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Education

- May 2023
(Anticipated) Doctor of Philosophy in Social Science
Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs
Syracuse University
Dissertation: Three Essays on Intergenerational Transfers
Adviser: Janet M. Wilmoth, PhD
- June 2016 Master of Arts in Economics
School of Economics
University of the Philippines Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines
- April 2012 Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
Major in Financial Management
University of Santo Tomas, Manila, Philippines

Research Interests

- General: social demography, social gerontology, families, population health
Specific: causes and consequences of intergenerational transfers across the life course,
social determinants of health and health disparities within and beyond the United States

Peer-reviewed publications

- 2022 [Cheng, Kent Jason G.](#) and Miguel Antonio G. Estrada. "A Dichotomy of Smokers in the Philippines following Sin Tax Reform: Distinguishing Potential Quitters from those Unlikely to Quit." *PLoS One* 17(10): e0275840. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0275840.
- Montez, Jennifer Karas, and [Kent Jason G. Cheng](#). "Educational Disparities in Adult Health across U.S. States: Larger Disparities Reflect Economic Factors." *Frontiers in Public Health* 10:966434. doi: 10.3389/fpubh.2022.966434.

Peer-reviewed publications (continued)

2022 Hwang, Woosang, Kent Jason G. Cheng, Jeung Hyun Kim, Maria T. Brown, Sara A. Vasilenko, and Merrill Silverstein. "Religiosity and Mental Health Among Young-Adults in Generation X from Emerging to Established Adulthood." *Journal of Adult Development*. doi: 10.1007/s10804-022-09414-7.

Miguel, Red Thaddeus D., Adovich S. Rivera, Kent Jason G. Cheng, Kim Rand, Fredrick Dermawan Purba, Nan Luo, Ma-Ann Zarsuelo, Anne Julienne Genuino-Marfori, Irene Florentino-Fariñas, Anna Melissa Guerrero, and Hilton Y. Lam. "Estimating the EQ-5D-5L Value Set for the Philippines." *Quality of Life Research* 31(9):2763–74. doi: 10.1007/s11136-022-03143-w.

Sun, Yue, Kent Jason G. Cheng, and Shannon M. Monnat. "Rural-Urban and Within-Rural Differences in COVID-19 Mortality Rates." *Journal of Rural Social Science* 37(2):1–45. url: <https://egrove.olemiss.edu/jrssi/vol37/iss2/3>.

Hwang, Woosang, Kent Jason G. Cheng, Maria T. Brown, and Merrill Silverstein. "Religiosity of Baby-Boomers in Young Adulthood: Associations with Psychological Well-Being over the Life Course." *Advances in Life Course Research* 52:100477. doi: 10.1016/j.alcr.2022.100477.

The Polaris Observatory HCV Collaborators. "Global Change in Hepatitis C Virus Prevalence and Cascade of Care between 2015 and 2020: A Modelling Study." *The Lancet Gastroenterology and Hepatology* 7(5):396–415. doi: 10.1016/S2468-1253(21)00472-6.

Cheng, Kent Jason G., Rucher M. Lacaza, and Miguel Antonio G. Estrada. "Varying Cost Minimization and Cessation Motivations in Response to Excise Tax Reform in the Philippines: A Cross-Sectional Study Using the 2015 Global Adult Tobacco Survey." *Asia Pacific Journal of Public Health* 34(2–3):293–97. doi: 10.1177/10105395211065303.

Cheng, Kent Jason G., Darcy Jones (DJ) McMaughan, and Matthew L. Smith. "The Role of Optimism on the Relationship Between Activity Limitations and Life Satisfaction Among Middle-Aged and Older Adults in the United States: A Growth Curve Model of Changes Over Time." *Journal of Applied Gerontology* 41(4):993–1001. doi: 10.1177/07334648211056638.

Mallinson, Daniel J., and Kent Jason G. Cheng. "The Relationship between State-Level Carbon Emissions and Average Working Hours in the United States: A Replication Study." *Environmental Sociology* 8(1):88–93. doi: 10.1080/23251042.2021.1975350.

Peer-reviewed publications (continued)

2021 Hwang, Woosang, Jeung Hyun Kim, Kent Jason G. Cheng, Maria T. Brown, and Merrill Silverstein. "Reciprocal Associations between Affectual, Associational, and Normative Solidarity with Parents during Children's Early to Established Adulthood." *Family Process* 1–18. doi: 10.1111/famp.12725.

