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EDUCATION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctor of Philosophy in History University of the Philippines Diliman 2025 (to be confirmed) • Master of Arts in History University of the Philippines Diliman 2018 • Bachelor of Secondary Education major in Social Studies Bulacan State University-Main Campus 2010
PROFILE (150-200 words): IAN CHRISTOPHER B. ALFONSO is an Assistant Professor at the Department of History, University of the Philippines Diliman. He is a Board Member of the Philippine Historical Association and a member of the UNESCO Memory of the World Program in the Philippines. He obtained his Doctor of Philosophy in History degree at UP Diliman (where he also received his Master of Arts in History). Among his latest books are <i>Dogs in Philippine History</i> (2023), a National Book Awards' awardee (Best Book Design) and Finalist (Best Book on History); <i>A History of the Sarangani Islands 1521-1921</i> (2023); and <i>The Burning of Macabebe</i> (2024).
RESEARCH INTEREST: Philippine precolonial and early colonial history, the Philippine Revolution, toponymy, cultural heritage and management, and the local history of Manila Bay communities
TEACHING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TEACHING PORTFOLIO: Philippine History (KAS 1), Philippine Nationalism (Kas 116)

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TEACHING AWARDS: <p>Name of Award N/A</p> <p>Award Giving Body</p> <p>Year</p>
RESEARCH WORK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PUBLICATIONS <p>Book</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Munting Aklat ng Baybayin</i> (Quezon City: Philippine Historical Association; City of San Fernando, Pampanga: Alaya, 2024). • <i>The Burning of Macabebe</i> (Angeles City: Holy Angel University Press, 2024). • <i>Dogs in Philippine History</i> (Quezon City: Philippine Historical Association; Project Saysay; Cabanatuan City: Alaya Publishing, 2023). • <i>A History of the Sarangani Islands 1521-1921</i> (Quezon City: Project Saysay; Zambonga City: Ateneo Zamboanga-Mindanao Institute; Cebu City: Cebuano Studies Center, University of San Carlos, 2023). • <i>Muling Pagbasa sa Jocelynang Baliwag: Paglutas sa Problemanang Historikal ng Tinaguriang “Kundiman ng Himagsikan”</i> (Los Baños, Laguna: Philippine High School for the Arts, 2017) • <i>The Nameless Hero: Revisiting the Sources on the First Filipino Leader to Die for Freedom</i> (Angeles City: Holy Angel University Press, 2016). • <i>Bulacan: Pag-alaala sa mga Biyaya ng Nakaraan, Unang Tomo</i> (Malolos, Bulacan: Center for Bulacan Studies, Bulacan State University; Bulacan, Bulacan: Parokya ng Nuestra Señora de la Asuncion, 2012).

Journal Article

- “Tapping the Wisdom of Our Ancestors: An Initial Survey of Some Place-Names in Pampanga and Bulacan.” *The Journal of History* 69 (2023): 1-21.
- “Visualizing the Quincentennial, Combating Misconceptions.” *The Journal of History* 68 (2022): 13-48.
- “Establishing a Pre-Isabellan Spanish Colonial School: The Case of Colegio de Bacolor, 1861-1898.” *Journal of Philippine Local History and Heritage* 8, no. 2 (December 2022): 129-164.
- “The Philippine Revolution in Macabebe, Pampanga, and Its Aftermath.” *Philippine Studies* 70, no. 3 (September 2022): 403–22.
- “Halimaw na Nilikha ng mga Manghihimagsik at mga Amerikano: Pagpapalaya sa Macabebe mula sa mga Mito at Maling Impresyon,” *Historical Bulletin* 54 (2020): 11-47.
- “Visualizing Philippine History: The Case of Project Saysay,” *Historical Bulletin* 53 (2019):
- “Review and Evaluation of Sources on Oroquieta City as WWII “Capital of Free Philippines.” *Historical Bulletin*, 52 (January-December 2018).
- “Ayuntamiento: From Colonial Legacy to National Heritage.” *Espasyo: Journal of Philippine Architecture and Allied Arts* 7, no. 1 (2016).
- “Revisiting the Provenance of the Very Strange 1589 Last Will and Testament of Don Fernando Malang Balagtas.” *Historical Bulletin* 50, no. 1 (January-December 2016).
- “Panananaliksik Pangkasaysayan sa Tanggapan ng Pangulo ng Pilipinas: Ang Kaso ng Petsa ng Pagkatatag ng Lalawigan ng Pampanga.” *Historical Bulletin* 49, no. 1 (January-December 2015): 123-140.
- “Revisiting the Sources on the Founding of an Early Spanish Town: The Case of Calumpit, Bulacan.” *Journal of the Local Historical Committee Network* 1, no. 1 (February 2015): 79-125.
- “Ang Mararangal na Sagisag ng Katipunan ng mga Anak ng Bayan.” *Historical Bulletin* 48, no. 1 (January-December 2014): 159-204.
- “Parker’s Fernando: A Critique of Luther Parker’s Will of Fernando Malang Balagtas of 1589.” *Alaya: The Kapampangan Research Journal* 6, no. 1 (2010-2011): 219-277.

