

FACULTY PROFILE

Name

Ma. Mercedes G. Planta

Rank

Professor 7

Educational Background (Degree, Institution)

Doctor of Philosophy in History
National University of Singapore
2017

Fields of Interest

Traditional Medicine, Disease Research Studies, History of Science, Colonial Southeast Asia

Awards and Honors

Science Productivity Award (Scientist 1), University of the Philippines System, 2020.

Awardee, National Book Awards for Best Book in Science (Traditional Medicine in the Colonial Philippines, 16th to the 19th Century (UP Press, 2017), 37th National Book Awards for Best Books Published in the Philippines in 2017, National Book Development Board of the Philippines and Manila Critics Circle

Awardee, Andrew Mellon Foundation Fellowship, American Philosophical Society, 2017–2018

Select Publications

Book. 2017. *Traditional Medicine in the Colonial Philippines, 16th to the 19th Century*. Quezon City: University of the Philippines Press. (Best Book in Science, 37th National Book Awards for Best Books Published in the Philippines in 2017).

Article. 2018. "Filipino Bodies, Public Health and Philippine Independence, 1901–1927". Update Magazine. Diliman System Information Office.

Editor's Notes. June 2016 to June 2018 Issues. *Social Science Diliman: A Philippine Journal of Society and Change*. Quezon City: University of the Philippines Diliman Office of the Vice-Chancellor for Research and Development.

Book Chapter. 2016. "Hansen's Disease and International Public Health in the Philippines, 1900-1930s," in Diokno, Ma. Serena I., ed., *Hidden Lives, Concealed Narratives: A History of Leprosy in the Philippines*. Manila: National Historical Commission of the Philippines.

Book Chapter. 2016. "Spanish Enlightenment, Alessandro Malaspina and the Asian Mediterranean", in National Historical Commission of the Philippines, *Reexamining the History of Philippine-Spanish Relations (Selected Papers, Philippine-Spanish Friendship Day Conference, 2013–2015)*. Manila: National Historical Commission of the Philippines.

Book Chapter. 2016. "A Chronicle of Sustained Commitment to the Filipino People: 80 Years of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office" (PCSO). Manila: Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office.

Book Chapter. Ongoing. "Victor Heiser: A Biography". Research Project on the Global Leprosy Project: Southeast Asia with the Sasakawa Memorial Health Foundation and the Southeast Asia Regional Exchange Program (SEASREP)

Book Chapter. Ongoing. "The Meaning and Measure of Independence: Sanitation, Hygiene, Nutrition, and Education in the Colonial Philippines, 1900-1935." Research collaboration on Comparative Colonial State Formation in Southeast Asia with the Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Roppongi, Tokyo, Japan.

Book Project. Ongoing. *Prerequisites To A Civilized Life: The American Colonial Public Health System in the Philippines, 1898-1927*. Dissertation to Book Project funded by the University of the Philippines, Diliman, Office of the Vice-Chancellor for Research and Development (OVCRD) PhD Incentive Grant 2.

Book Chapter. 2010. "The Sacred and the Sanitary: The Colonial Medicalization of the Filipino Body," (co-author with Julius Bautista) in Turner, Bryan and Zhang Yangwen, eds. *The Body in Asia*. Oxford and New York: Berghahn Press

Book Chapter. 2010. "How to Convince People What Climate Change Is," Zayas, Z.N., V.V. Hernandez, and A.C. Fajardo, eds., *Overcoming Disasters: Lessons from post-disaster interventions in Japan and Southeast Asia* Quezon City: University of the Philippines Center for International Studies

Book Chapter. 2002. "Traditional Medicine and Pharmacopoeia in the Philippines, 16th and 17th Centuries," in Chan, Alan K., Gregory K. Clancey and Hui-Chieh Loy, eds. *Historical Perspectives on East Asian Science, Technology and Medicine*.

Singapore: Singapore University Press, National University of Singapore and Work Scientific Vision. pp. 157-170.

Book Chapter. 2001. Planta, Ma. Mercedes G. "Thwarted Agricultural Possibilities," in Leonardo D. De Castro & Earl Stanley B. Fronda, eds., *Philippine Farming Traditions and Practices: Cooperation, Celebration, Challenges and Change*. Philippines: Presidential Commission for the New Century and the Millenium, pp. 119-129.

Article. 2000. "The Municipality of Ilog, Negros Occidental: A Study in Local and Oral History," in *Kasaysayan Mula sa Bayan: History from the People*. Manila: Philippine National Historical Society.