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EDUCATION

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (Cambridge, MA)

Ph.D. Candidate, POLITICAL ECONOMY, 2001-present, Passed General Examinations, May 2003

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

M.Sc., ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL HISTORY, 2001

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY (Berkeley, CA)

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

WORK EXPERIENCE

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (Manila, Philippines)

CONSULTANT (Oct. 2003-Dec. 2003): Provided technical research for a report on Enhancing Efficiency of Overseas Workers Remittances Project, 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

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

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)