

# Neil G. Ruiz

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## EDUCATION

### **MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (Cambridge, MA)**

*Ph.D. Candidate, POLITICAL SCIENCE*, 2001-present

Major Fields: Political Economy and Comparative Politics, Passed General Examinations, May 2003

Specialization: Political Economy of Migration, Development, and Globalization

### **OXFORD UNIVERSITY (St. Antony's College, Oxford, UK)**

*M.Sc., ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL HISTORY*, 2001

Specialization: Economic History of Colonial Africa, Political Economy of South Africa

### **UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY (Berkeley, CA)**

*B.A., POLITICAL SCIENCE* (Magna Cum Laude & Phi Beta Kappa), 1999

Study-Abroad Programs: Bahamas, South Africa, and Zimbabwe

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### **ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (Manila, Philippines)**

*CONSULTANT* (Oct. 2003-Dec. 2003): Provided technical research for a report, Enhancing the Efficiency of Overseas Workers Remittances, that gives an in-depth review of the factors affecting the remittances of Filipino overseas workers and gave a concrete set of proposals to increase its volume, facilitate the remittances to be channeled through formal fund transfer mechanisms and explore the possibility of improving the use of such funds for sustainable poverty reduction and possible areas for economic development

### **PHILIPPINE SOCIAL SCIENCE COUNCIL (Manila, Philippines)**

*VISITING RESEARCH ASSOCIATE* (Summer 2003): Conducted field research for doctoral dissertation on the relationship between migration, the state, and development; delivered a lecture at the Economic Resource Center for Overseas Filipinos Conference titled "Extending the Arms of the Philippines: Using the Four Resources of Migration for Development"; spoke to the Brain Gain Network General Assembly on "Disruptive Innovation through Network-Led Development: Upgrading Asia's Stray Cat in a Globalized World"; created linkages between the activities of the MIT Chapter of the Brain Gain Network with professional organizations in the Philippines

### **MIGRATION POLICY INSTITUTE (Washington, DC)**

*SUMMER RESEARCH ASSOCIATE* (Summer 2002), *CONSULTANT* (Feb. 2003-May 2003): Help develop the institute's web-based Global Migration Information Source, worked on remittance data for a Migration and Development project jointly with the Center for Global Development, assisted in the drafting a seminal work on *The State of the World's Internally Displaced* commissioned by the United Nations Office of the Coordinator for Humanitarian Affairs, wrote a report on sending country emigrant institutions, and participated in an International Working Group on Migration at Edinburg, Texas that drafted a "Declaration of Migrants' Rights and States' Responsibilities"

### **HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Department of Sociology (Cambridge, MA)**

*HEAD TEACHING FELLOW* (Fall 2002), *TEACHING FELLOW* (Spring 2002): Taught two introductory courses on human societies and social control to Harvard undergraduate students, Received the Harvard University Distinguished Teaching Award for both courses

### **UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN, Centre for African Studies (Cape Town, South Africa)**

*RESEARCH ASSOCIATE* (2000): Conducted research for masters' thesis on contemporary transnational relations between South Africa and the United States

### **UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH APPRENTICE PROGRAM, UC Berkeley (Berkeley, CA)**

*RESEARCH ASSISTANT* (1997-1998): Assisted Professor Michel S. Laguerre in researching for two published books *Diasporic Citizenship* (St. Martin's Press, 1998) & *The Global Ethnopolis* (St. Martin's Press, 2000)

### **TRANSAFRICA FORUM/TRANSAFRICA, INC. (Washington, DC)**

*U.S.-AFRICA FOREIGN POLICY RESEARCH INTERN* (Summer 1997): Published a report on the Democratic Republic of Congo, reported on Congressional and think-tank meetings, created a brochure on informational resources about South Africa to be used for lobbying purposes, and wrote press releases for fundraising event

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## LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

