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Serafin P. Colmenares Jr., PhD, MPH

Employment History

State Health Planning & Development Agency, Department of Health

- Acting Administrator, July 1, 2019 to present
- Comprehensive Health Planning Coordinator, 2015 to present

Office of Language Access, Department of Health

- Executive Director, 2012 to 2015

Office of Language Access, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations

- Executive Director, 2007 to 2012

Executive Office on Aging, Department of Health

- Evaluation Analyst, 2001 to 2007

Hawaii Community Foundation

- Program Officer for Health, 1997 to 2001

Hawaii Medical Service Association

- Utilization Review Analyst, 1990 to 1996

East West Center Population Institute

- Project Assistant, 1989 to 1990

Mindanao State University (Philippines)

- Professor/Assistant Dean, 1973 to 1988

Education

Master of Public Health (MPH), University of Hawaii

Graduate Certificate in Governmental Management, Mindanao State University

Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science, University of Delhi

Master of Arts in Political Science, University of Delhi

Bachelor of Arts, major in Political Science, Mindanao State University

Awards

William J. Harris Equal Opportunity Award, National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA), September 19, 2013, Denver, Colorado

Community Service Award, United Visayan Community, 2014
Plaque of Recognition, Knights of Rizal-Cleveland Chapter, 2013
Distinguished Service (Gold) Cross, Order of the Knights of Rizal, 2014
Distinguished Service (Silver) Star, Order of the Knights of Rizal, 2013
Distinguished Service Medal, Order of the Knights of Rizal, 2012
Visayan Century Award for Individual Achievement, Congress of Visayan Organizations, 2009
Outstanding Couple of the Year Award (with wife Leticia), Fil-Am Observer, 2009
Hiram Award, Hawaiian Lodge/Grand Lodge of Hawaii F.& A.M., 2007
Plaque of Recognition, Oahu Visayan Council, 2006
Progress Award for Community Service, United Filipino Council of Hawaii, 2006
Lapu-Lapu Award for Community Leadership, Congress of Visayan Organizations, 2006
Gavel of Leadership, Congress of Visayan Organizations, 2005
Outstanding Professional (Educator) Award, Oahu Filipino Community Council, 2002
Citations from the Philippine Consulate General, the Hawaii State Legislature, and the Honolulu City Council

Community Service

Filipino Community Center

- *Member, Board of Directors, 2006-2012*
- *Chair, Annual Filipino Fiesta and Parade*
- *Chair, Pasko sa FilCom*
- *Chair, Philippine Typhoon Relief Fund Drive Ad Hoc Committees*

Congress of Visayan Organizations (COVO), 1999 to 2003

- *Founding President, COVO Foundation, 2009 to 2013*
- *Executive Director, 2003 to 2013*
- *President, 1999 to 2003*

Filipino Centennial Celebration Commission (Act 159, Session Laws of Hawaii 2002)

- *Commissioner, 2002-2006*
- *Chair, Opening Ceremonies and Gala Dinner, Honolulu, December 10, 2005*
- *Chair, Santo Nino Festival and Parade, Honolulu, January 28, 2006*
- *Chair, Florentino Das Marker Unveiling, Honolulu, May 14, 2006*
- *Chair, Integrated Performing Arts Guild (IPAG) Hawaii Tour, July-August, 2006*
- *Chair, Hanapepe Massacre Marker Unveiling, Kauai, September 9, 2006*
- *Chair, Closing Ceremonies and Gala Dinner, Honolulu, December 17, 2006*
- *Vice Chair, Hawaii Filipino Centennial Committee, 2004 to 2008*
- *Fund Advisor, Hawaii Filipino Heritage Fund at the Hawaii Community Foundation, 2008 to 2010*

Member, Advisory Council, *Bayanihan Project*, Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Program (MOTTEP), Organ Donor Center of Hawaii, 2002 to 2009

Member, Advisory Committee, Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC)
Scholarship Program, University of Hawaii, 2000-2001

Vice-President, Filipino Coalition for Solidarity, 2005-2007

Founding Chair and Member, Philippine Celebrations Coordinating Committee of
Hawaii, 2000 to present

Order of the Knights of Rizal, 1999 to present

- *Chair, Council of Elders, Knights of Rizal-Hawaii Chapter, 2017 to present*
- *Member, Board of Trustees, Knights of Rizal-Hawaii Chapter, 2008 to present*
- *Deputy Regional Commander, United States Region, 2014-2016*
- *Area Commander, Western USA, 2012 to 2014*
- *Deputy Area Commander, Western USA-Hawaii, 2008 to 2010*
- *Chapter Commander, Hawaii Chapter, 2005-2007*
- *Deputy Commander, Hawaii Chapter, 2003-2005*
- *Program Chair, Annual Dr. Jose P. Rizal Award Gala*

Publications/Presentations

I. Books

Colmenares, S. **Language Access in Hawaii: The First Ten Years** (in process).

