Reserve up to 2 hours in a Green Zone.

To inquire, you may visit or call the CLASS Dean's Office!

Location: HSS (3rd Floor) || **Phone #:** (671) 735-2850

From the Dean's Desk

Dear Professors, Students, and Friends of the College:

January 18, 2023

Maintaining a healthy, balanced, detached skepticism is a key practice of critical thinkers. People who practice critical thinking recognize that there are many contingencies involved in attempting to understand a situation. Critical thinkers are open-minded, recognizing that they may be wrong, realizing that they must change their position when confronted with counter evidence. Holding a skeptical outlook is a means to achieve our personal and collective goals.

Many people seek social justice—individually and collectively. After the murder of George Floyd, the individual and collective protests demanding improved social justice were heard globally. Even though academicians and religions have been calling for universal social justice for centuries, and various civil rights and equal opportunity laws were enacted, nevertheless, it was only after Mr. Floyd's murder that USA higher education organizations and institutions began a campaign to promote and embrace diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) on campus. We must learn to be comfortable being uncomfortable when discussing DEI.

I recommend this free DEI course:

Moving DEI from Intention to Impact with Ruchika Tulshyan || Link: <https://bit.ly/3kbvo1p>

UOG's first step along the DEI path was to establish the "UOG Statement on Respect, Compassion and Community" which states that:

In the spirit of Inadahi yan Inagofli'e yan bendision ginen I manmo'fo'na, the University of Guam promotes values of respect, compassion, and community rooted in Micronesia and her history to foster equitable access, thriving engagement, robust scholarship, and innovative solutions meeting local, regional, and global needs. These Micronesian values strengthen the intellectual, emotional, and spiritual well-being of individuals respecting the dignity of our peoples and all humanity.

UOG's second step on the DEI path was to join the AAC&U Student Success Equity Initiative (SSEI). The SSEI process requires a third step that UOG expand its DEI journey by developing an ongoing, futuristic plan to continuously transform by promoting equity and inclusion of diverse peoples on campus and in the community. Our fourth step is to implement positive change by annihilating institutional racism. The deep challenge is to combat institutional racism built into the colonial biases of USA higher education. The institution has a sociological life of its own. The institution itself must also change, not only the employees.

How far do our personal and institutional values of equity extend? Given the rise in populist mentality, it seems to me that cross-culturally, many people are regressing into a closed-minded nationalism, promoting war. When there are limited resources, people tend to take care of their own. The practices of Equal Employment Opportunity quickly fell short of actually increasing the inclusion of diverse populations being treated equitably in the workplace because merely having an opportunity to apply does not necessarily result in being hired.

There are ancient teachings that propose that people need to love and respect each and every person, to promote universal love, agape, and justice. Despite those ancient teaching, globally there is still a lack of respect for human dignity and human rights. Will we respect diverse peoples, promote equity, inclusivity, and justice for every individual on campus? Will the institution as a whole promote Belonging, Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusiveness? Will we B-JEDI? These questions are raised to motivate you to achieve the equity goals.

Wishing you a productive and fun filled Fañomnakan 2023 semester.

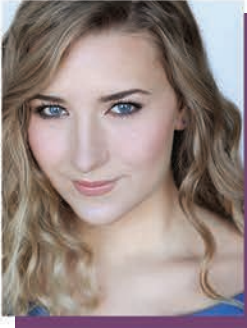
Yours Truly,

James D. Sellmann, Ph. D.
College of Liberal Arts Social Sciences, Dean



College Academic Affairs Committee (Left to Right): Dr. James Sellmann, Dean; Dr. Mary Therese Cruz, Interim Associate Dean; Dr. Kirk Johnson (Social and Behavioral Sciences); Dr. Michael Clement (Humanities); Dr. Chris Garcia (English and Applied Linguistics); Dr. Irena Keckes (Communication, Media, and Fine Arts).