Monograph

- *Jose Ma. Panganiban* (Naga City: Ateneo de Naga University Press, 2016).

Book Chapter

- “The Ancient Place Names of Upper Manila Bay,” in *1521 Revisited: The Quincentennial Commemorations in the Philippines*, vol. 4, eds. Roderick C. Javar and Ian Christopher B. Alfonso, 35—82 (Manila: National Historical Commission of the Philippines, 2024).
- “India in the Heart and Soul of the Filipino,” in *A Journey of Enduring & Soaring Partnership: 75 Years of Philippine-India Diplomatic Relations 1949-2024* (New Delhi: Philippine Embassy in India, 2024), 23—30.
- “Filipino Natives in Simon de Anda’s Government During the British Invasion of Manila, 1762-1764,” in *The 1762 British Invasion of Spanish-Ruled Philippines: Beyond Imperial and National Imaginaries*, ed. Maria Christina Martinez-Juan, 1-26 (Manila: National Historical Commission of the Philippines; London: School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, 2024).
- “Connection and Contention: The 2021 Quincentennial Commemorations in the Philippines,” in *Arrivals, Conflict & Transformation in Maritime Southeast Asia, 1400s-1800s*, ed. Fernando A. Santiago, Jr., Jose Victor Z. Torres, and Ian Christopher B. Alfonso, 220-281 (Manila: National Historical Commission of the Philippines; Quezon City: Philippine Historical Association; Manila: De La Salle University - Southeast Asia Research Center and Hub, 2023).
- “From Mabini to Mabuti: The Rise of Portuguese Products in the Philippine Market,” in *1521 Revisited: The Quincentennial Commemorations in the Philippines*, vol. 2, 1-6 (Manila: National Historical Commission of the Philippines, 2023).
- “Revival of Hope: The First Contact of Our Ancestors with the Magellan-Elcano Expedition in Guiuan, Eastern Samar,” in *1521 Revisited: The Quincentennial Commemorations in the Philippines*, vol. 2, 82-104 (Manila: National Historical Commission of the Philippines, 2023).
- “Departing from Magellan, the Rise of Manila,” in *1521 Revisited: The 2021 Quincentennial Commemorations in the Philippines*, 43-63 (Manila: National Historical Commission of the Philippines, National Quincentennial Committee, 2022), Vol. 1.
- “A Nation Inspired,” in *Illustrious: The Museums of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines*, 9-19 (Manila: National Historical Commission of the Philippines, 2022).
- “Manila Fifty Years After Magellan,” in *Colonialism in the Malay Archipelago: Civilisational Encounters*, edited by Osman Bakar, Ahmad Murad Merican, and Wan Ali Wan Mamat, 123-156 (Kuala Lumpur: ISTAC-IIUM Publications, 2020).
- “Luther Parker: An Unsung Champion of Local History Work in the Philippines,” in *The Malay World: Conference Proceedings of the Fourth International Conference of the International Council for Historical and Cultural Cooperation-Southeast Asia (ICHCC-SEA) & 2017 Annual Conference of the*

Philippine Historical Association 14-16 September 2017 Manila, Philippines, edited by Fernando A. Santiago, Jr., Ph.D. and Ian Christopher B. Alfonso, 37-44 (Manila: Philippine Historical Association, 2019).

