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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 2021 - present 2020 - present 2019 - 2020 January 2018 - January 2019 February 2018 - January 2019
Non-academic employment	World Bank , Education Sector, Latin America Region – Washington, DC Consultant Junior Professional Associate	 December 2013 - June 2014 July 2011 - July 2013
Education	Massachusetts Institute of Technology , PhD in Political Science ▪ Fields: Political Economy and Methods 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> ★ 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). <i>Journal of Politics</i> 83.4: 1417 - 1431 (2021). “Immigrant Organizations as Civil Society: A Three-Dimensional Analysis” (in Spanish). <i>Revista Española de Investigaciones Sociológicas</i> 132: 105 - 130 (2010).	
Papers under review	“Turnover: How electoral accountability disrupts the bureaucracy and service delivery.” Revised and resubmitted to <i>American Political Science Review</i> . ★ 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	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ “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	<p>“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).</p> <p>“Taxation and Accountability in Developing Countries” (with Lily Tsai, Blair Read, and Varja Lipovsek). Transparency and Accountability Initiative (2018).</p> <p>“Effects of international standards on accountability behaviors” (with Lily Tsai, Benjamin Morse, and Varja Lipovsek). Transparency and Accountability Initiative (2018).</p>																				
Working papers	<p>“Political bureaucratic cycles: Public employment and service delivery around elections in Brazil”</p> <p>“Information, oversight, and compliance: A field experiment on horizontal accountability in Brazil”</p> <p>“Franchise reforms in the age of migration: Why do governments give voting rights to noncitizens?”</p>																				
In progress	<p><i>The political economy of oversight: Prosecutors and the control of corruption in Brazil</i></p> <p><i>Selection and careers of elite civil servants in Spain</i> (with Pablo Fernández Vázquez and Víctor Lapuente)</p> <p><i>Bureaucratic politics: New insights from the United States and the developing world</i> (with Sarah Brierley, Kenneth Lowande and Rachel Potter). Invited contribution for <i>Annual Review of Political Science</i>.</p>																				
Teaching experience	<p>Vanderbilt University – Nashville, TN</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Instructor, Political Economy of Corruption (undergraduate)</td> <td>Fall 2021, Fall 2020</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Instructor, Political Economy of Development (undergraduate)</td> <td>Spring 2021</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Instructor, Politics of Bureaucracies (graduate)</td> <td>Spring 2021</td> </tr> </table> <p>Massachusetts Institute of Technology – Cambridge, MA</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Teaching Assistant, Machine Learning & Data Science in Politics (undergraduate)</td> <td>Spring 2020</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Teaching Assistant, Making Public Policy (undergraduate)</td> <td>Fall 2019</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Co-Instructor, Political Science Laboratory (undergraduate)</td> <td>Spring 2019</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Teaching Assistant, Quantitative Methods I (graduate)</td> <td>Fall 2017</td> </tr> </table> <p>Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte – Natal, Brazil</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Instructor, Experimental & Quasi-Experimental Evaluation of Public Policy</td> <td>June 2019</td> </tr> </table> <p>IPSA-USP Summer School in Methods in Political Science, Public Policy and IR – São Paulo</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Teaching Fellow, Advanced Quantitative Methods for Public Policy Analysis</td> <td>January 2019</td> </tr> </table> <p>Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) – Cambridge, MA</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Teaching Assistant, Course on Randomized Evaluation of Social Programs</td> <td>June 2017</td> </tr> </table>	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	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	Instructor, Experimental & Quasi-Experimental Evaluation of Public Policy	June 2019	Teaching Fellow, Advanced Quantitative Methods for Public Policy Analysis	January 2019	Teaching Assistant, Course on Randomized Evaluation of Social Programs	June 2017
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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	Spanish Ministry of Science Research Grant (with P. Fernández & V. Lapuente)	2021 - 2023
	Vanderbilt Seeding Success Grant	2021 - 2022
	Vanderbilt Junior Faculty Teaching Fellowship	2021 - 2022
	European University Institute Max Weber Fellowship (declined)	2020 - 2022
	New York University Abu Dhabi Postdoctoral Fellowship (declined)	2020 - 2022
	Kellogg Institute (University of Notre Dame) Visting 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
	Southeast Latin American Behavior Consortium Travel Award	2017
	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 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	Best Paper Award, REPAL (Network for the Study of Latin America's Political Economy)	2021
	Harold D. Lasswell Award for best dissertation in the field of public policy, APSA	2021
	Honorable Mention, Prize for Best Dissertation in Social Sciences, LASA Brazil Section	2021
	Lucian Pye Award for Outstanding Thesis, MIT Department of Political Science	2020
Academic service	Reviewer	<i>American Journal of Political Science, Economics & Politics, Instituto de Pesquisa Econômica Aplicada, Journal of Politics, Latin American Research Review, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Perspectives on Politics, Revista Internacional de Sociología, Studies in Comparative International Development, Urban Affairs Review, World Development, World Politics</i>
	Co-organizer	MIT Latin American Working Group 2016 - 2018
		MIT GOV/LAB Political Behavior of Development Conference 2017
	Discussant	Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference 2021
		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
	Committee	Admissions and Awards Committee, Center for Latin American Studies 2021
Invited talks (★ scheduled)	Latin American Centre, University of Oxford	2021★
	Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford	2021★
	IC3JM (Instituto Carlos III-Juan March)	2021
	WZB (Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung), IPI seminar	2021
	IE University, School of Global and Public Affairs	2021
	University of Gothenburg, Quality of Government Institute	2021

	Northwestern University , Comparative Politics Workshop	2021
	ITAM (Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México), Department of Political Science	2020
	Yale-NUS College , Division of Social Sciences	2019
	Rutgers University , School of Public Affairs and Administration	2019
	CIDE (Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas), Public Administration Division	2019
	NYUAD (New York University Abu Dhabi), Social Science Division	2019
	Vanderbilt University , Department of Political Science	2019
	Tecnológico de Monterrey , Department of Political Science and International Relations	2019
	UFRN (Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte)	2019
Selected conference presentations (★ scheduled)	APSA (American Political Science Association)	2021, 2020, 2019, 2018
	MPSA (Midwest Political Science Association)	2021, 2019, 2016, 2015
	LASA (Latin American Studies Association)	2019, 2018
	REPAL (Network for the Study of Latin America's Political Economy)	2021, 2019
	EPSA (European Political Science Association)	2021
	MWEPS (Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science)	2021
	NEWEPS (Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science)	2019
	PolMeth (Society for Political Methodology)	2019
	SeLAB (Southeast Latin American Behavior Consortium)	2017
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 8+ 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