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Areas of Research and Teaching:

Chinese philosophy, Critical thinking, Contemporary epistemology & metaphysics, Moral philosophy, Philosophical logic

Education:

- Doctor of Philosophy, Philosophy (2008-2012), University of New South Wales (UNSW), Sydney, Australia; Thesis: "Zhuangzi's Scepticism in Light of Yangist Ideas"; Supervisor: Karyn Lai; Thesis examiners: Kim-chong Chong (HKUST), Eric Sean Nelson (UM, Lowell), Eric Schwitzgebel (UC, Riverside)
- Master of Arts, Philosophy (1999-2006), University of San Carlos (USC), Cebu City; Thesis: "Wuwei 無為 and Filipino Gender Sensitivity"; Adviser: Antonio Diluvio (USC); Thesis committee: Aмоса Velez (USC), Romualdo Abulad (USC, UST), Orlando Ali Mandane, Jr. (USC)
- Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy (1994-1998), University of St La Salle, Bacolod City; Papers: "George Berkeley, Subjective idealism", "Bernard of Clairvaux, Mysticism"; Instructor: Jose Ivan Natalaray (in Phil 101 and Medieval philosophy courses)
- Proficiency in Education, Certificate (2004), St. Theresa's College, Cebu City

Courses (MA) taken at USC

Philosophy: *Modern Problems in Ethics*, Lecturer: Dr Agustin Sollano (Summer 1999); *Philosophical and Religious Trends in Existentialism*, Lecturer: Dr Buenaventura Cordova (Summer 1999); *Modern Philosophy 1*, Lecturer: Fr. Michael Pruvost (S2 2000); *Dynamic Metaphysics I*, Lecturer: Br. Romualdo Abulad (Summer 2001); *Philosophy of Education I*, Lecturer: Fr. Michael Pruvost (Summer 2001); *Advanced Philosophy of Man*, Lecturer: Fr. Heinz Kulüke (Summer 2001); *Oriental Philosophy*, Lecturers: Br. Romualdo Abulad and Dr Aмоса Velez (Summer 2003); *Philosophy of History*, Lecturer: Fr. Florencio Lagura (Summer 2003); *Albert Camus*, Lecturer: Dr Rosario Espina (Summer 2004); *Philosophy of Art*, Lecturer: Dr Josephine Pasricha (Summer 2004); *Wittgenstein and Marx*, Lecturer: Br. Romualdo Abulad (S2 2004)

Education: *Curriculum Principles, Design and Evaluation*; *Supervision of Instruction (in Basic Ed)*; *Advanced Educational Psychology*

Courses audited and participated in at UNSW

Supervisor, Lecturer recommended: *Chinese philosophy*, Lecturer: Dr Karyn Lai (S1 2008); *Philosophical logic*, Lecturer: Dr Michaelis Michael (S1 2009); *Philosophy of Language*, Lecturer: Dr Phillip Staines (S2 2010); *Contemporary Epistemology*, Lecturer: Dr Stephen Hetherington (2011); *Introductory Chinese*, Lecturer: Dr Wang Ping (S1 & S2 2008)

Self recommended: *Classical Chinese (cultural component of Introductory Chinese)*, Lecturer: Professor Jon Von Kowalis (S2 2012)

Publications:

- (2023) "Zhuangzi as externalist: Reconciling two interpretations of the Happy Fish debate," *Asian Philosophy* 33, no. 4: pp. 363-376.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/09552367.2023.2247634>
- (2023) (co-authored with Orlando Ali Mandane, Jr.). "The Zhuangist Primitivist attitude towards technology: further questions for thinking about technological orientation," *Kritike: An Online Journal of Philosophy* 17, no. 1: pp. 77-96.
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- (2022). "Reasons for Teaching Critical Thinking: A Proposal in Confucian Ethics," *Lukad: An Online Journal of Pedagogy* 2, no. 2: pp. 29-41.
<https://lukad.org/2023/07/volume-2-issue-2/>
- (2020). "Li 禮 and Filipino behavioural propriety," *International Journal of Asia Pacific Studies* 16, no. 2: pp. 85-115 (Theme: *Indigenous, Local, and Regional Traditions: Views from Ritual and Ceremony*; organised and edited by Peter Yih Jiun Wong). <https://doi.org/10.21315/ijaps2020.16.2.5>
- (2020). "The Challenge of selfish actions to the Fight against COVID-19 and Mencius's condemnation of Yang Zhu," *Social Ethics Society Journal* (issue on the COVID-19 Pandemic and Applied Ethics): pp.32-52. <http://ses-journal.com/2020covid-19-and-applied-ethics/>; http://ses-journal.com/wpcontent/uploads/2020/07/Article-2_Villaver_SESJuly2020-1.pdf
- (2016). "Freedom," chapter in *Introduction to the Philosophy of the Human Person: Senior High School Text Workbook, 1st edition* (Cebu City: University of San Carlos Press).
- (2015). "Does *guiji* 貴己 mean egoism?: Yang Zhu's conception of self," *Asian Philosophy* 25, no. 2: pp. 216-223.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/09552367.2015.1056977>
- (2009). "Daoism as philosophy," *PHAVISMINDA Journal* 8: pp. 115-123.
- (2007). "Wuwei in the *Daodejing*: Understanding Daoist ethics," *PHAVISMINDA Journal* 6: pp. 31-46.
- (2006). "Wuwei and Filipino gender sensitivity," *University of San Carlos Graduate Journal* 23: pp. 1-20.

