



CURRICULUM VITAE

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Languages: Filipino, English, two-year instruction in Latin

Civil Service Eligibility (cert. no.) 100113253308

Education

Graduate (2023-present)

Candidate (all-but-thesis), Master of Arts in Philosophy
Ateneo de Manila University
Quezon City, Philippines

Undergraduate

Bachelor of Arts, Major in Philosophy
San Carlos Seminary, 2023
Makati, Philippines

Basic (K-12)

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General Academics Strand (GAS)
Our Lady of Guadalupe Minor Seminary, 2019
Makati, Philippines

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Marikina Science High School, 2013-2017
Marikina, Philippines

K-6

SSS Village Elementary School, 2006-2013
Marikina, Philippines

Employment

University of the Philippines Diliman, Quezon City

Instructor 4, Department of Philosophy, August 2025-present

Our Lady of Perpetual Succor College - Marikina City

Faculty member, Senior High School Department, July 2023-May 2025
Subjects: Practical Research 2, Introduction to World Religions and Belief Systems
Introduction to the Philosophy of the Human Person

Academic Services

Talagháy: An Asian Literary Journal, The Official Literary Journal of the National University-Manila, Peer Reviewer, April 2026-present

Virgen Milagrosa Del Rosario College Seminary,
Lecturer, Seminar on Filipino Philosophy, History of Indian Thought, Aesthetics,
August 2025-present

Department of Philosophy, Ateneo de Manila University,
Graduate Assistantship, second semester-intersession 2024-2025

Undergraduate Philosophy Journal of Australasia,
ISSN 2653-3146, Referee, 2022-2025

Socorro: The Research Journal of Our Lady of Perpetual Succor College,
ISSN 3082-2831, Editor-in-Chief, 2023-2025

Theoria: The Academic Journal of San Carlos Seminary Philosophy Department,
ISSN 2094-9448, Editor-in-Chief, 2022-2023

Academic Awards

Cum laude, San Carlos Seminary, 2023

Rector's Award for Exemplary Academic Performance, San Carlos Seminary, 2023

Certificate of Recognition for Gaining the Highest Grade in the Oral Comprehensive Examinations, San Carlos Seminary, 2023

Summa cum laude, Thesis Writing and Defense (*An Epistemological Critique of the New Atheism through Plantinga and Maritain*; Adviser: Fr. Lorenz Moises J. Festin, PhD; Second Reader: Fr. Kristoffer H. Habal, MA), 2023

Dean's Lister, San Carlos Seminary Philosophy Department, 2019-2023

Rector's Award, Testimonial Merit of Academic Proficiency, Our Lady of Guadalupe Minor Seminary, 2019

Gawad Mercury Drug Awards, Excellence in Science and Excellence in Mathematics, Our Lady of Guadalupe Minor Seminary, 2019

Best Philosophical Paper in Philosophical Writing, Our Lady of Guadalupe Minor Seminary, 2019

Completed *With Honors*, Marikina Science High School, 2017

Publications

2026

"Thomistic reading of Freirean Pedagogy." *International Studies in Catholic Education* (2026): pp. 1-9. doi: 10.1080/19422539.2026.2618630.

"Discoursing Divorce: Three Ethical Readings on the Subject of Divorce." *MST Review* Vol. 27, 2 (2026): pp. 115-133. doi: 10.5281/zenodo.18336446.

2025

“Out of the Echo Chambers and into the Public Sphere: A Habermasian Social Epistemological Critique.” *Social Epistemology Review and Reply Collective* Vol. 14, 4 (April 2025): pp. 25–35.

2024

“Dwelling in our Common Home: An Urban Existentialist Reading of the *Laudato Si’*.” *Theoria: The Academic Journal of the San Carlos Seminary Philosophy Department* Vol. 7, 1 (2024): pp. 79-92.

“An Epistemological Critique of the New Atheism through Plantinga and Maritain.” *Pamisulu: An Interdisciplinary Journal on Theology and Philosophy* Vol. 8, Nos. 1 & 2 (2023-2024): pp. 36-76.

2023

“Catholic Action, Authority, and Philippine Democracy: Prospects and Perspectives through Jacques Maritain.” *PHAVISMINDA Journal* Vol. 21 (2022): pp. 184-204.

