

## **ETHN 119: Filipino American Experience**

**Dr. Sobredo: GUIDE to Terms/concepts**

**\*NOTE: this is NOT a complete/comprehensive list. Students are ultimately responsible for using/studying their notes for exam.**

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### **Brief History of International & World Trade**

Alexander the Great, Silk roads

Dutch East India Company (1602)

-1st Multicultural Corporation and issued stocks

British East India Company

-2nd largest trading company in Europe

Estado de Portugal

-3rd largest trading company in Europe

Why Did European Explorers "Sail the Ocean Blue"?

-GOAL= Asia & the Spice Islands, Magellan's crew's profits = 10,000%

-Marco Polo & Venice: Europe's main market place

**China Today:** largest economic boom in history, largest population

-2nd largest economy (nominal GDP), REAL GDP=#1 economy,

**Carlos P. Romulo:** 1st President of the UN General Assembly

**US Economy:** 30% of seniors have zero savings for retirement,

31% of homeless are seniors

**Norway:** Welfare state ("Nanny"), spends more on poverty than any nation, police are unarmed, one of the best economies in the world, did not suffer the Great Recession, budget surplus: every Norwegian is technically a millionaire, best prisons in the world

**BREXIT:** Britain decides to exit from the EU

**Japan** has a 20-year recession but life is still okay

**Price of Oil:** OPEC refuses to set (fix) oil price, price of barrel of oil (71% of gasoline price)

-Suppliers, demand by customers, commodities traders, \*politics/disasters

\*Germany = Europe's largest economy, works the LEAST amount of hours

World Bank predicted China's economic downturn in 2012

-69% of China's economy involves "shadow banking"

**Jose Antonio Vargas:** Filipino & most famous undocumented immigrant

### **Some Statistics about Filipino Americans**

1. Largest Asian population in California & largest student pop. in Sac State

2. 2nd highest median income (family) among Asians

3. reached "critical mass"

**1934 Tydings-McDuffie Act:** Filipino immigration exclusion law

**Jose Rizal:** founder of Filipino nationalism, reformer, wanted more rights for Filipinos and

more integration with Spain

China's invasion of Philippine territories in the South China Sea

**Henry Sy:** Chinese Filipino, richest family & billionaire in the Philippines, good friends with Ferdinand Marcos (dictator supported by US govt)

**Corazon Aquino:** 1st female president of Philippines

### **Famous Filipinos in America:**

West Sacramento Mayor Christopher Cabaldon, **Doug Baldwin NFL Seahawks,**

Eric Spolstra NBA Coach (Miami), Joel Jacinto (LA Commissioner)

**Assembly Member Rob Bonta** = 1st Filipino elected to State Assembly

Fred Cordova: founder of Filipino American National Historical Society

**Adrienne Rich:** looking into mirror & "moment of psychic disequilibrium"

Fred Cordova: Filipinos are invisible & "forgotten Asian Americans"

### **PHILIPPINES: Background/Context of Filipino immigration**

Geographically: SE Asia, Malayo-Polynesian language group, Tawi-Tawi vs. Batanes Islands,

3 Main Island Groups: Luzon, Visayas, Mindanao. Otley Beyer's Wave Theory,

Land Bridge vs. Seafaring migration theories

1<sup>st</sup> Written reference to Filipinos: 10<sup>th</sup> Cent. "Mindoro merchants" and 12<sup>th</sup> Century warships in Fukien province

Hokulea: Hawaiian seafaring vessel, now sailed 80% around the world

\***Chad Babayan,** navigator, Filipino-Hawaiian

### **Philippines: seafaring Society**

Polynesians: skilled sailors, navigators.

Navigation = stars, winds, currents, mountains, fish, birds.

Warrior society: Greek triremes, Viking longships.

