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## Art Education and Training:

- 1985 Bachelor of Science in Industrial Education, Major in Architectural Drafting Technology  
Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology, Philippines
- 1986 Visual Arts Studio, Philippine Educational Theatre Association, Philippines
- 1987 Photography & Sound Slide Production, Development Education Media Services, Philippines
- 2009 MOSAICS, Vancouver School Board Continuing Education, Vancouver, BC, Canada

## Selected Awards and Grants:

- 2009 "Artist in Residence" Leigh Square Community Arts Village,  
City of Port Coquitlam, British Columbia, Canada
- 2008 "Selected for International Touring Exhibit", Common Ground-Merging Art and  
Digital Media for a Healthy Planet, Santa Monica, California
- 2008 "TOMA Award in Visual Arts" The highest honour bestowed by Mindanao State University-  
Iligan Institute of Technology to Alumni who have made significant contribution to the  
society and community, Philippines.
- 2007 "Top Five Finalist" International Mural Festival and Competition, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
- 2007 "International Artist of the Year" Maple Ridge Art Gallery, Maple Ridge, British Columbia, Canada
- 2007 "Calendar Artist of the Year 2007 "EXPRESSION OF HOPE"  
The Multi-Faith Action Society, West Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2006 "Semi- Finalist" International Mural Festival and Competition, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
- 2006 "Juror's Choice" Foot Prints Exhibition  
Round House Community Arts and Recreation Centre, Vancouver, BC
- 2001 "Finalist", Philip Morris Group of Companies ASEAN Art Awards, Philippines
- 2000 "Exhibition and Travel Grant", The Asian People's Theatre Festival Society and  
Hong Kong Arts Centre, Hong Kong
- 2000 "Finalist" Philip Morris group of Companies Philippines and ASEAN Arts Awards  
Metropolitan Museum of Manila, Philippines
- 1998 "Asian Artists Awards" Vermont Studio Centre, Johnson, Vermont, USA
- 1998 "Best Entry", Art Association of the Philippines Annual Art Competition, Philippines
- 1998 "Museum Art Piece-of-the-Month" GSIS Museum of Art, Philippines
- 1997 "Asia Arts Exhibition", Taegu Cultural Arts Centre, Taegu, South Korea
- 1996 "Honourable Mention", Philip Morris Group of Companies ASEAN Art Awards, Philippines
- 1997 "Finalist", Philip Morris Group of Companies ASEAN Art Awards, Philippines
- 1998 "Finalist", Philip Morris Group of Companies Philippines Annual Art Awards
- 1995 "Artist Residency" School of Architecture and Fine Arts,  
University of Western Australia, Nedlands, Western Australia
- 1995 Artists' Regional Exchange (ARX4) International Residency, Exhibition and Symposium  
Australia Arts Council Grants, Perth, Western Australia
- 1987 Work Camp and Exhibition, Japan Group-SUSA Grant, Hino City, Tokyo, Japan

## Selected Solo Exhibitions:

- 2009 "Illumination" Leigh Square Community Village, City of Port Coquitlam, BC, Canada
- 2007 "Vision and Hope for Justice and Peace" Maple Ridge Art Gallery, Maple Ridge, BC, Canada
- 2006 "Peace Murals"- World Peace Forum, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada
- 2005 "Hulagway sa Panaw" Mindanao Reality Check: Contrasts in Dreams, Davao City, Philippines
- 2004 "Southern Philippines Tribal Motifs, Culture and Struggle" Main Gallery

