

**Lourdes 'Chit' Estella-Simbulan
(1957-2011)**



Lourdes Estella-Simbulan died in a car crash in the early morning of May 13, 2011 as two speeding buses hit the taxi she was riding in along Commonwealth Avenue near the UP-Ayala Technohub in Quezon City. She taught journalism at the College of Mass Communication in UP Diliman and also served as executive director of Vera Files, a media organization engaged in investigative reporting. Prior to teaching at UP, she worked for various news publications like the *Philippine Daily Inquirer*, *Manila Times* and *Pinoy Weekly*.

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