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## Academic Positions

Aug. 2022 –	Assistant Professor, George Mason University
Aug. 2021 – Aug. 2022	Postdoctoral Associate, Center for Governance and Markets, University of Pittsburgh
Aug. 2020 – Aug. 2021	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; Economic History

## Recent Publications

“The Political Economy of Status Competition: Sumptuary Laws in Preindustrial Europe” (with Mark Koyama). Forthcoming, *The Journal of Economic History*.

“Corruption for Competence”. Forthcoming, *Economics of Governance*.

“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.

## Papers Under Review

“Feudal Political Economy” (with Mark Koyama).

“Shipwrecked by Rents” (with Fernando Arteaga and Mark Koyama). Revise and resubmit, *Journal of Development Economics*.

“Religious Violence and Coalition Politics in History” (with Mark Koyama). Revise and resubmit, *Journal of Historical Political Economy*.

“Bribe-Switching” (with Jamie Bologna Pavlik).

“Public Goods, Corruption, and the Political Resource Curse.” Invited to resubmit, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*

“Grand Corruption by Theft and Bribery.” Invited to resubmit, *Journal of Politics*.

“Uncertainties in Models and Empirics.”

## Work in Progress

“Magna Carta” (with Mark Koyama).

“Rents, Institutions, and Culture: Why England Became Protestant” (with Mark Koyama and Marcus Shera).

“The Black Death and State Formation” (with Noel D. Johnson and 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).

## Earlier Publications

“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**

- 2023 School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Lincoln; ASREC (Association for the Study of Religion, Economics and Culture) conference
- 2022 Public Choice Seminar, George Mason University; CGM, University of Pittsburgh; Texas Tech University and Free Market Institute; ASREC conference
- 2021 The Political Theory Project, Brown University and Free Market Institute; School of Public Policy, University of Maryland
- 2020 University of the Philippines School of Economics; Virtual Formal Theory Workshop; CGM, University of Pittsburgh; American University; ASREC
- 2019 Tulane University; George Mason University; Introduction to the Economics of Religion; King’s College Political Economy; Institute for Corruption Studies; Illinois State University; APSA Meetings; Schar School, George Mason University; Wallis Institute, University of Rochester.
- 2018 WSD Handa Center, Stanford University; APSA Meetings; University of Kentucky.
- 2017 University of the Philippines School of Economics.
- 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, Asian Institute of Management;
- 2011 Workshop on Sustaining Asia’s Growth and Investment, Asian Development Bank; Asian Development Review Workshop, 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: Formal Models in Economic History (George Mason University, Spring 2023), Gender Economics (George Mason University, Fall 2022 and Spring 2023), Microeconomics, Mathematical Economics, Econometrics, Development Economics (University of the Philippines)

Undergraduate: Microeconomic Principles (George Mason University, Fall 2022), 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)

## Fellowships and Awards

2022 – 2025 Grant Award for “Origins of Liberty” (with Mark Koyama), John Templeton Foundation

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

## Refereeing

Journal of Politics; Games & Economic Behavior; Journal of Economics, Behavior, and Organization; Economics of Governance; European Journal of Political Economy; Journal of Law and Courts; Journal of Institutional Economics; Applied Economic Letters; Asian Development Review.

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