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Guampedia Launches First Virtual Exhibition

Bringing the Museum to the Classroom



This month, Guampedia is excited to launch its first ever virtual exhibition! Since Spring 2021, Guampedia, in collaboration with Dr. Kevin Escudero, an assistant professor of American Studies and Ethnic Studies at Brown University, curated and designed “Fanohge Chamoru Put I Tano-Ta: Charting Our Collective Future” for the [Guam Museum](#) and the [Commission on Decolonization](#). This exhibition ran for nine weeks and was visited by numerous schools, communities, organizations, and individuals interested in learning about the political history of our island. Seeing the

impact of this exhibition and its potential for teaching and inspiring others prompted us to bring this exhibition from the halls of the museum to the virtual world.

This latest addition to our site presents all the narratives, [videos](#), [oral histories](#), and images of the exhibition within a new section on Guampedia, extending

“Fanohge Chamoru’s” lifespan and creating a new resource for educators to use in their classrooms. While it is no longer possible to visit the exhibition in person, it can still be experienced. During its run at the Guam Museum, the exhibition’s layout was mapped with 3D imaging to create a virtual tour. This new format allows visitors the chance to see the various panels, art pieces, and artifacts that were curated as part of the original layout. Teachers can guide entire classes through a virtual tour of the exhibition and tailor the tour to develop their



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own lessons or class activities.

The shift to this virtual format allowed us to improve various aspects of the physical exhibition. Content was reorganized to take advantage of online tools to make the exhibition easier to understand, and for visitors to view specific content or to just go through it at their own pace. The narratives from each section have been reformatted to link various people, events, and ideas to existing entries already found on Guampedia. This gives both teachers easy access to more content to tie into lessons and students the ability to explore key terms advancing their understanding of the narratives. The two timelines of self-determination efforts in Guam history and World history featured in the physical exhibition have been combined into one cohesive section that illustrates the breadth of this political struggle as it has unfolded over more than 100 years.

Click here to view this new [virtual exhibit](#) and explore our island's history towards self-determination.

Historical Highlight

On September 2, 2001, the Honorable Peter Charles Siguenza, Jr. became the first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Guam.

Born in 1951, Siguenza graduated from Father Duenas Memorial School and earned his BA in Government from California State University. In 1980 the future judge obtained a law degree from the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento, California, where he also served as President of the Asian Law Student Association from 1977-78.

Siguenza began his legal career as an attorney with Guam Legal Services and then was hired by Klemm, Blair & Barusch. Over the years he accepted a number of judicial appointments including Designated Judge in the District Court of Guam, Designated Justice in the Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia, Associate Justice in the Supreme Court of Guam, and finally Chief Justice. Considered an "unconventional" judge by many of his peers, Siguenza served during some of the most tumultuous times in Guam's court history. His work to re-establish the Supreme Court of Guam and forge a Unified Judiciary is part of the legal legacy he left behind.

Click here to read more about the [Hon. Peter Charles Siguenza Jr.](#) and here to read about the [history of the Guam courts](#).



Honorable Peter C. Siguenza in Chambers, February 1997.
Photo by Eduardo C. Siguenza. Family Collection

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We want to hear from you! Visit our informational booth and learn more about Guampedia and our educational outreach project, Culture of Connecting. Fill out our survey, *fan*, and help us improve and expand what Guampedia has to offer! Free gifts will be available for survey participants.

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