- Simon Fraser University, Burnaby Campus, British Columbia, Canada  
 "Magnifying Mindanao: A Monterona Art Exhibition", Institute of Asian Research,  
 University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada  
 "Tapestries of Mindanao Culture and Struggle", Atrium Gallery, Place des Arts, Coquitlam, BC  
 2002 "Celebration of Life" The Grind and Gallery, Vancouver, Canada  
 2000 "Ritual of Life" Hong Kong Arts Centre, Hong Kong  
 2000 "Mindanao People and Culture" Picasso Gallery, Pusan, South Korea  
 1998 "Window to Mindanao" Red Mill Gallery, Vermont Studio Centre, Johnson, Vermont, USA  
 1997 "Ritwal ng Buhay" GSIS Museum, Pasay City, Philippines  
 1995 "Mindanao Indigenous People and their Culture" Gallery 1  
 Perth Institute of Contemporary Arts, Perth, Western Australia  
 1995 "Bamboo Stick Paintings" School of Architecture and Fine Arts Gallery  
 University of Western Australia, Nedlands, Western Australia  
 1993 "The Vanishing" Victoria Plaza Gallery, Davao City, Philippines  
 1992 "Europe Tour Exhibition and Performance "Der Geraubte Tanz"  
 A production of Kulturang Atin Foundation, Inc., Davao City, Philippines  
 1989 "Bamboo Stick Paintings Exhibition / Demonstration, Manila Garden Hotel Gallery, Philippines  
 1988 "Bamboo Stick Paintings " Iligan City Museum, Philippines  
 1988 "Beyond Shaded Bounds " Apo View Hotel Gallery, Davao City, Philippines  
 1987 "The Filipino Working Class "Hino City Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

#### **Selected Group Exhibitions:**

- 2008 "Common Ground-Merging Art and Digital Media for a Healthy Planet"  
 International Touring Exhibit  
 2006 "Foot Prints Exhibition" Round House Community Arts Centre, Vancouver, B C, Canada  
 "Towards a Better World" Maple Ridge Art Gallery, Maple Ridge, British Columbia, Canada  
 2004 "Myriad of Multiples" A juried show of British Columbia Artists, Main Gallery,  
 Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada  
 2003 "Will the Real Artists Please Stand Up" Gallery Gachet, Vancouver, Canada  
 2001 "Philip Morris ASEAN Art Awards" Exhibition of Finalist, Metropolitan Museum, Philippines  
 2000 "Kawayan" A permanent Exhibition, Museum of Manila, Philippines  
 "Philip Morris Philippine Art Awards" Exhibition of Finalists, Metropolitan Museum, Philippines  
 "Filipino-Korean Modern Art Exhibition", NCCA Arts Gallery, Philippines  
 1999 "Philippine Contemporary Arts" The Puffin Room, 435 Broome St., New York  
 "Vision 21" National Exhibition of Selected Artists, Vargas Museum, Philippines  
 1998 "Guhit ng Kasaysayan" GSIS Museum of Art, Philippines  
 "Centennial Year Exhibition of Nationalist Art" National Museum of the Philippines, Manila  
 "Box Art " UP-Mindanao Cultural Centre, Davao City, Philippines  
 "Philippine Art awards" Exhibition and Awarding of Finalist, Ayala Centre, Makati City, Philippines  
 "Philippine Centennial National Painting Competition and Exhibition"  
 Art Association of the Philippines, GSIS Museum, Philippines  
 1997 "Philip Morris ASEAN Art Awards exhibition of Finalist, Philippines  
 "Asia Arts Exhibition" Taegu Cultural Arts Gallery, Taegu, South Korea

#### **Selected Teaching and Workshops Activities:**

- 209 Community Mural Painting Workshop, City of Port Coquitlam, BC, Canada  
 2009 Multi-Media Mural Painting Production Workshop  
 Kalayaan Centre, Vancouver, BC. Canada  
 2008 Multicultural Mural Painting Workshop  
 Sir Charles Tupper Secondary School  
 Vancouver, BC, Canada  
 2007 Inter-Action Peace Mural Painting Workshop, Graffiti Gallery, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

