

## Profile of Dr. Emy Liwag

**Dr. Emy Liwag** is a developmental psychologist and Research Manager at the Research School of Psychology, The Australian National University. She is now conducting research at the ANU on family-based programs to enhance the emotional development of young children with early diagnosed behavioural problems.



Before migrating to Australia in 2010, Emy was Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Psychology at the Ateneo de Manila University and Executive Director of the Ateneo Wellness Center. She is a graduate of the University of the Philippines in Diliman

(BS Psychology, *magna cum laude*) and the Ateneo de Manila University (MA in Psychology). After receiving her PhD in Developmental and Cognitive Psychology from the University of Chicago, Emy returned to the Philippines and worked for nearly two decades with children and adolescents as a teacher, therapist, researcher, and youth advocate. For her distinguished scholarly work, she was honored with an Outstanding Young Scientist Award in 1998 by the National Academy of Science and Technology. She is the author of 5 books including *How We Raise Ours Sons and Daughters: Childrearing and Gender Socialization in the Philippines* (published by UNICEF). Her latest writing about the lives of Filipino youth, *In Their Own Voice*, was a finalist for the 2010 National Book Awards (for the Youth Category).

She is now happily settled in Canberra with her husband, Joseph Gasendo, a former classmate from Philippine Science High School!