

EDUCATION

- 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 (chair), 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 (2005); Università di Bologna, Italy (2005)

SELECTED RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

- External Validity
Invited to submit at Annual Review of Political Science (with M. Findley & K. Kikuta)
- Natural Resources and Civil Conflict: Evidence from a New, Georeferenced Dataset
Revise & Resubmit at Journal of Conflict Resolution (with M. Findley, J. Hall, A. Stravers & J. Walsh)
- When Do Politicians Follow Audit Recommendations to Reduce Corruption? Evidence from India
- Monitoring Corruption & Overcoming Collective Action Problems: Experimental Evidence from Pakistan
 (with T. Behmer, M. Piracha & A. Tantravahi)

POLICY AND RESEARCH EMPLOYMENT

- Innovations for Peace and Development** 2015-Current
Graduate Research Fellow and Governance Team Leader Austin, Texas
- Leading a 50-person research team, with fieldwork in Honduras
 - Giving workshops on L^AT_EX, Mendeley, Stata, R, ArcGIS, and Excel
- Cloudburst Consulting Group (USAID Armenia Office Contract)** 2018-2019
Consultant Landover, Maryland
- Co-authored evidence reviews on governance and integrity systems/rule of law:
 - USAID. 2019. "[Governance in Armenia: An Evidence Review](#)."
 (with M. Findley, J. Gerring & R. Wellhausen)
 - USAID. 2019. "[Integrity Systems and the Rule of Law in Armenia: An Evidence Review](#)."
 (with M. Findley, V. Rejepov & R. Wellhausen)
- 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 <i>Research Assistant, Professor Mike Findley</i>	2016-2018, 2019 Austin, Texas
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	
<i>Research Assistant, Professor Catherine Weaver</i>	2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conducted research on aid transparency	
World Bank <i>Consultant, Africa Region, Education Department</i>	2012; 2013-2014 Lomé, Togo and Washington, DC
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	
<i>Consultant, Operations Policy and Quality Department (OPSPQ)</i>	2010-2013; 2014 Washington, DC
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 <i>Intern, Economic/Political Section</i>	2007 Florence, Italy
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drafted reports on economics and politics for high-ranking officials	
European Union, Delegation to the United States <i>Intern, Press and Public Diplomacy</i>	2006 Washington, DC
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Responded to inquiries about European Union (EU) policies and regulations	

TEACHING

University of Texas at Austin	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Instructor<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Data Science for the Social World◦ Applied Research Methods I◦ Applied Research Methods II• Teaching Assistant<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Politics of Poverty◦ American Government◦ Politics of Mexico	Summer Semester 2020 Fall Semesters 2018, 2019 Spring Semesters 2019, 2020 Spring Semesters 2017, 2018 Fall Semester 2017 Fall Semester 2015

NON-DEGREE COURSEWORK AND TRAINING

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

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Ward Endowed Fellowship (for corruption project in Pakistan), University of Texas at Austin	2019
Summer Statistics Award (for summer 2018), University of Texas at Austin	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

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Natural Resources and Civil Conflict: Evidence from a New, Georeferenced Dataset
- APSA, Aug. 2018; MPSA, Apr. 2019 (with M. Findley, J. Hall, A. Stravers & J. Walsh)
- Institutional Autonomy Versus Donor Strategic Interest in Multilateral Foreign Aid: A Re-Assessment
- UT Government Department IR Speaker Series, Oct. 2019; Texas Triangle IR Conference, Jan. 2020
- Poverty, Party Alignment, and Reducing Corruption through Modernization: Evidence from Guatemala
- TX Comparative Politics Circle, Jan. 2020; Academia against Corruption in the Americas, May 2020
- Subnational Public Goods Provision from Natural Resource Income: Evidence from Two New Datasets
- MPSA, April 2020 (with J. Hall) [cancelled due to COVID-19]
- Measuring Corruption Using Governmental Audits: Strategies and Pitfalls
- European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference, Aug. 2020

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- Reviewer for: *Journal of Politics*
- Government Department Methods Group, University of Texas at Austin 2016-2018
- Second reviewer for 3 undergraduate theses in International Relations and Government (IRG) 2020

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, Git Bash, SAP, Business Warehouse/Analysis for Office

LANGUAGES

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

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