

Ricardo (Rico) Pagulayan Summer 2016 Fieldwork

This summer I spent six, amazing weeks in Cagayan Province in the Philippines where I conducted ethnographic interviews among the Itawis ethno-linguistic group. As a minority group in the Philippines, I wanted to gain a better understanding of how the Itawis defined themselves in terms of “Filipinoness” and indigeneity. Having previously been under Spanish colonial administration for more than 300 years along with most of the Philippines, I was keenly interested in gauging just how much Itawis society understood its pre-colonial past.



My six-week adventure was an absolute blast. I traveled back and forth between the towns of Enrile, Penablanca, Tuao, Iguig, and Amulung – the principal townships of the Itawis ethno-linguistic group – grateful for the new faces I met along the way and the knowledge they shared with me. Mabuhay!

