

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

[Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse](#)
Postdoctoral Research Fellow

2022 -
Toulouse, France

EDUCATION

[University of Texas at Austin](#)
Ph.D., Government

2022
Austin, Texas

- Committee: Mike Findley (chair), John Gerring, Ken Greene, Xiaobo Lü, Dan Nielson & Jan Pierskalla

[Georgetown University/Universidad Nacional de San Martín](#)
Dual M.A., Development Management and Policy

2015
Washington, DC/Buenos Aires, Argentina

[Maastricht University, Graduate School of Governance](#)
M.Sc., Public Policy and Human Development

2008
Maastricht, Netherlands

[University of Denver](#)

B.A., International Studies (major); French and Italian (minors)

2006
Denver, Colorado

- Study Abroad: Université de Lausanne, Switzerland; Università di Bologna, Italy

BOOK

[External Validity for Social Inquiry](#)

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

ARTICLES

[Do Natural Resources Really Cause Civil Conflict? Evidence from the New Global Resources Dataset](#)

Journal of Conflict Resolution 2022. 66(3):387-412 (with M. Findley, J. Hall, A. Stravers & J. Walsh)

[External Validity](#)

Annual Review of Political Science 2021. 24:365–393 (with M. Findley & K. Kikuta)

WORKING PAPERS

[Institutional Autonomy and Donor Strategic Interest in Multilateral Foreign Aid: Rules vs. Influence](#)

- Conferences: PEIO, 2021; Texas Triangle IR Conference, 2020

[Poverty, Party Alignment, and Reducing Corruption through Modernization: Evidence from Guatemala](#)
(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

WORKS IN PROGRESS

[Aid, Institutions, and the Potential of Anti-Corruption](#)

- Conference: MPSA, 2022

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

- Conference: APSA, 2021

[Monitoring Corruption and Overcoming the Collective Action Problem: Experimental Evidence from Pakistan](#)
(with T. Behmer, M. Piracha & A. Tantravahi) [In-person data collection paused due to COVID-19]

TEACHING AND MENTORING

University of Texas at Austin

Austin, Texas

Instructor

- Applied Research Methods I
- Applied Research Methods II
- Data Science for the Social World

Fall Semesters 2018, 2019, 2021
Spring Semesters 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
Summer Semesters 2020, 2021

Teaching Assistant

- Politics of Poverty, Mexican Politics, American Government

2015-2018

Innovations for Peace and Development

Austin, Texas

Research Fellow (Governance Team Leader)

2015 - 2022

- Led a 20-30 person research team each semester
- Conducted fieldwork in Honduras
- Mentored students on independent research projects

POLICY ENGAGEMENT

Inter-American Development Bank

2021-Current

Consultant, Infrastructure and Energy

Washington, DC

- Writing review paper on the effects of natural resources on development outcomes

United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

Consultant, Environmental Incentives

2021

- Conducted evidence review on decentralization and taxation in Liberia

Washington, DC

Consultant, Cloudburst Consulting Group

2018-2019

- Authored evidence reviews on [governance](#) and [corruption/rule of law](#) for Armenia

Landover, Maryland

Research Assistant, Professor Mike Findley

2016, 2021

- Undertook fieldwork in Colombia and assisted with two USAID impact evaluations

Austin, Texas

World Bank

Consultant, Anti-Corruption Policy Program (OPSPF)

2013-2018

- Contributed to the Drivers of Corruption study and design of anti-corruption training
- Co-drafted report for Senior Management summarizing corruption issues in 2016-2017 projects, providing statistical analysis, and proposing policy solutions

Washington, DC

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
- Assisted with preparation for a Central African Republic project

Lomé, Togo and
Washington, DC

Consultant, Operations Policy and Quality Department (OPSPQ)

2010-2013; 2014

- Led team working on project-level data collection and related 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

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

INVITED TALKS

- “What Is Corruption, and How Is It Measured?” 2021, 2022
- Columbia University, New York, USA (virtual)
- “Working in an International Organization.” 2020
- Fundação Getulio Vargas (FGV), Sao Paolo, Brazil (virtual)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Journal Peer Reviews

- *Economics of Transition and Institutional Change, Global Studies Quarterly, Journal of Political and Military Sociology, Journal of Politics, Research and Politics, Review of International Organizations*

Book Peer Reviews

- *Cambridge University Press* and *SAGE Publications* 2019-2021

Undergraduate Thesis Committees

- Three students 2016-2018

Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin

- 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

- Statistics, Spatial Data, and Surveys: R, **Stata**, ArcGIS, Qualtrics, Excel
- Text Editing: L^AT_EX, Word, Google Docs
- Databases and Version Control: GitHub, Git Bash, SAP, Business Warehouse/Analysis for Office
- Website design: HTML, CSS, Markdown

Languages

- English (Native)
- French (Fluent): Attended French-speaking primary school; worked two summers in France.
- Spanish (Fluent): Completed Master's degree in Argentina; speak Spanish every day at home.
- Italian (Advanced): Studied and worked in Italy.
- Dutch (Very basic and declining): Studied one year in the Netherlands.

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