

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)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

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

- Conferences: TX Comparative Politics Circle, 2020; Academia against Corruption in the Americas, 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 & 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 <i>Graduate Research Fellow and Governance Team Leader</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leading a 30-50 person research team, with fieldwork in Honduras	2015-Current Austin, Texas
Cloudburst Consulting Group (USAID Armenia Office Contract) <i>Consultant</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Co-authored evidence reviews on governance, anti-corruption, and the rule of law:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ 2019. USAID. Governance in Armenia◦ 2019. USAID. Integrity Systems and the Rule of Law in Armenia	2018-2019 Landover, Maryland
World Bank <i>Consultant, Anti-Corruption Policy Program (OPSPF)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contributed to Drivers of Corruption study<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ 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	2013-2018 Washington, DC
University of Texas at Austin <i>Research Assistant, Professor Mike Findley</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Undertook fieldwork in Colombia for a USAID impact evaluation <i>Research Assistant, Professor Catherine Weaver</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conducted research on foreign aid transparency	2016-2018, 2019, 2020 Austin, Texas 2016
World Bank <i>Consultant, Africa Region, Education Department</i> <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> <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.	2012; 2013-2014 Lomé, Togo and Washington, DC 2010-2013; 2014 Washington, DC
Department of State, Consulate General of the United States <i>Intern, Economic/Political Section</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drafted reports on economics and politics for high-ranking officials	2007 Florence, Italy
European Union, Delegation to the United States <i>Intern, Press and Public Diplomacy</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Responded to inquiries about European Union (EU) policies and regulations	2006 Washington, DC

NON-DEGREE COURSEWORK AND TRAINING

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