

# KEVIN CHAVEZ LAXAMANA, MA

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Research & teaching interests:

Filipino food studies; immigration; cultural memory; diasporic homecoming/return; transgender studies; transitioning and ageing; sex work; beauty pageants and drag; religion; kinship; qualitative methodologies; ethnography; Southeast Asia (Indonesia, Singapore, and the Philippines); Western Canada (Edmonton; Alberta; the Prairies); Toronto

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## EDUCATION

2021

### Master of Arts (Thesis) in Anthropology

Faculty of Arts, University of Alberta

*Thesis Title:* Trans-Form-Asians: The Liminal and Disrupted Lives of Singaporean and Balinese Transwomen Sex Workers

*Supervisors:* Dr. Helen Vallianatos (2020-2021) and Dr. Gregory Forth (2016-2020)

2016

### Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Anthropology

Faculty of Arts, University of Alberta

*Thesis Title:* Transgender Cross-cultural Variation in Indonesia and the Philippines

*Supervisor:* Dr. Gregory Forth

2012 – 2013

### Bachelor of Arts (University Transfer)

Faculty of Arts and Science, MacEwan University

### Transcript Notation

2021

### Graduate Teaching and Learning Program, Level 1: Foundations (T)

Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, University of Alberta

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2020 – 2023

### Affiliate

Research at the Intersections of Gender, University of Alberta

2018

### Fellow and Visiting Scholar

The Chair in Transgender Studies and the Transgender Archives, University of Victoria

## RESEARCH & FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

Summer 2018

### Archival research on “transgender” at the Transgender Archives, University of Victoria

*Research Focus:* Transvestia Magazines

Summer 2017

### Ethnographic research on “transwomen sex workers” in Singapore and Bali, Indonesia

*Community Partners:* Project X (Singapore) and Yayasan Gaya Dewata (Bali)

2016 – 2018

### Ethnographic research on “Filipino food authenticity” in Edmonton, Alberta

*Community partners:* Filistix, Panciteria de Manila, and Max’s Restaurant

2015 – 2016

### Remote interview research on “transgender beauty pageant queens” in the Philippines

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

As primary instructor

2022

### **Sessional Instructor**

University Transfer, Portage College

### **Race and Racism in the Modern World (ANTH 103) • Online Synchronous**

*Fall 2022*

This course gives an anthropological perspective on how the concept of race has been used to understand biological and cultural variation among humans. Issues and topics discussed will include multiculturalism, ethnic identity, prejudice, ethnocentrism, racism, eugenics, and the persistence of ethnic identity in the face of globalization. Case studies from different parts of the world will be used to illustrate these concepts, including current issues of interest in Canada.

2022

### **Sessional Instructor**

Faculty of Arts and Science, MacEwan University

### **Gender, Age, and Culture (ANTHR 110) • Online Asynchronous**

*Winter 2022, Summer 2022*

This course examines sex, gender, and age distinctions from a biological and cross-cultural perspective. It examines how societies organize sexual differences and what it means to be a man or a woman in different cultures. The course considers the impact of sex, gender and age differences as crucial aspects of social organization and structure in the daily life of the human species.

2021 – 2022

### **Senior Lecturer I**

College of Social Sciences, University of the Philippines Baguio

### **General Anthropology (ANTHRO 100) • Online Synchronous**

*1<sup>st</sup> Semester, AY 2021-2022*

This general introduction course to anthropology presents central concepts and key issues in the four main subfields—archaeology and biological, cultural, and linguistic anthropology. Topics include evolutionary theory, human evolution and diversity, culture change, social organization, and symbolic systems. Students will explore broadly the question of what it means to be human.

### **Human Evolution (ANTHRO 104) • Online Synchronous**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Semester, AY 2020-2021*

This course introduces biological anthropology through an overview of human evolution, adaptation, and physical variation. Human evolution will be approached through the current evidence from studies of fossil and modern primates. Human adaptation will be treated by looking at biological and behavioural responses to environmental stresses in living and archaeological populations. Other topics of discussion will include the history and principles of evolutionary theory, the techniques used to reconstruct the appearance and behaviour of past populations from excavated remains, and human skeletal anatomy.

2019 – 2022

**Sessional Instructor**

College of Health and Community Studies, NorQuest College

**Introduction to Anthropology (ANTH 1000)** • *Nominated for college-level teaching awards for three consecutive years.*

*Fall 2019 (In-person), Fall 2020 (Online Synchronous), Fall 2021 (Hybrid)*

This general introduction course to anthropology presents central concepts and key issues in the four main subfields—archaeology and biological, cultural, and linguistic anthropology. Topics include evolutionary theory, human evolution and diversity, culture change, social organization, and symbolic systems. Students will explore broadly the question of what it means to be human.

