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Collegiate and Professional Education

- PH.D., University of Illinois at Chicago, 2019.
Emphasis/major: Economics
- MA, University of Illinois at Chicago, 2015.
Emphasis/major: Economics
- MS, University of the Philippines Diliman, 2013.
Emphasis/major: Statistics
- BS, University of the Philippines Diliman, 2005.
Emphasis/major: Economics

Professional Positions

Academic

- Assistant Professor, Grand Valley State University. (August 2019 - Present).
Assistant Professor of Economics
- Instructor, University of Illinois at Chicago. (August 2018 - December 2018).
- Teaching Assistant, University of Illinois at Chicago.
(August 2014 - May 2016; January 2019 - May 2019).

Professional

- Research Assistant, University of Illinois at Chicago. (May 2016 - June 2018).
RA for Erik Hembre, PhD - Department of Economics
- Economist, Central Bank of the Philippines. (August 2009 - August 2014).
Department of Economic Research
- Client Service Executive, The Nielsen Company (Philippines). (May 2006 - August 2009).
- Business Executive, BASF Philippines. (June 2005 - April 2006).
- Junior Research Analyst, University of the Philippines. (April 2004 - April 2005).
Institute for Development and Econometric Analysis

Teaching

Grand Valley State University

- Eco 440: Public Economics and Ethics
- Eco 360: Labor and Family Economics
- Eco 211: Introductory Microeconomics

University of Illinois at Chicago

Econ 344 : Behavioral Economics, Fall 2018

Econ 326: Undergraduate History of Economic Thought, Spring 2019
(TA for Natalia Bracarense, PhD)

Econ 535: PhD-level Econometrics II, Spring 2016
(Discussion TA for Darren Lubostky, PhD)

Econ 534: PhD-level Econometrics I, Fall 2015
(Discussion TA for Javaeria Qureshi, PhD)

Econ 300: Undergraduate Econometrics, Summer 2015
(Discussion TA for Jiajia Chen, PhD)

Econ 121: Undergraduate Macroeconomics, Fall 2014-Spring 2015
(Discussion TA for William Rauscher, Margie Cepon)

Publications

Refereed Journal Articles

Cruz, C., Dalmia, S., Pulido-Velasquez, M. (2023). Race and Teaching Evaluations: Evidence from the Covid-19 Pandemic. *Applied Economics*.

Cruz, C., Dalmia, S., Sicilian, P., Smith Kelly, C. (2022). Second Time Sweeter: Marital Matching Between First and Second Marriages. *Journal of International Business and Economics (International Academy of Business and Economics)*, 22(4), 55-65.

Cruz, C. (2022). Reduced Macroeconomic Volatility after Adoption of Inflation Targeting: Impulses or Propagation? *International Review of Economics and Finance*, 82, 759-770.

Others

Magazine/Trade Publication

Cruz, C., Biby, R. (2023). American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding for West Michigan. *Seidman Business Review*, 28(Winter).

Magazine/Trade Publication

Cruz, C., Isely, P. (2023). Digital Assessment Study for Kent County. *Seidman Business Review*, 28(Winter).

Contracts, Grants and Sponsored Research

Cruz, C., "The Effects of Automation Technologies on SSDI Applications and Awards (with John Nunley and Alex Seals)," Sponsored by CFS Social Security Administration Retirement and Disability Research Consortium, Other, \$146,890.00. (September 2022 - Present).

Cruz, C. (Principal), Isely, P. (Co-Principal), & Biby, R. (Co-Principal), "American Rescue Plan Funds Tracking and Impact Evaluation," Sponsored by Grand Rapids Chamber, Other, \$10,000.00. (October 1, 2021 - Present).

Cruz, C. (Principal), & Isely, P. (Co-Principal), "Digital Inclusion Study for Kent County," Sponsored by City of Grand Rapids, 5/3 Bank, Mr. Fred Keller, Other, \$37,500.00. (May 2021 - Present).

Cruz, C. (Principal), "FOBI Research Grant," Sponsored by FOBI - GVSU Seidman, Seidman College of Business, \$5,000.00. (April 13, 2021 - Present).

