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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 (tenure track) | 2020 - present |
| Affiliations | Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions , Faculty Affiliate 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 | 2021 - present 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> | |
| Peer-reviewed articles | “Competence versus Priorities: Negative Electoral Responses to Education Quality in Brazil” (with Taylor Boas and F. Daniel Hidalgo). <i>Journal of Politics</i> , forthcoming. “Immigrant Organizations as Civil Society: A Three-Dimensional Analysis” (in Spanish). <i>Revista Española de Investigaciones Sociológicas</i> 132: 105 - 130 (2010). | |
| Peer-reviewed chapters | In <i>Great Teachers: How to Raise Student Learning in Latin America and the Caribbean</i> , 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. | |
| 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).

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| Papers | "Turnover: How electoral accountability disrupts the bureaucracy and service delivery" | |
| | "The benefits of patronage: How the political appointment of bureaucrats can enhance their accountability and effectiveness" | |
| | "Political bureaucratic cycles: Public employment and service delivery around elections in Brazil" | |
| | "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) | |
| In progress | <i>The political economy of oversight: Prosecutors and the control of corruption in Brazil</i> | |
| Teaching experience | Vanderbilt University – Nashville, TN | |
| | Instructor, Politics of Bureaucracies (graduate) | Spring 2021 |
| | Instructor, Political Economy of Development (undergraduate) | Spring 2021 |
| | 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 | European University Institute Max Weber Fellowship (declined) | 2020 - 2022 |
| | New York University Abu Dhabi Postdoctoral Fellowship (declined) | 2020 - 2022 |
| | Kellogg Institute (U. of Notre Dame) Visiting Fellowship (declined) | 2020 - 2021 |
| | 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 |

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| | 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 Government Seneca Fellowship (declined) | 2007 - 2008 |
| | 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 |
| Awards | MIT Department of Political Science Lucian Pye Award for Outstanding Thesis | 2020 |
| | World Bank's Human Development Department Knowledge Sharing Award | 2013 |
| Academic service | Reviewer <i>Economics & Politics, Journal of Politics, Latin American Research Review, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Perspectives on Politics, Revista Internacional de Sociología, Studies in Comparative International Development, World Development</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 | 2021 (scheduled): Northwestern University; University of Gothenburg; WZB (Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung) | |
| | 2020: ITAM (Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México) | |
| | 2019: Yale-NUS College; Rutgers University; CIDE (Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas); NYUAD (New York University Abu Dhabi); Vanderbilt University; Tecnológico de Monterrey; UFRN (Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte) | |
| 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, L ^A T _E X, ArcGIS, HTML, CSS, Qualtrics, QSR NVivo, JAGS | |

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| 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 | | |