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Education

Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Economics, University of Illinois at Chicago, 2014 to present

Expected Completion Date: May 2019

M.A., Economics, University of Illinois at Chicago, 2015

Master of Statistics, University of the Philippines Diliman, 2013

M.Sc., Mathematics (Graduate units), De La Salle University-Manila

B.S., Economics, University of the Philippines Diliman, *Magna cum Laude*, 2005

Teaching and Research Fields

Primary Fields: Empirical Macroeconomics and Monetary Economics,
Applied Microeconomics (Labor, Public, Health)

Secondary Field: Applied Econometrics, Time-Series/Forecasting

Teaching Experience

Instructor, UIC

Fall 2018 Behavioral Economics (Undergraduate)

Teaching Assistant, UIC

Spring 2016 PhD-level Econometrics II (Dr. Darren Lubotsky)

Fall 2015 PhD-level Econometrics I (Dr. Javaeria Qureshi)

Summer 2015 Econometrics (Jiajia Chen; Undergraduate)

Spring 2015 Principles of Macroeconomics (Margie Cepon; Undergraduate)

Fall 2014 Principles of Macroeconomics (William Rauscher; Undergraduate)

Professional and Research Experience

Summer 2016 to Summer 2018, Research Assistant to Dr. Erik Hembre, Department of Economics, UIC

Aug 2009-Aug 2014, Economist, Department of Economic Research, Central Bank of the Philippines

May 2006-Aug 2009, Client Service Executive, The Nielsen Company (Philippines)

Jun 2005-Apr 2006, Business Executive, BASF Philippines

Apr 2004-Apr 2005, Junior Research Analyst, Institute for Development and Econometric Analysis, University of the Philippines

Research

Works in Progress

"Just got lucky? Inflation Targeting and Macroeconomic Stability"

"Feeling Squeezed? Impact of Social Security Benefit Cuts on Labor Supply and Financial Behavior of the Elderly"

"Is the quest for 'miracle drug' over?: Initial Evaluation of the Impact of Truvada on HIV Rates"

"Firm-specific Pay Premia and Latin Honors: Evidence from administrative data"

"Retirement, Health Investments and Cognitive Decline among older Americans"

"Impact of Data Revisions on Monetary Policy Formulation: Evidence from OECD countries"

Publications

"Surveillance of the Philippine Rice Market," *BSP Economic Newsletter* 14:2, (2014).

"Assessing Inflation Vulnerability: An Early Warning System for Inflation in the Philippines" (with Dennis Mapa), *Theoretical and Practical Research in Economics* 4(8), (2013):137-152.

"Tenets of Effective Monetary Policy in the Philippines" (with Jasmin Dacio), *BS Review* 14:1, (2012):14-30.

Honors, Scholarships and Fellowships

Basset, Chiswick, Kosobud and Stokes Research Award, UIC (2018)

Chancellor's Student Service and Leadership Award, UIC (2018)

Student Fellow, Public Choice Society (2018)

Humane Studies Fellowship (2018-2019)

Institute for Humane Studies PhD Scholarship (2017-2018)

UIC Graduate College Student Presenter Award (Spring 2018)

Young Scholar, Association of Private Enterprise Education (2018)

Hayek Fund Scholar (2018)

Travel Award for ESTIMATE Econometrics Workshop at Michigan State University, UIC (Summer 2017)

UIC Graduate College Student Presenter Award (Spring 2018)
 UIC Graduate Student Council Travel Award (Spring 2017, Spring 2018)
 UIC Economics Department Travel Award (Spring 2017, Spring 2018)
 Thesis and Dissertation Fellowship, Statistical Research and Training Center, Philippine Government (2013)
 Gerardo Sicat Award for Best Undergraduate Paper, University of the Philippines School of Economics (2005)
 Presidential Scholar, University of the Philippines (2004)

Conference Presentations

Just got lucky? Inflation Targeting and Macroeconomic Stability

- 2018 Southern Economic Association (SEA), Illinois Economics Association (IEA),
 Association of Private Enterprise Education (APEE), UIC Department Seminar
- 2017 Midwest Economics Association (MEA), IEA

Feeling Squeezed? Impact of Social Security Benefit Cuts on Labor Supply and Financial Behavior of the Elderly

- 2018 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM), SEA, MEA, IEA,
 Public Choice Society (PCS), IHS Summer Research Colloquium, UIC Department Seminar

Software Proficiency

Stata, R, SAS, EViews, OxMetrics, B34S, L^AT_EX

References

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