Research in Progress

- Cruz, C. Feeling Squeezed? Impact of Social Security Benefit Cuts on Labor Supply of the Elderly. *(Under Review)*.
- Cruz, C. Armed Conflict and Unemployment in Colombia: The Role of US Drug Interdiction Policy. *(Under Review)*.
- Cruz, C., Dalmia, S., Pulido-Velasquez, M. Covid-19 and Family Businesses' Resiliency: Does Generation of Management Matter?
- Cruz, C., Giedeman, D. Inflation Volatility and the Bretton Woods system.
- Cruz, C. Social Security Benefit Cuts and Elderly Savings.
- Nunley, J., Seals, A., Cruz, C. The Effects of Automation Technologies on SSDI Applications and Awards.
- Espano, V., Cruz, C., Bagsic, C., Lemence, R. Credit Channel of Monetary Policy: Evidence from Loan Officers' Survey.
- Cruz, C., Gonzalez, A., Gonzalez, J. Family Involvement in Family Businesses.
- Cruz, C. Is the quest for 'miracle drug' over?: Initial Evaluation of the Impact of Truvada on HIV Rates.
- Cruz, C. Retirement, Health Investments, and Cognitive Decline among older Americans.
- Cruz, C. Impact of Data Revisions on Monetary Policy Formulation: Evidence from OECD countries.

Professional Memberships, Licensures, and Certifications

- Member, West Michigan Sustainable Business Forum.
- Member, Eastern Economic Association.
- Member, Western Economic Association.
- Member, Southern Economic Association.
- Member, American Economic Association.
- Member, Illinois Economics Association.
- Member, Midwest Economics Association.

Honors and Special Recognitions

- Affiliate Fellow, STEP Project Global Consortium. (September 2021 - Present).

Conference Presentations Given

- Cruz, C. (Chair), Southern Economic Association Conference, "Labor Supply Responses," Southern Economic Association, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. (November 21, 2022).
- Cruz, C. (Presenter & Author), Southern Economic Association Conference, "Racial Disparities in the Labor Supply: Effects of the 1983 Social Security Reforms," Southern Economic Association, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. (November 21, 2022).
- Cruz, C. (Presenter & Author), Southern Economic Association Conference, "Retirement, Health

Investments, and Cognitive Decline among older Americans," Southern Economic Association, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. (November 19, 2022).

Cruz, C. (Presenter & Author), Illinois Economic Association Conference, "Armed Conflict and Unemployment in Colombia: The Role of US Interdiction Policy," Illinois Economic Association, Chicago. (November 5, 2022).

Cruz, C. (Presenter & Author), Dalmia, S. (Author Only), Sicilian, P. (Author Only), & Smith Kelly, C. (Author Only), Illinois Economic Association Conference, "Second Time Sweeter? Marital Matching between Second and First Marriages," Illinois Economic Association, Chicago. (November 5, 2022).

Cruz, C. (Presenter & Author), Eastern Economic Association Conference, "Retirement, Health Investments, and Cognitive Decline among older Americans," Eastern Economic Association, Montego Bay, Jamaica. (May 5, 2022).

Cruz, C. (Presenter & Author), & Dalmia, S. (Author Only), STEP Project Research Think Tank, "Covid-19 and family businesses' resiliency: Does generation of management matter?," STEP Project, Virtual. (December 6, 2021).

Cruz, C. J. (Presenter & Author), & Dalmia, S. (Author Only), Seidman School of Business Research Seminar, "Covid-19 and family businesses' resiliency: Does generation of management matter?*", Grand Valley State University, GVSU Seidman School of Business. (November 19, 2021).

Cruz, C. (Presenter & Author), & Dalmia, S. (Author Only), Illinois Economics Association, "Race and Teaching Evaluations: Evidence from the Covid-19 Pandemic," Virtual. (October 22, 2021).

Giedeman, D. (Presenter & Author), & Cruz, C. (Presenter & Author), Southern Economics Association Meeting, "Inflation Volatility and the Bretton Woods system," Southern Economics Association, virtual (was to have been held in New Orleans). (November 2020).

General Service

Committee

Committee Member, STEP Project Global Consortium - Quantitative Survey Committee, May 2021 - November 2021).

Conference

Conference Program Organizer, Midwest Economic Association (November 2022 - April 2023).
Session organizer - *Businesses and Consumer Behavior and Well Being*.

Refereeing

Journal of Economic Asymmetries, Research on Aging, The Journal of Economics

Other

Interviewee, MiBiz

(<https://mibiz.com/sections/economic-development/gvsu-study-measures-economic-effects-of-federal-pandemic-relief>) (August 2022).

Interaction with Industry, GR Chamber. (July 2022 - August 2022).

Interaction with Industry, Kent County Essential Needs Task Force Digital Inclusion Committee, (June 2022).

Media Interview, WGVU News. (July 28, 2021).