

EDUCATION

University of Texas at Austin

2015-Current

Ph.D., Government

Austin, Texas

- Thesis: Poverty, Party Alignment, and Reducing Corruption through Modernization
 - Committee: Mike Findley, John Gerring, Ken Greene, Xiaobo Lü, and Jan Pierskalla

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; Università di Bologna, Italy

BOOK

External Validity: Practices and Principles

Under Contract with Cambridge University Press (with M. Findley & K. Kikuta)

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES AND WORKING PAPERS

Do Natural Resources Really Cause Civil Conflict? Evidence from the New Global Resources Dataset

Forthcoming at Journal of Conflict Resolution (with M. Findley, J. Hall, A. Stravers, & J. Walsh)

External Validity

Forthcoming at Annual Review of Political Science (with M. Findley & K. Kikuta)

Poverty, Party Alignment, and Reducing Corruption through Modernization: Evidence from Guatemala

Submitted (with A. Gautam)

- Conferences: Academia against Corruption in the Americas, 2020; TX Comparative Politics Circle, 2020

Measuring Corruption Using Governmental Audits: A New Framework and Dataset

- Conference: ECPR, 2020

Institutional Autonomy and Donor Strategic Interest in Multilateral Foreign Aid: Rules vs. Informal Influence

- Conferences: PEIO, 2021; Texas Triangle IR Conference, 2020

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Preventing the Negative Externalities of Development: Aid Compliance, State Capacity, and At-Risk Groups

- Conference: APSA, 2021

Explaining Subnational Public Goods Provision from Natural Resources Income: Regimes and Urban Bias

(with J. Hall)

- Conference: MPSA, 2021

Party Alignment and the Corruption-Reducing Effects of Lower Poverty and Violence: Evidence from Mexico

- Conferences: MPSA, 2021; ECPR, 2020

Monitoring Corruption and Overcoming the Collective Action Problem: Experimental Evidence from Pakistan

(with T. Behmer, M. Piracha & A. Tantravahi) [In-person data collection delayed due to COVID-19]

Controlling Corruption: Foreign Aid in Low-Governance Environments

TEACHING

University of Texas at Austin

- Instructor
 - [Data Science for the Social World](#) Summer Semester 2020
 - [Applied Research Methods I](#) Fall Semesters 2018, 2019
 - [Applied Research Methods II](#) Spring Semesters 2019, 2020, 2021
- Teaching Assistant
 - Politics of Poverty (2x), Politics of Mexico, American Government 2015-2018

POLICY AND RESEARCH EMPLOYMENT

[Innovations for Peace and Development](#) 2015-Current
Graduate Research Fellow and Governance Team Leader Austin, Texas

- Leading a 30-50 person research team, with fieldwork in Honduras

[United States Agency for International Development \(USAID\)](#)

Consultant, Environmental Incentives 2021-Current
Washington, DC

- Conducting internal evidence review on decentralization in Liberia

Consultant, Cloudburst Consulting Group 2018-2019

- Authored evidence reviews on [governance](#) and [corruption/rule of law](#) for Armenia Landover, Maryland

[University of Texas at Austin](#)

Research Assistant, Professor Mike Findley 2016-2018, 2019, 2021
Austin, Texas

- Undertook fieldwork in Colombia for a USAID impact evaluation
- Performed conjoint analysis for USAID retrospective on impact evaluations

Research Assistant, Professor Catherine Weaver 2016
Austin, Texas

- Conducted research on foreign aid transparency

[World Bank](#)

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

- Contributed to Drivers of Corruption study
- 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

Consultant, Africa Region, Education Department 2012; 2013-2014

- Co-drafted implementation arrangements, implementation support plan, and institutional strengthening component for an education project in Togo Lomé, Togo and Washington, DC
- 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 inquiries about European Union (EU) policies and regulations

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Academic Journal and Book Reviewing

- *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Political and Military Sociology*, and *SAGE Publications*

Undergraduate Thesis Committees

2019-Current

- Three students in International Relations and Government (IRG)

Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin

2016-2018

- Methods Field & Workshop Group

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

During Ph.D. at the University of Texas at Austin

- Texas Politics Project (for Honduran audits/corruption project) 2021
- Graduate School Fellowship 2020
- Graduate School Professional Development Award 2020
- Ward Endowed Fellowship (for corruption experiment in Pakistan) 2019
- Summer Statistics Award 2018
- McDonald Fellowship (annual award) 2015-2019

Pre-Ph.D.

- 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

COMPUTER SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

Computer Skills

- Text Editing: \LaTeX , Markdown, Word, Google Docs
- Statistics, Spatial Data, and Surveys: R, Stata, ArcGIS, Qualtrics, Excel
- Databases and Version Control: GitHub, Git Bash, SAP, Business Warehouse/Analysis for Office

Languages

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

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Midwest Political Science Association

2019-Current

European Consortium for Political Research

2020-Current

- Member, Standing Group on (Anti-)Corruption and Integrity

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