- “Macabebe A Rizal’ ng 1919 at ‘King of Macabebe’ ng 1934: Mga Bantayog ng Pagyakap ng mga Macabebe sa Kamalayang Bayan noong Ika-20 Dantaon,” sa *Lansangan-Liwasan: Pamublikong Espasyo sa Pagaaral ng Kasaysayan at Kalinangang Pilipino* (Ikalawang Edisyon), pat. Vicente C. Villan, Randy M. Madrid, at Ryan V. Palad, 223-246 (Maynila: ADHIKA ng Pilipinas, Inc.; National Commission for Culture and the Arts, 2019).
- “Sinlaki Lang ng Kokomban ang La Sol: Pagtunton kay Rizal Online,” in *Diskursong Rizal: Mga Lektura tungkol kay Rizal at sa Pagtuturo ng Kursong Rizal*, edited by Jonathan Balsamo, Mark Boado, and Xiao Chua (Manila: Knights of Rizal Sucesos Chapter, 2017).
- “The State of Philippine Toponymic Heritage,” in *Pamanang Lokal: Essays on Local Heritage Preservation*, edited by Emmanuel F. Calairo and Palmo Iya (Cavite: Cavite Historical Society and Kapisanan ng mga Bahay-Saliksikan sa Bansa Inc., 2017).
- “Heroes Envisaged in Everyday Life,” with Maria Serena I. Diokno, in *A Sense of Nation: The Birthright of Rizal, Bonifacio, and Mabini*, edited by Maria Serena I. Diokno (Manila: National Historical Commission of the Philippines, 2016).
- “Legendary,” in *Apu Ceto: The Shepherd and His Flock*, edited by Robert P. Tangingco (Angeles City: Center for Kapampangan Studies, Holy Angel University, 2013).
- “Ulat Ukol sa Isyu ng Pagkakatatag ng Lalawigan ng Bulacan at ang Paglilinaw sa Koneksyong Pangkasaysayan at Pangkalinangan Nito sa Pampanga,” in *La Primera Provincia: Mga Tinipong Papel Hinggil sa Pagkakatatag ng Lalawigan ng Bulacan*, with Agnes D.R. Crisostomo, Reynaldo S. Naguit, and Jaime B. Veneracion, (Malolos, Bulacan: Center for Bulacan Studies, Bulacan State University, 2010).

Commissioned Work

• RESEARCH PROJECTS

Name of Research Project

- *A History of Macabebe* (Grantee, 2025 National Commission for Culture and the Arts Publication Grant)
- *A History of the Sarangani Islands 1521-1921* (Grantee, 2023 National Book Development Board Publication Grant)

- “Writing Local History Using Toponymy: The Case of Macabebe, Pampanga” (Grantee, 2022 National Commission for Culture and the Arts Research Grant)
- “Ang Himagsikang Pilipino nang 1896-1898 sa Pampanga” (Grantee, 2018 National Commission for Culture and the Arts Research Grant for Master of Arts in History Thesis)

- **CONFERENCES (since UP Diliman entry)**

International

22nd Philippine-Spanish Friendship Day Conference, “Commemorating the Galleon Trade and Exploring the Legacy of the Siege of Baler in Philippine-Spanish Relations,” 10-11 October 2024, University of the Philippines Diliman, Quezon City

National:

5th Local Studies Centers Summit, “Regional Space and Local History,” 15 November 2024, GSIS Museo ng Sining, Pasay City

32nd Manila Studies Conference, 14 November 2024, National Historical Commission of the Philippines, Ermita, Manila

Ika-33 Pambansang Kumperensiya ng mga Mag-aaral ng Kasaysayan (UP LIKAS), “Halín: Pagsasakasaysayan ng Diaspora at Pandarayuhang Pilipino,” 7 November 2024, UP Statistics Auditorium, Unibersidad ng Pilipinas Diliman

2024 Philippine Historical Association Annual Conference, “Ang Kasaysayan ng Kasaysayan ng Pilipinas, 1955-Kasalukuyan,” 19-21 September 2024, University of the Philippines Los Baños, Laguna

2024 Samahang Pangkasaysayan ng Bulacan’s Pambansang Kumperensiya sa Bulacan, “Tulay: Ugnayan ng Nakaraan at Kasalukuyan ng Ating Bayan,” 4 September 2024, Richwell College, San Jose, Plaridel, Bulacan

