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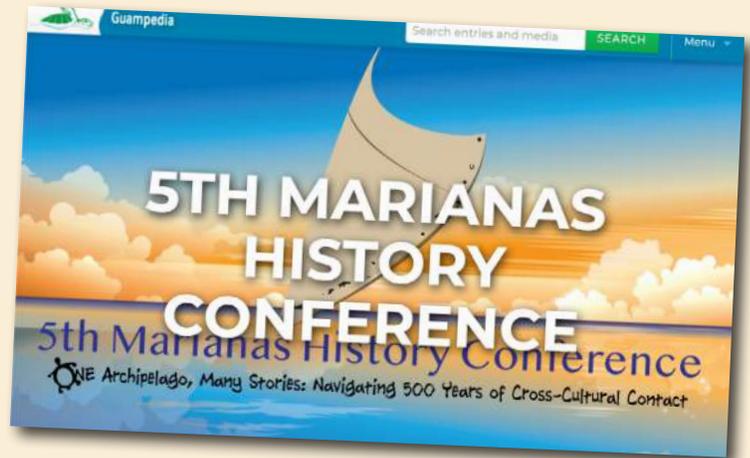
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5th Marianas History Conference E-Publications

As the [5th Marianas History Conference](#), held in February 2021, was unlike that of any of the [earlier Marianas History Conferences](#), so too was the production of the e-publication now available online in Guampedia. Due to the pandemic, this virtual conference reached milestones, from hosting 644 conference participants and 66 presentations over nine days.

The E-Pub, set forth in four booklets, reached a milestone of its own, featuring 56 presentations - with papers, videos, and/or audiovisual exhibits from this conference's presenters and guest speakers. Here are some highlights of those presentations:



Navigating Cultures; Seafaring Returns

As part of their efforts in revitalizing traditional seafaring to the CNMI, the Northern Marianas Humanities Council present a short film documenting this movement fueled by a cultural collaboration between Chamorro and Refaluwasch sailors and boat builders in perpetuating the knowledge of their ancestors with the next generation of Pacific peoples.

Origins of the People of the Mariana Islands: Ancient DNA Research and Archaeological

Dr. Rosalind Hunter-Anderson and Joanne Eakin present preliminary results of collaborative research by archeologists and geneticists that show how Marianas archaeological context and DNA results interrelate, challenging a failing narrative of CHamoru/Chamorro population origins in the Philippines.

I Hinanao-ta, 500 Años (Our Journey, 500 Years)

Magellan's circumnavigation was the beginning of documented histories of the people of the Mariana Islands. For the 500th commemoration, young CHamoru/Chamorro scholars, Manuel Cruz, Artemia Perez, Lazaro Quinata and Juan San Nicolas present their exhibition narrative, I Hinanao-ta: Our Journey, a step towards the world knowing who CHamorus/Chamorros are from CHamorus/Chamorros themselves.

November Highlights

Beginnings of Baseball

In this decade, six teams made up the league in most years: The [American Naval administration](#) of Guam, which began in 1899, was the beginning of [baseball in Guam](#). By the middle of the decade between 1910-1920, a regular adult league was held with six teams, both military and civilians, from November through April each year. CHamoru/Chamorro men played on some of the teams, and by the end of the decade there were a good number of locals playing in the league. In 1927, six of the nine players selected from the Navy team and the Agana Cubs to Guam's All-Star first team were CHamorus/Chamorros.



Members of the 1st Guam Legislature. Courtesy of the Judiciary of Guam.

1st Guam Legislature

The first election under the new legislature was held in November 1950, with about 65 percent of eligible voters participating in the election. The elected members first convened as the 11th Guam Congress, taking its number from previous congresses. But the newly elected members felt that this new legislative body deserved a different name, and in one of its first acts, it changed its name from Guam Congress to Guam Legislature, and became the [First Guam Legislature](#).



Filipino migrants in Camp Roxas pose during a celebration. Photo courtesy of Micronesian Area Research Center (MARC)

Filipino Migration to Guam

Typhoon Karen made a direct hit over Guam in November 1962, with estimated sustained winds of 150 miles per hour. The mostly wood-and-tin structures and military quonset huts were easily destroyed. Estimated property damage totaled more than \$66 million, and President John F. Kennedy declared Guam a disaster area. Governor Manuel L. Guerrero immediately requested [1,500 skilled laborers from the Philippines](#) to come to Guam for a six-month period to rebuild damaged property.

Guam's First Congressional Representative

The [first election for the Guam Delegate](#) position was held in November 1972. [Won Pat](#) won the election over Guam Senator Pedro D. Perez and became Guam's first elected Delegate to Washington.



Guam's first Congressional delegate, Antonio Won Pat. Courtesy of Micronesian Area Research Center (MARC)