

EDUCATION

- [University of Texas at Austin](#) 2021 (expected)
Ph.D., Government 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](#) 2015
Dual M.A., Development Management and Policy Washington, DC/Buenos Aires, Argentina
- [Maastricht University, Graduate School of Governance](#) 2008
M.Sc., Public Policy and Human Development Maastricht, Netherlands
- [University of Denver](#) 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

- [Do Natural Resources Really Cause Civil Conflict? Evidence from the New Global Resources Dataset](#)
Forthcoming at Journal of Conflict Resolution (with M. Findley, J. Hall, A. Stravers, & J. Walsh)
- [External Validity](#)
Annual Review of Political Science 24:365–93. 2021. (with M. Findley & K. Kikuta)
- [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

- [Preventing the Negative Externalities of Development: Aid Compliance, State Capacity, and At-Risk Groups](#)
 - Conference: APSA, 2021
- [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](#)

TEACHING

University of Texas at Austin

- Instructor
 - [Data Science for the Social World](#) Summer Semesters 2020, 2021
 - [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

- Conducting internal evidence review on decentralization in Liberia Washington, DC

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

- Undertook fieldwork in Colombia for a USAID impact evaluation Austin, Texas
- Performed conjoint analysis for USAID retrospective on impact evaluations

Research Assistant, Professor Catherine Weaver 2016

- Conducted research on foreign aid transparency Austin, Texas

[World Bank](#)

Consultant, Anti-Corruption Policy Program (OPSPF) 2013-2018

- Contributed to Drivers of Corruption study Washington, DC
- 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

- Co-drafted implementation arrangements, implementation support plan, and institutional strengthening component for an education project in Togo Lomé, Togo and Washington, DC
- 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 inquiries about European Union (EU) policies and regulations

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Academic Journal and Book Reviewing

- *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Political and Military Sociology*, 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

- Texas Politics Project (for Honduran audits/corruption project) 2021
- 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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