New Faculty



Madison Scott | Instructor of Theater

Madison McKenzie Scott holds an MFA in Acting from UC-Irvine as well as a BA in Dramatic Art and a BA in Global Studies for the Middle East from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. After acting professionally in New York and regional theatres she relocated to Guam in 2020. She has spent her time here teaching at arts education organizations and part-time at UOG, producing and directing with Breaking Wave Theatre Company, and reporting for Guam Pacific Daily News. Creatively her passions include producing immersive theatre and classics that focus on gender, power, and breaking cycles.

Natasha Lujan Suba | Instructor of Critical Thinking

Natasha Suba is an alumnus of the University of Guam. She graduated in Fanuchãnan 2022, with a Master of Public Administration degree, and before that, received her bachelor's degree in Political Science in Fañomnãkan 2019. She is the current President-elect for the UOG Alumni Association. Before joining the university, she served as the Program Coordinator with the Commission on Decolonization under the Office of the Governor. She plans to pursue her Ph.D. in the coming year and looks forward to finding time to read again.



(Photo cr. Dr. Hiro Kurashina)

"These are the arts and practices that set the mind free from prejudice and allow freedom of thought and expression."

- James D. Sellmann, CLASS Dean

The University of Guam unveiled a special two-month museum exhibit on Aug. 18, 2022, to celebrate its 70-year history of education, research and discoveries, and service to the community.

For more details on the UOG 70th Anniversary Exhibit at the Guam Museum: <https://www.uog.edu/70th-anniversary.php>

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FANUCHÅNAN 2022 GRADUATES

Anthropology

Baylee Genevieve Bales-Woods
Ealani Naryne Alvarez Lobaton
Tyler James Warwick

CHamoru Studies

Claire Dina Cabrera
Cynthia Angui Cepeda
Angelina Cing Fitial
Rosalita Santos Hosono
Rose Sharon Songsong
Taimañao Jones
Jennie Pinaula Magofna
Therese Calvo Reyes Manalang
Tricia Marie Atalig Manglona
Lee Sablan Pangelinan
Monica D. Pangelinan
Michelle Sablan Rasa
Velma Mae Shai Reyes
Janerlinse Borja Seman Saimon
Trisha Adela Richards Taitano
Joann Mendiola Torres
K'nilismer'fifi N. Tuhuweitae
Alma Jean Kisa Villagomez

Communication

Dominique G. Dela Cruz
Rosemillen A. Facelo
Kin Artero Guerrero
Jonah Donovan Hermosilla
(+ Philosophy)
Jacques Mari Alfonso
Masangkay
Skyler Von Guerrero Obispo
Eliria Jaleh Sabeti

English

Mia Kathleen Gutierrez Alvarez
Michael Lujan Castro
Jason Galiza
Matsuki Hirayama
Cyndee Valencia Leong
Reid Gregory Cura Ramos
Abcde Aubrey Ann Tamondong
Tapia

Conference Grant Dates!

Faculty Conference Grants are awarded for a maximum of \$1,500. Priority is given to presenting at academic conferences. The overall budget for Faculty Travel Grants is \$29,000 this year. There will be roughly \$7,250 per quarter to award. The application link, which includes more criteria, is below.

Faculty Online Conference Application -
<https://class-travelgrant22-faculty.questionpro.com/>

- *Deadlines for Faculty Conference Grants for AY 2022-23 are:
- February 1 and April 19 for the Fañomnåkan Semester (Spring 2023).

Student Conference Grants are generally awarded at a maximum of \$1,000 for Graduate Students and \$500 for Undergraduates. Priority is given for presenting at academic conferences. Either the student or the faculty member may apply, but the student must have a faculty sponsor. The budget for student travel grants is \$15,000 this year. There is roughly \$3,750 per quarter to award. The application link, which includes more criteria, is below.

Student Online Conference Application -
<https://class-travelgrant22-student.questionpro.com/>

- *Deadlines for Student Conference Grants for AY 2022-23 are:
- February 1 and April 19 for the Fañomnåkan Semester (Spring 2023).

