



# Terrapi**NOISE!**

Thursday, October 15, 2015



## Our Month, Our Story

By Junelle Rivera, Publication Editor

It was only just recently in 2010 that the month of October was declared as Filipino-American History Month, despite Filipinos having been part of American history for many centuries. It is easy to overlook the importance of this occasion, but let us just pause for a moment to think about Filipino-American history.

The first Filipinos landed on the continent in 1587, several decades before the Pilgrims arrived. Since then, Filipino-Americans have made significant contributions to our nation. From fighting with and for the U.S. during WWII to help protect our freedom and secure peace in the world, to taking on critical jobs, Filipinos have helped in the development of our nation's health and economy.

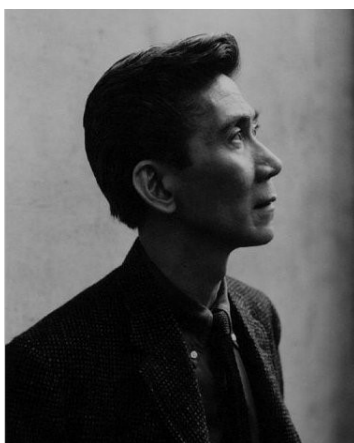
Despite the success of Filipino-Americans, let us not lose sight, however, that America was not and is

not always a "land of milk and honey." In the 1930s in California, they were not allowed to marry Caucasians. It was also not uncommon for them to see the sign, "No Filipinos Allowed," on the windows and doors of businesses. Although such issues do not seem to exist today, discrimination and injustice are still problems faced by Filipino-Americans.

Celebrating the month of October is so much more than just Halloween; this month is a remembrance and commemoration long overdue to a group of people referred to by Dr. Fred Cordova as the "Forgotten Asian-Americans" and who have significantly contributed to our nation for centuries. Even if you're not Filipino-American, awareness of history is the first step to cultural tolerance and appreciation, which is in turn a precursor to healing racism and eliminating discrimination.

## Celebrating Fil-Am

### Jose Garcia Villa



Jose Garcia Villa was a Filipino poet, literary critic, short story writer, and painter. Jose Villa lived for 67 of his 89 years in the United States, but he always maintained his Filipino citizenship and focused his work on life in the Philippines. Villa has established an international reputation and was awarded the National Artist Award for Literature by the Philippine government, the country's highest literary award given for a lifetime of great achievement.

### First, A Poem Must Be Magical

First, a poem must be magical,  
Then musical as a seagull.  
It must be a brightness moving  
And hold secret a bird's flowering  
It must be slender as a bell,  
And it must hold fire as well.  
It must have the wisdom of bows  
And it must kneel like a rose.  
It must be able to hear  
The luminance of dove and deer.  
It must be able to hide  
What it seeks, like a bride.  
And over all I would like to hover  
God, smiling from the poem's cover.

## Upcoming Events

### Semi Practices

Mon. & Wed, 6pm  
@ Chem Atrium

### Cultural Practices

Wednesdays, 6:30pm  
@ Chem Building

### Freshman Rep Application Deadline

Fri. 10/16, 11:59pm

### SURVIVE CP

Sat. 10/17, 4-6pm  
@ Hornbake Plaza

### ISTORYA-DC 2015

Sat. 10/24 10am-3pm  
@ Hornbake Library

## Istorya-DC 2015

The Rita M. Cacas Foundation, Inc. (RMCF) and FCA are proud to sponsor its first annual symposium, Istorya-DC. In honor of Filipino American History Month and Archives Month, please join us at this free event next Saturday, Oct. 24 from 10am to 3pm at Hornbake Library to support the Filipino Community Archives in the UMD Libraries, to share the history and research about DC area Filipinos and their communities, and to preserve the legacy of Filipino World War II Veterans. Food will be provided and there will be special appearances from General Antonio Taguba, Sonny Izon, and Sonny Busa. There are only 60 seats available for this incredible opportunity, so register ASAP! Please register at [www.eventbrite.com/e/istorya-dc-2015-tickets-19053832526](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/istorya-dc-2015-tickets-19053832526)



**STAY  
CONNECTED!**



Like us on Facebook at  
[facebook.com/fcaatumd](https://www.facebook.com/fcaatumd)



Follow us on Twitter  
@FCA\_UMCP



View photos & updates  
@FCA\_UMCP



View our stories  
@FCA\_UMCP



Check out our awesome  
website at [fcaatumd.com](http://fcaatumd.com)



# Just Ask Josh!

Submit your own questions through Twitter using #JustAskJosh!

