

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 (LEDR)

2024-present

[Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse \(IAST\), Toulouse School of Economics](#)

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](#)

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

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

2021

- Conducted evidence review on decentralization and taxation in Liberia

Consultant, Cloudburst Consulting Group

Landover, Maryland

2018-2019

- Authored evidence reviews on governance and corruption/rule of law for Armenia

Research Assistant, Professor Mike Findley

Austin, Texas

2016, 2021

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

[World Bank](#)

Consultant, Anti-Corruption Policy Program (OPSPF)

Washington, DC

2013-2018

- Designed anti-corruption studies, training, and policies

Consultant, Africa Region, Education Department

Lomé, Togo and Washington, DC

2012; 2013-2014

- Contributed to projects in Togo and Central African Republic

Consultant, Operations Policy and Quality Department

Washington, DC

2010-2013; 2014

- Led team working on project-level data collection and related analysis

- Designed a new methodology to track the World Bank's work on climate change

[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

2006

Intern, Press and Public Diplomacy

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

BOOK

[External Validity for Social Inquiry](#)

Under Contract with Cambridge University Press (with M. Findley & K. Kikuta)

ACADEMIC 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)

POLICY AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

[A Report on Corruption and Cooptation in Autocracy: Evidence from Russia](#)

*denotes student co-author

Institute for Replication Discussion Paper (260) 2025. (with B. Helms)

[Comment: The PhD Pipeline Initiative Works](#)

Institute for Replication Discussion Paper (152) 2024. (with M. De La Cruz* & S. Abi-Hassan)

[Integrity Systems and the Rule of Law in Armenia](#)

USAID 2020. (with M. Findley, V. Rejepov* & R. Wellhausen)

[Governance in Armenia](#)

USAID 2019. (with M. Findley, J. Gerring & R. Wellhausen)

[Spoiler Alert: Combatant Fragmentation and the Colombian Peace Process](#)

Political Violence at a Glance 2016. (with M. Findley & A. Ponce de León Calero*)

SOFTWARE

R package: [DAGassist](#) (downloads: 571)

Comprehensive R Network Archive (with G. Goff*)

WORKING PAPERS

[Bureaucratic Autonomy and Donor Strategic Interest in Multilateral Foreign Aid](#)

- Conferences: PEIO; ECPR Joint Sessions; Texas Triangle

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

- Conference: ECPR

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

- Conferences: APSA; ISA; ECPR Joint Sessions

[DAGassist: Aligning Estimands, Identification, and Conclusions](#) (with G. Goff*)

- Conference: Causal Data Science Meeting

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

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

WORKS IN PROGRESS

[Explaining Subnational Public Goods Provision from Natural Resources Income](#)

- Conference: MPSA

[Natural Resources and Development: Evidence from Latin America and the Caribbean](#) (with L. Balza)

- Study Commissioned by the Inter-American Development Bank

[Inaccessibility and Compliance: Is There a Streetlight Effect in Foreign Aid?](#) (with B. Gottfried*)

TEACHING

Texas A&M University	College Station, Texas
<i>Instructor of Record</i>	
• Foreign Aid	Spring 2024
• Quantitative Methods for Public Management I	Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024
• Quantitative Methods for Public Management II	Spring 2025
University of Texas at Austin	Austin, Texas
<i>Instructor of Record</i>	
• Applied Research Methods I	Fall 2018, 2019, 2021
• Applied Research Methods II	Spring 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
• Data Science for the Social World	Summer 2020, 2021
<i>Teaching Assistant</i>	
• Politics of Poverty, Mexican Politics, American Government	2015-2018

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Book Peer Reviews	
• Cambridge University Press and SAGE Publications	
Journal Peer Reviews	
• American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Cogent Social Sciences, Economics of Transition and Institutional Change, Empirica, Global Studies Quarterly, Humanities and Social Science Communications, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution (2), Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Experimental Political Science, Journal of Political and Military Sociology, Journal of Politics (3), Politics, Public Choice, Public Integrity, Research & Politics, Review of International Organizations (3), Studies in Comparative International Development, and World Development	
Conference Organization	
• Replication Games at Texas A&M, Institute for Replication	2025
• IAST/TSE External Validity Conference	2023
Committees	
• Member, Master's Admissions Committee, Texas A&M	2023-present
• Member, Assessment Committee, Texas A&M	2023-present
• Member, Methods Professor Search Committee, Texas A&M	2024
• Methods Field & Workshop Group, UT Austin	2016-2018
Student Supervision	
• 1 PhD Dissertation Committee (Hongbi Choi, Texas A&M)	2025-present
• 7 MA students, Texas A&M	2023-present
• Advisor, International Development and Economics Student Association, Texas A&M	2024-present
• 2 BA thesis committees, UT Austin	2019-2021

CONFERENCES

Causal Data Science Meeting	2025
Political Economy of International Organizations (PEIO); Society for Political Methodology (PolMeth)	2024
European Consortium for Pol. Research (ECPR) Joint Sessions; International Studies Association (ISA)	2023
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA); French Society for Evolutionary Human Sciences	2022
American Political Science Association (APSA) annual conference; PEIO; MPSC	2021
ECPR General Conference; Academia against Corruption in the Americas; Texas Triangle	2020

INVITED TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

Texas Tech (scheduled)	2026
Japan External Trade Organization; UT Austin; Columbia; Rice	2025
US Institute of Peace; Oxford; Columbia; Villanova; University of Houston	2024
Stanford; Barcelona GSE; SECO—Switzerland; University of Haifa; ISEG—Lisbon	2023
Columbia	2022
Columbia	2021
Fundação Getúlio Vargas (FGV)—Sao Paolo, Brazil	2020

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Post-Ph.D.

- Grants for the Lab for Economic Development Research, Texas A&M (\$9,000) 2025
- Scowcroft Faculty Research Award Grant, Texas A&M (\$2,500) 2024
- 3 Starting grants for Lab for Economic Development Research, Texas A&M (\$40,100) 2024
- Scowcroft Faculty Research Award Grant, Texas A&M (\$2,500) 2023
- APSA Lijphart/Przeworski/Verba Dataset Award Honorable Mention 2023
- IAST/TSE External Validity Conference Grant (€30,000) 2023

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

- Texas Politics Project (for Honduran audits/corruption project, \$1,500) 2022
- Graduate School Fellowship (\$10,000) 2021
- Professional Development Award (\$400) 2020
- Summer Statistics Award 2019
- Ward Endowed Fellowship (\$3,000) 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

- Statistics/Spatial: ArcGIS, Excel, R, Stata
- Text: L^AT_EX, Markdown, Quarto
- Websites: CSS, Git Bash, GitHub, HTML
- Enterprise: Analysis for Office, Google Suite

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

- French (Fluent): French primary school
- Spanish (Fluent): Speak Spanish at home
- Italian (Advanced): Studied and worked in Italy
- Dutch (Very basic): Studied in Netherlands

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society for Political Methodology (2024-present)

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