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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. | |
| Employment | IE University – Madrid (Spain) Assistant Professor of Political Science (tenure track) | 2022 - present |
| | Vanderbilt University – Nashville, TN (USA) Assistant Professor of Political Science (tenure track) | 2020 - 2022 |
| | World Bank , Education Sector, Latin America Region – Washington, DC (USA) Consultant | 2014 |
| | Junior Professional Associate | 2011 - 2013 |
| Education | Massachusetts Institute of Technology , PhD in Political Science | 2014 - 2020 |
| | ★ 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 - Brazil section | |
| | ★ Lucian Pye Award for Outstanding Doctoral Thesis, MIT Department of Political Science | |
| | University of Oxford , MPhil in Politics (Comparative Government), <i>Distinction</i> | 2009 - 2011 |
| | Universidad Autónoma de Madrid , Masters in Immigration and Refuge, <i>Distinction</i> | 2008 - 2009 |
| | Sciences Po Paris , International Program Diploma | 2006 - 2007 |
| | Universidad Complutense , <i>Licenciatura</i> in Political Science & Public Administration | 2004 - 2009 |
| Book project | <i>The political logics of patronage: Uses and abuses of government jobs in Brazil</i> | |
| Peer-reviewed articles | “How Patronage Delivers: Political Appointments, Bureaucratic Accountability, and Service Delivery in Brazil.” Forthcoming, <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> . | |
| | ★ Best Paper Award, REPAL (Network for the Study of Latin America’s Political Economy) | |
| | “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). | |
| Editor-invited contributions | “Bureaucratic Politics: Blind Spots and Opportunities in Political Science” (with Sarah Brierley , Kenneth Lowande and Rachel Potter). Forthcoming, <i>Annual Review of Political Science</i> . | |
| | Review of Matthew M. Taylor’s <i>Decadent Developmentalism: The Political Economy of Democratic Brazil</i> (Cambridge University Press, 2020). <i>Political Science Quarterly</i> 137 (2), 435-437. | |
| Papers under review | “Turnover: How lame-duck governments disrupt the bureaucracy and service delivery before leaving office.” Revised and resubmitted to the <i>Journal of Politics</i> . | |
| | ★ Leonard S. Robbins Best Paper Award, APSA Health Politics and Policy Section | |
| | ★ Media coverage: BBC News Brasil , Globo G1 , MIT News | |

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| Chapters in books | 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 . | |
| | <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 | “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 | <i>The political economy of oversight: Prosecutors and the control of corruption in Brazil</i> | |
| | <i>Selection and careers of elite civil servants in Spain</i> (with Pablo Fernández Vázquez and Víctor Lapuente) | |
| Affiliations | MIT GOV/LAB , Faculty Affiliate | 2020 - present |
| | Vanderbilt Center for Latin American Studies , Faculty Affiliate | 2021 - 2022 |
| | Vanderbilt Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions , Faculty Affiliate | 2021 - 2022 |
| | Harvard Ash Center , Democracy Visiting Fellow | 2019 - 2020 |
| | Universidade de São Paulo , Visiting Researcher | 2018 |
| | Fundação Getúlio Vargas (São Paulo), Visiting Researcher | 2018 |
| | Fundação Getúlio Vargas (Rio de Janeiro), Visiting Research Scholar | Summer 2017 |
| Grants & fellowships | Spanish Ministry of Science Research Grant (with P. Fernández & V. Lapuente) | 2021 - 2024 |
| | Vanderbilt Seeding Success Grant | 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 |
| | Governance and Local Development Institute Short-Term Research 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 |
| | La Caixa Foundation Fellowship for masters in the UK | 2009 - 2011 |
| | Spanish National Research Council Introduction to Research Fellowship | Summer 2008 |

