

“Information about the Filipiniana Collection”

James. Both Maria and I identify ourselves as practitioner-scholars, and social activists and this identity has impacted our love of books and what we have collected.

In 1968 I arrived in the Philippines as a Peace Corps Volunteer for an assignment in the province of Zambales. I was responsible for helping introduce new methods of teaching science in the elementary schools. After several months in-country it was obvious to me how important rice was in the Philippines but that it was absent from the science curriculum. I completed an intensive course on growing the new varieties of rice. I then planted a small plot of rice with near disastrous results and then worked with local farmers over several growing seasons to adapt the technology to local conditions. I learned the truth of the children's rhyme that "Planting Rice is No Fun." I then developed curriculum for integrating rice into the curriculum. This was the beginning of our collection on agriculture in the Philippines.

Life as a Peace Corps Volunteer included buying a colorful mosquito net that made it impossible to find mosquitos that were able to get in, being offered a love potion, and being saddened by the frequent funeral processions of babies from poor families that had died needlessly that passed the small house where I rented a room from two public school teachers. These events are included in my memoir *Those Were the Days* published in 2015.

In 2015 I also published the second edition of my research methodology book *Rapid Qualitative Inquiry*. Maria has published two edited books on Filipino women leadership. Our donated collection includes these publications.

Maria. By 1969 James had started teaching part-time at a provincial college where I also was teaching part-time. One of our colleagues at the college introduced us to each other and claimed we were made for each other. This was not clear to one of us, me. At the time, I had already started collecting books. When we married in 1970 we each brought to the marriage the beginning of a library.

During James' Peace Corps home leave before beginning his third year as a Volunteer, I became an American citizen and a Peace Corps Volunteer and we returned to the Philippines to work as Volunteers in Bontoc, Mt. Province. We started collecting materials about the ethnic groups in the mountains of northern Luzon.

After almost 50 years later the collection includes materials about the Philippines, work by Filipinos, material about Filipino-Americans, material about Peace Corps Volunteers in the Philippines, and a couple of books authored by James and books edited by Maria.

Additional material about rural low-land life was collected during the time James was doing field work for his PhD at Stanford on farmers in a village in Bulacan (1976). Other material was collected during the time I was doing field work for my PhD at Stanford on rural credit in the Philippines (1990), and during the four years James was a Foreign Service Officer working as an Agricultural Development Officer for USAID in Manila (1984 - 1987) while Maria worked as a USAID consultant.

James. More recent materials were collected during the time I had a Fulbright specialist assignment at De La Salle in 2015, and during Maria's trips to the Philippines related to her work with the Filipina Woman's Network (FWN) and the release of her two books on successful Filipina women leaders abroad. We now plan to donate our artifacts from the Philippines, and especially the extensive material from northern Luzon to the DLSU library.

After retiring from USAID in 1996, I became a professor of leadership studies at Gonzaga University, the Jesuit university in Spokane WA for 16 years while Maria was involved in development work in Africa and Afghanistan. After retiring in 2013 we moved to Portland and became Department Affiliates in the Anthropology department of Portland State University. In June 2017, we moved to Kona Hawaii. We are back in Philippines for Maria's Senior Fulbright Specialist assignment at the Asian Institute of Management in the Philippines.

The collection is eclectic. Some were gifts to us, most were purchased. A few were discards from the Peace Corps Regional office in Baguio when it closed in about 1973 and the person in charge indicated they planned to dispose of the "obsolete" material.

Maria. In addition to the more the almost 400 titles in the DLSU Filipiniana collection, we have also donated our collection of several hundred titles about the ethnic groups in the Northern Luzon to a museum in Bontoc run by Catholic sisters, donated several hundred titles about Africa to the library of the University of Liberia, more than 100 titles about

leadership to the Asian Institute of Management, and close to one hundred works by and about Afghans and central Asia to Kabul University.

The draft lists of materials were created using the new version of RefWorks ProCite. In some instances, the program pulled in reference information that is not accurate and in many places failed to pull in the number of pages, publisher, and publisher location. No attempt has been made to indicate the content of journals. Both the database and the draft list of materials need editing.

Drafts of all the collections can be found on-line at slideshare.com

I was originally a bit sad thinking about giving up books collected over many years. The feeling of sadness has been replaced by a feeling of satisfaction knowing that the materials will be cared for by well-trained library staff and will be made available to students and scholars in countries where we have served.

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