

EDUCATION

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## University of Texas at Austin

2015-Current

*Ph.D., Government (Fields: Comparative Politics, Methods)*

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

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## External Validity: Practices and Principles

*Under Contract with Cambridge University Press* (with M. Findley & K. Kikuta)ACADEMIC ARTICLES AND SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

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## External Validity

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

## Do Natural Resources Really Cause Conflict? Evidence from a Global, Subnational, Georeferenced Database

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

## Measuring Corruption Using Governmental Audits: A New Framework and Dataset

- Conference: ECPR, 2020

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

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

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

- Conference: ECPR, 2020

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

(with T. Behmer, M. Piracha &amp; A. Tantravahi)

## Institutional Autonomy Versus Donor Strategic Interest in Multilateral Foreign Aid: A Re-Assessment

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

TEACHING

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## 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

- Teaching Assistant

◦ Politics of Poverty (2x), Politics of Mexico, American Government

2015-2018

## POLICY AND RESEARCH EMPLOYMENT

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<a href="#">Innovations for Peace and Development</a>	2015-Current
<i>Graduate Research Fellow and Governance Team Leader</i>	Austin, Texas
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Leading a 30-50 person research team, with fieldwork in Honduras</li></ul>	
<a href="#">Cloudburst Consulting Group (USAID Armenia Office Contract)</a>	2018-2019
<i>Consultant</i>	Landover, Maryland
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Co-authored evidence reviews on governance, anti-corruption, and the rule of law:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ 2019. <a href="#">USAID. Governance in Armenia</a></li><li>◦ 2019. <a href="#">USAID. Integrity Systems and the Rule of Law in Armenia</a></li></ul></li></ul>	
<a href="#">World Bank</a>	2013-2018
<i>Consultant, Anti-Corruption Policy Program (OPSPF)</i>	Washington, DC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contributed to Drivers of Corruption study<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Working Groups: Government Officials, Case Studies, Integrity Due Diligence</li></ul></li><li>• Co-drafted report for Senior Management summarizing corruption issues in 2016-2017 projects, providing statistical analysis, and proposing policy solutions</li><li>• Designed anti-corruption training for financial management and procurement staff</li></ul>	
<a href="#">University of Texas at Austin</a>	2016-2018, 2019, 2020
<i>Research Assistant, Professor Mike Findley</i>	Austin, Texas
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Undertook fieldwork in Colombia for a USAID impact evaluation</li></ul>	
<i>Research Assistant, Professor Catherine Weaver</i>	2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conducted research on foreign aid transparency</li></ul>	
<a href="#">World Bank</a>	2012; 2013-2014
<i>Consultant, Africa Region, Education Department</i>	Lomé, Togo and Washington, DC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Co-drafted implementation arrangements, implementation support plan, and institutional strengthening component for an education project in Togo</li><li>• Assisted with preparation for a Central African Republic project</li></ul>	
<i>Consultant, Operations Policy and Quality Department (OPSPQ)</i>	2010-2013; 2014
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Led team working on project-level data collection and analysis</li><li>• 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</li><li>• Reported to senior officials on lending, disbursements, project preparation, etc.</li></ul>	Washington, DC
<a href="#">Department of State, Consulate General of the United States</a>	2007
<i>Intern, Economic/Political Section</i>	Florence, Italy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Drafted reports on economics and politics for high-ranking officials</li></ul>	
<a href="#">European Union, Delegation to the United States</a>	2006
<i>Intern, Press and Public Diplomacy</i>	Washington, DC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Responded to inquiries about European Union (EU) policies and regulations</li></ul>	

## NON-DEGREE COURSEWORK AND TRAINING

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<a href="#">University of Texas at Austin, Summer Statistics Institute</a>	2016, 2017, 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Structural Equation Modeling, R for Industry, Intro to ArcGIS</li></ul>	Austin, Texas
<a href="#">Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)</a>	2010, 2012, 2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Econometrics, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Research Methods</li></ul>	Washington, DC

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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### Academic Journal Reviewing

- *Journal of Politics*

### 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

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

- 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

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### Computer Skills

- Text Editing: L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, 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

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### 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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