As teaching assistant

2017 – 2020

**Teaching Assistant**

Faculty of Arts, College of Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Alberta

**Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology (ANTHR 208)** • *Received two faculty-level teaching awards.*

*Fall 2018 (In-person), Fall 2020 (Online Synchronous), Fall 2021 (Hybrid)*

The anthropological study of language and communication. A brief survey of field and analytical methods and theory of linguistic anthropology.

**Health and Healing (ANTHR 393)** • In-person

Winter 2020

A cross-cultural study through time of the beliefs and social activities associated with health, illness, and healing.

**Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology (ANTHR 207)** • In-person

*Fall 2017*

Comparative study of human society and culture, particularly non-Western communities, with special attention to the family, social structure, economics and political institutions, and religion; processes of change.

**AWARDS, GRANTS, & SCHOLARSHIPS** | *Amounts listed in Canadian dollars unless otherwise stated.*

Total monetary academic awards and scholarships *received and offered* to date: **\$292,235 CAD**

2022

Academic Excellence & Admission Funding

**President's Doctoral Prize of Distinction (\$10,000)**

Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, University of Alberta

2022 – 2025

**SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship (\$60,000 for 3 years; terminated in 2023)**

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), Government of Canada

2021

**Educational Excellence Awards – Post-Secondary**

Golden Balangay Awards (nominated and shortlisted)

- 2021 **S&L Mandel Graduate Scholarship in Sexual and Gender Minority Studies (\$1,200)**  
Institute for Sexual Minority Studies and Services (iSMSS), University of Alberta
- 2021 **FGSR COVID Graduate Student Support (\$1,500)**  
Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, University of Alberta
- 2019 **Doctoral Recruitment Funding (~\$38,000 for 4 years), deferred to 2020**  
Department of Anthropology, Faculty of Arts, University of Alberta
- 2019 **University of Alberta Graduate Fellowship (\$8,000)**  
Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, University of Alberta
- 2018 **Doctoral Recruitment Funding (~\$77,000 for 4 years), declined**  
School of Graduate Studies, McMaster University
- 2018 **Graduate Scholarship (\$8,000), declined**  
School of Graduate Studies, McMaster University
- 2018 **Ronald Gordon Rowswell O'Connor Graduate Award (\$4,200)**  
Institute for Sexual Minority Studies and Services (iSMSS), University of Alberta
- 2018 **Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship – Master's (\$5,400)**  
Government of Alberta (administered by the University of Alberta)
- 2018 **Graduate Student Scholarship – Master's (\$3,000)**  
Government of Alberta (administered by the University of Alberta)
- 2017 **Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship – Master's (\$5,400)**  
Government of Alberta (administered by the University of Alberta)
- 2015 – 2016 **Dean's Honours List**  
Faculty of Arts, University of Alberta
- 2013 **Jason Lang Scholarship (\$1,000)**  
Government of Alberta (administered by the University of Alberta)
- 2012 **Alexander Rutherford Scholarship (\$1,300)**  
Government of Alberta (administered by the University of Alberta)
- 2019, 2020, 2021 Teaching Awards and Citations  
**Jaye Fredrickson Teaching Excellence Award**  
NorQuest College (nominated by students for three consecutive years)
- 2019 **Graduate Student Teaching Award**  
Faculty of Arts, University of Alberta
- 2019 **Graduate Student Teaching Award**  
Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, University of Alberta

Teaching Assistantship Contracts/Stipends

- 2021 **Graduate Student Teaching Assistantship (~\$3,600), ANTHR 208 (Fall 2021)**  
2020 **Graduate Student Teaching Assistantship (~\$3,600), ANTHR 208 (Fall 2020)**  
2020 **Graduate Student Teaching Assistantship (~\$3,600), ANTHR 393 (Winter 2020)**  
2018 **Graduate Student Teaching Assistantship (~\$3,600), ANTHR 208 (Fall 2018)**  
2017 **Graduate Student Teaching Assistantship (~\$3,600), ANTHR 208 (Fall 2017)**  
Department of Anthropology, Faculty of Arts, University of Alberta

