

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

SELECTED ACADEMIC WORK 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)

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

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:
 - [Governance in Armenia: An Evidence Review](#)
 - [Integrity Systems and the Rule of Law in Armenia: An Evidence Review](#)

POLICY AND RESEARCH EMPLOYMENT (CONTINUED)

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

Research Assistant, Professor Mike Findley

Austin, Texas

- Performed research on conflict, governance, and natural resources
- Undertook fieldwork in Colombia for a USAID impact evaluation

Research Assistant, Professor Catherine Weaver

2016

- Conducted research on aid transparency

World Bank

2012; 2013-2014

Consultant, Africa Region, Education Department

Lomé, Togo and

- 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

- 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.

Washington, DC

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

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, 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)

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