

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</i>	2024-present
Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse (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, Graduate School of Governance	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	

BOOK

[External Validity for Social Inquiry](#)
Under Contract with Cambridge University Press (with M. Findley & K. Kikuta)

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)

WORKING PAPERS

[Bureaucratic Autonomy and Donor Strategic Interest in Multilateral Foreign Aid: Rules vs. Influence](#)

- Conferences: PEIO; ECPR Joint Sessions

[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

[Aid, Institutions, and the Potential of Anti-Corruption](#)

- Conferences: MPSA; ISA

[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

Texas A&M University	College Station, Texas
<i>Instructor of Record</i>	
• Foreign Aid	Spring 2024
• Quantitative Methods for Public Management I	Fall 2023, Spring 2024
University of Texas at Austin	Austin, Texas
<i>Instructor of Record</i>	
• 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
<i>Teaching Assistant</i>	
• Politics of Poverty, Mexican Politics, American Government	2015-2018
Innovations for Peace and Development	Austin, Texas
<i>Faculty Affiliate and Research Fellow (Governance Team Leader)</i>	2015-present
• Led a 20-30 person research team each semester	

POLICY ENGAGEMENT

Inter-American Development Bank	Washington, DC
<i>Consultant, Infrastructure and Energy</i>	2021-present
• 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
• Conducted evidence review on decentralization and taxation in Liberia	2021
<i>Consultant, Cloudburst Consulting Group</i>	Landover, Maryland
• Authored evidence reviews on governance and corruption/rule of law for Armenia	2018-2019
<i>Research Assistant, Professor Mike Findley</i>	Austin, Texas
• Undertook fieldwork in Colombia and assisted with two USAID impact evaluations	2016, 2021
World Bank	
<i>Consultant, Anti-Corruption Policy Program (OPSPF)</i>	Washington, DC
• Contributed to the Drivers of Corruption study and design of anti-corruption training	2013-2018
• Co-drafted report for Senior Management summarizing corruption issues in 2016-2017	
<i>Consultant, Africa Region, Education Department</i>	Lomé, Togo and Washington, DC
• Designed implementation arrangements for a project in Togo	2012; 2013-2014
• Assisted with preparation for a Central African Republic project	
<i>Consultant, Operations Policy and Quality Department</i>	Washington, DC
• Led team working on project-level data collection and related analysis	2010-2013; 2014
• Designed and implemented 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
• 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
• Responded to inquiries about European Union (EU) policies and regulations	

INVITED TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

Oxford (scheduled)	2024
Stanford, Swiss Secretariat of Economics, University of Haifa—Israel, IMEBESS/ISEG—Lisbon	2023
Columbia University	2021 & 2022
Fundação Getúlio Vargas—Sao Paolo, Brazil	2020

ACADEMIC SERVICE

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 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

Undergraduate Thesis Committees

- Three students 2019-2021

Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin

- Methods Field & Workshop Group 2016-2018

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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

Computer Skills

- ArcGIS, Business Warehouse/Analysis for Office, CSS, Excel, Git Bash, GitHub, Google Suite, HTML, L^AT_EX, 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.
- Dutch (Very basic and declining): Studied one year in the Netherlands.