Research & Travel

- 2020 **Graduate Student Travel Award (\$2,100)**  
Department of Anthropology, Faculty of Arts, University of Alberta
- 2018 **Fellowship for Visiting University-based Scholars and Professionals (\$1,000)**  
The Chair in Transgender Studies, University of Victoria
- 2018 **Graduate Student Travel Award (\$1,100)**  
Department of Anthropology, Faculty of Arts, University of Alberta
- 2018 **Graduate Student Travel Award (\$500)**  
Congress 2018, Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences & University of Regina
- 2018 **Travel Subsidy (\$525), declined**  
Trans Matters 2018, Centre for Feminist Research, York University
- 2017 **Travel Award (\$260 SGD)**  
Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore
- 2017 **Education Abroad Individual Award (\$1,250)**  
University of Alberta International
- 2017 **Graduate Travel Award (\$2,000)**  
Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research
- 2016 **Bryan-Gruhn Anthropology Graduate Research Award (1,500)**  
Department of Anthropology, Faculty of Arts, University of Alberta
- 2016 **Academic Travel Award (\$500)**  
Graduate Students' Association, University of Alberta

Leadership & Community Work

- 2021 **ECF Awards & Bursaries, formerly Community Scholarship (\$5,000)**  
Edmonton Community Foundation
- 2020 **ECF Awards & Bursaries, formerly Community Scholarship (\$5,000)**  
Edmonton Community Foundation
- 2020 **Alberta's Top 30 Under 30**  
Alberta Council for Global Cooperation  
With commendation letters from:
- [The Rt. Hon Justin Trudeau](#), Prime Minister of Canada
  - [The Hon. Heather McPherson](#), Member of Parliament (Edmonton Strathcona)
  - [The Hon. Leela Sharon Aheer](#), Minister of Culture, Multiculturalism & Status of Women, GoA
  - [The Hon. Mike Lake](#), Member of Parliament (Edmonton Wetaskiwin)

- 2019 **ECF Awards & Bursaries, formerly Community Scholarship (\$6,000)**  
Edmonton Community Foundation
- 2018 **ECF Awards & Bursaries, formerly Community Scholarship (\$6,000)**  
Edmonton Community Foundation
- 2017 **Community Scholarship (\$6,000)**  
Edmonton Community Foundation
- 2016 **Community Scholarship (\$5,000)**  
Edmonton Community Foundation
- 2017 **Centenary Outstanding Campus Involvement (\$2,000)**  
University of Alberta Students' Union
- 2015 **Community Scholarship (\$3,500)**  
Edmonton Community Foundation
- 2015 **Tom Lancaster Memorial Award (\$1,000)**  
University of Alberta Students' Union
- Total monetary event awards funding and sponsorship received to date: **\$6,800 CAD**
- Grant funding for student groups and events*
- 2018 **Faculty of Arts Conference Fund (\$2,000), co-written with Katherine Bishop**  
Faculty of Arts, University of Alberta  
*Role: VP Finance, Association for Graduate Anthropology Students (AGAS)*  
*Event: 26th Annual Richard Frucht Memorial Lecture Series and Student Conference*
- 2018 **GSA Academically-Related Graduate Student Group Award (\$1,500), co-written with Katherine Bishop**  
Graduate Students' Association, University of Alberta  
*Role: VP Finance, Association for Graduate Anthropology Students (AGAS)*  
*Event: 26th Annual Richard Frucht Memorial Lecture Series and Student Conference*
- 2018 **FGSR Dean's Support Fund for Student-Led Conferences (\$1,000), co-written with Katherine Bishop**  
Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, University of Alberta  
*Role: VP Finance, Association for Graduate Anthropology Students (AGAS)*  
*Event: 26th Annual Richard Frucht Memorial Lecture Series and Student Conference*
- 2018 **URI Research Support Fund (\$478)**  
Undergraduate Research Initiative, University of Alberta  
*Role: VP Finance, Association for Graduate Anthropology Students (AGAS)*  
*Event: 26th Annual Richard Frucht Memorial Lecture Series and Student Conference*
- 2018 **Event Sponsorship (\$100)**  
University of Alberta Press  
*Role: VP Finance, Association for Graduate Anthropology Students (AGAS)*  
*Event: 26th Annual Richard Frucht Memorial Lecture Series and Student Conference*
- 2016 **Wellness Grant (\$478)**  
Health Campus Unit, University of Alberta  
*Role: VP Academic and Finance, Sociology Undergraduate Student Association (SUSA)*  
*Project: "Unwind Your Mind" Room and Permanent Chill Space*

2015 **SGS Activity Grant (\$722)**  
Student Group Services, University of Alberta Students' Union  
Role: VP Academic and Finance, Sociology Undergraduate Student Association (SUSA)  
Project: SUSA Rebranding Initiative