- **RESEARCH AWARDS (since UP Diliman entry)**

Name of Award: 42nd National Book Awards Best Book Design (*Dogs in Philippine History*)

Award Giving Body: Manila Critic Circle and National Book Development Board

Year: 2024

Name of Award: 42nd National Book Awards Best Book on History Finalist
(*Dogs in Philippine History*)

Award Giving Body: Manila Critic Circle and National Book Development Board
Year: 2024

PUBLIC SERVICE AND EXTENSION

- **SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE (since UP Diliman entry)**

Reviewer

- *Philippine Studies: Historical and Ethnographic Viewpoints*
- *The NRCP Research Journal*

Editorial Board

- *1521 Revisited: The Quincentennial Commemorations in the Philippines*, vol. 4 (National Historical Commission of the Philippines; Philippine Toponymy Society, 2024)

Technical Committee Membership

- UNESCO Memory of the World Programme in the Philippines

Membership in Academic Organizations

- Philippine Historical Association
- Philippine National Historical Society
- ADHIKA ng Pilipinas, Inc.
- Philippine Toponymy Society
- International Council of Museums
- National Research Council of the Philippines

Resource Speaker

International

Paper Presenter, 22nd Philippine-Spanish Friendship Day Conference,
“Commemorating the Galleon Trade and Exploring the Legacy of the Siege of Baler in
Philippine-Spanish Relations,” 10-11 October 2024, University of the Philippines
Diliman, Quezon City

Presentation Title: The Rise of Baler as a Pacific Capital Town.

National:

Paper Presenter, 5th Local Studies Centers Summit, "Regional Space and Local History," 15 November 2024, GSIS Museo ng Sining, Pasay City
Presentation Title: Province of Spaces.

Paper Presenter, 32nd Manila Studies Conference, 14 November 2024, National Historical Commission of the Philippines, Ermita, Manila
Presentation Title: Quest for a History of Manila Bay.

Paper Presenter, Ika-33 Pambansang Kumperensiya ng mga Mag-aaral ng Kasaysayan (UP LIKAS), "Halín: Pagsasakasaysayan ng Diaspora at Pandarayuhang Pilipino," 7 November 2024, UP Statistics Auditorium, Unibersidad ng Pilipinas Diliman
Presentation Title: Mga Balikbayan ng Sinaunang Panahon.

Paper Presenter, 2024 Philippine Historical Association Annual Conference, "Ang Kasaysayan ng Kasaysayan ng Pilipinas, 1955-Kasalukuyan," 19-21 September 2024, University of the Philippines Los Baños, Laguna
Presentation Title: Public Education during the First Philippine Republic.

Paper Presenter, 2024 Samahang Pangkasaysayan ng Bulacan's Pambansang Kumperensiya sa Bulacan, "'Tulay: Ugnayan ng Nakaraan at Kasalukuyan ng Ating Bayan," 4 September 2024, Richwell College, San Jose, Plaridel, Bulacan
Presentation Title: Provincia de Calumpit, 1580-ca.1599.

Evaluator/Judge/Examiner **N/A**

• **SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY**

Membership in Committees

- Committee for the 150th Birth Anniversary of Rafael Palma, October-December 2024, UP College of Social Sciences and Philosophy
- Committee on Space, UP College of Social Sciences and Philosophy

Mentorship of Student Organizations **N/A**

Administrative Positions **N/A**

Services Beneficial to the University

- Representative of the UP Department of History to the Local Historical Committees Network, National Historical Commission of the Philippines

• **VOLUNTEER WORKS**

- Board Member, Philippine Historical Association
- Public Information Officer, Philippine Toponymy Society
- Volunteer, Project Saysay

- **AWARDS FOR PUBLIC SERVICE**

Name of Award **N/A**

Award Giving Body

Year

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- **RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS**

Fellowship Details **N/A**

- **ATTENDANCE TO TRAINING WORKSHOPS**

Training Workshop Details

1. **Introduction to the UP Anti-Sexual Harassment Policy (UPSFE 1)** 2.5 hours training (1 November 2024)

2. **Mga Batas sa Pagpapanatili ng Safe Space sa Pamantasan (UPSFE 2)** 3 hours training (1 November 2024)

3. **Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity & Expression, and Sex Characteristics (SOGIE 1)** 4.5 hours training (31 October 2024)