Colmenares, S. and Liongson, R. (eds) **Essays on Rizal**, Knights of Rizal-Hawaii Chapter, Honolulu, 2019 (in preparation).

Liongson, R. and Colmenares, S. (eds.) **Jose Rizal's Legacy and Nation Building**, Order of the Knights of Rizal-Hawaii Chapter, Honolulu, 2013.

Colmenares, S., Noble, C. and Halagao, P. **Bold Dream, Uncommon Valor: The Florentino Das Story**, COVO Foundation, Honolulu, 2013.

Colmenares, S. **Paglaum: The Colmenares Clan of the Philippines**, Manila, 2012.

Colmenares, S. **History of Freemasonry in Lanao**, Maranaw Lodge 111, Iligan City, 1984.

Colmenares, S. **Philippine-Malaysian Relations with Special Reference to the Sabah Issue**, unpublished Ph.D. dissertation, University of Delhi, 1975.

II. Articles

“**The Kauai Community Health Improvement Initiative: A Process Evaluation,**” State Health Planning and Development Agency, Department of Health, State of Hawaii, December 2017.

“*Rizalian Ideals: A Framework in Youth Leadership Development,*” **Hawaii Filipino Chronicle**, June 3, 2017.

“*Executive Office on Aging Language Access Plan,*” attachment to the Hawaii State Plan on Aging, Department of Health, State of Hawaii, 2015.

“*The CLAS Standards, Hawaii’s Language Access Law, and the Office of Language Access,*” abstract published in the **Hawaii Journal of Medicine and Public Health**, Supplement 1, vol. 74, no. 7, July 20, 2015.

“*Freemasonry and Filipino Nationhood,*” **Hawaii Filipino Chronicle**, June 6, 2015.

“*Glimpses of Visayan History,*” **Hawaii Filipino Chronicle**, February 1, 2014.

“*Community Forum on Mindanao,*” with Belinda Aquino, Federico Magdalena and Patricio Abinales, **Hawaii Filipino Chronicle Supplement**, October 26, 2013.

“*Forum on Philippine Territorial Waters Dispute,*” **Hawaii Filipino Chronicle**, July 14, 2012.

“*Rizal: His Relevance Today,*” **Hawaii Filipino Chronicle**, June 16, 2012.

“*Bold Dream, Uncommon Valor: The Florentino Das Story,*” **Hawaii Filipino Chronicle**, February 4, 2012.

“*Hawaii’s Language Access Law,*” abstract published in **The Hawaii Medical Journal**, Vol. 69, No. 5, May 2010.

“*History of Leeward Lodge,*” **The Trowel**, Vol. 1, No. 1, Leeward Lodge, Waipahu, Hawaii, September 2008.

“*Encounters of the Masonic Kind,*” **Cable-Tow**, Vol. 65, No. 4, 4th Quarter, Hawaiian Lodge, Honolulu, Hawaii, January 2007, pp. 16-18.

“*Hanapepe Revisited,*” **Fil-Am Courier**, October 2006.

“*Filipino Masons in Hawaii,*” **Cable-Tow**, Vol. 65, No. 3, 3rd Quarter, Hawaiian Lodge, Honolulu, Hawaii, October 2006, pp. 12-17.

"Freemasonry and Filipino Nationhood," Cable-Tow, Vol. 64, No. 4, 4th Quarter, Hawaiian Lodge, Honolulu, Hawaii, January 2006, pp. 25-27.

"Visayans of Hawaii," Fil-Am News, August 2005. (Earlier versions published in the UH Center for Philippine Studies web site and the Fil-Am Courier, July 2003)

"A Filipino Tribute to Mayor Jeremy Harris," Fil-Am Courier, November 2004.

"Hawaii Connection," a series of articles on Visayans in Hawaii published in Bisaya, a Philippine magazine, 2002-2003.

"The Origins of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines," Cable-Tow, Vol. 58, No. 1, Hawaiian Lodge, Honolulu, Hawaii, 1st Quarter 1997, pp. 38-44.

"Mental Health of Vietnamese Refugee Women in Hawaii," MPH Final Paper, School of Public Health, University of Hawaii, 1996.

"The Mindanao Autonomy Law: Features and Issues," Mindanao Journal, Vol. 17, Nos. 3 & 4, 1991.

"Current Issues in Philippine-Malaysian Relations," unpublished manuscript, University of Hawaii, 1990.

"Philippine Territorial Claims: Problems and Prospects," Philippine Studies Discussion Paper Series, No. 6, Center for Philippine Studies, University of Hawaii, 1990.