### **MIT WORKING GROUP ON MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT (*Cambridge, MA*)**

*FOUNDING CO-CHAIR* (2002-2003): Organized bi-monthly meetings composed of faculty and graduate students dealing with the economic, political, and social impact of international migration on the development of sending countries

### **MIT-PHILIPPINE BRAIN GAIN NETWORK (*Cambridge, MA and Manila, Philippines*)**

*CO-FOUNDER and CHAIR* (2003-2004): Started an organization made up of MIT students and Filipino/Filipino-American graduate students and young professionals in the greater Boston area, in collaboration with students and professionals in the Philippines, dedicated to leveraging the latest technological trends, business methods, and government policies for the purpose of promoting the development of the Philippine economy

### **HARVARD-MIT JOINT SEMINAR ON POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT (*Cambridge, MA*)**

*COORDINATOR* (2002-2003): Coordinate monthly dinners for faculty and a select group of graduate students whose research is related to the politics and economics of the developing world

## HONORS/AWARDS

**WINSTON CHURCHILL SCHOLARSHIP**, 2 years funding for graduate study at Oxford (1999-2001)

**MIT GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP**, Full tuition and stipend funding for Ph.D. program (Fall 2001-present)

**MIT ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS GRANT**, research funds (Summer 2003)

**HARVARD UNIVERSITY DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD**, certificate (Spring 2002 and Fall 2002)

**UNITED KINGDOM OVERSEAS RESEARCH STUDENTS AWARD**, 2 year research funds for Oxford

**PI SIGMA ALPHA GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP**, National Political Science Honor Society (1999)

**PRESIDENT'S UNDERGRADUATE FELLOWSHIP**, UC Berkeley (May 1998)

**STUDENT LIFE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**, UC Berkeley (April 1998)

**WASHINGTON CENTER MINORITY LEADERSHIP FELLOWSHIP**, Washington, DC (Summer 1997)

## HONOR SOCIETIES

**PHI BETA KAPPA SOCIETY**, initiated 1999

**GOLDEN KEY NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**, initiated 1998

**MORTAR BOARD COLLEGE SENIOR HONOR SOCIETY**, initiated 1997

**PI SIGMA ALPHA NATIONAL POLITICAL SCIENCE HONOR SOCIETY**, initiated 1997

## PUBLICATIONS

"The Power of Hegemony: Universal and Particular Political Ideologies in South Africa," *Berkeley Undergraduate Journal* (Spring 1999).

## CONFERENCES/PRESENTATIONS

"Extending the Arms of the State: Philippine Emigrant Institutions and Homeland Development," *Diaporas and Homeland Development Conference*, University of California, Berkeley (April 13, 2004)

"Filipinos Abroad as a Resource for Economic Development?" Kapihan Presentation, Harvard Kapihan-MIT Philippine Brain Gain Network, MIT (March 1, 2004).

"Filipinos Abroad as a Resource for Economic Development?" Presentation to Club Filipina, Wellesley College (February 25, 2004).

"Extending the Arms of the Philippines: Using the Four Resources of Migration for Development," *A Conference on Programs to Harness the Resources of Overseas Filipinos for the Development of Local Economies*, Economic Resource Center for Overseas Filipinos, Silang, Cavite, Philippines (July 17, 2003).

"Disruptive Innovation through Network-Led Development: Upgrading Asia's Stray Cat in a Globalized World," Presentation to Meeting of Brain Gain Network, Ateneo de Manila University, Manila, Philippines (August 1, 2003).

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## WORKING PAPERS

“Extending the Arms of the State: Philippine Emigrant Institutions in a Globalizing World,” (draft completed December 2002 and currently revising).

“The Flight of the ‘New’ Birds of Passage: State Involvement, Overseas Institutional Development, and the Movement of Filipino Nurses to the United Kingdom,” (draft completed May 2002).

“A Review of the Four Resources of Migration for Development,” (currently writing).

“Eliminating the Remittances Maze: The Globalization of Financial and Labor Flows for Homeland Development” (currently writing).