“*Theosis and Sageliness*: Regaining Humanism through a Christian-Chinese Thought Synthesis.” *Theoria: The Academic Journal of the San Carlos Seminary Philosophy Department* Vol. 6, 2 (2023): pp. 47-69.

2022

“Belief in the Contemporary Scene: A Philosophical Appreciation of Joseph Ratzinger (Benedict XVI).” *Theoria: The Academic Journal of the San Carlos Seminary Philosophy Department* Vol. 6, 1 (2022): pp. 27-42.

2021

“Concord or Conflict? A Teilhardian-Plantingan Analysis of the Relationship between Christianity and Evolution.” *PHAVISMINDA Journal* Vol. 20 (2021): pp. 141-163.

“Foundations and Justification: A Response to Klein’s Objections to Foundationalism as a Solution to the Epistemic Regress Problem.” *TALISIK: An Undergraduate Journal of Philosophy* Vol. 8, No. 1 (2021): pp. 32-45.

Participation in Academic Convocations

2025

Debate adjudicator. Debato: The Primer Academic Debate of Adamson University, St. Vincent School of Theology, Quezon City, November 28.

Resource Speaker. “Catholic Action, Authority, and the Philippine Democracy, with Perspectives from Jacques Maritain.” Monthly Philosophical Symposium of the Philosophy Department, San Carlos Seminary, Makati, February 27.

Conference Presentations

2025

"Neither bird nor plane, philosophy! Philosophy for children through pop culture." *2025 Conference of the Philippine Society of Education and Philosophy (PHILSEP)*. University of the Philippines - Diliman, November 14-15.

"Bohr Saves the Phenomena: Complementarity in Constructive Criticism." *Philosophy of Science Conference on the Occasion of the 140th Anniversary of Niels Bohr's Birth*. Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski – Bulgaria, Zoom, October 15-16.

"Between Logos and Loyalty: Does the Fanatic have a place in a Democracy?" *Conference On Populism, Nationalism, and the Future of Democracy*. Journal for Cultural and Religious Theory in Collaboration with the University of Denver - Zoom, September 26-27.

"Habermas and Maritain on the University: A Prolegomenon to a Thomistic Critical Theory." *Aquinas Conference III - St. Thomas Aquinas: Doctor of Humanity, Dialogues on Religion, Society, and Becoming Human: 12th Leonardo Legaspi Lecture*. University of Santo Tomas – Manila, February 13-14.

2024

"Habermas and Maritain on the 'Idea of the University': A Reevaluation." *Resisting Intellectual Imperialism and Epistemic Violence: Towards Autonomous Knowledge Production*. University of the Philippines – Diliman, Quezon City, Zoom, November 9-10.

"Discoursing Discourse: Tensions between Thomism and Foucault, Potential Reconciliation through Habermas." *46th PHAVISMINDA International Conference: Aquinas and Foucault: At the Crossroads of Medieval and Contemporary Philosophy*. Eastern Visayas State University – Ormoc, Zoom, September 27-29.

"Education as Humanization: Centrality of the Person in Thomistic and Freirean Pedagogies." *Philippine Society of Education and Philosophy (PHILSEP) Conference on Philosophy and Education*. University of Santo Tomas – Manila, September 20-21.

"Rethinking Godless Thinking: Marion and Thomas Aquinas After Metaphysics." *St. Thomas Aquinas and the University: 750th Death Anniversary of St. Thomas Aquinas: 8th Thomasian Philosophers' Reunion Convention*. University of Santo Tomas – Manila, March 19-20.

2023

"Thomism and Habermas on the Place of Truth in Discourse and Philosophy." *Truth as Dialogue: Conversations on St. Thomas Aquinas and the Contemporary Questions on Truth: 9th Leonardo Legaspi Lecture*. University of Santo Tomas – Manila, July 18-19.

"Education is Humanization: A Thomistic Appreciation of Freirean Pedagogy." *The Saint Thomas Aquinas Forum 2023 International Conference: On Catholic Education, Cultures, and Religions: A Post-Pandemic Conversation*. LUMSA Universita, Sophia University Institute, University of Santo Tomas – Manila, April 28-29.