Hwang, Woosang, Kent Jason G. Cheng, Maria T. Brown, and Merrill Silverstein. "Does Religiosity in Early Adulthood Predict Change in Filial Eldercare Norms after Midlife among Baby Boomers?" *Journal of Family Psychology*. doi: 10.1037/fam0000899.

Cheng, Kent Jason G., Adovich S. Rivera, Red Thaddeus D. P. Miguel, and Hilton Y. Lam. "A Cross-Sectional Study on the Determinants of Health-Related Quality of Life in the Philippines Using the EQ-5D-5L." *Quality of Life Research* 30(8):2137–47. doi: 10.1007/s11136-021-02799-0.

Cheng, Kent Jason G., and Miguel Antonio G. Estrada. "Cost-Effectiveness Analysis of the 2019 Cigarette Excise Tax Reform in the Philippines." *Preventive Medicine* 145:106431. doi: 10.1016/j.ypmed.2021.106431.

2020 Cheng, Kent Jason G., Yue Sun, and Shannon M. Monnat. "COVID-19 Death Rates Are Higher in Rural Counties with Larger Shares of Blacks and Hispanics." *The Journal of Rural Health* 36(4):602–8. doi: 10.1111/jrh.12511.

Cheng, Kent Jason G., Adovich S. Rivera, Hilton Y. Lam, Allan R. Ulitin, Joshua Nealon, Ruby Dizon, and David Bin-Chia Wu. "Influenza-Associated Excess Mortality in the Philippines, 2006-2015." *PLoS One* 15(6):e0234715. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0234715.

Cheng, Kent Jason G., and Miguel Antonio Garcia Estrada. "Price Elasticity of Cigarette Smoking Demand in the Philippines after the 2012 Sin Tax Reform Act." *Preventive Medicine* 134:106042. doi: 10.1016/j.ypmed.2020.106042.

Cheng, Kent Jason G., Adovich S. Rivera, Jojana Christine General, Amelyn Asence-Mamporte, Allan Ulitin, Red Thaddeus Miguel, Anna Melissa Guerrero, Irene Florentino-Fariñas, Karina Sison, and Hilton Lam. "Do Local Government Units in the Philippines Procure Medicines According to a Set Benchmark Price?" *World Medical & Health Policy* 12(1):9–23. doi: 10.1002/wmh3.327.

2018 Miguel, Red Thaddeus DP., Wilfrido A. Atienza, Adovich S. Rivera, John Juliard L. Go, Ronaldo O. Quintana, Kent Jason G. Cheng, Amelyn A. Mamporte, Maria Eleanor L. Candelaria, and Hilton Y. Lam. "A Financial Forecasting Exercise on the Child Restraints Market in the Philippines." *Acta Medica Philippina* 52(5). doi: 10.47895/amp.v52i5.331.

Peer-reviewed publications (continued)

2018 Lam, Hilton Y., Adovich S. Rivera, Joel U. Macalino, Jose D. Quebral, Kent Jason G. Cheng, and Red Thaddeus DP. Miguel. "Estimating the Social and Economic Burden of Road Traffic Injuries in the Philippines." *Acta Medica Philippina* 52(5). doi: 10.47895/amp.v52i5.313.

Lam, Hilton Y., Roberto De Vera, Adovich S. Rivera, Tyrone Reden Sy, Kent Jason G. Cheng, Daryl Byte Farrales, Jaifred Christian F. Lopez, and Red Thaddeus DP. Miguel. "Describing the Health Service Delivery Network of an Urban Poor Area and a Rural Poor Area." *Acta Medica Philippina* 52(5). doi: 10.47895/amp.v52i5.316.

Lam, Hilton Y., Maria Luisa D. Enriquez, Francisco M. Heralde III, Monet M. Loquias, Marco Nemesio E. Montaña, Josephine D. Agapito, Andrew K. Arriola, Lourdes J. Cruz, Isidro C. Sia, Kent Jason G. Cheng, Carissa May D. Enriquez, Hanaiah N. Marohomsalic, and Jean Ramon D. Yap. "Establishing a Blueprint for Nature-Based Products Development and Conservation for the Philippines." *Acta Medica Philippina* 52(4). doi: 10.47895/amp.v52i4.346.

Cheng, Kent Jason G., Hilton Y. Lam, Adovich S. Rivera, Bernadette A. Tumanan-Mendoza, Marissa M. Alejandria, and David BC. Wu. "Estimating the Burden of Dengue in the Philippines Using a Dynamic Transmission Model." *Acta Medica Philippina* 52(2). doi: 10.47895/amp.v52i2.427.

