

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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Texas A&M University, Bush School of Government and Public Service  
*Assistant Professor*

College Station, Texas  
2023-present

Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse  
*Postdoctoral Research Fellow*

Toulouse, France  
2022-2023

## EDUCATION

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University of Texas at Austin  
*Ph.D., Government*

Austin, Texas  
2022

Georgetown University/Universidad Nacional de San Martín  
*Dual M.A., Development Management and Policy*

Washington, DC/Buenos Aires, Argentina  
2015

Maastricht University, Graduate School of Governance  
*M.Sc., Public Policy and Human Development*

Maastricht, Netherlands  
2008

University of Denver  
*B.A., International Studies (major); French and Italian (minors)*

Denver, Colorado  
2006

- 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)

## ARTICLES

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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)

- 2023 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

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

- Conferences: PEIO, 2021; ECPR Joint Sessions, 2023

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

- 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](#)

- Conferences: MPSA, 2022; ISA, 2023

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

- Conferences: APSA, 2021; ISA, 2023; ECPR Joint Sessions, 2023

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

- Conference: FreeHS, 2022

## TEACHING AND MENTORING

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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

*Faculty Affiliate*

2015 - 2022

*Research Fellow (Governance Team Leader)*

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

## POLICY ENGAGEMENT

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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 projects, providing statistical analysis, and proposing policy solutions

2013-2018

*Consultant, Africa Region, Education Department*

Lomé, Togo and

- 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

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, 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

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

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Stanford (scheduled), University of Haifa—Israel, IMEBESS/ISEG—Lisbon	2023
Columbia University	2021 & 2022
Fundação Getúlio Vargas—Sao Paolo, Brazil	2020

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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### Journal Peer Reviews

- *Cogent Social Sciences, 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, 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

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### Post-Ph.D.

- 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 (for corruption experiment in Pakistan, \$3,000) 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, \$3,000), 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

- ArcGIS, Business Warehouse/Analysis for Office, CSS, Excel, Git Bash, GitHub, Google Suite, HTML, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Markdown, PowerPoint, QGIS, Qualtrics, R, SAP, Stata, Word

### Languages

- English (Native)
- 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.