

EDUCATION

- [University of Texas at Austin](#) 2015-Current
Ph.D., Government (Fields: Comparative Politics, Methods) Austin, Texas
- Thesis: Poverty, Party Alignment, and Reducing Corruption through Modernization
 - Committee: Mike Findley, John Gerring, Ken Greene, Xiaobo Lü, and Jan Pierskalla
- [Georgetown University/Universidad Nacional de San Martín](#) 2013-2015
Dual M.A., Development Management and Policy Washington, DC/Buenos Aires, Argentina
- [Maastricht University, Graduate School of Governance](#) 2007-2008
M.Sc., Public Policy and Human Development Maastricht, Netherlands
- [University of Denver](#) 2002-2006
B.A., International Studies (major); French and Italian (minors) Denver, Colorado
- Study Abroad: Université de Lausanne, Switzerland; Università di Bologna, Italy

SELECTED ACADEMIC WORK IN PROGRESS

- [External Validity](#)
*Invited to submit at **Annual Review of Political Science** (with M. Findley & K. Kikuta)*
- [Natural Resources and Civil Conflict: Evidence from a New, Georeferenced Dataset](#)
*Revise & Resubmit at **Journal of Conflict Resolution** (with M. Findley, J. Hall, A. Stravers & J. Walsh)*
- [Measuring Corruption Using Governmental Audits: A New Framework and Dataset](#)
 - Conference: ECPR, 2020
- [Poverty, Party Alignment, and Reducing Corruption through Modernization \(with A. Gautam\)](#)
 - Conferences: TX Comparative Politics Circle, 2020; Academia against Corruption in the Americas, 2020
- [Institutional Autonomy Versus Donor Strategic Interest in Multilateral Foreign Aid: A Re-Assessment](#)
 - Conferences: UT IR Speaker Series, 2019; Texas Triangle IR Conference, 2020

TEACHING

- [University of Texas at Austin](#)
- Instructor
 - [Data Science for the Social World](#) Summer Semester 2020
 - [Applied Research Methods I](#) Fall Semesters 2018, 2019
 - [Applied Research Methods II](#) Spring Semesters 2019, 2020
 - 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
- [Cloudburst Consulting Group \(USAID Armenia Office Contract\)](#) 2018-2019
Consultant Landover, Maryland
- Co-authored evidence reviews on governance, anti-corruption, and the rule of law:
 - 2019. USAID. [Governance in Armenia](#)
 - 2019. USAID. [Integrity Systems and the Rule of Law in Armenia](#)

POLICY AND RESEARCH EMPLOYMENT (CONTINUED)

World Bank	2013-2018
<i>Consultant, Anti-Corruption Policy Program (OPSPF)</i>	Washington, DC
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contributed to Drivers of Corruption study<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Working Groups: Government Officials, Case Studies, Integrity Due Diligence• Co-drafted report for Senior Management summarizing corruption issues in 2016-2017 projects, providing statistical analysis, and proposing policy solutions• Designed anti-corruption training for financial management and procurement staff	
University of Texas at Austin	2016-2018, 2019
<i>Research Assistant, Professor Mike Findley</i>	Austin, Texas
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Performed research on conflict, governance, and natural resources• Undertook fieldwork in Colombia for a USAID impact evaluation	
<i>Research Assistant, Professor Catherine Weaver</i>	2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conducted research on aid transparency	
World Bank	2012; 2013-2014
<i>Consultant, Africa Region, Education Department</i>	Lomé, Togo and Washington, DC
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	
<i>Consultant, Operations Policy and Quality Department (OPSPQ)</i>	2010-2013; 2014
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Led team working on project-level data collection and 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• Reported to senior officials on lending, disbursements, project preparation, etc.	Washington, DC
Department of State, Consulate General of the United States	2007
<i>Intern, Economic/Political Section</i>	Florence, Italy
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drafted reports on economics and politics for high-ranking officials	
European Union, Delegation to the United States	2006
<i>Intern, Press and Public Diplomacy</i>	Washington, DC
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Responded to inquiries about European Union (EU) policies and regulations	

NON-DEGREE COURSEWORK AND TRAINING

University of Texas at Austin, Summer Statistics Institute	2016, 2017, 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Structural Equation Modeling, R for Industry, Intro to ArcGIS	Austin, Texas
Johns Hopkins, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)	2010, 2012, 2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Econometrics, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Research Methods	Washington, DC

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Academic Journal Reviewing	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Journal of Politics</i>	
Undergraduate Thesis Committees	2019-Current
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Three students in International Relations and Government (IRG)	
Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin	2016-2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Methods Field & Workshop Group	

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

During Ph.D. at the University of Texas at Austin

- 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

- Text Editing: \LaTeX , Markdown, Word, Google Docs
- Statistics, Spatial Data, and Surveys: R, **Stata**, ArcGIS, Qualtrics, Excel
- Databases and Version Control: GitHub, Git Bash, SAP, Business Warehouse/Analysis for Office

Languages

- English (Native), French (Fluent), Spanish (Fluent), Italian (Fluent), Dutch (Basic)

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