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## Academic Positions

Aug. 2020 – Affiliate Faculty, George Mason University  
Lecturer, University of Maryland  
July 2019 – July 2020 Postdoctoral Associate, W. Allen Wallis Institute of Political Economy,  
University of Rochester  
Aug. 2016 – June 2019 Research Fellow, WSD Handa Center, Stanford University  
June 2007 – May 2013 Assistant & Associate Professor, University of the Philippines  
June 2005 – May 2007 Lecturer & Senior Lecturer, University of the Philippines

## Education

2013 – 2019 Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Wisconsin–Madison  
2013 – 2014 M.A. in Political Science, University of Wisconsin–Madison  
2003 – 2006 Ph.D. in Economics, University of Nottingham  
2001 – 2002 M.Sc. in Development Economics, University of Oxford  
2000 – 2001 M.Ec. in Economics, Macquarie University  
1993 – 1997 B.S. in Business Economics, University of the Philippines, cum laude

## Research Interests

Political Economy; Corruption; Institutions.

## Papers Under Review

“Public Goods, Corruption, and the Political Resource Curse.”

“Shipwrecked by Rents” (with Fernando Arteaga and Mark Koyama).

“The Political Economy of Status Competition: Sumptuary Laws in Preindustrial Europe”  
(with Mark Koyama). Invited to Resubmit, *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*.

“Grand Corruption by Theft and Bribery.”

“Corruption for Competence.”

## Publications

1. “Health vs. Economy: Politically Optimal Pandemic Policy” (with Mark Koyama),  
2020. Forthcoming, *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy*.

2. “Formal Models of the Political Resource Curse”, 2018. *Economics of Governance* 19(3): 225–259.
3. “What Resource Curse? The Null Effect of Remittances on Public Good Provision”, 2018. *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, 30(4), 431–450.
4. “Prohibition vs. Taxation in Corrupt Environments” (with John V.C. Nye), 2017. *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics*, 173(2): 239–252.
5. “Investment Pricing and Social Protection: A Proposal for an ICESCR-adjusted Capital Asset Pricing Model” (with Diane A. Desierto), 2017. *ICSID Review* 28(2): 405–419.
6. “Judicial Independence: Evidence from the Philippine Supreme Court (1970–2003)”, 2015. in *The Political Economy of Governance: Institutions, Democratic Performance and Elections*, eds. Norman Schofield and Gonzalo Caballero. Springer.
7. “Stimulating Investment and Growth in the Philippines: The Need for First-Order Market Reforms” (with Geoffrey Ducanes), 2013. in *Asia Rising: Growth and Resilience in an Uncertain Global Economy*, eds. Hal Hill and Ma. Socorro Gochoco-Bautista. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.
5. “When Do Formal Rules and Informal Norms Converge” (with John V.C. Nye), 2011. *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics* 167: 613–629.
8. “Why Do Weak States Prefer Prohibition to Taxation?” (with John V.C. Nye), 2011. in *The Political Economy of Institutions, Democracy and Voting*, ed. Norman Schofield and Gonzalo Caballero. Berlin: Springer-Verlag.
9. “2D:4D Asymmetry and Gender Differences in Academic Performance” (with John V.C. Nye, Grigory Androuschak, Garrett Jones, and Maria Yudkevich), 2012. *PLoS ONE* 7(10): e46319.
10. “Is It Worth Taxing Pirated Products? The Case of Optical Media Discs in the Philippines” (with Karen Annette D. Lazaro and Kevin Thomas G. Cruz), 2010. *Asian Economic Papers* 9(2): 79–112.

## Work in Progress

1. “The Rent-Switching Effect: Unintended Consequences of the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act,” with Jamie Bologna Pavlik
2. “Shaftesbury’s Game and The Birth of the Whigs: Party Origins in 17th C England,” with Mark Koyama
3. “Religious Competition & Violence,” with Mark Koyama

## Invited Seminars and Conference Participation

- 2020 Virtual Formal Theory Workshop (scheduled); University of Pittsburgh (seminar, scheduled); American University (seminar); ASREC (Association for the Study of Religion, Economics and Culture conference)
- 2019 Tulane University (seminar); George Mason University (seminar); Introduction to the Economics of Religion (conference participant); King's College Political Economy (seminar); Institute for Corruption Studies; Illinois State University (seminar); APSA Meetings (Washington DC); Texas Tech University (seminar); George Mason University, Schar School (seminar); University of Rochester, Wallis Institute (workshop).
- 2018 WSD Handa Center, Stanford University (seminar); APSA Meetings (Boston); University of Kentucky (seminar).
- 2017 University of the Philippines School of Economics (seminar).
- 2014 Workshop on Institutional Analysis, Ronald Coase Institute; International Society for the New Institutional Economics; 3rd International Conference on Political Economy and Institutions.
- 2012 Philippines Update, Australian National University 2nd International Conference on Political Economy and Institutions; Institutions and Development (Discussant), Asian Institute of Management;
- 2011 Workshop on Sustaining Asia's Growth and Investment, Asian Development Bank; Asian Development Review Workshop (Discussant), Asian Development Bank;
- 2010 & Earlier: Philippine Economics Society Meetings, BSP (Central Bank of the Phil.); Workshop on Health, Institutions and Development, University of the Philippines; 1st International Conference on Political Economy and Institutions; Workshop on Institutions and Development, University of the Philippines; International Society for the New Institutional Economics; The Probabilism Sessions, Cournot Centre for Economic Studies; Conference, European Society for the New Institutional Economics; 13th Conference, Dynamics, Economic Growth and International Trade; Spring Meeting of Young Economists; Workshop on Institutional Analysis, Ronald Coase Institute; Conference, Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Growth; KTH Royal Institute of Technology; Conference, Growth and Distribution: On the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations, Lucca, Italy.

## Teaching Experience

Graduate: Microeconomics, Mathematical Economics,  
Econometrics, Development Economics (University of the Philippines)

Undergraduate: Economic Statistics (University of Rochester),  
Political Choice and Strategy, Understanding Political Numbers,  
Research Methods in Political Science (UW-Madison);  
Microeconomics, Mathematical Economics,  
Econometrics, Development Economics (University of the Philippines);  
Macroeconomics (University of Nottingham)

## Refereeing

Journal of Politics; Games & Economic Behavior; Journal of Economics, Behavior, and Organization; Journal of Institutional Economics; Applied Economic Letters; Asian Development Review.

## Fellowships and Awards

2019 – 2020 Postdoctoral Fellowship, W. Allen Wallis Institute of Political Economy, Rochester  
2016 – 2019 Research Fellowship, WSD Handa Center, Stanford  
2013 – 2014 Gordon Hoxie Graduate Fellowship, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
2011 – 2012 UPD Faculty Centennial Grant, University of the Philippines  
2005 – 2006 Robert Solow Postdoctoral Fellowship, Cournot Centre for Economic Studies  
2005 – 2006 Visiting Scholarship, St. Edmund's College  
and Faculty of Economics and Politics, University of Cambridge  
1993 – 1997 University and College Scholarship, University of the Philippines

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