Lam, Hilton Y., Adovich S. Rivera, Paul Lester C. Chua, Jaifred Christian F. Lopez, Kent Jason G. Cheng, and Winston A. Palasi. "Cost of Hospitalization of Different Types of Schistosomiasis Cases in Endemic Areas in the Philippines: Indicating the Need to Increase the Coverage of Government Health Insurance." *Acta Medica Philippina* 52(2). doi: 10.47895/amp.v52i2.421.

Cheng, Kent Jason G., and Sarah Lynne S. Daway. "The Role of Domestic Financial and Economic Development in Financial Integration." *Applied Economics Letters* 25(2):119–24. doi: 10.1080/13504851.2017.1302054.

Other publications

2020 Department of Health – Philippines Health Technology Assessment Unit. "*Philippine HTA Methodological Standards in Evaluation of Health Technologies in the Philippines* (First edition)." url: hta.doh.gov.ph/philippine-hta-methods-guide/. [As CONTRIBUTOR]

Other publications (continued)

2020 Cheng, Kent Jason G., Yue Sun, and Shannon M. Monnat. 2020. "Rural COVID-19 Mortality Rates Are Highest in Counties with the Largest Percentages of Blacks and Hispanics." *Lerner Center for Public Health Promotion Population Health Research Brief Series*. url: surface.syr.edu/lerner/12/.

Monnat, Shannon M., and Kent Jason G. Cheng. "COVID-19 Testing Rates Are Lower in States with More Black and Poor Residents." *Lerner Center for Public Health Promotion Data Slice*. url: surface.syr.edu/lerner/65/.

Cheng, Kent Jason G. "Unhealthier States Have Lower COVID-19 Testing Rates." *Lerner Center for Public Health Promotion Data Slice*. url: surface.syr.edu/lerner/72/.

2019 Cheng, Kent Jason G. "More Kindergarteners Are Exempted from Required School Vaccinations than in the Past." *Lerner Center for Public Health Promotion Data Slice*. url: surface.syr.edu/lerner/108/.

Under Review

Cheng, Kent Jason G., Janet M. Wilmoth. "Socioeconomic Determinants of Anticipated and Actual Caregiving for Older Adults in India."

Cheng, Kent Jason G., Janet M. Wilmoth, Scott D. Landes. "Risk Aversion among Male Older Adults: Does Veteran Status Matter?"

Grants

2022 Gerontological Society of America
1. Mentoring and Career Development Technical Assistance Workshop Diversity Fellow Award. Amount: \$1,500 upon completion of required workshops
2. Behavioral and Social Science Section Student Travel Award; Amount: \$280

Travel grant
Funder: Aging Studies Institute. Amount: \$1,965
Funder: Social Science Department. Amount: \$367

2021 Travel grant
Funder: Aging Studies Institute. Amount: \$282

Grants (continued)

- 2020 Travel grant
Funder: Aging Studies Institute. Amount: \$197
Funder: Social Science Department. Amount: \$750
- 2019 Travel grant
Funder: Aging Studies Institute. Amount: \$500
Funder: Social Science Department. Amount: \$750
Funder: Graduate Student Office. Amount: \$500
- 2017 – Present “Public Health and Economic Burden of Influenza in the Philippines”
Principal Investigator: Hilton Lam
Co-Investigators: Kent Jason G. Cheng, Adovich S. Rivera, David BC. Wu
Funder: Sanofi Pasteur. Amount: PhP 4,962,254 (~\$99,245)
- 2018 – 2021 “The Effect of NBB on Government Hospitals”
Principal Investigator: Hilton Lam
Co-Investigators: Kent Jason G. Cheng, Red Thaddeus Miguel, Adovich S. Rivera
Funder: Philippine Health Insurance Corporation. Amount: PhP 1,875,132 (~\$35,717)
- 2018 – 2020 “Measuring the Effects of Fraudulent Benefit Claims in PhilHealth”
Principal Investigator: Hilton Lam
Co-Investigators: Kent Jason G. Cheng, Red Thaddeus Miguel
Funder: Department of Science and Technology – Philippine Council for Health Research and Development. Amount: PhP 2,366,532 (~\$45,077)
- 2016 Travel grant
Funder: Office of International Linkages, University of the Philippines
Amount: PhP 38,250 (~\$765)
- 2015 Travel grant
Funder: Office of International Linkages, University of the Philippines
Amount: PhP 80,000 (~\$1,600)

Employment

- Syracuse University
2020 to Present Part-time graduate research assistant for the Lerner Center for Public Health Promotion

Employment (continued)

