

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, 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

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)

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
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
Lomé, Togo and Washington, DC

- 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

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* 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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