

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

[Texas A&M University, Bush School of Government and Public Service](#)

College Station, Texas

Assistant Professor

2023-present

Executive Director, Lab for Economic Development Research

2024-present

[Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse](#)

Toulouse, France

Postdoctoral Research Fellow

2022-2023

EDUCATION

[University of Texas at Austin](#)

Austin, Texas

Ph.D., Government

2022

[Georgetown University/Universidad Nacional de San Martín](#)

Washington, DC/Buenos Aires, Argentina

Dual M.A., Development Management and Policy

2015

[Maastricht University, Graduate School of Governance](#)

Maastricht, Netherlands

M.Sc., Public Policy and Human Development

2008

[University of Denver](#)

Denver, Colorado

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

2006

- 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)

- APSA Lijphart/Przeworski/Verba Award Honorable Mention

[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; ECPR Joint Sessions

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

- Conferences: Academia against Corruption in the Americas; Texas Comparative Politics Circle

[Measuring Corruption Using Governmental Audits: A New Framework and Dataset](#)

- Conference: ECPR

WORKS IN PROGRESS

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

- Conferences: MPSA; ISA

[Preventing the Negative Externalities of Development: Aid Compliance, Incomplete Contracts, and State Capacity](#)

- Conferences: APSA; ISA; ECPR Joint Sessions

[Monitoring Corruption and Overcoming the Collective Action Problem \(with T. Behmer\)](#)

- Conference: FreeHS

TEACHING AND MENTORING

Texas A&M University

College Station, Texas

Instructor of Record

- Foreign Aid
- Quantitative Methods for Public Management I

Spring 2024

Fall 2023, Spring 2024

University of Texas at Austin

Austin, Texas

Instructor of Record

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

Fall 2018, 2019, 2021

Spring 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022

Summer 2020, 2021

Teaching Assistant

- Politics of Poverty, Mexican Politics, American Government

2015-2018

Innovations for Peace and Development

Austin, Texas

Faculty Affiliate and Research Fellow (Governance Team Leader)

2015-present

- Led a 20-30 person research team each semester

POLICY ENGAGEMENT

Inter-American Development Bank

Washington, DC

Consultant, Infrastructure and Energy

2021-present

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

United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

Consultant, Environmental Incentives

Washington, DC

- Conducted evidence review on decentralization and taxation in Liberia

2021

Consultant, Cloudburst Consulting Group

Landover, Maryland

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

2018-2019

Research Assistant, Professor Mike Findley

Austin, Texas

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

2016, 2021

World Bank

Consultant, Anti-Corruption Policy Program (OPSPF)

Washington, DC

- 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

2013-2018

Consultant, Africa Region, Education Department

Lomé, Togo and

- Designed implementation arrangements for a project in Togo
- Assisted with preparation for a Central African Republic project

Washington, DC

2012; 2013-2014

Consultant, Operations Policy and Quality Department

Washington, DC

- Led team working on project-level data collection and related analysis
- Designed and implemented a new methodology to track the World Bank's work on climate change

2010-2013; 2014

Department of State, Consulate General of the United States

Florence, Italy

Intern, Economic/Political Section

2007

- Drafted reports on economics and politics for high-ranking officials

European Union, Delegation to the United States

Washington, DC

Intern, Press and Public Diplomacy

2006

- Responded to inquiries about European Union (EU) policies and regulations

INVITED TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

Stanford, Swiss Secretariat of Economics, University of Haifa—Israel, IMEBESS/ISEG—Lisbon	2023
Columbia University	2021 & 2022
Fundação Getúlio Vargas—Sao Paolo, Brazil	2020

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Journal Peer Reviews

- *American Journal of Political Science*, *Cogent Social Sciences*, *Economics of Transition and Institutional Change*, *Global Studies Quarterly*, *Humanities and Social Science Communications*, *Journal of Political and Military Sociology*, *Journal of Politics*, *Politics*, *Public Choice*, *Research & Politics*, *Review of International Organizations*, and *World Development*

Book Peer Reviews

- *Cambridge University Press* and *SAGE Publications*

Conference Organization

- IAST/TSE External Validity Conference 2023

Undergraduate Thesis Committees

- Three students 2019-2021

Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin

- Methods Field & Workshop Group 2016-2018

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Post-Ph.D.

- Scrowcroft Faculty Research Award Grant (\$2,500) 2024
- Starting grant for TAMU Lab for Economic Development Research (\$12,300) 2023
- APSA Lijphart/Przeworski/Verba Dataset Award Honorable Mention 2023
- IAST/TSE External Validity Conference Grant (€30,000) 2022

During Ph.D. at the University of Texas at Austin

- Texas Politics Project (for Honduran audits/corruption project, \$1,500) 2021
- Graduate School Fellowship (\$10,000) 2020
- Graduate School Professional Development Awards (\$400) 2020
- Ward Endowed Fellowship (\$3,000) 2019
- Summer Statistics Award 2018

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, \$3,000), University of Denver 2006
- Outstanding Italian Student Award (best student at university), University of Denver 2006

COMPUTER SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

Computer Skills

- ArcGIS, Business Warehouse/Analysis for Office, CSS, Excel, Git Bash, GitHub, Google Suite, HTML, \LaTeX , Markdown, PowerPoint, QGIS, Qualtrics, R, SAP, Stata, Word

Foreign Languages

- French (Fluent): Attended French-speaking primary school; lived in France and Switzerland.
- 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.