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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 Southern Europe.

Academic appointments

Vanderbilt University – Nashville, TN Assistant Professor of Political Science (tenure track)

2020 - present

Affiliations

Center for Latin American Studies (Vanderbilt), Faculty Affiliate

Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions (Vanderbilt), Faculty Affiliate

MIT GOV/LAB, Faculty Affiliate

Harvard Ash Center, Democracy Visiting Fellow

Universidade de São Paulo, Visiting Researcher

Fundação Getúlio Vargas (São Paulo), Visiting Researcher

2021 - present
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Non-academic employment

World Bank, Education Sector, Latin America Region - Washington, DC

Consultant December 2013 - June 2014
Junior Professional Associate July 2011 - July 2013

Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, PhD in Political Science

2014 - 2020

■ Fields: Political Economy and Methods

University of Oxford, MPhil in Politics (Comparative Government), Distinction 20

2009 - 2011

Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Masters in Immigration and Refuge, Distinction 2008 - 2009

Sciences Po Paris, International Program Diploma

2006 - 2007

Universidad Complutense, Licenciatura in Political Science & Public Administration 2004 - 2009

Book project

The political logics of patronage: Uses and abuses of government jobs in Brazil

- * Harold D. Lasswell Award for "the best doctoral dissertation in the field of public policy," American Political Science Association
- * Honorable Mention, Sérgio Buarque de Holanda Prize for Best Dissertation in Social Sciences, Latin American Studies Association's Brazil section
- * Lucian Pye Award for Outstanding Doctoral Thesis, MIT Department of Political Science

Peer-reviewed articles

"Competence versus Priorities: Negative Electoral Responses to Education Quality in Brazil" (with Taylor Boas and F. Daniel Hidalgo). *Journal of Politics*, forthcoming.

"Immigrant Organizations as Civil Society: A Three-Dimensional Analysis" (in Spanish). Revista Española de Investigaciones Sociológicas 132: 105 - 130 (2010).

Papers under review

"Turnover: How electoral accountability disrupts the bureaucracy and service delivery." Invited to revise and resubmit, *American Political Science Review*.

* Media coverage: BBC News Brasil, Globo G1, MIT News

"The benefits of patronage: How political appointments can enhance bureaucratic accountability and effectiveness." Under review.

* Best Paper Award, REPAL (Network for the Study of Latin America's Political Economy)

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.

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).

Working papers

"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 noncitizens?"

In progress

The political economy of oversight: Prosecutors and the control of corruption in Brazil

Selection and careers of elite civil servants in Spain (with Pablo Fernández Vázquez and Víctor Lapuente)

Bureaucratic politics: New insights from the United States and the developing world (with Sarah Brierley, Kenneth Lowande and Rachel Potter). Invited contribution for Annual Review of Political Science.

Teaching experience

Vanderbilt University – Nashville, TN

Instructor, Political Economy of Corruption (undergraduate)	Fall 2021, Fall 2020
Instructor, Political Economy of Development (undergraduate)	Spring 2021
Instructor, Politics of Bureaucracies (graduate)	Spring 2021

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	Institute for (n Teaching Certificate Program – Cambridge, MA Qualitative and Multi-Method Research – Syracuse, NY cate in Public Policy Impact Evaluation & Surveys – Santiago, Chile	Spring 2019 June 2017 April 2013
Grants & fellowships	Vanderbilt Se Vanderbilt Ju European Un New York Un Kellogg Instit Program on O NSF & Socie Center for Ins	stry of Science Research Grant (with P. Fernández & V. Lapuente) eeding Success Grant unior Faculty Teaching Fellowship iversity Institute Max Weber Fellowship (declined) niversity Abu Dhabi Postdoctoral Fellowship (declined) tute (University of Notre Dame) Visting Fellowship (declined) Governance and Local Development Short-Term Research Grant ty for Political Methodology Annual Meeting Grant ternational Studies Summer Study Fellowship	2021 - 2023 2021 - 2022 2021 - 2022 2020 - 2022 2020 - 2021 2019 2019 2019
	•	AB Dissertation Grant tin American Behavior Consortium Travel Award	2018 2017
		ndation Fellowship	2017
		ional Science and Technology Initiatives research grant	2016
		nent of Political Science PhD Fellowship	2015 - 2020
		ntial Fellowship	2014 - 2015
		ege (Oxford University) Travel and Research Grant	2010 2009 - 2011
		Indation Fellowship for masters in the UK ernment Seneca Fellowship (declined)	2009 - 2011
	•		Summer 2008
		ion & Spanish Government Erasmus-Socrates Fellowship	2006 - 2007
	Madrid Regio	onal Government Fellowship for Outstanding Students	2004 - 2006
Awards	Harold D. La Honorable M	award, REPAL (Network for the Study of Latin America's Political Edsswell Award for best dissertation in the field of public policy, APSA ention, Prize for Best Dissertation in Social Sciences, LASA Brazil Saward for Outstanding Thesis, MIT Department of Political Science	2021
Academic	Reviewer	American Journal of Political Science, Economics & Politics, Institu	uto de
service	reviewer	Pesquisa Econômica Aplicada, Journal of Politics, Latin American	
		Review, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Perspectives on Politics, Rev	rista
		Internacional de Sociología, Studies in Comparative International D Urban Affairs Review, World Development	Pevelopment,
	Co-organizer	MIT Latin American Working Group	2016 - 2018
	D:	MIT GOV/LAB Political Behavior of Development Conference Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference	2017
	Discussant	American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2021 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
	Committee	Admissions and Awards Committee, Center for Latin American Stu	dies 2021
Invited		an Centre, University of Oxford	2021*
talks		hool of Government, University of Oxford	2021*
(* scheduled)	•	tuto Carlos III-Juan March)	2021*
	•	nschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung), IPI seminar , School of Global and Public Affairs	2021 2021
		Gothenburg, Quality of Government Institute	2021
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	Northwestern University, Comparative Politics Workshop			2021	
	ITAM (Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México), Department of Political Science		2020		
	Yale-NÙS Co	ollege, Division of Social Sciences		2019	
	Rutgers Univ	versity, School of Public Affairs and Administration		2019	
	CIDE (Centr	CIDE (Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas), Public Administration Division			
	NYUAD (Ne	w York University Abu Dhabi), Social Science Division	on	2019	
	Vanderbilt U	niversity, Department of Political Science		2019	
	Tecnológico	Tecnológico de Monterrey, Department of Political Science and International Relations			
	UFRN (Univ	ersidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte)		2019	
Selected	APSA (Ame	rican Political Science Association)	2021*, 2020, 2019	9, 2018	
conference	MPSA (Midwest Political Science Association) 2021, 2019, 20				
presentations	LASA (Latin American Studies Association) 2019,				
(* scheduled)	REPAL (Net	work for the Study of Latin America's Political Econ	omy) 2021	., 2019	
	EPSA (Euro	pean Political Science Association)		2021	
	MWEPS (M	idwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science)		2021	
	`	Iortheast Workshop in Empirical Political Science)		2019	
	`	PolMeth (Society for Political Methodology)			
	SeLAB (Sou	theast Latin American Behavior Consortium)		2017	
IT skills	R, Stata, LAT	X, ArcGIS, HTML, CSS, Qualtrics, QSR NVivo, JA	GS		
Languages	Spanish	native (grew up in Spain)			
Languages	English	\- \ \ \- \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \			
	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 □ Lsai@mit.edu				
	F. Daniel Hi	dalgo, Associate Professor of Political Science at MI	Γ ⊠ dhidalgo@r	nit.edu	

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