**PRESENTATIONS** | *First author unless otherwise stated.*

- Conference Paper & Poster Presentation (Peer-Reviewed)*
- 2021 **Singaporean and Balinese Transwomen Sex Workers** [Paper presentation]. *2021 Western Conference of the Association for Asian Studies*, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT, USA: October 9 [Online].
- 2020 **Transwomen Sex Workers in Singapore and Bali, Indonesia: Stories of Transformation, Beauty, Love, and Death** [Paper presentation]. *2020 Annual Conference of the Association for Asian Studies*, Sheraton Boston Hotel and the Hynes Convention Center, Boston, MA, USA: March 19-22 [Cancelled due to COVID-19].
- 2018 **Transient Beauty, Waria Subjectivity: On Transwomen Transitioning, Ageing, and Death in Bali** [Research materials]. *Trans Matters — Inaugural Interdisciplinary Trans Studies Graduate Student Conference*, Centre for Feminist Research, York University, Toronto, ON: June 21-22.
- 2018 **Queen of All Sorts: Indonesian and Filipino Transwomen, Past, Present, and Everything in Between** [Paper presentation]. *6<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Sexuality Studies Association (Congress 2018)*, University of Regina, Regina, SK: May 27-29.
- 2018 **The Traditional, Modern, and Traditional-Modern: Three Cases of Serving Filipino Food Authenticity in the City of Edmonton (Alberta)** [Paper presentation]. *13<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly of the Canadian Association of Food Studies (Congress 2018)*, University of Regina, Regina, SK: May 26-29.
- 2017 **Savour the Flavour, Swallow the World: Serving and Consuming 'Authentic' Filipino Food in Edmonton** [Paper presentation]. *2017 New York Conference on Asian Studies*, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva, NY, USA: September 22-23.
- 2017 **Trans-aging: A review of the current literature on the aging of sexual and gender-minority persons** [Poster presentation]. *2017 Campus Alberta Student Conference on Health*, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB: September 15-16.
- 2017 **Edible Ethnicities: Defining Authentic Filipino Food in Edmonton** [Poster and pecha-kucha presentation]. *12<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly of the Canadian Association of Food Studies (Congress 2017)*, Ryerson University, Toronto, ON: May 27-30.
- 2017 **Edible Ethnicities, Flavours of Modernity: Serving Filipino Food Authenticity in the City of Edmonton** [Poster presentation]. *25<sup>th</sup> Annual Richard Frucht Memorial Lecture Series and Student Conference*, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB: March 8-10.
- 2017 **"High-Altitude F\*cks": Imagined Landscape and Queer Space in Brokeback Mountain** [Paper presentation]. *25<sup>th</sup> Annual Richard Frucht Memorial Lecture Series and Student Conference*, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB: March 8-10.
- 2016 **Transgender Cross-cultural Variations in Indonesia and the Philippines** [Paper presentation]. *54<sup>th</sup> Western Conference of the Association for Asian Studies*, University of Montana, Missoula, MT, USA: September 23-24.

- 2016 **Transgender Cross-cultural Variations in Indonesia and the Philippines** [Poster presentation]. *Festival of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities*, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB: March 14-18.
- 2016 **Transgender Cross-cultural Variations in Indonesia and the Philippines** [Poster presentation]. *24<sup>th</sup> Annual Richard Frucht Memorial Lecture Series and Student Conference*, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB: March 2-4.
- Campus and Public Talks*
- 2021 **Warias: The Lives of Balinese Transwomen Sex Workers from Transitioning to Detransitioning**. *Binalot Talks Online Edition*, Archaeological Studies Program, University of the Philippines Diliman, Quezon City, PH: May 12 [Online].
- 2021 **The Liminal and Disrupted Lives of Singaporean and Balinese Transwomen Sex Workers**. *Anthro-in-Action Speaker Series: UPB Edition*, University of the Philippines Baguio, Baguio City, PH: April 13 [Online].
- 2019 **The Transwomen of Singapore and Bali and their Right to Live and Love**. *On The Edge: Emerging Scholars Speaker Series*, Edmonton Public Library (Strathcona), Edmonton, AB: September 18.
- 2019 **Entangled Trans-Form-Asians, (Trans)Gendered Connections: An Anthropological Study of Transwomen Sex Workers in Singapore and Bali, Indonesia**. *Intersections of Gender Launch*, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB: March 28.
- 2017 **Exceptional Trans-form-Asians: The Transwomen of Singapore and Bali, Indonesia**. *November Staff Meeting*, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB: November 3.
- 2017 **A Crown, Hijab, and Nationalism: Shades of Being a (Wo)Man** (with Dafna Rachok and Samira Torabi). *Fringe Friday Speaker Series*, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB: March 24.
- 2016 **Transgender Cross-cultural Variations in Indonesia and the Philippines**. *2016 Department of Anthropology Honors Student Presentations*, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB: April 13.
- Guest Lectures and Seminars*
- Winter 2022 **On Gender and Fieldwork: Musings of a Sociocultural Anthropologist** [Guest lecture]. *ANTHR 101: Introduction to Anthropology [Alexandra Rocca, MA]*, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB: March 25 [Online].
- Fall 2021 **Trans-Form-Asians: The Disrupted Lives of Singaporean and Balinese Transwomen Sex Workers** [Guest lecture]. *ANTHR 208: Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology [Dr. Andie Palmer]*, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB: November 16 [Online].
- Fall 2020 **Trans-Form-Asians: Singaporean and Balinese Transwomen Sex Workers** [Guest lecture]. *ANTHR 208: Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology [Dr. Andie Palmer]*, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB: December 1 [Online].
- Winter 2020 **Healing a Community, Community as Healing: Sex Work, Drag, Love, and Vanity Among Singaporean and Balinese Transwomen** [Guest lecture]. *ANTHR 393: Health and Healing [Dr. Mirjana Uzelac]*, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB: February 25.