"Recent Filipino and Korean Immigrants to the United States," The Asian Migrant, vol. III, No. 4, October-December 1990.

"Program on Mediation and Conflict Resolution: Prospects for the Mindanao State University," unpublished sabbatical report, Department of Political Science, University of Hawaii, 1988.

"On Defining the Territorial Coverage of the Autonomy for Muslim Mindanao and the Disposition of Ancestral Lands in the Same Area," Proceedings of the First National Scientific Conference-Workshop on Muslim Autonomy, Joint UP-MSU Project, Los Banos, 1987.

"A Survey of Philippine Relations with the Socialist Countries," The Technician, vol. 5, No. 1, July 1986, pp. 154-169.

"The Heart of Muslimland is the Cradle of Freemasonry in Mindanao," Cabletow, vol. 60, no. 11, January-February 1985, pp. 9-32.

"Mohamad Ali Dimaporo: A Profile," The Observer, September 1985, pp. 1-14.

“Notes on the Philippine-Malaysian Talks of 1968,” Arts and Sciences Journal, vol. II, no. 1, 1982, pp. 69-83.

“The Sabah Case Revisited,” Arts and Sciences Journal, vol. I, no. 1, 1981, pp. 39-51.

“The Case of the Abandoned Claim,” Philippine Panorama, October 16, 1977.

III. Presentations

“Rizal, the Traveler,” presented at the KOR Rizal Day Commemoration, Honolulu, December 30, 2018.

“Florentino Das: The Lone Voyage from Hawaii to the Philippines,” presented at the 2018 Filipino-American History Month Celebration, UH-Leeward Community College, October 16, 2018.

“Foundations of Rizalian Leadership,” presented at the 7th KOR USA Regional Assembly, Las Vegas, Nevada, August 31-September 3, 2018.

“Rizal and His Views on Patriotism, Global Citizenship, Truth and Social Justice,” panel presentation at the 5th Rizal Youth Leadership Institute, Leeward Community College, June 23-24, 2018.

“Marawi City: A Pictorial Primer,” presented at the Community Forum “Conversations on Mindanao,” Philippine Consulate General, Honolulu, Hawaii, April 19, 2018.

“The Kauai Community Health Improvement Initiative: Live Well, Age Well,” paper presented at the 2018 Annual Conference of the American Society on Aging, Hilton San Francisco Union Square, San Francisco, March 26-29, 2018.

“Foundations of Rizalian Youth Leadership,” presented at the 4th Rizal Youth Leadership Institute, Leeward Community College, June 2017.

“Rizalian Leadership Qualities,” presented at the 3rd Rizal Youth Leadership Institute, Leeward Community College, June 18-19, 2016.

“Rizalian Ideals: A Framework for Youth Leadership Development,” presented at the 2nd Rizal Youth Leadership Institute, Leeward Community College, June 27, 2015.

“The CLAS Standards, Hawaii’s Language Access Law, and the Office of Language Access,” CLAS Standards – Legal and Statutory Updates panel presentation at the 2014 Cross Cultural Health Care Conference, Ala Moana Hotel, January 16-17, 2015.

“The Office of Language Access,” Bridging the Gap Training, November 2014, Hawaii State Capitol.

“Leadership Traits: ‘Know Thyself’,” presented at the 5th KOR USA Regional Assembly, Cleveland, Ohio, August 30-September 1, 2014.

“The Office of Language Access,” with Dominic Inocelda, DOH Foundations for Healthy Generations, Olelo TV, January 6, 2014.

“Language Access and Hawaii’s Filipinos,” presented at the 8th Annual NAKEM International Conference, University of Hawaii, November 15, 2013.

Reactor, ***“A Roundtable Discussion on Philippine Disaster Response and Preparedness,”*** Filipino Community Center, November 23, 2013.

“Hawaii’s Language Access Law,” presented at Department of Surgery Grand Rounds, Queen’s Medical Center, September 25, 2013.

“Hawaii’s Language Access Law and the Office of Language Access,” presented at the KukaKuka: Community Forums on Language Access, September 16, 17, 18, 20, 2013 in Hilo, Kona, Maui and Kauai.

“Mindanao: An Overview of Political Forces at Work,” presented at FilCom Sunday’s “Understanding Mindanaw Forum, Filipino Community Center, August 25, 2013.

“Language Access in Health: Hawaii’s Experience,” with Gerald Ohta, 6th Annual Hawaii Conference on Language Access, East-West Center, Honolulu, August 7-8, 2013.

“Medical Interpreter Certification and Languages of Limited Diffusion in Hawaii,” panel presentation at the 7th National Medical Interpretation Certification Forum, Portland, Oregon, May 3, 2013.

