

## *Editorial*

A more holistic picture of gender and gender relations is made possible in this issue of *Review of Women's Studies*, through multi-disciplinary papers tackling different aspects of gender issues and concerns.

The first article by June Prill-Brett uses social anthropology as an approach in the discussion of the theory of gender division of labor. Focusing on the Northern Cordilleras, Brett provides data to show that among the Bontok, what are considered universal as far as gender relations and resource management are concerned do not apply.

The second paper presents notions of woman from a literary perspective. In "Images of Women in Selected Novels of Gabriel Garcia Marquez", Lorna Arejola-Billanes explores how the novelist depicted different faces of the female personality—mother, daughter, lover, as reflected in his literary characters.

The paper of Ma. Monica R. Escano used focus group discussions and interviews to gather insights on how decision patterns influence clothing preferences of members of the family.

Gerry M. Lanuza presents a sociological analysis of students' attitudes and ideas about specific gender concerns, as he discusses selected entries of journals in his course on Social Science 105, Gender Issues in Philippine Society.

Laufred I. Hernandez uses concepts of Filipino Psychology in explaining how to understand the social construction of male sex workers. He based his study on interviews with the male sex

workers themselves, their manager, and clients.

In the documents section, we present two recent laws affecting women and children. Republic Act 9262, signed on March 8, 2004, provides measures to protect women and their children from domestic violence. Republic Act 9208, signed on May 26, 2003, institutes policies to eliminate trafficking of persons, especially women and children.

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