Balangay vs. Caracoa, Spanish galleons vs. caracoas in speed

Datu, Tmawas, Oripun/Alipin, Barangays = about 1,000 population

### **4 Main functions of boats:**

fishing, trade, warfare, trade-raiding (mangayaw)

Philippine economy = trade (no monetary system)

-Domestic vs. international trade

-Malay language = lingua Franca of traders

SALT= closest to universal medium of exchange

### **Enrique the Malay: spoke Malay and Cebuano.**

Circumnavigated the globe with Magellan

Spoke with Cebuanos when Magellan arrived in Philippines

Babayin script/alphabet (also "alibata")

Muslim religion (Islam) in Mindanao and Central Philippines

### **Ferdinand Magellan (1480-1521)**

-Portuguese nobility, defected to Spain and became Spanish (naturalized)

-convinced King of Spain to fund expedition to the Philippines

Chamorros in Guam, practice of bringing gifts to visitors, expected items in return,

Spaniards did not reciprocate and Chamorros started taking items from ship

Magellan's massacre of Chamorros, captured Otmu and brought him to Cebu.

Guam = Islas de Ladrones (1520)

Contact with Filipinos (1521): Magellan sees gold, silks, and porcelains.

Magellan thinks he's in China:

Datu Lapu---Lapu of Mactan Island & Cebuanos kill Magellan.

**pasalubong:** gifts to weary long-distance travelers

Magellan killed by Datu Lapu-lapu in Mactan Island: 1st attempt at Spanish colonization was a failure (44 years).

Antonio Pigafetta, Italian historian with Magellan.

**Aswang:** vampire/creature. origins from women healers (Babaylans), Catholic Church wanted to disempower women/Babaylan healers

**MANILA GALLEON TRADE:** Manila-Acapulco-China trade

silks, porcelains from China; silver from Mexico; labor from Philippines.

"Manila galleon" coined by William Schurz,

1571 rescue of Chinese ships by Legazpi in Mindoro

Chinese returned with gifts to thank Spanish, who then

sold silks/porcelains in Acapulco for 200% profit = beginning of the galleon trade,

Chinese = merchants

Potosi = largest silver mine in the world

Manila = Trade center ("Wall Street")

Chinese, Filipinos, Spanish and Japanese in Manila.

*Parian* = Chinatown, Intramuros (Walled City)

**Manila galleon products: Main items**

Mexico & Bolivia: Silver & Food Products

China: silks & porcelains (main items)

Arbitrage theory (Flynn and Giraldez)

Manila galleon = 1st global economic system

100-200 percent profits, Peirre Chaunu interpretation vs.

Han-Sheng Chaun interpretation

**October is officially Filipino American Month in California**

Eloisa Gomez Borah: **October 1587 Morro Bay landing**, "otro Indios," "Luzones Indios." Captain Unamuno. Chumash Indians. *Nuestra Señora de Buena Esperanza*.

1595 *San Augustin* landing in Pt. Reyes. Filipino crew members  
Domingo and Euphrasia Felix, Coast Miwoks, Pt. Reyes

**“Chino” in archival documents (William Mason).**

**Nicholas Tolentino**, Chino de Bengali, Chino de Manila

Fr. Junipero Sera: Vicente Tallado, "indo de la Pampangua en Philipinas"

Marina Espina's "Manila men" in Louisiana (1763?)

\*Early Filipino migration = "unfree labor" (cf. migration from Africa)

**Context of Filipino immigration**

**Spanish-American War 1898 & 1899 Philippine-American War**

George Washington's "Rising Empire", Washington freed his slaves, Jefferson did not,  
Fredrick Jackson Turner's "frontier", where to go next? Admiral Alfred Thayer Mahan,  
"colonies attached to the mother country," "naval stations," "coaling stations," Asia/China,  
1898 Spanish American War, Cuba, sinking of USS Maine, Secret orders to Com. George  
Dewey, **USS Olympia** (Mare Is./Vallejo shipyard), Aguinaldo's "Filipino nation," Jose Rizal,  
Battle of Manila Bay

California Volunteers = largest unit in the war

**Racism from America**

Race as a "social construction."

Sgt. Grayson and Filipinos as "niggers," massacre of Filipinos and massacre of Native  
Americans, Filipinos as "savages" and "Injuns" and "niggers", social darwinism, pathological  
theory of race, **eugenics**, "Survival of the fittest" (**Spencer**), Plato & the Nazi's,

Luzviminda's thesis: genocide in the Philippines & "1st Vietnam War"

Amigo (film): **Col. Funston** (real life person), committed atrocities against Filipinos and  
people of San Francisco (after 1906 Earthquake)

**CM Goethe**, Sac State famous professor, President of the Eugenics Society

Sterilization of poor Mexican, Black and poor white women in California & USA