

Editor's Notes

We are extremely delighted to release this volume of *The Archive* this 2022, coinciding with the centennial founding anniversary of its publisher, the Department of Linguistics at the University of the Philippines (UP) Diliman. To curate such a volume that marks an important point in our institutional history is not an easy task, for the mandates (and corresponding research agenda) of the Department—as a unit housed in the country's premier state university—have evolved significantly since its establishment in keeping with the landscape of linguistic scholarship in the academia and the language-related needs of the nation. Ultimately, we compiled the works that echo our institution's main *raison d'être*,¹ formally set in 1977 but continues to endure amidst the changing landscape of linguistic scholarship:

1. to continue developing the Department as the primary center of studying and archiving languages and dialects in the Philippines;
 2. to contribute to general and theoretical linguistics based, first and foremost, on the study of languages and dialects in the Philippines;
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¹In addition to the three agenda items listed, the Department has a secondary goal to improve the teaching of the national languages of Asia in accordance with the needs of the Filipino people.

3. to provide significant, relevant, and direct support in identifying, clarifying, and ultimately solving linguistic problems in the Philippines, especially in education and national communication and integration.

This volume of *The Archive* features two research articles titled “Modality in Bagobo-Klata and Tausug,” written by Edward G. Estrera and Jeffrey A. Rajik; and “Assessing the Usability of the Draft Minasbate Working Orthography vis-à-vis *An Maayo na Barita Hali sa Dios* and the Actual Usage of Masbatenyo K to 3 Teachers” by Michael Wilson Rosero. Juxtaposing the Department’s one-hundred-year history with that of *The Archive*, Vincent Christopher A. Santiago writes an important essay titled “One Hundred Years of Scholarship on Philippine Linguistic Diversity: A Brief History of *The Archive*.” We also feature two sets of linguistic data gathered from fieldwork among ethnolinguistic communities in the Philippines: “Babuyan Claro Toponyms,” compiled by Maria Kristina S. Gallego, Romeo Rosales, and Edgar Elvinia; and “Buhid Word List,” by Mary Ann G. Bacolod, Elsie Marie T. Or, and Atoy I. Tugas. Finally, we are excited to share with you that in this volume, we are launching a new section that aims to update our readers about recently accomplished research projects by our Department’s graduate students.

Estrera and Rajik’s article compares the ways through which the linguistic category of modality is expressed between two Philippine languages—Bagobo-Klata and Tausug. By comparing the semantic and morphosyntactic features, as well as lexical origins of modality expressions between the two languages, the paper offers insights on the typological structure of each language under study and of Philippine

languages in general. Insights gained from this comparative study of modality in Bagobo-Klata and Tausug are expected to enrich scholarship not only on the said linguistic category, but also on linguistic typological theories offered at present.

Rosero's paper narrates the applicability of the draft Minasbate Working Orthography (MWO) by comparing it with written literature in the language and investigating how MWO is actually being used by stakeholders. The endeavor reflected in this article is an important contribution to addressing a current language issue in the Philippines—the implementation of the Mother Tongue-Based Multilingual Education. It also highlights the importance of taking into account insights and experiences of sectors who are after all directly impacted by policies pertaining to language and language use.

In fulfilling its mandate to generate knowledge on Philippine languages and linguistics through research, the UP Department of Linguistics has utilized *The Archive* journal as a platform for disseminating different types of research outputs focusing on the scientific study of Philippine languages and dialects. Santiago's essay outlines the history of the journal, which in turn provides us with a glimpse of the research climate on Philippine linguistics at each period in the institutional history of the Department, as well as the history of the said discipline in the country.

The first of the two linguistic data sets featured in this volume lists down placenames in Babuyan Claro, an Ibatan-speaking island in northern Philippines. Documenting toponyms, according to authors Gallego, Rosales, and Elvinia, is important for the purpose of intergenerational transmission, as these give an account of the collective history and local

knowledge within the community. The authors also put forward the essential role of this type of research endeavor in mapping geographic space of the community's sociolinguistic contexts.

This volume also contains the Buhid word list, compiled by Bacolod, Or, and Tugas. This linguistic data set is a product of the collaborative project conducted by Bacolod and Or, faculty members at the UP Department of Linguistics, and the members of the ethnolinguistic group Buhid Mangyan, residing on the island of Mindoro, led by Tugas. As an aside, we await with great anticipation the final output of this collaboration—a community-initiated dictionary of Buhid, in hopes of archiving, promoting, and preserving this endangered language.

Aside from the articles, historical notes, and linguistic data sets, this volume of *The Archive* introduces a new section that lists the abstracts of theses and dissertations produced by the graduate students of our Department. In this issue, we feature theses and dissertations that were successfully defended and submitted by our students under the MA and PhD Linguistics programs from the beginning of Academic Year (AY) 2017–2018 (during which *The Archive* was officially re-revived) up to the end of AY 2021–2022. This section aims to give our readers an idea of the research agenda and trajectories of the Department realized through the thesis and dissertation projects conducted by our graduate students. We hope to inform researchers, educators, students, as well as other interested individuals, groups, communities, and agencies, regarding the kind, range, and diversity of Philippine linguistic scholarship that our Department, through our graduate students, has generated throughout its institutional history.

Each work published in this collection is reflective of the three agenda items listed above. The historical essay of Santiago; the Ibatan data set prepared by Gallego, Rosales, and Elvinia; the Buhid word list compiled by Bacolod, Or, and Tugas; and the list of abstracts of our graduate students' theses and dissertations account for the development of the Department as center for research on Philippine languages and dialects. Estrera and Rajik's article reflects the Department's resolve to contribute to theoretical linguistics based on a comparative analysis of Philippine languages. Rosero's paper mirrors the Department's efforts to fulfill its duty to render public service such as addressing linguistic problems in the Philippines, based on ethical and social scientific research.

On a final note, the works featured in this volume underscore the value that the contributors have given to the role of the speakers of the languages under study—they are not just stakeholders who are directly impacted by the language policies implemented; rather, they also serve the crucial role of language consultants and even research collaborators who may have a say in the direction towards which the linguistic research activity must be headed.

I would like to convey my profound gratitude to the indefatigable editorial team behind this installment of *The Archive*. Together with Divine, James, Ate Viki, and the contributors, I hope that as you read the works in this volume, you will be able to gain an insight or two which will inspire you to conduct further research on Philippine languages and dialects in the future.

Isang maligaya at makabuluhang pagdiriwang ng sentenaryo ng pagkakatatag ng UP Departamento ng Linggwistiks!

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