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Citizenship: US

Research interests Economic Development, Political Economy, Experimental Economics, Asian Studies

Education **University of Hawaii- Manoa** Honolulu, HI
PhD in Economics August 2022 – Present

Waseda University- Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies Tokyo, JP
MA in International Relations September 2020 – September 2022
Advisors: Dr. Atsushi Kato (primary), Dr. Tomoo Kikuchi

George Mason University Fairfax, VA
BS in Economics August 2015 – May 2019
Minors in Chinese Language, Northeast-Asia Pacific Studies
Magna Cum Laude

Honors and scholarships Monbukagakusho Scholarship (Japanese MEXT) 2022
Certificate of Merit/GSAPS High Honors List (Waseda GSAPS) 2021
Excellence in Academic Achievement Award (GMU Dept. of Economics) 2019
Excellence in the Chinese Minor (GMU Chinese Program) 2019

Publications **High Speed Rail Opening and Economic Agglomeration Effects in Western China**
Schwartz, Erich J. (2022)
MA Thesis, Waseda GSAPS

Research experience **Estimating the Economic Need and Environmental Impact of Investments in Natural Gas Pipeline Infrastructure**
Mentor: Dr. Michael Roberts (UH Manoa) June 2023 – Present
Used SWITCH modelling to determine optimal level of natural gas infrastructure investment needs with endogenous price and supply and demand response. Working paper available [here](#). Provided assistance with data cleaning and preparation to run in the model, literature review etc.

Waseda Institute of Digital Government
Mentors: Dr. Toshio Obi (Waseda University- Emeritus), Dr. Naoko Iwasaki (Waseda University) September 2021 – July 2022

Researched and edited the Waseda International Digital Government Rankings 2021, available [here](#). Researched publications on digital governance, ICT and other emerging technologies. Provided policy suggestions for reports. Researched and wrote a report on bilateral investment between the US and Indonesia/Vietnam. Assisted with conferences and events put on by the Institute.

Teaching experience

Teaching assistant, Department of Economics (UH Manoa) Fall 2023
ECON 317: Japanese Economy and ECON 301: Intermediate Microeconomics
Graded student exams and problem sets

Teaching assistant, Department of Economics (UH Manoa) Spring 2023
Econ 130: Principles of Microeconomics and ECON 358: Environmental Economics
Graded student problem sets and exams, led weekly review sessions, proctored exams

Teaching assistant, Department of Economics (UH Manoa) Fall 2022
ECON 130: Principles of Microeconomics
Taught weekly review sessions, graded problem sets and exams.

Industry experience

United States Farm Credit Administration, McLean, VA
Associate Examiner June 2019 – August 2020
Performed regular examinations of associations within the Farm Credit System (a network of farmer owned lending institutions designed to serve the financial needs of agricultural, rural and related entities). Examined associations' loan portfolios and individual loan documents to identify risk, ensure due diligence, and to certify lender compliance with relevant regulations. Inspected borrower balance sheets, income statements, appraisals, loan agreements, collateral filings and liens, mortgages, etc. Assessed association safety and soundness by performing financial calculations and measuring association performance via benchmarks. Compared association policies and procedures with regulations and law to ensure lender compliance. Drafted reports and presented findings before both the Administration and lender boards.

Global Education Office, George Mason University Fairfax, VA
Office Assistant/Peer Advisor January 2018 – June 2019
Performed basic office tasks such as paperwork processing, answering student queries, and advised students on study abroad opportunities. Assisted Global Education Office staff with student orientations, study abroad fairs, and other student outreach operations. Supported the manager of administration, finances, and human resources with financial related tasks, including professor reimbursement, currency conversion calculations, and receipt auditing

LSG Sky Chefs, Customer Service Chep Lap Kok, Hong Kong

Intern

June 2017 – July 2017

Conducted data collection and analysis on Zhuhai Airport to forecast demand for inflight catering. Secondary tasks included assisting with unit tours and presentations, drafting and revising documents, tasting and evaluating inflight meals, examining contracts for changes, and other basic office tasks.

Skills

Programming

Proficient in: R, Stata

Familiar with: Shazam, SAS

Languages

Native: English

Proficient: Chinese

Basic: Japanese