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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	2020 - present
Affiliations	MIT GOV/LAB , Research Affiliate Harvard Ash Center , Democracy Visiting Fellow Universidade de São Paulo , Visiting Researcher Fundação Getúlio Vargas (São Paulo), Visiting Researcher Fundação Getúlio Vargas (Rio de Janeiro), Visiting Research Scholar	2020 - present 2019 - 2020 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 Refugee, <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>Journal of Politics</i> , forthcoming “The benefits of patronage: How the political appointment of bureaucrats can enhance their accountability and effectiveness” “Turnover: How electoral accountability disrupts the bureaucracy and service delivery” “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” “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). Translated into [Spanish](#) and [Portuguese](#).

- “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

[Vanderbilt University](#) – Nashville, TN
Instructor, Political Economy of Corruption (undergraduate) Fall 2020

[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	Peer reviewer <i>Perspectives on Politics</i> , <i>Latin American Research Review</i> , <i>Economics & Politics</i> , <i>Legislative Studies Quarterly</i>	
	Co-organizer MIT Latin American Working Group	2016 - 2018
	MIT GOV/LAB Political Behavior of Development Conference	2017
	Discussant American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2020
	MIT GOV/LAB Political Behavior of Development Conference	2018, 2017
	Brown-Harvard-MIT South Asian Politics seminar	2017
	Panel chair Southern Workshop in Empirical Political Science (SoWEPS)	2020
Invited talks	2020: Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM, Mexico City)	
	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	2020, 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) 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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