

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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Texas A&M University, Bush School of Government and Public Service	College Station, Texas
<i>Assistant Professor</i>	2023-present
<i>Executive Director, Lab for Economic Development Research (LEDR)</i>	2024-present
Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse (Toulouse School of Economics)	Toulouse, France
<i>Postdoctoral Research Fellow</i>	2022-2023

## EDUCATION

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University of Texas at Austin	Austin, Texas
<i>Ph.D., Government</i>	2022
Georgetown University/Universidad Nacional de San Martín	Washington, DC/Buenos Aires, Argentina
<i>Dual M.A., Development Management and Policy</i>	2015
Maastricht University	Maastricht, Netherlands
<i>M.Sc., Public Policy and Human Development</i>	2008
University of Denver	Denver, Colorado
<i>B.A., International Studies (major); French and Italian (minors)</i>	2006
• <u>Study Abroad</u> : Université de Lausanne, Switzerland; Università di Bologna, Italy	

## BOOK

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External Validity for Social Inquiry
<i>Under Contract with Cambridge University Press</i> (with M. Findley & K. Kikuta)

## ARTICLES

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Do Natural Resources Really Cause Civil Conflict? Evidence from the New Global Resources Dataset
<i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i> 2022. 66(3): 387-412 (with M. Findley, J. Hall, A. Stravers & J. Walsh)
• APSA Lijphart/Przeworski/Verba Award Honorable Mention
External Validity
<i>Annual Review of Political Science</i> 2021. 24: 365-393 (with M. Findley & K. Kikuta)

## WORKING PAPERS

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Bureaucratic Autonomy and Donor Strategic Interest in Multilateral Foreign Aid: Rules vs. Influence
• Revise & Resubmit at <i>Review of International Organizations</i>
Poverty, Party Alignment, and Reducing Corruption through Modernization: Evidence from Guatemala
• Conferences: Academia against Corruption in the Americas; Texas Comparative Politics Circle
Measuring Corruption Using Governmental Audits: A New Framework and Dataset
• Conference: ECPR

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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Aid, Institutions, and the Potential of Anti-Corruption
• Conferences: MPSA; ISA; PEIO
Preventing the Negative Externalities of Development: Aid Compliance, Incomplete Contracts, and State Capacity
• Conferences: APSA; ISA; ECPR Joint Sessions
Monitoring Corruption and Overcoming the Collective Action Problem (with T. Behmer)
• Conference: FreeHS

## TEACHING AND MENTORING

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### Texas A&M University

College Station, Texas

#### *Instructor of Record*

- Foreign Aid
- Quantitative Methods for Public Management I

Spring 2024

Fall 2023, Spring 2024

### University of Texas at Austin

Austin, Texas

#### *Instructor of Record*

- Applied Research Methods I
- Applied Research Methods II
- Data Science for the Social World

Fall 2018, 2019, 2021

Spring 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022

Summer 2020, 2021

#### *Teaching Assistant*

- Politics of Poverty, Mexican Politics, American Government

2015-2018

### Innovations for Peace and Development

Austin, Texas

#### *Faculty Affiliate and Research Fellow (Governance Team Leader)*

2015-present

- Led a 20-30 person research team each semester

## 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

2013-2018

#### *Consultant, Africa Region, Education Department*

Lomé, Togo and

- Designed implementation arrangements for a 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 and implemented a new methodology to track the World Bank's work on climate change

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 AND WORKSHOPS

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Oxford; Columbia University; Villanova (scheduled); US Institute of Peace (scheduled)	2024
Stanford; Barcelona GSE; SECO—Switzerland; University of Haifa; ISEG—Lisbon	2023
Columbia University	2021 & 2022
Fundação Getúlio Vargas—Sao Paolo, Brazil	2020

## CONFERENCES

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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); PEIO; MPSA	2021
ECPR General Conference; Academia against Corruption in the Americas	2020

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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### Journal Peer Reviews

- *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Cogent Social Sciences*, *Economics of Transition and Institutional Change*, *Global Studies Quarterly*, *Humanities and Social Science Communications*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Political and Military Sociology*, *Journal of Politics*, *Politics*, *Public Choice*, *Research & Politics*, *Review of International Organizations*, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, and *World Development*

### Book Peer Reviews

- *Cambridge University Press* and *SAGE Publications*

### Conference Organization

- IAST/TSE External Validity Conference 2023

### Search Committees

- Tenure-track methods position, Texas A&M 2024

### Student Supervision

- Five MA students, Texas A&M 2023-present
- Three undergraduate thesis committees, UT Austin 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.

- Scrowcroft Faculty Research Award Grant (\$2,500) 2024
- Starting grant for TAMU Lab for Economic Development Research (\$12,300) 2023
- 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) & Professional Development Award (\$400) 2020
- Ward Endowed Fellowship (\$3,000) & Summer Statistics Award 2018 & 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

### Foreign Languages

- 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.

## ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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Society for Political Methodology (2024-present)

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