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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; Development; Governance and Institutions.

## Papers Under Review

“Grand Corruption by Theft and Bribery.” Invited to resubmit to the *Journal of Politics*.  
“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).  
“Corruption for Competence.”

## Work in Progress

“Bribe-Switching: Unintended Consequences of the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act” (with  
Jamie Bologna Pavlik)  
“Religious Competition and The Origins of Toleration in England” (with Mark Koyama)

“Shaftesbury’s Game and The Birth of the Whigs: Party Origins in 17th C England” (with Mark Koyama)

“The Pivot To The Glorious Revolution” (with Mark Koyama)

“Uncertainties in Models and Empirics”

## Publications

“Health vs. Economy: Politically Optimal Pandemic Policy” (with Mark Koyama), 2020. *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy* 1(4): 645-669.

“Formal Models of the Political Resource Curse”, 2018. *Economics of Governance* 19(3): 225–259.

“What Resource Curse? The Null Effect of Remittances on Public Good Provision”, 2018. *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, 30(4), 431–450.

“Prohibition vs. Taxation in Corrupt Environments” (with John V.C. Nye), 2017. *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics*, 173(2): 239–252.

“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.

“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.

“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.

“When Do Formal Rules and Informal Norms Converge” (with John V.C. Nye), 2011. *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics* 167: 613–629.

“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.

“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.

“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.

## Invited Seminars and Conference Participation

2021 The Political Theory Project, Brown University and Free Market Institute, Texas Tech University (symposium, scheduled); School of Public Policy, University of Maryland (scheduled)

- 2020 University of the Philippines School of Economics (seminar); Virtual Formal Theory Workshop (seminar); Center for Governance and Markets, University of Pittsburgh (seminar); 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 Phils.); 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: Development Challenges (University of Maryland, Spring 2021),  
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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