

JAIRUS DIESTA ESPIRITU

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EDUCATION

- January 2020 **Master of Arts in Philosophy**
University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City
Thesis: "Antiphilosophical Investigations: Badiou's Notion of Antiphilosophy and Wittgenstein's Philosophical Investigations"
- June 2015 **Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, *cum laude***
University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City
Cognate: European Languages (Spanish and Latin)

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2022-present **Assistant Professor, Mapúa University, Manila**
Humanities Cluster, Department of Liberal Arts, School of Foundational Studies and Education
- Teaches core courses on Formal Logic, Philosophical Anthropology, Philosophy of Science and Technology, Foundations of Society
 - Teaches fully online courses on Ethics, Gender and Society, and Understanding the Self.
- 2022-2023 **Senior Administrative Assistant, Local Government of San Mateo, Rizal**
Office of the Municipal Mayor
- Reviewed and edited correspondences for and on behalf of the Municipal Mayor
 - Wrote the Mayor's speeches
 - Pioneered data management system
 - Spearheaded projects and events
- 2020-2022 **Assistant Professor, University of the Philippines, Diliman**
Department of Philosophy, College of Social Sciences and Philosophy
- Taught general education courses on Philosophical Analysis, Approaches to Philosophy
 - Taught major philosophy courses on Contemporary Philosophy, Filipino Philosophy, Phenomenology and Existentialism, Philosophy of Language, and Philosophical Writing

- 2015-2017 **Instructor, University of the Philippines, Diliman**
Department of Philosophy, College of Social Sciences and Philosophy
- Taught general education courses on Philosophical Analysis, Approaches to Philosophy, and Logic.
- 2015 **Lecturer, University of the Philippines, Diliman**
Department of Philosophy, College of Social Sciences and Philosophy
- Taught general education courses on Philosophical Analysis.
- 2015 **Instructor, Mapúa Institute of Technology, Manila**
 Humanities Cluster, School of Languages, Humanities, and Social Sciences
- Taught general education courses on Art Appreciation, Logic, and Philosophy of Man.

AWARDS

- 2023 **Don Isabelo delos Reyes Essay Prize in Filipino Philosophy**
 Philosophical Association of the Philippines
- 2015 **Honor Graduate Eligibility**
 Civil Service Commission, Republic of the Philippine

PUBLICATIONS

- Espiritu, Jairus Diesta. (forthcoming). The Ethics of Tawas and Other Rituals in Medical Practices. *Asian Bioethics Review*.
- Espiritu, Jairus Diesta. (forthcoming). Filipino Philosophy as Ethnographic Philosophy: Particularism and the Anthropological Approach. *Suri: Journal of the Philosophical Association of the Philippines*.
- Espiritu, Jairus Diesta. (forthcoming). Embrace of the *Tiyanak*: An Allegory for the Superego in Marquez, Leander P. *Philosophy and Pop Culture Series: Trese as Philosophy*. Aletheia Press.
- Espiritu, Jairus Diesta & Giray, Louie G. (forthcoming). Community of Inquiry as a Model of AI-led Online Learning. *Proceedings of the International Conference on AI and Teacher Education*.
- Giray, Louie G. & Espiritu, Jairus Diesta (forthcoming). Exploring Student Moral Decision-Making on AI-Assisted Cheating. *Proceedings of the International Conference on AI and Teacher Education*.
- Carreon, Rodrigo Emil & Espiritu, Jairus Diesta. (forthcoming). On Limits and Capacities: A Framework Analysis on Regulations for Generative Artificial Intelligence. *Proceedings of the International Conference on AI and Teacher Education*.
- Marquez, Leander P., Ombao, Rola P., Lopez, Alexander Atrio L., Espiritu, Jairus Diesta, & Alvarez-Abarejo, Cathlyne Joy P. (2024). Salvaging the "Liberal" in Philippine Liberal Education Through Communities of Philosophical Inquiry. *Journal of Educational Theory and Praxis*, 1(1), 44-64.
- Espiritu, Jairus Diesta, Domingo, Denzel SD et al. (2024). *Sinagin: Kultura at Kasaysayan ng Bayang San Mateo*. Ed. Espiritu, Jairus Diesta. San Mateo, Rizal: Municipal Government of San Mateo.
- Espiritu, Jairus Diesta. (2023). A Badiouan Interpretation of Christ in Hosle's Rationalistic Philosophy of Religion. *Suri: Journal of the Philosophical Association of the Philippines*, 11(2), 24-43.
- Espiritu, Jairus Diesta. (2022). Towards a Filipino Metaphysics: Particularist Narratives of Healing Practices. *Banwaan: The Philippine Journal of Folklore*, 2(1), 105-132.

Espiritu, Jairus Diesta. (2021). Truth and Meaning in Life: A Badiouan Theory of Meaning in Life. *Journal of Philosophy of Life*. 11(1), 100-122.

Mendoza, Lumberto G., Zosa, Marielle Antoinette H., Espiritu, Jairus Diesta, & Lopez, Alexander Atrio L. (2020). Community of Inquiry (Col) for Distance Learning in the Philippines: Appraising Lee's Col through Garrison's Col. *Diliman Review*, 65(1), 168-199.