"Philosophy in the Philippine Lifeworld: Visions from Critical Theory and Thomism." *8th Annual De La Salle University Undergraduate Philosophy Conference*. De La Salle University – Manila, Zoom, March 18.

"Mediation in the 'between' and what metaphysics can offer in the struggle for recognition." *PNPRS International Conference 2023: Philosophy, Research, and Public Engagement*. Philippine Normal University – Manila, January 26-28.

"Catholic Action, Authority, and the Philippine Democracy: Prospects and Perspectives through Jacques Maritain." *PNPRS International Conference 2023: Philosophy, Research, and Public Engagement*. Philippine Normal University – Manila, January 26-28.

2022

"Theiosis and Sageliness: Regaining Humanism through a Synthesis of Chinese and Christian Philosophy." *Conference Mondiale des Institutions Universitaires Catholiques de Philosophie (COMIUCAP) Conference World Congress Manila 2022: Faith, Reason & Dialogue: Listening to Asia*. University of Santo Tomas – Manila, November 16-18.

"Belief in the Contemporary Scene: A Philosophical Appreciation of Joseph Ratzinger (Benedict XVI)." *4th SEPI National Multidisciplinary Hybrid Conference: Christianity, Society, and Culture*. Holy Child Central Colleges Inc. – Surallah, Zoom, November 4-6.

"Fluxing Reality, Abiding Real: God, Time, and Perspectives from the New Physics." *7th Annual De La Salle University Undergraduate Philosophy Conference*. De La Salle University – Manila, Zoom, June 25.

“Democracy and Education: Prospects and Perspectives in Freire’s Pedagogy.” *HELLAIA II: The UPLB Undergraduate Philosophy Conference*. University of the Philippines – Los Baños, Zoom, May 7.

“Overcoming Anxiety: Courage as Self-Affirmation and Participation.” *1st Undergraduate Philosophy Conference of TALISIK: An Undergraduate Journal of Philosophy*. University of Santo Tomas – Manila, Zoom, March 12.

“Scandal Must Come: Girardian Mimetic Theory in the Philippine Setting.” *Diskurso: Pilosopiya at Bayan, 1st Undergraduate Conference of UPLB Sophia Circle*. University of the Philippines – Los Baños, Zoom, May 24.

“The Question of Filipino Philosophy from the Perspective of Recent Cultural Trends vis-à-vis Filipino Identity.” *HELLAIA I: The UPLB Undergraduate Philosophy Conference*. University of the Philippines – Los Baños, Zoom, May 22.

2019

2021

“Concord or Conflict? A Teilhardian- Plantingan Analysis of the Relationship Between Christianity and Evolution.” *6th Annual De La Salle University Undergraduate Philosophy Conference*. De La Salle University – Manila, Zoom, August 28.

“Regaining Foundationalism: Refuting Klein’s Rejection of Foundationalism as a Possible Solution to the Regress Problem.” *1st Senior High School Philosophical Conference*. Philosophical Association of the Philippines, San Carlos Seminary – Makati, March 18.

Grants

Ateneo de Manila University. University Scholarly Publication Award. “An Epistemological Critique of the New Atheism through Plantinga and Maritain,” in *Pamisulu: An Interdisciplinary Journal on Theology and Philosophy* Vol. 8, Nos. 1 & 2 (2023-2024): 36-76.

Ateneo de Manila University. Conference Presentation Grant. “Discoursing Discourse: Tensions between Thomism and Foucault, Potential Reconciliation through Habermas.” *46th PHAVISMINDA International Conference: Aquinas and Foucault: At the Crossroads of Medieval and Contemporary Philosophy*, September 27-29.

The Global Philosophy of Religion Project and Samahan ng mga Lasalyanong Pilosopo. Philosophical Essay Writing: “Fluxing Reality, Abiding Real: God, Time, and Perspectives from the New Physics,” (inclusive dates April-June 2022).

Memberships

Pambansang Samahan sa Pilosopiyang Pilipino, February 2026-present

Philippine Society of Education and Philosophy, November 2024-present

Philippine National Philosophical Research Society, 2023-2024

Societas Ethica Philosophica, Inc., 2022-2023

References

Lily Beth C. Lumagbas PhD, Associate Professor, Chair, Department of Philosophy, University of the Philippines - Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines, llumagbas@up.edu.ph

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