

## Editor's Note

*Social Science Diliman* participates in celebrating Dr. Jose Rizal's sesquicentennial this year (150 years from the year of his birth) with this issue led by an article on Rizal's education and community development initiatives while in exile in Dapitan. Floro Quibuyen contends that Rizal was a pioneer in 'social entrepreneurship' and way ahead of his time. The scope of Rizal's vision and what he actually achieved — entirely through volunteer work — in Dapitan, in fact have much to say to current social conditions and deserves as much as, if not more attention than his martyrdom.

Rizal's lesser known contemporary Mariano Ponce, and his faith in the national struggle and constancy in effort to solicit support for the Philippine revolution are revealed in his letters from Japan, as discussed in the article by Jean Paul Zialcita.

We think that Rizal would have been interested to read the third article which returns to the larger setting of children's education. Gerry Lanuza's article discusses 'childlore'—children's games or play and their gender socialization outside of the classroom context.

The fourth featured article concerns the spirit of the oblation, or offering of oneself for the nation, within our university. Neil Martial Santillan writes on the *Ugnayang Pabinungod*, a university-wide volunteer program, and more specifically the community and self-empowering experiences of the volunteer teachers who were *gurong pabinungod* from 1998-2003.

Among the books reviewed in this issue is the calendar or list and synopses of the '*Cuerpo de Vigilancia*' from 1896-1898 — a set of reports on 'suspicious persons' prepared by government authorized spies in those years. Mercedes Planta cites how this corpus, now held at the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, comprises a new and invaluable resource for Philippine historians and for which the book (edited by Bernardita Churchill and others) is an invaluable guide. Yeoh Seng Guan reviews a new ethnohistory of the Santo Niño by Julius Bautista, and Ariel C. Lopez reviews (in Filipino) the book *Hayden White: The Historical Imagination* by Herman Paul.

In this issue we also remember Dr. Ricardo M. Zarco, sociologist and mentor to many younger colleagues, including Filomin Gutierrez); champion of ethnoastronomy Prof. Dante Ambrosio, and UP law professor and Diliman pioneer Maria Clara Lopez Campos.

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## ERRATA

On page 116 of of the last issue of *Social Science Diliman* (Vol. 7, No. 1, June 2011), Lourdes Estella-Simbulan was said to have died in a car crash “in the early morning of May 13, 2011.” She actually died in the early evening. In addition, she worked for *Pinoy Times* (not *Pinoy Weekly* as written) before teaching at UP.