## Advice Column

### When did you start to seriously think about your Filipino heritage?

Because my dad was a doctor and my mom was a nurse, I got to go to the Philippines quite often growing up. I was really in touch with my family in the Philippines but the actual Filipino culture did not actually start until I joined FCA.

### I want to learn more about Filipino culture, how has FCA helped you with that?

Because FCA is such a friendly, welcoming group that has a huge belief in culture, it was quite easy for me to delve into the Filipino culture. We're always hosting many opportunities where you can learn different cultural dances, how to speak Tagalog, and even how to cook traditional Filipino dishes. Even while simply hanging out with other Filipinos in the group, you can learn so much about the Filipino culture without even realizing it!

### Personally speaking, what more would you like to learn about Filipino culture?

I guess one aspect is the language itself, and there are more opportunities to do that, like Tagalog Coffee

Hour. That's one aspect that I want to learn more about because I want to be able to converse more with my friends and family.

### What does being Filipino-American mean to you?

Being Filipino-American means that I relate to the culture of the Philippines not only through blood but through surroundings. Yet, I was also born in America, so I combine those philosophies and beliefs into one being. It's individualistic!

### And now, a question from our General Body!

#### @ST33NS: How 2 b pogi???

Example A:



## Celebrating Fil-Am Continued

### Joel Vazquez



Our very own President, Joel Vazquez, received a high honor of getting tapped into Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK). This means that his name will forever be engraved on the ODK Fountain on McKeldin Mall! For those unfamiliar with ODK, it is a national leadership honor society that recognizes not only academic achievement, but also campus leadership. Other distinguishable members of Omicron Delta Kappa include George H.W. Bush, Jimmy Carter, Hillary Clinton, and Franklin D. Roosevelt. Joel's advice to those considering applying for ODK in the future is this: "I would encourage people to think about what leadership is. Think about how you can be a leader, what ways you can be a leader, and how can you execute that attitude with finesse. Very often, leadership is not only defined by the huge, notable acts that you accomplish, but by the way you treat people everyday and the way you carry yourself daily. So, think about that, because you have to know yourself and who you are in order to be a leader." Joel would also like to thank his mom and dad for all that they have done for him and every single person whom he has interacted with for shaping who he is today. Congratulations Joel!!!



## Member Spotlights!

Get to know your Eboard and General Body Members!

### Khaleed Robinson Historian

**Year:** Junior

**Major:** Economics

**How did you get into video-**

**editing?** When I was in middle school, I decided to try my hand at making anime music videos and fell in love with editing. I eventually decided that I wanted to expand my horizon and tried making real videos with my friends and family. I still consider myself a beginner when it comes to the movie-making game, but hopefully one day I can make a real short film!

**If you wanted General Body Members to remember one thing about you, what would it be?** I want to be remembered as

the guy that did everything! I've actually made it my mission to try out every activity that

FCA has to offer and I think I'm doing a pretty good job at it so far lol.

**What's your least favorite anime and why?** Mars of Destruction.

The animation is lackluster, the voice acting is terrible, and the action leaves a lot to be desired... you should totally watch it. :D It's actually considered to be the worst anime of all time. When you watch it, I promise you will love every other anime you've ever watched.

### Regina Ledesma

**Year:** Sophomore

**Major:** Economics

**Who is your personal hero?** My personal hero is DeRay Mckesson because of his work dealing with the Black Lives Matter Movement. As a Civil Rights Activist, DeRay Mckesson epitomizes what I strive to be as a social justice activist. He pushed Black Lives Matter through social media outlets and visiting and lecturing at colleges.

**What is your favorite sport memory?** My favorite sport memory was winning Turkey Bowl last year. Turkey Bowl was an intense and gut wrenching time, and at one point we thought we weren't going to advance to playoffs. But fortunately, the tables turned and we won against UMBC.

**What animal best represents you and why?** Probably a panda because I am laidback and cute and cuddly and nice. I'm pretty hardworking and book smart, but also relaxed and friendly. Plus, pandas are pretty deceiving. I'm open to new people, but just don't fux with my bamboo, ya feel? 🐼

