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## **Bonifacio named one of the most influential Filipina women in the world**

University of Lethbridge professor Dr. Glenda Bonifacio has been selected to receive the 100 Most Influential Filipina Women in the World Award in the Innovator and Thought Leader category.

The award by the Filipina Women’s Network (FWN) recognizes women who have broken new ground in the global workplace by using emerging technology to transform the way people think, or by developing a product or service that has improved the lives of others.

“I was both surprised and humbled when I learned the Filipina Women’s Network had selected me to receive this award,” says Bonifacio. “I am proud to be honoured by an organization that is dedicated to increasing awareness of the activities, careers and status of Filipina women around the world.”

Bonifacio has been a professor in the U of L’s Department of Women and Gender Studies since 2005 and her research has focused on Filipino women’s migration in Canada and Australia, intersections of gender, development and globalization, and migration and citizenship. In addition to her teaching and research responsibilities, Bonifacio spearheaded a local book drive to help schools in Tacloban after Typhoon



Yolanda struck in 2013 and she continues to work on this community project with ReadWorld Foundation. This past summer, she instructed the first ever U of L field course to Tacloban. Her students have been inspired by her teaching and leadership and describe her as an amazing and phenomenal professor.

The women selected to receive the award are entrepreneurs, rising stars, seasoned practitioners, behind-the-scene leaders, managers and executives who have moved through the ranks in large organizations, nonprofits and government agencies.

“They are inspiring examples of women doing extraordinary work who will motivate our youth and future leaders,” says Thelma Boac, Chair of the Global FWN100 Worldwide Search and Selection Committee. “They were selected based on the size and scope of their positions, influence in their industries and their communities, board affiliations and other leadership roles. Nominations were received from 18 countries.”

The award will be presented at the 12th Filipina Leadership Global Summit in San Francisco on Oct. 30.

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**About Filipina Women’s Network (FWN)**

The Filipina Women's Network is a San Francisco based non-profit professional organization for women of Philippine ancestry with members worldwide. FWN promotes the social welfare of Filipina women and advocates for Filipina women's rights.

More info: <http://www.filipinawomensnetwork.org/>

**About the Filipina Leadership Global Summit**

The Summit brings together Filipina women global leaders, influencers, thinkers and public figures for discussions, learning journeys, “kwentuhan strategies” on how to succeed as multi-cultural professionals and private chats to ignite cooperation through public and private partnerships. The high-powered gathering is a vital part of FWN’s Pinay Power 2020 Mission: A Filipina leader in every sector of the economy.

More info: <http://www.filipinasummit.org/>

**About the Global FWN100™ Awards**

The Most Influential Filipina Women in the World Award™ recognizes Filipina women who are influencing the face of leadership in the global workplace, having reached status for outstanding work in their respective fields and are recognized for their leadership, achievement and contributions to society, femtorship and legacy. The awardees are asked to femtor a young Pinay through the FEMtorship initiative and bring her to the Filipina Summit.

More info: <http://www.filipinawomensnetwork.org/fwn100/>