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- She/her/hers/they
- Born and raised in the Philippines
- Birthday: August 1, 1986
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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- **PhD in City and Regional Planning**
[Ohio State University](#)
[Fulbright Scholar](#)
Autumn 2022 – Present
- **Master of ASEAN Studies**
University of the Philippines
Open University
August 2015 – December 2020
- **B.S. Architecture**
University of the Philippines Mindanao
June 2003 – April 2008
Honor Roll
Rank 11th of 108 graduates

SKILLS & PROFICIENCIES

- **Licensed Architect**
Philippine Architecture Licensure Exams
June 11 & 13, 2010
Passed with GWA 78.70%
- **Language Skills – English**
Business-level proficiency
TOEFL Score 113 of 120
Taken October 13, 2021
- **Language Skills – Filipino**
Conversant in Tagalog and Bisaya

C U R R I C U L U M V I T A E

WORK EXPERIENCE

FULL-TIME FACULTY

Instructor-III, Department of Architecture
University of Science and Technology of Southern
Philippines (USTP)
Cagayan de Oro City, Philippines
April 2017 to present, *on study leave*

- *Teaches architecture courses, including Research Methods in Architecture*
- *Mentors students and thesis candidates of B.S. Architecture*

**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
(Administrative Designation)**

Infrastructure Planning and Facilities Development Office
University of Science and Technology of Southern
Philippines
Cagayan de Oro City, Philippines
November 2019 to present, *on study leave*

- *Oversees administrative operations of the planning and infrastructure development of the university system*

TECHNICAL SUPERVISOR

Technical Support Division, Makati Development
Corporation
Davao City, Philippines
October 2015 to April 2017

- *Supervised document analyses, trade coordination, and conflict management of technical details for vertical and horizontal infrastructure developments.*

PART-TIME FACULTY

Instructor-III, Department of Architecture
University of the Philippines Mindanao (UP Mindanao)
Davao City, Philippines
June 2014 to December 2015

- *Conducted lectures on sociocultural and socioeconomic issues of housing in the Philippine setting*

FULL-TIME FACULTY

Instructor-III, Department of Architecture
University of the Philippines Mindanao
Davao City, Philippines
June 2011 to June 2014

- *Taught introductory courses in Urban and Regional Planning*
- *Advised student organizations, students, and thesis candidates of B.S. Architecture*

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Company Operations (Start-Up_
MEANS, inc. | Events and Designs
Davao City, Philippines
July 2010 to August 2012

- *Managed and partly-owned a start-up company specializing in design and event management services for a client portfolio of cooperatives and non-profit organizations.*

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

COMMITTEE MEMBER

USTP Land Use
Development and
Infrastructure Plan
January 15, 2021 to
July 2022

COMMITTEE MEMBER

Infrastructure Component
Lead
USTP Mindanao
Technopark Management
Committee
January 16, 2021 to
July 2022

COMMITTEE MEMBER

Review and Selection
Committee
USTP 2021 International
Conference, on Research,
Innovation and Investment
February 08, 2021 to
May 20, 2021

PROJECT COORDINATOR

Kubing: an exhibition of the
proportional relationship
between Mindanao music
and architecture
Grant by National
Commission for Culture
and Arts, Proponent: UP
Mindanao Architecture
Alumni Association
Foundation
July 2014 to
December 2015

**CONFERENCE
COORDINATOR**

13th Annual Conference on
Architecture Research and
Education (ACARE) 2014
May 15-16, 2014
UP Mindanao



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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

MINDANAO GUILD OF ACADEMIC INVENTORS

Treasurer FY 2019-2020
Member since 2019

UNITED ARCHITECTS OF THE PHILIPPINES

CDO Bay Chapter| Member since 2018| Chapter Secretary FY 2020-2021

UNITED ARCHITECTS OF THE PHILIPPINES

Davao Chapter| Board Director, FY 2011-2012| Auditor, FY 2014-2015| Member 2010-2018

UP MIN ARCHITECTURE ALUMNI ASSOC-FDN

Vice President for Internal Affairs, FY 2013-2016
Member from 2013 to 2016

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President, FY 2013-2016
Member from 2013 to 2016



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PROFESSIONAL & CHARACTER REFERENCES

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Dr. JEAN MARIE VILLAMOR-JUANGA

Associate Professor, UP Mindanao
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Dr. MARIA GISELA P. CONCEPCION

President, Philippine-American Academy of Science and Engineering
Thesis Adviser, MAS
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UTILITY MODEL

The ModMag: Modular Magnetic Wall Panel System (Utility Model)

MAKER – [IpoPhil Patent Number U 2/2018/000837](#)

International Class 8: E04F 13/00; E04F 13/08

2nd Place Utility Model Category

Department of Science & Technology Region X
Regional Invention Contests and Exhibits 2019

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Ergonomic Strengths and Limits of a Modular Magnetic Wall Panel System

USTP Funded

July 2021 – July 2022

PUBLICATIONS

VILLASECA, M.R., "Urban metabolism of ASEAN night markets based on biological principles", City and Environment Interactions, 2021, 10055, ISSN 2590-2520, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cacint.2020.100055>.

VILLASECA, M.R., et. al., "Strengths and limits of a modular magnetic wall panel system", 2023, Architectural Science Review, DOI: 10.1080/00038628.2023.2253781

RESEARCH CONFERENCES

Conceptual Architectural Rehabilitation of the Balangay Shrine Museum for Preventive Artifact Conservation

ORAL PRESENTATION, Best Oral Presentation,
Infrastructure, Transportation, Industrial Development, Energy Sufficiency and Security, and Relevant Policy studies Category
20th USTP Research & Development Summit
University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines
September 5-6, 2019
Performance Art Theatre, USTP-CDO
Philippines

Adaptive reuse of theatres to churches: the case of Rizal Theatre in Cagayan De Oro

ORAL PRESENTATION
1st PAG-ABOLL: Facets of Mindanao, Interdisciplinary Research Conference
University of the Philippines Mindanao
November 7-8, 2019
Apo View Hotel, Davao City
Philippines

Ethnographic perspectives on urban stocks in ASEAN night markets

ORAL PRESENTATION
System-wide Virtual In-house Research Summit October 29-30, 2020

Urban metabolism of ASEAN Night Markets based on biological principles

ORAL PRESENTATION, Best Presentation
6th ASIA Future Conference,
27 August – 29 August 2022, Online

Strengths and limits of a modular magnetic wall panel system

ORAL PRESENTATION
5th International Science, Technology, Engineering, Agri-Fisheries, and Mathematics Research Congress 2022
August 30-September 1, 2022
Eastern Visayas State University,
Tacloban City