

Obituaries

Robert Bradford Fox (1918–1985)

The death of Robert Bradford Fox, a pioneer in Philippine archaeology, on May 25, 1985, was a great loss to Asian studies, to anthropology, and to the Filipino people. Fox was a distinguished American anthropologist who made substantive and enduring contributions to Philippine anthropology through his research, publications, teaching, and public service. With colleagues at the National Museum of the Philippines, Fox excavated the Tabon caves in Palawan, which led to the discovery of the late Pleistocene human fossil remains and associated stone implements. He will be remembered as a hard-working field archaeologist, a delightful and helpful teacher and colleague, and a scholarly researcher on Philippine cultural communities.

Fox was born on May 11, 1918, in Galveston, Texas. He received the A.B. (Anthropology) from the University of Southern California (1941); the M.A. (Anthropology) from the University of Texas (1944); and the Ph.D. (Anthropology) from the University of Chicago (1954).

Fox's major publications include "The Pinatubo Negritos: Their Useful Plants and Material Culture," *The Philippine Journal of Science* (1951), 220 pp.; "Religion and Society Among the Tagbanuwa of Palawan Island, Philippines" (1954), 382 pp.; and "The Tabon Caves: Archaeological Excavations and Explorations on Palawan Island, Philippines (1962–65)," *Philippine Journal of Science*.

Fox was for many years the Chief Anthropologist of the Philippine National Museum. He was a professorial lecturer at the University of the Philippines and presidential adviser on anthropology.

For some four years and eight months, Fox conducted field research among numerous folk and mountain peoples in the Philippines. He spent more than six years of cave and open-site archaeology in Albay, Batangas, Palawan, Pampanga, Sorsogon, and numerous brief periods of exploration in other areas.

Fox was a fellow of the American Anthropological Association; member of the Far Eastern Prehistoric Association; Vice-President, Philippine Association for the Advancement of Science; Associate of the National Research Council of the Philippines; and contributing editor (anthropology) of the *Philippine Journal of Science*.

He won many prestigious awards in the Philippines, including the Rizal Propatria Award of the Republic of the Philippines in 1964.

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Ida Pruitt (1888–1985)

Ida Pruitt, founder and chief of the Social Service Department of the Peking Union Medical College hospital, 1920–1938, and the American executive secretary of the Chinese Industrial Cooperatives (Indusco), 1939–1952, died in Philadelphia on July 24, 1985, at the age of 96. Born and raised in a small village on the Shantung peninsula, she always retained the accent and perspective of the North China peasantry (*A China Childhood*). Mediating between the country folk from her childhood who