

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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 (IAST), Toulouse School of Economics	Toulouse, France
<i>Postdoctoral Research Fellow</i>	2022-2023

EDUCATION

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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Study Abroad</u>: Université de Lausanne, Switzerland; Università di Bologna, Italy 	

POLICY ENGAGEMENT

Inter-American Development Bank	Washington, DC
<i>Consultant, Infrastructure and Energy</i>	2021-present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing review paper on the effects of natural resources on development outcomes 	
United States Agency for International Development (USAID)	
<i>Consultant, Environmental Incentives</i>	Washington, DC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducted evidence review on decentralization and taxation in Liberia 	
<i>Consultant, Cloudburst Consulting Group</i>	Landover, Maryland
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authored evidence reviews on governance and corruption/rule of law for Armenia 	
<i>Research Assistant, Professor Mike Findley</i>	Austin, Texas
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertook fieldwork in Colombia and assisted with two USAID impact evaluations 	
World Bank	
<i>Consultant, Anti-Corruption Policy Program (OPSPF)</i>	Washington, DC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designed anti-corruption studies, training, and policies 	
<i>Consultant, Africa Region, Education Department</i>	Lomé, Togo and Washington, DC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributed to projects in Togo and Central African Republic 	
<i>Consultant, Operations Policy and Quality Department</i>	Washington, DC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<i>Intern, Economic/Political Section</i>	2007
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drafted reports on economics and politics for high-ranking officials 	
European Union, Delegation to the United States	Washington, DC
<i>Intern, Press and Public Diplomacy</i>	2006
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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](#)

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

*denotes student co-author

[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

Instructor of Record

- 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

Instructor of Record

- 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

Teaching Assistant

- 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; MPSA 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
• Scrowcroft 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
• Scrowcroft 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: \LaTeX , 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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