

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 (chair), 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 (2005); Università di Bologna, Italy (2005)

RESEARCH

“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)

“Poverty, Party Alignment, and Reducing Corruption through Modernization: Evidence from Guatemala.”
 (with A. Gautam)

“Monitoring Corruption and Overcoming the Collective Action Problem.” (with M. Piracha & A. Tantravahi)

“External Validity: Practices and Principles.” (with M. Findley & K. Kikuta)

POLICY AND RESEARCH EMPLOYMENT

Innovations for Peace and Development 2015-Current
Graduate Research Fellow and Governance Team Leader Austin, Texas

- Leading a 50-person research team, with fieldwork in Honduras
- Giving workshops on L^AT_EX, Mendeley, Stata, R, ArcGIS, and Excel

Cloudburst Consulting Group (USAID Armenia Office Contract) 2018-2019
Consultant Landover, Maryland

- Completed evidence reviews on governance and integrity systems/rule of law:
 - USAID. 2019. “[Governance in Armenia: An Evidence Review](#).”
 (with M. Findley, J. Gerring & R. Wellhausen)
 - USAID. 2019. “[Integrity Systems and the Rule of Law in Armenia: An Evidence Review](#).”
 (with M. Findley, V. Rejepov & R. Wellhausen)

World Bank 2013-2018
Consultant, Anti-Corruption Policy Program (OPSPF) Washington, DC

- Contributed to Drivers of Corruption study
 - 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

POLICY AND RESEARCH EMPLOYMENT (CONTINUED)

University of Texas at Austin <i>Research Assistant, Professor Mike Findley</i>	2016-2018, 2019 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• Researched statistical methods on external validity for Professor Findley's book	
<i>Research Assistant, Professor Catherine Weaver</i>	2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conducted research on aid transparency	
World Bank <i>Consultant, Africa Region, Education Department</i>	2012; 2013-2014 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 Washington, DC
<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.	
Department of State, Consulate General of the United States <i>Intern, Economic/Political Section</i>	2007 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 <i>Intern, Press and Public Diplomacy</i>	2006 Washington, DC
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Responded to inquiries about European Union (EU) policies and regulations	

TEACHING

University of Texas at Austin	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sole Instructor (Own Class)<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Applied Research Methods I◦ Applied Research Methods II• Teaching Assistant<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Politics of Poverty◦ American Government◦ Politics of Mexico	Fall Semesters 2018, 2019 Spring Semesters 2019, 2020 Spring Semesters 2017, 2018 Fall Semester 2017 Fall Semester 2015

NON-DEGREE COURSEWORK AND TRAINING

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

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Ward Endowed Fellowship (for corruption project in Pakistan), University of Texas at Austin	2019
Summer Statistics Award (for summer 2018), University of Texas at Austin	2018
McDonald Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin (annual award)	2015-Current
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

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Reviewer for: <i>Journal of Politics</i>	
Government Department Methods Group, University of Texas at Austin	2016-2018
Second reviewer for two undergraduate theses	2020

COMPUTER SKILLS

Text Editing: \LaTeX , Markdown, Word, Google Docs
Statistics, Spatial Data, and Surveys: R, Stata, ArcGIS, Qualtrics, Excel
Presentation: Beamer, PowerPoint, beautiful.ai
Databases and Version Control: GitHub, SAP, Business Warehouse/Analysis for Office

LANGUAGES

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

FIELDWORK AND INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE (EXCLUDING LEISURE TRAVEL)

• Argentina	2013-2014
• Colombia	2016
• Costa Rica	2004
• France	2004, 2005
• Germany	2010
• Honduras	2016
• Italy	2006, 2007
• The Netherlands	2007-2008
• Spain	2006
• Switzerland	2005
• Togo	2013

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