Syracuse University

2021 to Present	Graduate research assistant for Jennifer Karas Montez, PhD for the project entitled “Educational Attainment, Geography, and U.S. Adult Mortality Risk”
2019 – 2021	Graduate research assistant for Merril Silverstein, PhD for the project entitled “Spirituality and Prosocial Values in the Absence of Religion Among Millennials and their Families”
2018 – 2019	Graduate research assistant for Janet Wilmoth, PhD
2018 – Present	Member of the Policy, Place, and Population Health (P3H) Lab

Institute of Health Policy and Development Studies (IHPDS), National Institutes of Health (NIH), University of the Philippines Manila (UPM)

2018	Adjunct Research Assistant Professor
2015 – 2017	University Research Associate II
2014 – 2015	Project-based Staff

Teaching

Department of Sociology, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University

Summer 2022	Instructor on record for Undergraduate Sociology of Families (online, asynchronous)
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Department of Sociology, California State University East Bay

2021	Guest lecturer for Undergraduate Sociology Research Methods
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Department of Clinical Epidemiology, University of the Philippines College of Medicine

2016 – 2017	Guest lecturer for the MSc Clinical Epidemiology Program for health policy and health economics related topics
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Awards

- 2022 Honorable Mention, Syracuse University Graduate Dean’s Award for Excellence in Research and Creative Work.
- 2020 Population Association of America Annual Scientific Meeting Best Poster Award: Cheng, Kent Jason Go, Advovich S. Rivera, Hilton Y. Lam, Allan R. Ulitin, Joshua Nealon, Ruby Dizon, David BC. Wu. “Influenza-Associated Excess Mortality in the Philippines, 2006–2015.”

Presentations

*Denotes presenting author

Poster

- 2022 Miguel Antonio G. Estrada*, Rutch M. Lacaza, and Kent Jason G. Cheng. "The Reproductive Health Law and Unmet Needs for Contraception among Filipino Women." *Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science Annual Conference*.
- Cheng, Kent Jason G., Miguel Antonio G. Estrada*, Rutch M. Lacaza. "How do Knowledge, Attitudes, and Perceptions Affect Cigarette Price's Influence on Smoking Intensity?" *Population Association of America Annual Meeting*.
- Cheng, Kent Jason G.*, Emily E. Wiemers. "The Role of Parental Resources on Young Adult Children's Educational and Job Aspirations and Expectations." *Population Association of America Annual Meeting*.
- 2021 Cheng, Kent Jason G.*, Yue Sun, Shannon M. Monnat. "Metro Status and Sexual Identity Differences in Substance Use in the U.S." *Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science Annual Conference*. [VIRTUAL]
- Cheng, Kent Jason G.*, Miguel Antonio G. Estrada. "Typologies of How Filipino Smokers Responded to the Sin Tax Reform." *Population Association of America Annual Meeting*. [VIRTUAL]
- 2020 Cheng, Kent Jason G.*, Woosang Hwang, Jeung Hyun Kim, Maria T. Brown, Merrill Silverstein. "Multidimensional Profiles of Religiosity: Do they Matter for Gen-Xer's Psychological and Familial Well-Being?" *Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting* [VIRTUAL]
- *Innovation in Aging* 4(Suppl 1): 347. doi: 10.1093/geroni/igaa057.1116. [ABSTRACT]
- Cheng, Kent Jason G.*, Rutch M. Lacaza, Miguel Antonio G. Estrada. "Whose Cigarette Smoking Behavior is Most Affected by the Philippine Sin Tax Reform Act?" *Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science Annual Conference* [VIRTUAL]
- Cheng, Kent Jason G.*, Adovich S. Rivera, Hilton Y. Lam, Allan R. Ulitin, Joshua Nealon, Ruby Dizon, David BC. Wu. "Influenza-associated Excess Mortality in the Philippines, 2006–2015." *Population Association of America Annual Meeting*. [VIRTUAL]

Poster (continued)