Research, Travel Grants

- (2023, S1). University of San Carlos, Research Council grant, 9 units; Virtue epistemology in Xunzi and *Zhuangzi*
- (2020, S1). University of San Carlos, Research Council grant, 9 units; *Zhuangzi's* happy fish debate, epistemology
- (2018, S2). University of San Carlos, Research Council grant, 9 units; Sense of Justice in the *Mencius*
- (2017, S2). University of San Carlos, Research Council grant, 12 units; *Zhuangzi* Primitivist view about knowledge
- (2016, S2). *World Philosophies Conference*, De La Salle University – Manila, Manila.
- (2016, S1). University of San Carlos, Research Council grant, 12 units; Ritual, Philippine indigenous philosophy
- (2013, S1). University of San Carlos, Research Council grant, 6 units; Yang Zhu, egoism
- (2011, S1). UNSW Postgraduate Student Support Scheme Conference Travel Funds

Teaching/ Teaching Assistant (Tutor) Experience

- Faculty (June 2005-Feb 2008, June 2013-), Department of Philosophy, University of San Carlos, Talamban, Cebu City

- Teaching Assistant (S2 2008, S1 & S2 2009, Summer 2012), School of Humanities and Languages, University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
- Philosophy essays marker (Feb 2013), for Faculty Capstone course through Dr Stuart Upton, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
- Chinese philosophy course marker; also using Moodle LMS (Feb-May 2013), School of Humanities and Languages, University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
- High School Instructor (June 2000- May 2005), St. Louis School, Maguikay, Mandaue City

Courses organized and lectured at USC

Logic (traditional), Logic (modern), Logic and Critical thinking (formal and informal logic), Logic (advanced - thru sentential modal logic, graduate course), Moral Philosophy, Philosophy of the Human Person, Analytic Philosophy, Contemporary Epistemology (undergraduate and graduate), Laozi and Daoism (Laozi and Zhuangzi)(graduate), Chinese philosophy (undergraduate and graduate), Oriental Philosophy (graduate course), Confucius (graduate course), Philosophy of Education (graduate course), Philosophy of language, Zhuangzi (graduate seminar)

Courses taught at St. Louis School

Computing, Ethics (Christian morality), Physical education, Health, Music, Citizen's army training

Courses tutored (assisted) at UNSW

Metaphysics and Epistemology (S1 2009), Critical Thinking and Practical Reasoning (S2 2008, S2 2009), Moral, Social, and Political Philosophy (S2 2009), Along the Silk Road- Asian Studies (Summer 2012)

Research Job and Non-Teaching Experience

- Research Assistant (August- December 2012), for Dr Karyn Lai, School of Humanities and Languages, University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
- Casual work, part time (Oct 2011- Apr 2013), Library, University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
- Assistant to the Director (April 1999- May 2000), Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Visayas and Mindanao Vocation Animation, office at St. Louis School, Maguikay, Mandaue City
- Assistant to the Secretary (November 1998- March 1999), Office of the Principal (High School), St. Alphonsus Catholic School, Lapu-Lapu City

Honours/ Scholarships/ Awards

(2008-2012). University of New South Wales University International Postgraduate Award (UIPA)

(1994-1998). University of St. La Salle, College-Funded scholarship award

(1994-1998). University of St. La Salle, Dean's Listee

(1994). Department of Science and Technology (DOST)/ Science Education Institute scholarship, Philippine Normal University for the course B.S. Physics (for teaching)

(1993). University of the Philippines College Admissions Test passer (B.S. Mathematics in pure mathematics at U.P. College Cebu, and waitlisted for B.S. Biology program)

Professional Service

College Committees: Library (2014-2018); Community Extension (S1, 2019);
Curriculum and Instruction (2007, 2021-2022); Revenue (2021)

Refereeing: *Asian Philosophy* (<https://www.tandfonline.com/journals/casp20>)
Dao (<https://www.springer.com/journal/11712>) (2x)
Philosophy East and West (<https://uhpress.hawaii.edu/title/pew/>)
Recoletos Multidisciplinary Research Journal (<https://rmrj.usjr.edu.ph/>)
Social Ethics Society (SES) Journal (<http://ses-journal.com/>)
Suri: Journal of the Philosophical Association of the Philippines

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