

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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

2022 -  
Toulouse, France

## EDUCATION

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[University of Texas at Austin](#)

*Ph.D., Government*

2022

Austin, Texas

- Thesis: Poverty, Party Alignment, and Reducing Corruption through Modernization
  - 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

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[External Validity for Social Inquiry](#)

*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](#)

*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)

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

*Submitted*

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

[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

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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[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

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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, 2021
  - [Applied Research Methods II](#) Spring Semesters 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
- Teaching Assistant
  - Politics of Poverty, Mexican Politics, American Government 2015-2018

## POLICY AND RESEARCH EMPLOYMENT

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### Inter-American Development Bank

2021-Current  
Washington, DC

#### *Consultant*

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

### Innovations for Peace and Development

2015-2022

#### *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

- 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

### University of Texas at Austin

#### *Research Assistant, Professor Mike Findley*

2016-2018, 2019, 2021

- Undertook fieldwork in Colombia and assisted with USAID impact evaluations

Austin, Texas

#### *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 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

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- “Measuring Corruption Using Governmental Audits: A New Framework and Dataset.” 2022
- State Secretariat for Economic Affairs, Bern, Switzerland (scheduled)
- “What Is Corruption, and How Is It Measured?” 2021
- Columbia University, New York, USA (virtual)

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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- Academic Journal and Book Reviewing
- *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Political and Military Sociology*, *Review of International Organizations*, and *SAGE Publications*
- Undergraduate Thesis Committees 2019-2021
- Three students
- 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
- Statistics, Spatial Data, and Surveys: R, Stata, ArcGIS, Qualtrics, Excel
  - Text Editing: L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, 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), Spanish (Fluent), Italian (Advanced), Dutch (Basic)

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