- 2007 Bamboo Stick Painting Workshops, Maple Ridge Art Gallery, Maple Ridge, BC, Canada
- 2006 Inter-Action Mural Painting, International House, University of British Columbia  
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
- 2004 Bamboo Stick and Tapestry Painting, Main Gallery, Simon Fraser University, BC, Canada
- 2002 Peacebuilding And The Arts for Peacebuilders from Asia, US, Europe, Africa  
and Philippines, Mindanao Peacebuilding Institute, Davao City, Philippines
- 2000 Mural Painting for Artists and Social Workers, Causeway Bay Community Centre, Hong Kong  
- Street Mural Painting Interaction workshop, Chater Road, Hong Kong  
- Bamboo Stick Painting, Notre Dame University, Cotabato City, Philippines  
- Summer Drawing and Painting for Children and Adults, CAP Art Centre, Davao City, Philippines  
- Bamboo Stick Painting, Baguio Summer Arts Festival, University of the Philippines, Baguio City
- 1999 Bamboo Stick Painting for Visual Arts Congress Delegates  
Kamarikutan Gallery, Puerto Princesa, Palawan, Philippines
- 1998 Bamboo Stick Painting Interaction, Studio 1V, Wolf Kahn Barn Building  
Vermont Studio Centre, Vermont, USA
- 1997- Summer Drawing and Painting for Children and Adults  
1999 Assumption College of Davao, Philippines
- 1997 Bamboo Stick Painting, Mindanao Visual Arts Congress  
Cagayan de Oro City, Philippines
- 1996 Bamboo Stick Painting, Philippine Art Educator's Association Annual Convention  
Vargas Museum, UP-Diliman, Philippines
- 1994 Week-end Arts and Crafts Workshop, Christian Children's Fund, Inc., Davao City, Philippines
- 1995 Bamboo Stick Painting for Fine Arts Students, University of Western Australia, WA

### **Selected Lectures/Presentations:**

Gallery Gachet, 2007, Vancouver, BC, Artist Talk: "Art Practice as a Filipino Artist in Canada"

International Mural Festival and Symposium, 2007, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada  
Artist Talk: "What Does it Take to Create a Mural"

University of British Columbia, 2004, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada  
Artist Talk: "Mindanao Arts, Culture and Struggle"

Simon Fraser University, 2004, Burnaby City, British Columbia, Canada  
Lecture Series: "The Artist's Work and Credo"

University of the Philippines, 2000, Baguio City, Philippines  
Summer Arts Festival: "My Art and International Residencies"

Notre Dame University, 2000, Cotabato City, Philippines  
National Arts Month Celebration: "Artist As Organizer"

National Visual Arts Congress, 1999, Puerto Princesa, Palawan, Philippines  
Paper: "Cultural Mission and Moral Responsibilities in an International Residency"

Vermont Studio Centre, 1998, Johnson, Vermont, USA  
Lecture Series: "Philippine Ethnic Art in Contemporary Expressions"

National Visual Arts Congress, 1997, Davao City, Philippines, Paper: "Mindanao Art Scene & Movement"

Regional Visual Arts Congress, 1997, Cagayan de Oro City, Philippines  
Paper: "Mindanao Artist Groups and Network"

National Visual Arts Congress, 1996, Bacolod City, Philippines  
Paper: "The Filipino Artists in the International Art Scene"

Philippine Art Educators Association National Convention, 1996, Vargas Museum, Quezon City, Philippines, Resource Person: "As an Artist, Art Educator, Cultural Worker, and Organizer"

Perth Institute of Contemporary Arts, 1995, Perth, Western Australia  
International Symposium: "Mindanao Tribal Arts and Culture"

Claremont School of Arts, 1995, Perth, Western Australia, Artist Talk: "Mindanao Ethnic Art"

University of Western Australia, 1995, Nedlands, Western Australia  
Lecture Series: "Mindanao Tribal Motifs, Designs, and Ritual Installations"

### **Selected interviews, Reviews, Articles (Television, Print & web):**

The Philippine Star: Lifestyle, "The Fil-Canuck-Chilean Connection", Alfred Yuson, October 4, 2004  
www.mindanews.com, Gingging Avellanosa-Valle, "Beyond Colors and Strokes are Messages of Dreams and Hopes", July 2, 2005

[www.mindanews.com](http://www.mindanews.com), Alan Haig-Brown, "On the Works of Bert Monterona" January 26, 2004

SFU News, Carol Thorbes, "Art Filled with Energy, Colour", p. 3, January 22, 2004

[www.sfu.ca](http://www.sfu.ca), Carol Thorbes, "Art filled with Energy, Colour" vol. 29, No. 2 January 22, 2004

