Deadline extended to February 12!

Philippine Studies Group Travel Award (2020)

In support of excellence in scholarship on the Philippines, and to increase the participation of junior scholars, the Philippine Studies Group (PSG), a committee of the Southeast Asia Council of the Association for Asian Studies, is pleased to announce the Philippine Studies Group Travel Award for the seventh year.

The PSG invites applications from individuals who will present a paper on the Philippines at the 2020 AAS Annual Conference in Boston. This call applies only to the conference in Boston -- a separate call will be issued for AAS-in-Asia. This year, we expect that up to four (4) awards of approximately $250 will be given to assist eligible individuals in defraying travel costs to the two conferences. Award amounts may be higher, funds permitting. Applicants must personally deliver their presentations at the conference to receive their award. The PSG Travel Fund committee will select awardees using the following criteria:

- **Eligibility**: Current Ph.D. students are given priority; other graduate students as well as recent Ph.D.s (2018 on) are eligible to apply.
- **Excellence**: peer review/acceptance of the paper by applicable AAS/AAS-in-Asia Conference Committee. Excellence is prioritized over financial need; accepted works that are part of organized panels are also prioritized over individual papers. Applicants may indicate additional measures of scholarly merit such as a related publication/exhibition/other media not otherwise indicated in the paper abstract.
- **Philippine themes/topics/issues**: The entire paper or a significant portion must be devoted to Philippine material, regardless of discipline. For comparative works/case studies/multiple foci, the Philippine dimension must be evident, as demonstrated by title and abstract published in the AAS or AAS-in-Asia program.
- **Impact**: the award should not be relied upon to cover all participant costs of travel but help defray customary conference expenses. Applicants are asked to briefly state other funding sources applied for and received, if applicable (such as the AAS Graduate Student Stipends, AAS LDC awards, AAS-in-Asia travel subsidy, own institutional or grant support, etc.). PSG’s travel awards have less restrictive residence requirements than the AAS Graduate Student Stipends.

Applicants are invited to send an email to the PSG country chair Megan Thomas (University of California, Santa Cruz, mcthomas@ucsc.edu) by **February 12, 2020**. In your email, please include your name, your institutional affiliation, your residence (city), your rank (if a grad student, pls. indicate your degree program and status; if a recent Ph.D., pls. indicate your degree date, position title, and whether it’s a tenure-track position), your paper title and abstract, and panel information (session number, date, and title), and any other funding received or expected. Please use the email subject line “PSG Travel Award 2020.” Award decisions will be announced by February 20; recipients will be presented with their awards during the PSG Section Meeting Friday, March 20, 7:30-9:30pm.

On behalf of the PSG Travel Fund Committee, Carinnes Alejandria (University of Santo Tomas), Yoshiko Nagano (Kanagawa University, Yokohama), and Noah Theriault (Carnegie Mellon University), thank you for your interest and support!