- 2019 Cheng, Kent Jason G.*, Janet M. Wilmoth. "Socioeconomic Determinants of Informal Caregiving in India." *Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting*.
 - *Innovation in Aging* 3(Suppl 1): S488. doi: 10.1093/geroni/igz038.1811.
 [ABSTRACT]
- 2018 Hilton Y. Lam, Wilfrido A. Atienza, Adovich S. Rivera, Red Thaddeus DP. Miguel, John Juliard L. Go*, Ronald O. Quintana, Kent Jason G. Cheng, Amelyn Asence-Mamporte, Maria Eleonor L. Candelaria (2018). "Determining Availability, Accessibility, Affordability, and Acceptability of Child Restraints to Support Legislation on Mandatory Child Restraint Use in the Philippines." *Safety 2018: 13th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion*.
 - *Injury Prevention* 24(Suppl 2): A140. doi: 10.1136/injury-prevention-2018-safety.390. [ABSTRACT]
- 2016 Lam, Hilton Y.*, Grace Marie V. Ku, David BC. Wu, Kent Jason G. Cheng, Adovich S. Rivera, Bernadette Tumanan-Mendoza, Marissa M. Alejandria. "Cost-Effectiveness Analysis of Dengue Vaccination in the Philippines." *17th International Congress on Infectious Diseases*.
 - *International Journal of Infectious Diseases* 45S(1): 421. doi: 10.1016/j.ijid.2016.02.897. [ABSTRACT]

Oral

- 2022 Montez, Jennifer Karas*, Kent Jason G. Cheng. "Pick Your Poison: The Pathways Between Education and Health within U.S. States." *Population Association of America Annual Meeting*.
- 2021 Cheng, Kent Jason G.*, Woosang Hwang, Maria T. Brown, Merrill Silverstein. "Religiosity of Baby-Boomers in Young Adulthood and Its Association with Psychological Well-Being over the Life Course." *Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting*. [VIRTUAL]
 - *Innovation in Aging* 5(Suppl 1): 508-9. doi: 10.1093/geroni/igz038.1811.
 [ABSTRACT]
- 2020 Cheng, Kent Jason G.*, Darcy Jones (DJ) McMaughan, Matthew L. Smith. "The Mediating Role of Optimism on the Relationship of Activities of Daily Living and Well-Being Among Older Adults." *Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting*. [VIRTUAL]
 - *Innovation in Aging* 4(Suppl 1): 485. doi: 10.1093/geroni/igaa057.1569.
 [ABSTRACT]

Oral (continued)

2020 Cheng, Kent Jason G.*, Scott D. Landes, Janet M. Wilmoth. "Risk Aversion Among Male Older Adults: Does Veteran Status Matter?." *Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting*. [VIRTUAL]

- *Innovation in Aging* 4(Suppl 1): 636. doi: 10.1093/geroni/igaa057.2180. [ABSTRACT]

Cheng, Kent Jason G.*, Janet M. Wilmoth. "A Longitudinal Analysis of Religiosity, Volunteerism, and Life Satisfaction in Later Life." *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting: Section on Aging and the Life Course Roundtable*. [VIRTUAL]

2018 Cheng, Kent Jason G. "EQ-5D-5L Preference Value Set in the Philippines." *Research Forum: Economic Evaluation in the Neurosciences*.

Cheng, Kent Jason G. "Crash Course on Parts of a Research Proposal, Quantitative Research Methods, and Research Proposal Writing." *Training for Cagayan Valley Medical Center (CVMC) Resident Physicians*.

2016 Cheng, Kent Jason G. "Do Institutions Matter for the Finance-Growth Nexus? The Case for Financial Integration." *Sizihwan International Conference on Asia-Pacific Studies*.

- Also served as Discussant in one of the Parallel Sessions

2015 Cheng, Kent Jason G. "Battle of the Sexes: Can Globalization Equalize Gender?" *Sizihwan International Conference on Asia-Pacific Studies*.

Cheng, Kent Jason G.*, Sarah Lynne S. Daway. "Loving Thy Neighbor: Charity and Bequests in an Overlapping Generations Model." *Singapore Economic Review Conference*.

2015 Cheng, Kent Jason G. "Does Financial Development Cause Financial Integration?" *Asia Pacific Trade Seminars*.

Invited

2022 "An Introduction to Using Instrumental Variables Approach for Health Policy." *UP Manila Health Policy Hub Lecture Series*. [HYBRID]

2021 "The Unique Contributions of Social Science in Global Pandemics." *Philippine Science Communication Festival*. [VIRTUAL]

Peer review activity

Applied Economics Journal
Applied Economics Letters
Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting Abstract Reviewer
Journal of Rural Health
Lerner Center for Public Health Promotion Data Slice and Policy Briefs
Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities
Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences (Reviewer in training)
Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science Abstract Reviewer
Rural Sociology
Social Science and Medicine – Population Health

Professional memberships

Gerontological Society of America (2019 – Present)

Professional memberships (continued)

Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science (2020 – Present)
- Student Committee Secretary and Social Media Co-Manager (2020 – 2022)
Population Association of America (2020 – Present)
Philippine Economics Society (2020 – Present)
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (2022 – Present)
American Sociological Association (2019)
Southern Sociological Association (2020)

References

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