# Erich J. Schwartz

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PhD Student at UH Manoa. Interests include economic development, political economy, and East Asian economic history and economic development. Motivated to research, teach, and contribute to academia.



# **Work History**

### Sep 2021- Research Assistant

Jul 2022

Waseda University: Institute of Digital Government

- Edited publications on digital governance, ICT and other emerging technologies.
- Provided policy suggestions for reports.
- Wrote a report on bilateral investment between the US and Indonesia/Vietnam
- Assisted with conferences and events put on by the Institute.
- Primarily assisted with the Waseda International Digital Government Rankings 2021.

# Jun 2019 - Associate Bank Examiner

Aug 2020

United States Farm Credit Administration, McLean, VA

- 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.
- Completed a research project on Cape Fear Farm Credit to assess challenges and growth opportunities for that specific association.

#### Jan 2018 -Office Assistant/Peer Advisor

George Mason University Global Education Office, Fairfax, VA

- 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.

#### **Customer Service Team Intern** Jun 2017 -

Jul 2017 LSG Sky Chefs, Chep Lap Kok, Hong Kong S.A.R

- 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.



### Education

Jun 2019

#### **Doctoral Program: Economics** Aug 2022 -

**Present** 

University of Hawaii at Manoa-Honolulu, HI

- Teaching assistant for Principles of Microeconomics Fall semester 2022 and Spring semester 2023, as well as grader for Environmental Economics in Spring 2023.
- Coursework included Microeconomic Theory, Macroeconomic Theory, and Mathematical Economics, Econometrics.

#### Sep 2020 -Master of Arts: International Relations- Economic Development Sep 2022

Waseda University Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies - Tokyo, JP

- Awarded Certificate of Merit and named to GSAPS's High Honors List for Fall Term AY2020.
- Awarded a Japanese Government MEXT Scholarship for Spring Semester 2022.
- Thesis topic was Chinese high-speed rail and economic agglomeration effects on the Eurasian Continental Bridge Passageway.
- Coursework included International Political Economy, Industries in Asia, Chinese Economy, China's One Belt One Road: Legal Implications and Issues, Regionalism and Financial Cooperation in Asia, International Capital Flows, Japanese Economy, Mathematics for Economics I and II, etc.

#### Bachelor of Science: Economics. Minors: Chinese Language, Asia-Aug 2015 -May 2019 **Pacific Studies**

George Mason University – College of Humanities and Social Sciences - Fairfax, VA

• Graduated magna cum laude with a 3.88 GPA.

- Awarded the Excellence in Academic Achievement Award by the Department of Economics for graduating in the top 15% of the 2019 class.
- Attained position on the Dean's List for every semester.
- Member of Phi Beta Delta Honor Society.
- Elected Director of Business Administration for Resident Student Association from Fall 2017- Spring 2019.
- Awarded Excellence in the Chinese Minor-Spring 2019.
- Studied abroad at Yonsei University Summer School Summer 2018.

