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Fields of Interest
- 20th Century
- Asian American
- Comparative Literature
- Critical Theory
- Film/Cinema
- Global and Transnational Studies
- Literature
- Philippine and Filipino American
- Postcolonial
- Southeast Asian

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Francisco “Kiko” Benitez is assistant professor in Comparative Literature. He received his PhD from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and his BA from Cornell University where he graduated with honors. His research interests include the multiple and often conflicting formations of modern subjectivity and the nation-state in the literature and film of insular Southeast Asia in the late nineteenth and twentieth centuries. His current research is on the constructions of subjectivity in the Philippine awit and the Malay/Indonesian syair during the emergence of print-capitalism and nationalism in insular Southeast Asia.