- Fall 2018 **Transwomen, Trans-Form-Asians: *Transvestia*, Bali and Singapore, and the Right to Live** [Guest lecture]. *ANTHR 208: Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology* [Dr. Andie Palmer], University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB: November 29.
- Fall 2017 **Exceptional\* Trans-form-Asians: The Transwomen of Singapore and Bali (Indonesia)** [Seminar]. *ANTHR 207: Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology* [Dr. Kathleen Lowrey], University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB: December 7.
- Workshops and Facilitation
- 2023 **Navigating the Near and Post-Grad Maze: A Workshop on Résumé/CV Crafting, Interviews, and Everything in Between.** *Translational Biology and Engineering Program*, Ted Rogers Centre for Heart Research, University of Toronto, CA: November 28.
- 2023 **Navigating Career Development: Funding, Feedback, and Crafting Competitive CVs for Academic and Alt-Ac Jobs.** *Centre for Criminology and Sociolegal Studies*, University of Toronto, CA: November 24.
- 2022 **How-to Series: Building your Professional Network.** *Translational Biology and Engineering Program*, Ted Rogers Centre for Heart Research, University of Toronto, CA: November 25.
- 2022 **SSHRC Workshop (with Dani Magsumbol, Darlyne Bautista, and Kevin Laxamana).** *Fil-Can Graduate Students Writing Circle*, Toronto, ON: September 30 [Online].
- 2022 **Teaching Presentation Skills: Performance Under Pressure.** *Graduate Teaching and Learning Program (Level 1: Foundations)*, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, University of Alberta, CA: August 30 [Online].
- 2022 **How to Think About Your Future... When Grad School is the Present!** *Centre for Graduate Professional Development*, School of Graduate Studies, University of Toronto, CA: Various dates [Online and In-Person].
- 2022 **Learning and (Un)Learning: On Gender, Sexuality, and Lived Experiences.** *Pinoys on Parliament*, CA: May 28 [Online].
- Invited Talks and Speaking Engagements
- 2024 *Invited speaker.* **Evolving Traditions, Timeless Roots: Banyuhay Gala 2024.** *University of Alberta Philippine Students' Association*, River Cree Resort and Casino, Edmonton, AB: April 27.
- 2024 *Invited panelist.* **The Next Generation of Filipino Communities.** *Pinoys on Parliament*, Ottawa Art Gallery, Ottawa, ON: February 25.
- 2023 *Invited panelist.* **Isang Bagsak: Intergenerational Perspectives on Filipino Student Leadership.** *FILCASA: Filipino Canadian Students' Association*, Startwell Event Studio, Toronto, ON: June 11.
- 2023 *Invited speaker.* **PAKILALA: The SIBOL Filipino Canadian PRIDE Network Launch.** *SIBOL Pride Network*, The. 519, Toronto, ON: June 3.
- 2023 *Speaker and Award Presenter.* **The Bayanihan: It Takes a Village Fundraising Gala.** *University of Alberta Philippine Students' Association*, Edmonton Inn and Conference Centre, Edmonton, AB: April 29.