CSR Grants Dates!

CSR Grants have a maximum award amount of \$3,000. These are seed grants intended to either fund small one-time projects or to start fledging projects and help faculty in applications for external funding. The budget for CSR grants is \$24,000 this year. There is roughly \$12,000 per semester to award.

<https://class-csr22.questionpro.com/>

- *Deadlines for CSR Grants for Spring 2023 are:
- April 5 in the Fañomnåkan semester (Jan. - May).

*For questions or more information about grants and applications, please contact the Interim Associate Dean, Dr. Mary Therese F. Cruz, mtfcruz@triton.uog.edu.

CSR Grants awarded...

- Marshaley Bacquiano was granted \$3,000 to contract translation and transcription services and other expenses related to their project gathering stories of Russian asylum seekers in Guam.
- Manuel "Manny" Cruz was granted \$2,099 to contract a Web Designer and other expenses related to their project to enhance the feature complexity and design complexity of the Triton's Call.
- William Jeffrey was granted \$3,000 to contract a Corrosion Specialist and other expenses related to your project to engage a Corrosion Specialist who can train students to conduct and collect corrosion measurements on submerged World War sites in Micronesia.

Student Travel Grants awarded...

- Brett Fulkerson-Smith was granted \$325 for team participation in the Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl Regional Competition on December 3, 2022 and February 26, 2023.
- Chris Garcia-Santos was granted \$525 for attendance for 15 students in EN319 Advanced Composition at the Language Arts Conference at UOG and RIHGA Laguna Resort Guam on November 18-19, 2022.
- Carol Simpson-Warner was granted \$210 for attendance for 6 students in EN311-02 Creative Writing: Poetry at the Language Arts Conference at UOG and RIHGA Laguna Resort Guam on November 18-19, 2022.
- Jose Cruz was granted \$210 for attendance for 6 students from the Writing Center at the Language Arts Conference at UOG and RIHGA Laguna Resort Guam on November 18-19, 2022.
- Kirk Johnson was granted \$7,000 for travel for 12 students in SO405 Community Development to Bali, Indonesia for the Bali Field School on March 10-25, 2023.

Faculty Travel Grants awarded...

- Kate Yusi was granted \$360 for presenting at the International Conference on Ontology and Ontological Formations on January 16 - 17, 2023.
- Chris Rasmussen was granted \$1,105 for travel to Arlington, Virginia for the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting on June 15 - 17, 2023.
- Hyun-Jong Hahm was granted \$1,500 for travel to Pusan National University, Busan, South Korea for the Korean Association for the Study of English Language and Linguistics and Korean Association for Corpus Linguistics Conference on October 20 - 23, 2022.
- Kirk Johnson was granted \$1,500 for travel to Bali, Indonesia for the Bali Field School on March 10 - 25, 2023.
- Kenneth Kuper was granted \$1,500 for travel to Montreal, Canada for the 64th International Studies Association Annual Convention on March 14 - March 24, 2023.
- Marshaley Bacquiano was granted \$1,293.23 for travel to Chiang Mai University in Chiang Mai, Thailand for the Asian Political and International Studies Association Annual Congress on December 9 - 12, 2022.
- Raymond Anderson was granted \$1,500 for travel to Las Vegas, Nevada for the Broadcast Education Association Convention on April 15 - 18, 2023.
- Velma Yamashita was granted \$2,073 for travel to Taipei City, Taiwan to attend planning meetings for the Austronesian International Arts Exhibition on January 10 - 13, 2023.

