

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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

2022 -
Toulouse, France

EDUCATION

[University of Texas at Austin](#)

2022

Ph.D., Government

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](#)

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 for Social Inquiry](#)

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](#)

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

[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

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

Inter-American Development Bank

Consultant

2021-Current
Washington, DC

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

Innovations for Peace and Development

Graduate Research Fellow and Governance Team Leader

2015-2022
Austin, Texas

- Leading a 30-50 person research team, with fieldwork in Honduras

United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

Consultant, Environmental Incentives

2021
Washington, DC

- Conducted evidence review on decentralization and taxation 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 and assisted with USAID 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 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

Consultant, Africa Region, Education Department

2012; 2013-2014
Lomé, Togo and
Washington, DC

- 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

Consultant, Operations Policy and Quality Department (OPSPQ)

2010-2013; 2014
Washington, DC

- 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

Department of State, Consulate General of the United States

Intern, Economic/Political Section

2007
Florence, Italy

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

European Union, Delegation to the United States

Intern, Press and Public Diplomacy

2006
Washington, DC

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

INVITED TALKS

- “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

Journal Peer Reviews

- *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Political and Military Sociology*, *Review of International Organizations*

Book Peer Reviews

- *Cambridge University Press* 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

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), Spanish (Fluent), Italian (Advanced), Dutch (Basic)

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