

## EDUCATION

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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

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External Validity: Practices and Principles

*Under Contract with Cambridge University Press* (with M. Findley & K. Kikuta)

## PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES AND WORKING PAPERS

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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

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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

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### 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

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[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

- 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  
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

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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

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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

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Computer Skills

- Text Editing:  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , 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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