FANUCHĀNAN 2022 GRADUATES

Fine Arts

Roybert Simeon Bautista
(+ Secondary Education)
Mica Elamparo Ebbat
(+ Secondary Education)
Bryant A.Y. Mariano
Rioanne Cabana Simeon

Philosophy

Johnny Khaing Parke
(+ Computer Science and Mathematics)

Political Science

Tristan Xavier Valenzuel Quintanilla
(+ CHamorru Studies)
Jude James Concepcion Tenorio
Kiana Joy P. Yabut
(+ Public Administration)

Psychology

Victoria Marie R. Ananich
Mary Carell Figueroa Baladad
Megan Gogue
Rayah Julian
Justin Allen Lawson

Sociology

Flora Ann Naputi Asanoma
(+ Psychology)
Angelica Lizada Racelis



FALL 2022

The College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Fanuchanan 2022 graduates at the CLASS Pinning and Hooding Ceremony held at the CLASS Lecture Hall on December 9, 2022.



Watch the Livestream on Facebook:

<https://fb.watch/i4AurPryHF/>

View more photos on Facebook:

<https://bit.ly/3H3SNd1>

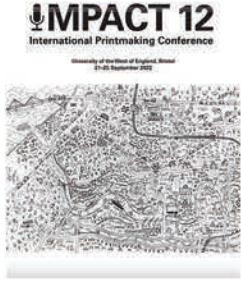




"DO NOT TOUCH"

"Virtual Interconnections"

"Thinking of Place III"



Dr. Irena Keckes participated in three exhibitions at the "Impact12 International Printmaking Conference" in Bristol, United Kingdoms from September 21 to 25, 2022. Exhibitions: "DO NOT TOUCH" "Virtual Interconnections" "Thinking of Place III" Dr. Keckes is also co-authoring and co-presenting a collaborative reflective paper, "Materiality and Virtuality, Touch and Distance from the (Femi)Graphic Perspective."

For more details on the IMPACT 12 International Printmaking Conference:

<https://bit.ly/3iBCGLv>



Dr. Yung-Eun (Eunice) Choe, part-time music professor, (pictured in red) performed at The Music of Mozart Concert with the Guam Symphony.

For more information on the Guam Symphony Society:

<https://www.facebook.com/GuamSymphonySoc>

(Photo cr. Guam Symphony Society)

The CHamoru Studies program held a Meet and Greet on Friday, November 18. Featured guest speakers were alumni Nolan Flores, Fu'una Sanz, and Brandon "BJ" Terlaje.

(Photo cr. Dr. Kisha Borja-Quichocho)



Congratulations!

2022 Triton Awards

Student Employee of the Year:
Chelsea Marie Gonzales
Administrative Technician, CLASS



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Don Louis Entera for receiving a \$540 scholarship. The CLASS Scholarship was awarded to one of 63 incoming Freshman with a declared CLASS major. Thank you to teams and donors from the 2022 Trivia Night event held in April 2022, for your contribution to this scholarship!





The Annual Regional Language Arts Conference (LAC) is an annual event in which Western Pacific educators are provided with opportunities for professional growth and enrichment in literacy. The conference is organized by the Division of English and Applied Linguistics (DEAL) at the University of Guam and co-sponsored by the Guam International Reading Association.

The 35th LAC was a two day event held on Nov. 18, 2022 at the English and Communications Building - UOG and Nov. 19, 2022 at the RIGHA Royal Laguna Guam Resort. The theme of the conference was "Recharting Known Shores of Literacy."

For more information: uog.edu/lac#About



Si Yu'os ma'ase!
To the International Literacy Association President Liwayway Anicas donated \$1,000.00 to the Language Arts Conference.

(From left to right) Professor Elizabeth Rutun; ILA President Liwayway Anicas; Dean Sellmann, Professor Jose Cruz, Professor Matilda Naputi Rivera.

