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Research interests	Comparative politics and political economy of development, governance, corruption, education. Causal inference. Qualitative fieldwork. Regional focus on Latin America and Latin Europe.	
Academic appointments	Vanderbilt University – Nashville, TN Assistant Professor of Political Science	starting August 2020
Affiliations	Harvard Ash Center, Democracy Visiting Fellow MIT GOV/LAB, Research Affiliate Universidade de São Paulo, Visiting Researcher Fundação Getúlio Vargas (São Paulo), Visiting Researcher Fundação Getúlio Vargas (Rio de Janeiro), Visiting Research Scholar	2019 - 2020 2016 - present January 2018 - January 2019 February 2018 - January 2019 January - March 2017
Education	Massachusetts Institute of Technology, PhD in Political Science ▪ Fields: Political Economy and Methods ▪ Lucian Pye Award for Outstanding Doctoral Thesis University of Oxford, MPhil in Politics (Comparative Government), <i>Distinction</i> Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Masters in Immigration and Refuge, <i>Distinction</i> Sciences Po Paris, International Program Diploma Universidad Complutense, <i>Licenciatura</i> in Political Science & Public Administration	2014 - 2020 2009 - 2011 2008 - 2009 2006 - 2007 2004 - 2009
Book project	<i>The political logics of patronage: Uses and abuses of government jobs in Brazil</i>	
Papers	“Competence versus priorities: Negative electoral responses to education quality in Brazil” (with Taylor Boas and F. Daniel Hidalgo). <i>Conditionally Accepted at The Journal of Politics</i> “The benefits of patronage: How the political appointment of bureaucrats can enhance their accountability and effectiveness” “Political bureaucratic cycles: How politicians’ responses to electoral incentives and anti-corruption policies disrupt the bureaucracy and public service delivery around elections” “Information, oversight, and compliance: A field experiment on horizontal accountability in Brazil” “Turnover: How electoral accountability disrupts the bureaucracy and service delivery” “Franchise reforms in the age of migration: Why do governments give voting rights to non-citizens?” “The electoral consequences of EU voting rights: Evidence from Spain.” (with Jeremy Ferwerda)	
Policy reports	“Information and Accountability: Evidence Syntheses of Within-Government and Citizen-Government Accountability Pathways” (with Lily Tsai, Benjamin Morse, and Varja Lipovsek). Transparency and Accountability Initiative (2019).	

“Taxation and Accountability in Developing Countries” (with Lily Tsai, Blair Read, and Varja Lipovsek). Transparency and Accountability Initiative (2018).

Effects of international standards on accountability behaviors (with Lily Tsai, Benjamin Morse, and Varja Lipovsek). Transparency and Accountability Initiative (2018).

Chapters in books

In *Great Teachers: How to Raise Student Learning in Latin America and the Caribbean*, edited by Barbara Bruns and Javier Luque, World Bank (2015).

- “Recruiting better teachers” (with Barbara Bruns, Javier Luque, David Evans, and Soledad de Gregorio), pages 139 – 178.
- “Grooming great teachers” (with Barbara Bruns, Javier Luque, David Evans, Noah Yarrow, and Soledad de Gregorio), pages 179 – 222.

Teaching experience

Massachusetts Institute of Technology – Cambridge, MA
 Teaching Assistant, Machine Learning & Data Science in Politics (undergraduate) Spring 2020
 Teaching Assistant, Making Public Policy (undergraduate) Fall 2019
 Co-Instructor, Political Science Laboratory (undergraduate) Spring 2019
 Teaching Assistant, Quantitative Methods I (graduate) Fall 2017

Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte – Natal, Brazil
 Instructor, Experimental & Quasi-Experimental Evaluation of Public Policy June 2019

IPSA-USP Summer School in Methods in Political Science, Public Policy and IR – São Paulo
 Teaching Fellow, Advanced Quantitative Methods for Public Policy Analysis January 2019

Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) – Cambridge, MA
 Teaching Assistant, Course on Randomized Evaluation of Social Programs June 2017