Espiritu, Jairus Diesta. (2020). An Unending Journey. *Diliman Review*, 64(1), 128-133.

Espiritu, Jairus Diesta. (2019). The Philosophical Investigations as a Christian Text: Christian Faith and Wittgenstein's Rule-following. *Journal of Philosophy of Life*, 9(1), 54-63.

PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES

March 2025	<p>Resource Speaker <i>Seminar on Filipino Philosophy</i> St. Raymond Peñafort Building, University of Santo Tomas, Manila, Philippines</p> <p>Title: "Towards a Filipino Metaphysics: Particularist Narratives of Traditional Medicine"</p>
January 2025	<p>Resource Speaker <i>1st Department of Liberal Arts Research Colloquium</i> Mapúa Cardinal Cinema, Mapúa University, Makati City, Philippines</p> <p>Title: "When can AI be sustainable?"</p>
October 2024	<p>Paper Presentation (online) <i>Philippine Sociological Society National Conference</i> Caraga State University, Butuan City, Agusan del Norte, Philippines</p> <p>Title: "Towards a Truly Decolonial Philosophy in the Philippines"</p>
June 2024	<p>Paper Presentation <i>17th World Congress of Bioethics</i> Hamad bin Khalifa University, Education City, Doha, Qatar</p> <p>Title: "The Ethics of <i>Tawas</i>: The Case of a Southern Tagalog Town in the Philippines"</p>
April 2024	<p>Resource Speaker <i>Dalumat: Ukol sa Kalagayan at Direksyon ng Pilosopiyang Pilipino</i> Palma Hall, University of the Philippines Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines</p> <p>Title: "Filipino Philosophy: <i>quo vadis?</i>"</p>
November 2023	<p>Resource Speaker (online) <i>Global Signature Course on Ethics</i> Universidad Internacional del Ecuador, Quito, Ecuador</p> <p>Title: "Philosophical Perspectives on Self-perception"</p>
August 2023	<p>Resource Speaker <i>Literatea</i> Humanities Cluster, Department of Liberal Arts, Mapúa University, Manila, Philippines</p> <p>Title: "Finding Meaning in the True Life"</p>

- June 2023 **Paper Presentation**
Union of Societies and Associations of Philosophy in the Philippines 3rd Biennial Summit
 St. Louis University, Baguio City, Benguet, Philippines
 Title: "Liwanag sa Dilim: Isang Alternatibong Ruta para sa Pilosopiya"
- December 2022 **Resource Speaker**
Mother Folkin' Medicine: A Lecture on Traditional Healing Practices in the Philippines
 Student Union Building, University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines
 Title: "Towards a Filipino Metaphysics: Particularist Narratives of Healing Practices"
- October 2022 **Resource Speaker (online)**
Philosophy Talk 2022
 Mother of Good Counsel Seminary, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, Philippines
 Title: "Liwanag sa Dilim: Isang Alternatibong Ruta para sa Pilosopiya"
- March 2022 **Paper Presentation (online)**
Bagumbayan Conference: Stories of Place and Identity
 St. Louis University, Baguio City, Benguet, Philippines
 Title: "Towards a Filipino Metaphysics: Particularist Narratives of Healing Practices"
- December 2021 **Resource Speaker**
Catching Fire: Ang Pagbuo ng Konsepto ng Pagbabago
 Palma Hall, University of the Philippines Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines
 Title: "Liwanag sa Dilim: Isang Alternatibong Ruta para sa Pilosopiya"
- October 2021 **Paper Presentation (online)**
4th Colleges and Universities Public Service Conference
 University of the Philippines Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines
 Title: "Teaching Ethics in the time of COVID: Using Community of Inquiry as Framework"
- March 2021 **Resource Speaker (online)**
Exploring the Use of Community of Inquiry in Peace Studies
 University of the Philippines Diliman and Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology
 Title: "Mememes for Discussing Ethical Issues in Peace Studies"
- July 2020 **Paper Presentation (online)**
3rd International Conference on Philosophy and Meaning in Life
 University of Birmingham, United Kingdom
 Title: "The Existentialist Badiou: Deriving a Badiouan Theory of Meaning in Life"

