

## EDUCATION

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- [University of Texas at Austin](#) 2022 (expected)  
*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

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- [External Validity: Practices and Principles](#)  
*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](#)  
*Forthcoming at Journal of Conflict Resolution* (with M. Findley, J. Hall, A. Stravers & J. Walsh)
- [External Validity](#)  
*Annual Review of Political Science* 2021. 24:365–93 (with M. Findley & K. Kikuta)
- [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
- [Institutional Autonomy and Donor Strategic Interest in Multilateral Foreign Aid: Rules vs. Influence](#)  
• Conferences: PEIO, 2021; Texas Triangle IR Conference, 2020
- [Preventing the Negative Externalities of Development: Aid Compliance, State Capacity, and At-Risk Groups](#)  
• Conference: APSA, 2021

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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- [Aid, Institutions, and the Potential of Anti-Corruption](#)
- [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]
- [Party Alignment and the Corruption-Reducing Effects of Lower Poverty and Violence: Evidence from Mexico](#)  
• Conference: MPSA, 2021; ECPR, 2020
- [Explaining Subnational Public Goods Provision from Natural Resources Income: Regimes and Urban Bias](#)  
(with J. Hall)  
• Conference: MPSA, 2021

## 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
- Teaching Assistant
  - Politics of Poverty (2x), Politics of Mexico, American Government 2015-2018

## POLICY AND RESEARCH EMPLOYMENT

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[Innovations for Peace and Development](#) 2015-Current  
*Graduate Research Fellow and Governance Team Leader* Austin, Texas

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

[Inter-American Development Bank](#) 2021-Current  
*Consultant* Washington, DC

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

[United States Agency for International Development \(USAID\)](#) 2021  
*Consultant, Environmental Incentives* Washington, DC

- Conducted evidence review on decentralization and taxation in Liberia

*Consultant, Cloudburst Consulting Group* 2018-2019  
Landover, Maryland

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

[University of Texas at Austin](#)  
*Research Assistant, Professor Mike Findley* 2016-2018, 2019, 2021

- 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

- Contributed to the Drivers of Corruption study and design of anti-corruption training Washington, DC
- 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

- Co-drafted implementation arrangements, implementation support plan, and institutional strengthening component for an education project in Togo Lomé, Togo and Washington, DC
- 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](#) 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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- “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-Current

- Three students in International Relations and Government (IRG)

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 (Fluent), Dutch (Basic)

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