Spencer Foundation Language Reclamation, Revitalization, and Education in Guam and Hawai'i Panel Discussion




(Photo cr. Dr. Kisha Borja-Quichocho)

(From left to right) The grant project committee included: Jimmy Teria (GDOE CHamoru Studies and Special Projects Division), Kanani Māka'imoku, Dr. Keiki Kawai'ae'a, Dr. Candace Kaleimamoowahinekapu Galla, Anna Marie Arceo (Chief Hurao Academy), Dr. Kisha Borja-Quichocho-Calvo (UOG CHamoru Studies Program), Nolan Flores (Political Science alumni), and Dr. Kenneth Gofigan Kuper (UOG Political Science Program).

The Spencer Foundation "Language Reclamation, Revitalization, and Education in Guam and Hawai'i" panel discussion was held on November 17 at the UOG Lecture Hall. The panel included three Hawaiian scholars and language practitioners: Dr. Keiki Kawai'ae'a (*Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani UH-Hilo College of Hawaiian Language*), Kanani Māka'imoku (*Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani UH-Hilo College of Hawaiian Language*), and Dr. Candace Kaleimamoowahinekapu Galla (*Department of Language and Literacy Education and the First Nations, and Endangered Languages Program, Institute for Critical Indigenous Studies, University of B.C., Canada*).

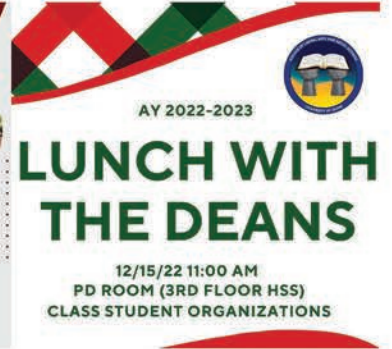
This event was part of a larger grant project entitled the Spencer Foundation Indigenous Education Project on Indigenous Language Reclamation, Revitalization, and Education in Guam and Hawaii.



Thanksgiving – To – Go Raffle!

The College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences and the CHamoru Studies Program, in partnership with the UOG Endowment Foundation, raised funds for student scholarships by selling raffle tickets for a Thanksgiving dinner. Through joint efforts, CLASS staff and the CHamoru Studies Program sold 736 tickets and raised \$582 for student travel. A big Thank you to Nolan Flores, a UOG Political Science alumni, who won the raffle and donated the Thanksgiving dinner to a family in need.

Si Yu'os ma'ase, for a successful outcome.



Fall 2022 Productions and Exhibitions!

"The Tempest"
August 25, 2022

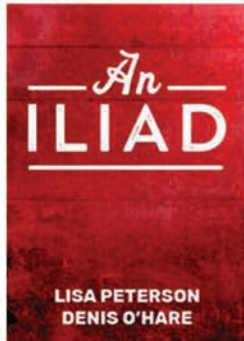
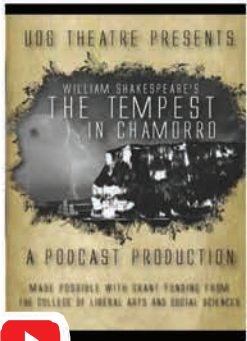
"An Iliad"
Sept. 22 - 24 &
Sept. 29 - Oct. 12022

"We're All Ears"
Oct. 21 - 22, 2022

"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change"
Nov. 10 - 12 & Nov. 17-19, 2022

"Ceramic Celebration XIII"
November 4, 2022

"Creative Hands 2022"
Dec. 1, 2022 - Jan. 27, 2023



Ceramics by Pr. Lewis S. Rifkowitz "Self-reflections," Angelica Losing

SAVE THE DATES!



44th CLASS Annual Research Conference

Date: March 10, 2023

Location: CLASS Lecture Hall/HSS Building

In celebration of the many social, cultural, and political crosscurrents at work within the island and region, the theme of this year's conference is "Crosscurrents in Conversations: Negotiating Place With/In Oceania."

For more information: <https://bit.ly/3iELnoj>

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UOG Theatre Presents:

"Chamoru Play Festival"
Feb. 23 - 25 &
March 2 - 4, 2023

"Pride & Prejudice"
April 20 - 22 &
27 - 29, 2023



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