- 2023 *Invited Speaker. Madagop Tako* ["Anthropology-zing and Trying: Where has anthropology [agham-tao] brought me?"]. *The Anthropology Organization (TAO)*, University of the Philippines Baguio, Baguio City, PH: November 27. [Online].
- 2022 *Invited Speaker. Pursuing Post-Secondary Education as Filipino/a/x Canadians. Kabangka Canada*: December 13. [Online].
- 2021 *Invited Speaker. AnthroWeek 2021: Fieldwork Talks* ["Notes on Anthropology: Fieldwork, Ethnography, Storytelling, and Homecoming"]. *The Anthropology Organization (TAO)*, University of the Philippines Baguio, Baguio City, PH: March 15. [Online].
- 2021 *Guest speaker (with England Castro). Social Sciences — CHICAREER 2021: Taym Pers [Saan ba ako patungo?]*. *Campus Alliance for Dedicated and Unified Action (CADUA)*, University of the Philippines Baguio, Baguio City, PH: August 17. [Online].
- 2020 *Invited Speaker (with Katherine Bishop). Community Engagement Foundations for Graduate Students. Faculty of Graduate Studies and Community Service-Learning*, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB: August 7. [Online].
- 2020 *Invited Discussant. Queering Anthropology. University of Alberta Anthropology Undergraduates*, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB: March 13.
- 2020 *Opening Message. The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Alberta's Top 30 Under 30 Celebration Event. Alberta Council for Global Cooperation*, Central Library, Calgary, AB: February 4.
- 2019 *Invited Discussant. Call Her Ganda Film Screening. Migrante Alberta*, Edmonton, AB: June 7.
- 2021 – present *Public Talks (Open Resource Education) Organized*  
**The Cabalen Lectures (formerly known as Anthro-in-Action Speaker Series)**
  - Portage College Series 1 — 1 talk in total
  - NorQuest College Series 1-3 — 12 talks in total
  - University of the Philippines Baguio Series 1-2 — 9 talks in total
  - MacEwan University Series 1-2 — 10 talks in total
- 2021 – present **Kapehan (Coffee) with Kevin**
  - University of the Philippines Baguio Series 1 — 4 talks in total
- 2017 – 2018 **Fringe Friday Speaker Series** (with Helena Ramsaroop)  
 Department of Anthropology, University of Alberta — 10 talks in total

## EXHIBITIONS & CREATIVE WORKS

- 2021 *Digital/Social Media (Non-Juried)*  
**Trans-Form-Asians: The Liminal and Disrupted Lives of Singaporean and Balinese Transwomen Sex Workers** [Virtual poster presentation]. *University of Alberta Digital Innovation Showcase*, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB: May 10-14 [Online].  
<https://bit.ly/2ShTJEU>
- 2019 – 2020 *Public/Community (Non-Juried)*  
**Bunga (Flower)** [Photograph]. Research image exhibited at the *Edmonton Public Library (Strathcona)*, Edmonton, AB.

Competitions (Juried)

- 2018 **Bunga (Flower)** [Photograph; Semi-finalist]. Research image exhibited at the *2018 Images of Research Public Exhibition*, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB: April 5-30. *Published in ERA (doi): <https://doi.org/10.7939/R36T0HB34>*
- 2017 **Beauty is Painful** [Photograph; Semi-finalist]. Research image exhibited at the *2017 Images of Research Public Exhibition*, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB: April 5-30. *Published in ERA (doi): <https://doi.org/10.7939/R3959CM88>*

**MEDIA COVERAGE (of my work) & PROFILE INTERVIEWS**

News Features & Interviews

- 2021 **"Honouring our Volunteers: Kevin Laxamana."** *Author:* Marilyn Gray. REACH Edmonton, April 20: [bit.ly/3eJL2MI](http://bit.ly/3eJL2MI)
- 2020 **"Quiambao, Laxamana honored for global cooperation work."** *Author:* Canadian Filipino Net Staff. Canadian Filipino Net: People Stories, February 16: [bit.ly/2W1FyU5](http://bit.ly/2W1FyU5)
- 2020 **"Filipino grad student gets prestigious Top 30 Under 30 Award."** *Author:* INQUIRER.NET U.S. Bureau. INQUIRER.net, the official news website of the INQUIRER Group of Companies, February 6: [bit.ly/2VYqhDD](http://bit.ly/2VYqhDD)
- 2020 **"FGSR staffer among three graduate students named Top 30 Under 30 by ACGC."** *Author:* Robert B. Desjardins. University of Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research News, University of Alberta, February 5: [bit.ly/2vbS7kN](http://bit.ly/2vbS7kN)
- 2020 **"2020 Top 30 Under 30 Recipients: Kevin Laxamana."** *Interviewer:* Kendra Thompson. Alberta Council for Global Cooperation (ACGC) Top 30 Under 30 Website, January 29: [bit.ly/2U1rUOm](http://bit.ly/2U1rUOm)
- 2018 **"2018 University-based Fellows: Kevin Laxamana."** *Videographer/Interviewer:* Michael Radmacher. University of Victoria's The Chair in Transgender Studies website and YouTube Channel, August 24: [bit.ly/2DZjRJW](http://bit.ly/2DZjRJW) & [bit.ly/2PletWY](http://bit.ly/2PletWY)
- 2018 **"Busting 8 Misconceptions About Anthropology."** *Author:* Hallie Brodie. University of Alberta's YouAlberta Blog, March 13: [bit.ly/2DW8x1y](http://bit.ly/2DW8x1y)
- 2017 **"The Impact of Culture on Gender Variance."** *Author:* Sasha Roeder-Mah. University of Alberta Faculty of Arts News and Work of Arts Blog, December 8: [bit.ly/3BG1dTT](http://bit.ly/3BG1dTT)

