

EDUCATION

- 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

- External Validity: Practices and Principles
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
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

- 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

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

[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
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](#) 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

- “What Is Corruption, and How Is It Measured?” 2021
- Columbia University, New York, USA (virtual)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

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

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 (Fluent), Dutch (Basic)

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