

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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Texas A&M University, Bush School of Government and Public Service	2023-
Assistant Professor	College Station, Texas
Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse	2022-2023
Postdoctoral Research Fellow	Toulouse, France

## EDUCATION

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University of Texas at Austin	2022
Ph.D., Government	Austin, Texas
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

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External Validity for Social Inquiry
Under Contract with <b>Cambridge University Press</b> (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)
External Validity
<i>Annual Review of Political Science</i> 2021. 24:365-393 (with M. Findley & K. Kikuta)

## WORKING PAPERS

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Institutional Autonomy and Donor Strategic Interest in Multilateral Foreign Aid: Rules vs. Influence
• Conferences: PEIO, 2021; Texas Triangle IR Conference, 2020
Poverty, Party Alignment, and Reducing Corruption through Modernization: Evidence from Guatemala
(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

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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Aid, Institutions, and the Potential of Anti-Corruption
• Conference: MPSA, 2022
Preventing the Negative Externalities of Development: Aid Compliance, State Capacity, and At-Risk Groups
• Conference: APSA, 2021
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]

## TEACHING AND MENTORING

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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

*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

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[Inter-American Development Bank](#)

2021-Current

*Consultant, Infrastructure and Energy*

Washington, DC

- Writing review paper on the effects of natural resources on development outcomes

[United States Agency for International Development \(USAID\)](#)

*Consultant, Environmental Incentives*

2021

- Conducted evidence review on decentralization and taxation in Liberia

Washington, DC

*Consultant, Cloudburst Consulting Group*

2018-2019

- Authored evidence reviews on [governance](#) and [corruption/rule of law](#) for Armenia

Landover, Maryland

*Research Assistant, Professor Mike Findley*

2016, 2021

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

Austin, Texas

[World Bank](#)

*Consultant, Anti-Corruption Policy Program (OPSPF)*

2013-2018

- 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

Washington, DC

*Consultant, Africa Region, Education Department*

2012; 2013-2014

- 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

Lomé, Togo and  
Washington, DC

*Consultant, Operations Policy and Quality Department (OPSPQ)*

2010-2013; 2014

- 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

Washington, DC

[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

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- “What Is Corruption, and How Is It Measured?” 2021, 2022
- Columbia University, New York, USA (virtual)
- “Working in an International Organization.” 2020
- Fundação Getulio Vargas (FGV), Sao Paolo, Brazil (virtual)

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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### 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, and Review of International Organizations*

### Book Peer Reviews

- *Cambridge University Press and SAGE Publications*

### Undergraduate Thesis Committees

- Three students

### Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin

- Methods Field & Workshop Group

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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### 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

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### Computer Skills

- Statistics, Spatial Data, and Surveys: R, Stata, ArcGIS, Qualtrics, Excel
- Text Editing: L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, 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): Attended French-speaking primary school; worked two summers in France.
- 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.

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