Podcast Interviews

- 2021 **My Way! Podcast [Episode 5].** *Streaming on Anchor.FM and Spotify and organized by Harshavardhan Mamdelesai and Bilal Rizvi: [spoti.fi/3aB0eZm](https://spoti.fi/3aB0eZm)*

**ACADEMIC SERVICE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Graduate

- 2019 **Adjudicator** (Award for Outstanding Mentorship in Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities)  
*Undergraduate Research Initiative, University of Alberta*
- 2017 – 2019 **Advisor and Chief Returning Officer**  
*Philippine Students' Association, University of Alberta*

- 2017 – 2020 **Conference Judge** (Festival of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities)  
*Undergraduate Research Initiative, University of Alberta*
- 2017 – 2018 **Program Committee Member** (6<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting/Congress 2018)  
*Sexuality Studies Association, University of Regina*
- 2017 – 2018 **Fringe Friday Speaker Series Co-Coordinator**  
*Association of Graduate Anthropology Students, University of Alberta*
- 2017 – 2018 **VP Finance** (26<sup>th</sup> Annual Richard Frucht Memorial Lecture Series and Student Conference)  
*Association of Graduate Anthropology Students, University of Alberta*
- 2016 – 2017 **Finance/Sponsorship Advisor** (25<sup>th</sup> Annual Richard Frucht Memorial Lecture Series and Student Conference)  
*Association of Graduate Anthropology Students, University of Alberta*
- 2016 – 2018 **Treasurer**  
*Association of Graduate Anthropology Students, University of Alberta*
- 2015 – 2016 *Undergraduate*  
**President**  
*Philippine Students' Association, University of Alberta*
- 2015 – 2016 **VP Academic and Finance**  
*Sociology Undergraduate Student Association, University of Alberta*
- 2015 – 2016 **Secretary**  
*University of Alberta Anthropology Undergraduates, University of Alberta*
- 2015 **Newsletter Editor**  
*International Students' Association, University of Alberta*
- 2014 – 2017 **Team Leader (Awareness)**  
*University of Alberta Campus Food Bank*
- 2014 – 2015 **Social Convenor**  
*University of Alberta Anthropology Undergraduates, University of Alberta*
- 2014 – 2015 **Director of Social Media (Marketing)**  
*Philippine Students' Association, University of Alberta*
- 2014 – 2015 **Communications Director**  
*REACH Edmonton Students' Association, University of Alberta*
- 2014 & 2015 **Arts Orientation Leader**  
*Orientation and Week of Welcome, University of Alberta*
- 2014 & 2015 **Arts Faculty Council and Academic Affairs Committee Student Representative**  
*Faculty of Arts, University of Alberta*
- 2013 – 2014 **Classroom Mentor**  
*USchool, University of Alberta Senate*

2013 **Art Program Assistant**  
*Cerebral Palsy Association in Alberta and Art Gallery of Alberta, City of Edmonton*

## EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

2018 – present **Reviewer**  
*Spectrum: An Interdisciplinary Undergraduate Journal, University of Alberta*

## MENTORSHIP EXPERIENCE/MENTEES

2018 – present **Mentor — Kuya Mentorship Program**  
*Philippine Students' Association, University of Alberta*

2016 – present **Graduate Mentor — AnthHelp Mentorship Initiative**  
*Association of Graduate Anthropology Students, University of Alberta*

### *List of Mentees*

2021 - 2022 Sheila Anne Abanto, *Anthropology, University of the Philippines Baguio*  
2021 - 2022 Aiseel Mae Custodio, *Anthropology, University of the Philippines Baguio*  
2021 - 2022 Florabea Charis Iñon, *Anthropology, University of the Philippines Baguio*  
2021 - 2022 Charlene Jemima Lopez, *Anthropology, University of the Philippines Baguio*  
2021 - 2022 Danielle Ann Mabalot, *Anthropology, University of the Philippines Baguio*  
2020 - 2021 Danika Freeman-Lau, *Anthropology/Biological Sciences, University of Alberta*  
2019 - 2021 Beatriz Rubio, *Nursing, University of Alberta*  
2017 - 2021 Dorota Surma, *Anthropology/Women's & Gender Studies, Alberta*  
2018 - 2020 Maissie Hillman, *Linguistics/French, Alberta*

