# Michael Denly

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## EDUCATION

**University of Texas at Austin** — 2015-Current
*Ph.D., Government (Fields: Comparative Politics, Methods)* — Austin, Texas
- <u>Thesis</u>: 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
- <u>Study Abroad</u>: 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 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

**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**

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

## 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

- Conducting internal evidence review on decentralization in Liberia — Washington, DC

*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

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

*Research Assistant, Professor Catherine Weaver* — 2016

- Conducted research on foreign aid transparency — Austin, Texas

**World Bank**

*Consultant, Anti-Corruption Policy Program (OPSPF)* — 2013-2018

- Contributed to Drivers of Corruption study — Washington, DC
- 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

- Led team working on project-level data collection and analysis — Washington, DC
- 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

## Academic Service

Academic Journal and Book Reviewing
- *Journal of Politics* 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
- 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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