[www.ricebitz.com](http://www.ricebitz.com) :Rice'ing Star, "The Works of Bert Monterona" April, 2003

IMAGE TO MEANING: Essays on Philippine Art, Alice G. Guillermo, p. 84-86, 2001

GIMBA: Mindanao and National Culture, Tita Lacambra Ayala, Vol. 4 No. 4

<http://www2.netvigator.com>, "Bert Monterona : Mural Paintings", October 13, 2000

Philippine Journal of Visual Arts: PANANAW 2, p.40 - 43, Philippines, 1998

Daily Inquirer, 'Lumad' tapestries of life's rituals, Charina C. Sanz, p. 7-8, November 22, 1997

Inquirer Mindanao, Monterona's art: The fruition, Tita Lacambra Ayala, Philippines, Nov. 1997

PALETA: National Commission for Culture and the Arts, p. 21-23, Philippines, 1997

Philippine Daily Inquirer: Lifestyle, "Artist evokes magnificence and doom of Southern tribes", Alice G. Guillermo, October 13, 1997

Star Week Magazine: Philippines, Nora Mendiola "Monterona Sticks Into Art", p.10-12, Oct.5, 1997

Drawing From the Deep Well of Tradition, Leonilo O. Doloricon, Philippines, November 1997

Living in the Wilderness of Art and Tribal Heritage, Tita Lacambra Ayala, Road Map Series 1995

ART and Asia Pacific: Supplement Issue, Volume2 Number4, NSW, Australia, 1995

GMA7: "Ulat Pangulat" Lunch Date Program: National Television interviews and Feature, Philippines, July 1989

### **Catalogues & Essays:**

Works by Bert Monterona: A Visual Artist from Philippines: Laura Moodie, Simon Fraser University Main Gallery, Burnaby City, British Columbia, 2004

Testing the Waters for Nationwide Growth in Visual Art: Reuben Ramas Canete, GSIS Museum, Philippines, 1998

Philip Morris Philippine Art Awards 2001, Metropolitan Museum of Manila, Philippines, 2001

Pusan International Contemporary Art Festival: Pusan, South Korea, October, 2000

Philippine Art Awards: Finalist, Metropolitan Museum, Philippines, 2000

Picasso Art Gallery: Pusan, South Korea, August 2000

Philip Morris Philippine and ASEAN Art Awards: Ayala Centre, Philippines, 1996, 1997, 1998

Asia Arts Exhibition: Taegu Cultural Arts Centre, South Korea, 1997

Ritwal ng Buhay: Abe Garcia, GSIS Museum, Philippines, 1997

International Artists' Exchange ARX4: TORQUE, Pat Hoffie, Perth Institute of Contemporary Arts, Perth, Western Australia, 1995

ART MANILA '95: Armando B. Burgos, National Exhibition Tour, Philippines 1995

## **Selected Collections/Commissions:**

Dr. Jean Lindo, Davao City, Philippines  
Institute of Asian Research, University of British Columbia, Canada  
Centre for Research on Women Studies and Gender Relations, UBC, Vancouver, Canada  
Simon Fraser University, Burnaby Campus, British Columbia, Canada  
Vermont Studio Centre, Johnson, Vermont, USA  
Freeman Foundation, USA  
Museum of Manila, Philippines  
National Commission for Culture and the Arts, Philippines  
Liongoren Art Gallery, Philippines  
Equitable Bank, Manila, Philippines  
St. Benedictine Museum, New Norcia, Western Australia  
Dumbartung Aboriginal Corporation, Perth, Western Australia  
Business World, Philippines  
Western Visayas Cultural Centre, Philippines  
Picasso Art Gallery, Pusan, South Korea  
Asia People's Theatre Festival Society, Hong Kong  
Ford Foundation, Philippines  
Matina Town Square, Davao City, Philippines  
Kibuwe Restaurants, Davao City, Philippines  
Kanaway Resort, Davao City, Philippines  
Catholic Relief Services, Davao City, Philippines  
Mindanao Peacebuilding Institute, Davao City, Philippines