Other training

MIT Kaufman Teaching Certificate Program – Cambridge, MA Spring 2019
 Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research – Syracuse, NY June 2017
 J-PAL Certificate in Public Policy Impact Evaluation & Surveys – Santiago, Chile April 2013

Grants, fellowships & awards

European University Institute Max Weber Fellowship (declined)	2020 - 2022
New York University Abu Dhabi Postdoctoral Research Fellowship (declined)	2020 - 2022
University of Notre Dame, Kellogg Institute Visting Fellowship (declined)	2020 - 2021
MIT Department of Political Science Lucian Pye Award for Outstanding Thesis	2020
Program on Governance and Local Development Short-Term Research Grant	2019
NSF & Society for Political Methodology Annual Meeting Grant	2019
Center for International Studies Summer Study Fellowship	2019
MIT GOV/LAB Dissertation Grant	2018
Lemann Foundation Fellowship	2016 - 2018
MIT International Science and Technology Initiatives research grant	2016
MIT Department of Political Science PhD Fellowship	2015 - 2020
MIT Presidential Fellowship	2014 - 2015
St Cross College (Oxford University) Travel and Research Grant	2010
La Caixa Foundation Fellowship for masters in the UK	2009 - 2011
Spanish National Research Council Introduction to Research Fellowship	Summer 2008
European Union & Spanish Government Erasmus-Socrates Fellowship	2006 - 2007
Madrid Regional Government Fellowship for Outstanding Students	2004 - 2006

Academic service	Referee	Economics & Politics (2019), Latin American Research Review (2019)	
	Co-organizer	MIT Latin American Working Group	2016 - 2018
	Co-organizer	MIT GOV/LAB Political Behavior of Development Conference	2017
	Discussant	MIT GOV/LAB Political Behavior of Development Conference	2018, 2017
	Discussant	Brown-Harvard-MIT South Asian Politics seminar	2017
Invited talks	2020: Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM, Mexico City, scheduled)		
	2019: Yale-NUS College (Singapore); Rutgers University (Newark, NJ); Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE, Mexico City); Vanderbilt University (Nashville, TN); Tecnológico de Monterrey (TEC, Monterrey, Mexico); Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte (UFRN, Natal, Brazil)		
Selected conference presentations	APSA (American Political Science Association) Annual Meeting		2019, 2018
	MPSA (Midwest Political Science Association) Annual Conference		2019, 2016, 2015
	LASA (Latin American Studies Association) Congress		2019, 2018
	NEWEPS (Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science) Fall Meeting		2019
	PolMeth (Society for Political Methodology) Annual Meeting		2019
	REPAL (Latin American Political Economy Network) Annual Meeting		2019
	SeLAB (Southeast Latin American Behavior Consortium) Conference		2017
Professional experience	World Bank , Education Sector, Latin America Region – Washington, DC		
	Consultant (full time)		December 2013 - June 2014
	Junior Professional Associate		July 2011 - July 2013
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worked in the preparation, negotiation and supervision of education projects in Costa Rica, Chile, Peru, Colombia, Brazil, Mexico and Guyana. This contributed to the approval of 3 loans (US\$265 million) and progress of 9 projects (investments totaling US\$2.3 billion). Worked on evidence-based recommendations for the Government of Chile to reform its student aid programs and quality assurance system for higher education. 		
IT skills	R, Stata, \LaTeX , ArcGIS, HTML, CSS, Qualtrics, QSR NVivo, JAGS		
Languages	Spanish	native (grew up in Spain)	
	English	fluent (TOEFL iBT 120/120; lived 2 years in the UK and 7+ years in the USA)	
	French	fluent (DALF C2; lived 1 year in France)	
	Portuguese	fluent (lived 1.5 years in Brazil)	
References	Ben Ross Schneider , Ford International Professor of Political Science at MIT		✉ brs@mit.edu
	Lily Tsai , Ford Professor of Political Science at MIT		✉ l_tsai@mit.edu
	F. Daniel Hidalgo , Associate Professor of Political Science at MIT		✉ dhidalgo@mit.edu

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