

## Personal Particulars

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#### 2011 Post-Doctoral Research Fellow

Southeast Asian Studies Research Exchange Program  
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## Educational Background

**Doctor of Philosophy (Sociology)**, Ateneo de Manila University (2011), Manila, Philippines (2011).

**Master of Arts (Theology)**, Loyola School of Theology, Ateneo de Manila University (1994).

**2011 Post-Doctoral Research Fellow of Southeast Asian Research Exchange Program (SEASREP)** for a qualitative and comparative research study on the persistence of optical disc piracy in Quiapo, Manila and Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, funded by Japan and Toyota Foundations.

## Professional Experience

**Associate Professor V**, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Polytechnic University of the Philippines (January 3, 2017 - Current).

<b>Chairperson</b> , Master of Arts in Sociology, Polytechnic University of the Philippines Graduate School (2023-2025)
<b>Editor-in-Chief</b> , Social Sciences and Development Review (SSDR) International Journal, Polytechnic University of the Philippines, 2021 –2022)
<b>Faculty Researcher</b> , Research Institute for Human and Social Development (RIHSD) Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP), Manila (June 7, 2019 - Current).
<b>Special Lecturer</b> , MBA Program, Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP), (June 2014-Current).
<b>Associate Professor I</b> , General Education Department, St. Paul University Quezon City, Philippines (June 2004 - December 2016).
<b>Faculty Research Coordinator and Faculty Journal Editor</b> (Paulinian Review Journal), Office of Research and Publication Center, St. Paul University Quezon City (June 2010— March 2011).
<b>Special Lecturer</b> , Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Ateneo de Manila University (March 1994- November 2003).
<b>Special Lecturer</b> , Philosophy and Theology Area, General Education Department, College of St. Benilde, De la Salle University, Manila (June 1996 – March 1997).
<b>Special Lecturer</b> , Social Science Area, Thames International Business School (Entrepreneurs School of Asia) (June 1998 — March 2003).
<b>Assistant Professor</b> , St. Paul University, Manila, Department of Philosophy and Theology, June 1991- October 1997.
<b>Monographs</b>
Commodification of Philippine Health Care and Option of the Poor: Perspectives from Sociology and Catholic Social Teaching (Under peer review at the Ateneo de Manila University Press)
Reframing Catholic Social Teaching for LGBTQIA+ Inclusivity: Sociology and Pope Francis’s Contextual Theology. London: Bloomsbury Academic (Under Peer Review)
Pope Francis’s Moral Dilemma and Sociology: To Uphold Natural Law or LGBTQIA+ Inclusion in the Catholic Church. Singapore: Springer (Under Peer Review)
<i>Natural Law, Homophobia, and LGBTQI+ Exclusion in the Catholic Church</i> . London, UK: Bloomsbury Academic Publishing. (E-book published November 11, 2025; Hard and softcopies published December 11, 2025)
<i>Commodified Health Care and Lay Catholic Social Spirituality: A Sociotheological-Synodal Approach</i> . Singapore: Springer Nature. (Published July 1, 2025)
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<i>Celibacy, Seminary Formation, and Catholic Clerical Sexual Abuse: Exploring Sociological Connections and Alternative Clerical Training</i> . London: Routledge (April 30, 2024) (Scopus-Indexed).
<i>In Defense of Married Priesthood: A Sociothological Investigation of Clerical Celibacy in the Catholic Church</i> . London: Routledge (August 30, 2023). (Scopus-indexed)
<i>A Sociotheological Approach to Catholic Social Teaching: The Role of Religion in Ethical Responsibility During COVID-19</i> . Singapore: Springer Nature. (November 1, 2022) (Scopus-indexed).
<i>Sociological Perspectives on Clerical Sexual Abuse in the Catholic Hierarchy: An Exploratory Structural Analysis of Social Disorganization (Springer Briefs in Religious Studies)</i> . Singapore: Springer Nature (September 2019). (Scopus-Indexed)
<i>Law, Normative Pluralism, and Post-Disaster Recovery: Evaluating the Post-Disaster Housing and Relocation of Typhoon Ketsana Victims in the Philippines</i> . Singapore: Springer Nature (2017). (Scopus-indexed).
<i>Sociological Perspectives on Media Piracy in the Philippines and Vietnam</i> . Singapore: Springer Nature (2016). (Scopus-Indexed)
Juridical-Sociological Approach to Law, Politics, Government, and Constitution in the Philippines (2016). Quezon City: Research and Publication Office, St. Paul University Quezon City.
<b>Book Chapters</b>
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"Understanding Digital Literacy, Digital Competence, and Pedagogical Digital Competence: Implementing Online Teaching for Filipino Tertiary Educators During COVID-19" (Co-authored by Dr. Nicolas Mallari and Dr. Raul Sebastian). In <i>Lecture Notes Educational Technology</i> , Łukasz Tomczyk and Laura Fedeli (Eds): Digital Literacy for Teachers. Springer Nature (May 2022). (Scopus-Indexed)
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"The 'Rule of Law', Oral Textuality, and Justice in Criminal Court Proceedings." <i>Loyola Schools Review</i> . Ateneo de Manila University. Vol.1, Issue No. 1, December 2001.
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<b>Founding Board Member</b> , Philippine Association for the Sociology of Religion (PASR) (2007-2010).
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