“Hawaii’s LEP Population, the Office of Language Access, and State Language Access Compliance,” presented at the Language Access Law Forum, University of Hawaii School of Law, January 25, 2013.

“Translation of Vital Documents in Hawaii,” presented at the 5th Annual Hawaii Conference on Language Access, East-West Center, Honolulu, August 22-23, 2012.

“Florentino Das: Legacy and Commemoration,” presented at the 14th National Conference of the Filipino American National Historical Society, Albuquerque, New Mexico, June 28-30, 2012.

“The Extent of Philippine Maritime Territory,” presented at the Community Forum on Philippine Maritime Jurisdiction, Philippine Consulate General, Honolulu, Hawaii, June 2012.

“Language Access: An Overview,” presented at the Senior Medicare Patrol Advisory Board Meeting, Hawaii State Executive Office on Aging, April 18, 2012.

“Language Access, Health Care and Hawaii’s Filipinos,” paper presented at the Conference on the Health of Maui’s Filipino Community, Binhi at Ani Filipino Community Center, Kahului, Maui, December 2, 2011.

“The Life of Dr. Jose Rizal,” panel discussion with Dr. Raymund Liongson and Dr. Ruth Mabanglo, Hawaii State Library, Honolulu, October 22, 2011.

“Federal and State Requirements and Guidelines Impacting Cross Cultural Health Care,” presented at the Cross Cultural Healthcare Conference II, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Honolulu, Hawaii, October 7-8, 2011.

“The Challenge of Language Access in Hawaii,” paper presented at the 4th Annual Hawaii Conference on Language Access, East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii, August 31, 2011.

“Who and Where Are Hawaii’s LEP Communities,” paper presented at the 3rd Annual Hawaii Conference on Language Access, East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii, August 26, 2010.

“Hawaii’s Language Access Law,” panel presentation at the Cross-Cultural Health Care Conference, Sheraton Hotel, Honolulu, Hawaii, February 11-12, 2010.

“The Visayan Language in Hawaii: Issues of Identity and Cultural Pluralism,” panel presentation at the 4th Nakem International Conference, University of Hawaii, November 11-14, 2009.

“Language Access Plan Implementation in Hawaii,” presented at the 2nd Annual Hawaii Conference on Language Access, Hawaii State Capitol Auditorium, September 28, 2009.

“Protecting Our Kupuna Through Language Access,” panel presentation at the Hawaii Anti-Fraud Conference, Executive Office on Aging, SMP and Honolulu Elderly Affairs Division, Hawaii Convention Center, Honolulu, Hawaii, April 25, 2009.

Panel Discussant, ***“Language Access 101”*** and ***“The Nitty-Gritty of Language Access Plan Implementation,”*** 2008 Federal Interagency Conference on LEP, Washington D.C., September 3, 2008.

“Language Access in Hawaii,” presented at the First Hawaii Conference on Language Access, East-West Center, Honolulu, March 28-29, 2008.

Panel Discussant on “*Community Collaboration and Language Access*,” 1st
International Conference on Filipino as Global Language, University of Hawaii, March
17-19, 2008.

“*Capacity Building for Our Preferred Futures – Lessons Learned from Hawaii*,”
presented at the 2007 Joint Conference of the American Society on Aging and National
Council on Aging, Chicago, March 2007.

“*Investing in Evaluation: Applying the Logic Model to Evaluate Hawaii’s Healthy
Aging Project*,” presented at the 2006 Joint Conference of the American Society on
Aging and National Council on Aging, Anaheim, March 2006.

“*Making a Case for Building Capacity: An Investment in Program Success*,” presented
at the 2006 Joint Conference of the American Society on Aging and National Council on
Aging, Anaheim, March 2006.

“*Mindanao: Political Forces at Work*,” presented at the Center for Philippine Studies
Spring Seminar on Mindanao, East West Center, May 2001.

“*Community Voices Project*,” presented at the 2000 Biennial Conference of the Hawaii
Pacific Gerontological Society, Honolulu, November 2000.

“*Identifying Funding Resources and Grant Writing*,” presented at the Statewide
Community Voices Conference, East West Center, September 2000.

“*The Mindanao Autonomy Law: Features and Issues*,” presented during the Panel
Discussion on the Mindanao Autonomy Question, sponsored by the International Politics
Roundtable, Department of Political Science, and Center for Philippine Studies,
University of Hawaii, April 27, 1990.

“*Philippine Territorial Claims: Problems and Prospects*,” presented at the Philippine
Studies Colloquium Series sponsored by the Center for Philippine Studies, University of
Hawaii, March 9, 1990.

Languages

English – speak, read, and write
Tagalog – speak, read, and write
Cebuano – speak, read, and write
Ilonggo – speak, read, and write