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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)

ACADEMIC ARTICLES AND SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

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

Party Alignment and the Corruption-Reducing Effects of Lower Poverty and Violence: Evidence from Mexico
- Conference: ECPR, 2020

Poverty, Party Alignment, and Reducing Corruption through Modernization (with A. Gautam)
- Conferences: TX Comparative Politics Circle, 2020; Academia against Corruption in the Americas, 2020

Monitoring Corruption and Overcoming the Collective Action Problem: Experimental Evidence from Pakistan
(with T. Behmer, M. Piracha & A. Tantravahi)

Institutional Autonomy Versus Donor Strategic Interest in Multilateral Foreign Aid: A Re-Assessment
- Conferences: UT IR Speaker Series, 2019; Texas Triangle IR Conference, 2020

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
- 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

Cloudburst Consulting Group (USAID Armenia Office Contract)   2018-2019
Consultant   Landover, Maryland
- Co-authored evidence reviews on governance, anti-corruption, and the rule of law:
  - 2019. USAID. Governance in Armenia
  - 2019. USAID. Integrity Systems and the Rule of Law in Armenia

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

University of Texas at Austin   2016-2018, 2019, 2020
Research Assistant, Professor Mike Findley   Austin, Texas
- Undertook fieldwork in Colombia for a USAID impact evaluation

Research Assistant, Professor Catherine Weaver   2016
- Conducted research on foreign aid transparency

World Bank   2012; 2013-2014
Consultant, Africa Region, Education Department   Lomé, Togo and
- Co-drafted implementation arrangements, implementation support plan, and   Washington, DC
  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
- 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

Non-Degree Coursework and Training

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

Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)   2010, 2012, 2013
- Econometrics, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Research Methods   Washington, DC

Academic Service

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

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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