## PROFESSIONAL & WORK EXPERIENCE

2022 – 2024 **Programming Coordinator**  
*Centre for Graduate Professional Development, School of Graduate Studies, University of Toronto*

2020 – 2022 **Digital and Social Media Associate**

2019 **Communications and Web Assistant** (Operations/Professional Development)

2018 – 2019 **Web and Professional Development Content Support**

2016 – 2018 **Web Content Development Intern** (Graduate Student Internship Program)  
*Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, University of Alberta*

2019 **Communications Assistant**  
*Intersections of Gender, University of Alberta*

2017 **Research Assistant/Photographer**  
*Intermedia Research Studio, University of Alberta*

2016 **Transcriptionist** (5AsT-SDM Intervention Project)  
*Obesity Canada and Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, University of Alberta*

2015 – 2017 **Writer/Student Communicator**  
*YouAlberta and University Relations, University of Alberta*

2015 **Web Resource Library/OutREACH Assistant** (Serving Communities Internship Program)  
REACH Edmonton

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Past Memberships

- Graduate Communication Consortium (GCC)
- Women's and Gender Studies et Recherches Féministes (WGSRF)
- Alberta Society for the Promotion of Sexual Health (ASPSH)
- Sexuality Studies Association (SSA)
- Ugnayang Pang-Agham Tao, Inc. (UGAT) / Anthropological Association of the Philippines
- Canadian Anthropological Society (CASCA)
- Canadian Association for Food Studies (CAFS)
- Association for Asian Studies (AAS)
- Board of Alumni — Philippine Students' Association
- YouthWrite Canada (Alumni)

## COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND IMPACT

2020 - present **AnthroChats • Pelikul(A)nthro | Founder/Moderator**  
University of the Philippines Baguio

A movie club + discussion group dissecting mainstream film and pop culture using an anthropological lens.

2019 - present **The Annual Kevin Chavez Laxamana (KCL) Volunteer of the Year Award | Collaborator**  
*In partnership with Philippine Students' Association (PhilSA), University of Alberta*

This award recognizes a PhilSA member who has made exceptional contributions to the PhilSA and the Filipino community in Edmonton and beyond through their volunteer efforts during the past year. One award will be given each year with a \$250 CAD prize, an engraved plaque, and the recipient's name on the KCL x PhilSA trophy. Open to PhilSA members pursuing either an undergraduate or graduate program at the University of Alberta.

*Recipients:* Chi-Yan Lee (2019), Kerby Soco (2020), Nicole de Grano (2021), Marklyn Wong (2022)

2019 - present **The Cabalen Project | Founder/Director**  
Edmonton, Alberta

This is a work in progress. Continuing the work I have done during my tenure as the President of the Philippine Students' Association (PhilSA) at the University of Alberta (2015-2016), The Cabalen Project hopes to organize education and knowledge mobilization initiatives, such as collecting school supplies and books for the youth and (re)building classroom and libraries among indigent and rural communities in the Philippines.

2019 - present **Filipinos in the Diaspora Collective | Co-Founder with Dr. Carla Hilario**  
University of Alberta

This initiative aims to engage the Filipinx (graduate) community in a collective reflection on topics and issues concerning Filipinx in the motherland and beyond (and of course, graduate studies). Additionally, this is also a place to connect with other Filipinx at the University of Alberta and the province—across the disciplines—to share opportunities and resources (e.g., grant application templates, peer-reviewing papers, preparing grad school application packages, writing resumes/CVs, etc.).

## OTHER RELEVANT SKILLS & TRAINING

Website and Content Management Systems (CMS) and Analytics  
2020 **CMS Cascade Level 1 (Introduction), Level 2 (Intermediate) and Administration**  
2019 **Google Analytics for Sitecore**  
2016 **CMS Sitecore 3 Level 1 (Contributor) and Level 2 (Author and Administrator)**  
*Technology Training Centre, University of Alberta*

Digital Media and Design  
2020 **Adobe Premiere**  
2017 **Adobe InDesign Level 1**  
*Technology Training Centre, University of Alberta*

2016

Others

**QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Program**

*Community Social Work, University of Alberta*

**LANGUAGES**

Tagalog (Filipino)

*First language proficiency in speaking, listening, and reading*

English

*Near-first language proficiency in speaking, listening, and reading*

Kapampangan

*First language proficiency in speaking, listening, and reading*

Nihonggo (Japanese)

*Elementary language proficiency in speaking, listening, and reading*

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