

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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

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

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)

- 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

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

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

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

2022-present

Research Fellow (Governance Team Leader)

2015-2022

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

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 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

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

ACADEMIC SERVICE

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

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

Computer Skills

- ArcGIS, Business Warehouse/Analysis for Office, CSS, Excel, Git Bash, GitHub, Google Suite, HTML, L^AT_EX, 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.