

### About the Authors

**Sheldon Ives Go Agaton** is a teacher of 19 years in Philosophy, Philippine History, Government and Constitution, Sociology and Rizal at the Eastern Visayas State University, Tacloban City, Philippines. He earned his AB Philosophy from Sacred Heart Seminary, Palo, Leyte. He holds an MA in Philippine Studies from Asian Development Foundation College and further received his PhD at the Eastern Visayas State University both situated in Tacloban City. He also holds a Juris Doctor Degree from the Dr. Vicente Orestes Romualdez Educational Foundation, Tacloban City. He is happily married to Sheila R. Agaton and blessed with one son, Magne Justin.

**Dr. Guiraldo C. Fernandez, Jr.** is the University and Board of Regents Secretary of Visayas State University in Baybay City, Leyte. He is also the university's former Director for Instruction and former head of the Department of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences. He obtained his Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from San Carlos Seminary College in Cebu City. He pursued and completed his Master of Arts in Philosophy at the University of San Carlos also in Cebu City and completed his Doctor of Philosophy in Education at the same university. He served as a visiting research fellow at the Catholic University of America at Washington, D.C., USA in the fall of 2019 and participated and completed the one-year Tropical Forest Landscapes Online Certificate Program from May 2020-May 2021 at Yale University School of the Environment through a scholarship grant from the Environmental Leadership and Training Initiatives. Dr. Fernandez is also a holder of a Master of Science Degree in Tropical Ecology from Visayas State University and is actively involved in VSU's environmental research and extension projects. His research interests are in line with Environmental Philosophy, Environmental Education, and Socioecological Systems. Dr. Fernandez has published his research outputs in regional, national, and international reputable peer-reviewed journals and has also presented them in regional, national, and international research fora and conferences. During the celebration of the 97<sup>th</sup> VSU Founding Anniversary in April 2021, Dr. Fernandez was given the "Outstanding Teacher Award" in recognition for his excellent performance in the realm of instruction, research, extension, and production.

**Dr. Christopher Ryan Maboloc** is an associate professor at Ateneo de Davao University and a Visiting Professor for Global Justice at the American University of Sovereign Nations (AUSN) in Arizona, USA. He holds a Master of Applied Ethics from Linkoping University in Sweden and the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) in Trondheim, Norway. He finished his Master of Arts in Philosophy at Ateneo de Manila University. He received his doctorate degree in philosophy, *maxima cum laude*, from the University of San Carlos. He was trained in democracy and governance at the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) in Bonn and Berlin, Germany, and was a delegate in the Erasmus Mundus GA in Brussels, Belgium. He served as editor of the *Social Ethics Society Journal of Applied Philosophy* and is a peer reviewer for 10 indexed international journals. He has published 50+ articles in peer-reviewed journals, including a dozen indexed by Scopus. He won the Public Intellectual Prize from the Philosophical Association of the Philippines in 2020.

**Jeffry Ocaj** currently serves as Director of the Office of Curriculum and Instruction and concurrent Director of the University Multimedia Development Center at the Eastern Visayas State University (EVSU). Prior to joining EVSU, Jeff was a Full Professor of Philosophy at Silliman University. He obtained his PhD in Philosophy from Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia, and a postdoctorate from Frankfurt University, Germany. His main research focuses on the application of Critical Theory the Frankfurt School tradition to the societies at the margins.

**Glenn G. Pajares, Ph.D., D.A.** is the dean of the School of Arts and Sciences and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences of the University of San Jose-Recoletos, Cebu City, Philippines. He has earned a doctorate degree in Philosophy and also a doctorate degree in Literature and Communication. He is an associate editor of the Recoletos Multidisciplinary Research Journal (RMRJ). He is currently writing his dissertation leading to the degree Ph.D. in Bioethics, Sustainability, and Public Health at the American University of Sovereign Nations (AUSN).

**Dr. Jett C. Quebec** is the current Head of the Department of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences of Visayas State University-Main Campus. After completing his Bachelor of Arts in Communication Arts degree, he pursued a teaching career and has been with the profession ever since. He considers himself a servant of the academe. His pursuit for more knowledge earned him additional degrees: Bachelor of Laws, Master of Arts in Education with specialization in English, and Doctor of Philosophy in English Language. Research interests of Dr. Quebec include Linguistic Variations, Morphologic and Semantic Analysis of Textualities, Sociolinguistics, Language Discourse, Anthropological Linguistics, Psycholinguistics, and recently, Environment conservation-related topics or issues.

His membership with Baybay Writers Collective and KATIG Writers Network Inc. inspires him to write Poems and Short Stories in Waray Visayan and English.

**Asuncion Mil Villote** is currently connected with Abuyog Community College, an LGU-owned college in Eastern Visayas. She earned her undergraduate degree from the University of the Philippines, and holds a degree in Master of Management. She has been with the academic community for years handling courses in economics and management.