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Education

University of Texas at Austin　　2015-Current
Ph.D., Government (Fields: Comparative Politics, Methods)　　Austin, Texas

- Key Coursework: Political Economy, Regression, Maximum Likelihood, Experiments, Causal Inference, Machine Learning, Bayesian Statistics, Event-History Analysis

Georgetown University/Universidad Nacional de San Martín　　2013-2015
Dual M.A., Development Management and Policy　　Washington, DC/Buenos Aires, Argentina

Maastricht University, Graduate School of Governance　　2007-2008
M.Sc., Public Policy and Human Development　　Maastricht, Netherlands

University of Denver　　2002-2006
B.A., International Studies (major); French and Italian (minors)　　Denver, Colorado

- Study Abroad: Université de Lausanne, Switzerland (2005); Università di Bologna, Italy (2005)

Research in Progress

"Natural Resources and Civil Conflict: Evidence from a New, Georeferenced Dataset."
(with M. Findley, J. Hall, A. Stravers, and J. Walsh) *Revise & Resubmit at Journal of Conflict Resolution.*

"Poverty, Party Alignment, and Reducing Corruption through Modernization." (with A. Gautam)

"Monitoring Corruption and Overcoming the Collective Action Problem." (with M. Piracha & A. Tantravahi)

Policy Publications

"Governance in Armenia: An Evidence Review."　　2019
(with M. Findley, J. Gerring & R. Wellhausen) *US Agency for International Development.*

"Integrity Systems and the Rule of Law in Armenia: An Evidence Review."　　2019
(with M. Findley, V. Rejepov & R. Wellhausen) *US Agency for International Development.*

Policy and Research Employment

Innovations for Peace and Development　　2015-Current
Graduate Research Fellow and Governance Team Leader　　Austin, Texas

- Leading a 35-person research team, with fieldwork in Honduras
- Giving workshops on LaTeX, Mendeley, Stata, R, ArcGIS, and Excel

Cloudburst Consulting Group (USAID Armenia Office Contract)　　2018-2019
Consultant　　Landover, Maryland

- Completed evidence reviews on governance and integrity systems/rule of law

World Bank　　2013-2018
Consultant, Anti-Corruption Policy Program (OPSPF)　　Washington, DC

- Contributed to Drivers of Corruption study
  - Working Groups: Government Officials, Case Studies, Integrity Due Diligence
- Co-drafted report for Senior Management summarizing corruption issues in 2016-2017 projects, providing statistical analysis, and proposing policy solutions
- Designed anti-corruption training for financial management and procurement staff

Policy and Research Employment (Continued)

University of Texas at Austin   2016-2018, 2019
Research Assistant, Professor Mike Findley   Austin, Texas

- Performed research on conflict, governance, and natural resources
- Undertook fieldwork in Colombia for a USAID impact evaluation
- Researched statistical methods on external validity for Professor Findley's book

Research Assistant, Professor Catherine Weaver   2016

- Conducted research on aid transparency

World Bank   2012; 2013-2014
Consultant, Africa Region, Education Department   Lomé, Togo and
                                                                            Washington, DC

- Co-drafted implementation arrangements, implementation support plan, and
  institutional strengthening component for an education project in Togo
- Assisted with preparation for a Central African Republic project

Consultant, Operations Policy and Quality Department (OPSPQ)   2010-2013; 2014
                                                                            Washington, DC

- Led team working on project-level data collection and analysis
- Designed, implemented, and presented a new methodology to track the World
  Bank's work on climate change, which is now being used by other aid donors
- Reported to senior officials on lending, disbursements, project preparation, etc.

Department of State, Consulate General of the United States   2007
Intern, Economic/Political Section   Florence, Italy

- Drafted reports on economics and politics for high-ranking officials

European Union, Delegation to the United States   2006
Intern, Press and Public Diplomacy   Washington, DC

- Responded to inqueries about European Union (EU) policies and regulations

Teaching

University of Texas at Austin

- Sole Instructor (Own Class)
  - Applied Research Methods I   Fall Semesters 2018, 2019
  - Applied Research Methods II   Spring Semesters 2019, 2020
- Teaching Assistant
  - Politics of Poverty   Spring Semesters 2017, 2018
  - American Government   Fall Semester 2017
  - Politics of Mexico   Fall Semester 2015

Non-Degree Coursework and Training

University of Texas at Austin, Summer Statistics Institute   2016, 2017, 2018
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- Structural Equation Modeling, R for Industry, Intro to ArcGIS

Johns Hopkins, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)   2010, 2012, 2013
                                                                            Washington, DC

- Econometrics, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Research Methods

Awards and Fellowships

UT-Austin Summer Statistics Award (for summer 2018)	2018
McDonald Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin (annual award)	2015-Current
Distinction, Georgetown University/Universidad Nacional de San Martín	2015
Departmental Honors in International Studies, University of Denver	2006
Partners in Scholarship Grant (to finance research in Spain), University of Denver	2006
Outstanding Italian Student Award (best student at university), University of Denver	2006

Academic Service

Reviewer for: *Journal of Politics*	
Government Department Methods Group, University of Texas at Austin	2016-Current

Computer Skills

Text Editing: LaTeX, Markdown, Word, Google Docs
Statistics, Spatial Data, and Surveys: R, Stata, ArcGIS, Qualtrics, Excel
Presentation: Beamer, PowerPoint, beautiful.ai
Databases and Version Control: GitHub, SAP, Business Warehouse/Analysis for Office

Languages

English (Native), French (Fluent), Spanish (Fluent), Italian (Fluent), Dutch (Basic)

Fieldwork and International Experience (Excluding Leisure Travel)

• Argentina	2013-2014
• Colombia	2016
• Costa Rica	2004
• France	2004, 2005
• Germany	2010
• Honduras	2016
• Italy	2006, 2007
• The Netherlands	2007-2008
• Spain	2006
• Switzerland	2005
• Togo	2013

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