- November 2019 **Paper Presentation**
Philosophical Association of the Philippines Midyear Conference
 University of the Philippines Los Baños, Laguna, Philippines
 Title: “Antiphilosophical Investigations: Antiphilosophy and Wittgenstein’s Philosophical Investigations”
- October 2019 **Paper Presentation**
3rd Colleges and Universities Public Service Conference
 University of the Philippines Visayas, Iloilo City, Philippines
 Title: “Training for the Nueva Ecija Senior High School Teachers: Introduction to the Philosophy of the Human Person (A Senior Core Subject)”
- September 2019 **Resource Speaker**
Sugat at Sulat: A Philosophical Convention on the Reimplementation of Mandatory ROTC and Exclusion of Philippine Literature in College as Core Subject
 Palma Hall, University of the Philippines Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines
 Title: “Literature and Nationhood: The *Pasyon* and its Ethics of Loob”
- March 2019 **Resource Speaker**
Social Sciences and Philosophy Summit
 University of the Philippines Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines
 Title: “Friendship and F.R.I.E.N.D.S: The Philosophy of Friendship of the Warner Bros. Series”
- September 2018 **Resource Speaker**
Sa Hiras at Ginhawa: A Symposium on the Problem of Evil
 Palma Hall, University of the Philippines Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines
 Title: “Hope in a Reconceived God: Musings on the Problem of Evil”
- August 2018 **Paper Presentation**
1st International Conference on Philosophy and Meaning in Life
 Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan
 Title: “Christianizing the Investigations: The Meaning of Life in Wittgenstein’s Philosophical Investigations”
- August 2018 **Resource Speaker**
Silay: Looking into Filipino Philosophy
 Palma Hall, University of the Philippines Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines
 Title: “Pilosopiya bilang Ontolohiya at ang Tungkulin ng Pilosopiya(ng Pilipino)”
- April 2018 **Paper Presentation**
4th College of Social Sciences and Philosophy Graduate Student Research Conference
 University of the Philippines Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines
 Title: “Universal Themes in Wittgenstein’s Investigations”

- March 2016 **Paper Presentation**
2nd College of Social Sciences and Philosophy Graduate Student Research Conference
 University of the Philippines Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines
 Title: “Wika: Pagmemeron at Pangongonsepto sa Pilosopiya ng Wika ni Wittgenstein”
- May 2015 **Paper Presentation**
Philosophical Association of the Philippines Annual National Conference
 Casa San Pablo, Laguna, Philippines
 Title: “Pagbibigay-Kahulugan at Kabuluhan sa Pilosopiya”

EXTENSION & COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 2023-present **Research Committee**
Vice Chairperson
 Department of Liberal Arts, Mapúa University, Manila
- 2023-present **Institutional and Student Activities Committee**
Member
 Department of Liberal Arts, Mapúa University, Manila
- 2023-2024 **Social Communications Committee**
Member
 Department of Liberal Arts, Mapúa University, Manila
- 2023 **Writeshop on the Creation of a Social Work Counseling Program and Its Manual**
Process Documenter
 Department of Social Welfare and Development, Republic of the Philippines
- 2021-2022 **National Service Training Program Office**
Coordinator
 College of Social Sciences and Philosophy, University of the Philippines Diliman
- 2016-2022 **Social Media Committee**
Chairperson
 Department of Philosophy, University of the Philippines Diliman
- 2016-2022 **Registration and Advising Committee**
Member
 Department of Philosophy, University of the Philippines Diliman
- June 2019 **Teaching Introduction to the Philosophy of the Human Person**
Trainor
 Department of Education Schools Division of Nueva Ecija

2019-2020	Miriam Adult Educaton <i>Volunteer Teacher</i> Miriam College, Quezon City, Philippines
2018-2020	DZUP 1602 <i>Program Host</i> “Tabi-tabi Folkloradyo”, Folklore Studies Program, College of Social Sciences and Philosophy, University of the Philippines Diliman
2016-2018	Office of Student Affairs <i>Coordinator</i> College of Social Sciences and Philosophy, University of the Philippines Diliman
2016-2018	UP College Admissions Test <i>Regional Examiner</i> Office of Admissions, University of the Philippines System
2015-2018	Law Aptitude Examination <i>Examiner</i> College of Law, University of the Philippines Diliman
2011-2014	Tulong Dunong Summer School <i>Volunteer Tutor</i> Tulong Dunong Foundation, Inc.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2024-present	Order of the Knights of Rizal <i>Knight of Rizal (First Degree Knight)</i>
2023-present	Bioethics Working Group, Association of Pacific Rim Universities <i>Member</i>
2020-present	Ateneo Alumni Association <i>Lifetime Member</i>
2015-present	Philosophical Association of the Philippines, Inc. <i>Member</i>
2016-2019	CSSP Graduate Students Association, University of the Philippines Diliman <i>Founding Member</i>

TRAINING & WORKSHOPS

August 2025	Learning to Teach Online University of New South Wales Sydney, Australia (via Coursera)
June 2025	Writing Fundable Research and Creative Project Proposals Research Office, Mapúa University, Manila
January 2025	Blackboard AI Conversation Tool: An Intelligent Tutoring System Center for Teaching and Learning, Mapúa University, Manila

December 2024	Technology in Teaching and Learning Workshop Center for Teaching and Learning, Mapúa University, Manila
January 2018	Teaching Effectiveness Course Office for the Advancement of Teaching, University of the Philippines Diliman
October 2017	Learning to be a Lifeline: A Workshop for CSSP Faculty UP Diliman Task Force for Psychological Services, University of the Philippines Diliman
January 2018	Critical Thinking and Moral Compass: Teachers' Training on Teaching Logic and Ethics Department of Philosophy, University of the Philippines Diliman

CHARACTER REFERENCES

Available upon request