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| | European Union & Spanish Government Erasmus-Socrates Fellowship | 2006 - 2007 |
| | Madrid Regional Government Fellowship for Outstanding Students | 2004 - 2006 |
| Awards | Leonard S. Robbins Best Paper Award, APSA Health Politics and Policy Section | 2022 |
| | 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 |
| Teaching experience | IE University – Madrid (Spain) | |
| | Instructor, <i>Public Policy Analysis</i> (undergraduate) | Fall 2022 |
| | Vanderbilt University – Nashville, TN (USA) | |
| | Instructor, <i>Research Design</i> (graduate) | Spring 2022 |
| | Instructor, <i>Political Economy of Corruption</i> (undergraduate) | Fall 2021, Fall 2020 |
| | Instructor, <i>Political Economy of Development</i> (undergraduate) | Spring 2021 |
| | Instructor, <i>Politics of Bureaucracies</i> (graduate) | Spring 2021 |
| | Massachusetts Institute of Technology – Cambridge, MA (USA) | |
| | Co-Instructor, <i>Political Science Laboratory</i> (undergraduate) | Spring 2019 |
| | Teaching Assistant, <i>Machine Learning & Data Science in Politics</i> (undergraduate) | Spring 2020 |
| | Teaching Assistant, <i>Making Public Policy</i> (undergraduate) | Fall 2019 |
| | Teaching Assistant, <i>Quantitative Methods I</i> (graduate) | Fall 2017 |
| | Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte – Natal, RN (Brazil) | |
| | Instructor, <i>Experimental & Quasi-Experimental Evaluation of Public Policy</i> | June 2019 |
| | IPSA-USP Summer School in Methods in Political Science, Public Policy and IR – São Paulo | |
| | Teaching Fellow, <i>Advanced Quantitative Methods for Public Policy Analysis</i> | January 2019 |
| | Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) – Cambridge, MA (USA) | |
| | Teaching Assistant, <i>Randomized Evaluation of Social Programs</i> | June 2017 |
| Other training | Vanderbilt Junior Faculty Teaching Fellowship – Nashville, TN (USA) | 2021 - 2022 |
| | MIT Kaufman Teaching Certificate Program – Cambridge, MA (USA) | Spring 2019 |
| | Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research – Syracuse, NY (USA) | June 2017 |
| | J-PAL Certificate in Public Policy Impact Evaluation & Surveys – Santiago (Chile) | April 2013 |
| Academic service | Reviewer | <i>American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Politics, Economics & Politics, Harvard Institute for Quantitative Social Science, 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> |
| | Award committees | Best Social Sciences Dissertation Prize Committee, LASA Brazil Section 2022 Admissions and Awards Committee, Center for Latin American Studies 2021 |

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| | Co-organizer | Southern Workshop in Empirical Political Science | 2021 |
| | | MIT Latin American Working Group | 2016 - 2018 |
| | | MIT GOV/LAB Political Behavior of Development Conference | 2017 |
| | Discussant | Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference | 2022, 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 |
| Invited talks (★ scheduled) | | University of Michigan , Center for Political Studies | 2023* |
| | | University of Oxford , Nuffield College | 2023* |
| | | King's College London , Department of Political Economy | 2022 |
| | | Fundação Getúlio Vargas , EBAPE | 2022 |
| | | Princeton University , Conference on Statebuilding and Political Development | 2022 |
| | | University of Oxford , Blavatnik School of Government | 2021 |
| | | University of Oxford , Latin American Centre | 2021 |
| | | Georgetown University , McCourt School of Public Policy | 2021 |
| | | Instituto Carlos III-Juan March (IC3JM) | 2021 |
| | | Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung (WZB), 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 |
| | | Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), Department of Political Science | 2020 |
| | | Yale-NUS College , Division of Social Sciences | 2019 |
| | | Rutgers University , School of Public Affairs and Administration | 2019 |
| | | Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE), Public Administration Division | 2019 |
| | | New York University Abu Dhabi , Social Science Division | 2019 |
| Selected conference presentations (★ scheduled) | | APSA (American Political Science Association) | 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018 |
| | | MPSA (Midwest Political Science Association) | 2022, 2021, 2019, 2016, 2015 |
| | | LASA (Latin American Studies Association) | 2023*, 2022, 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 |
| Mentoring | | NEWEPS (Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science) | 2019 |
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| Mentoring | PhD committee member, | Nicholas Bednar | 2021 - present |
| | PhD committee member, | Shashwat Dhar | 2021 - present |
| IT skills | R, Stata, \LaTeX , Markdown, HTML, CSS, Qualtrics, QSR NVivo, ArcGIS, JAGS | | |
| Languages | Spanish | native (grew up in Spain) | |
| | English | fluent (TOEFL iBT 120/120; lived 2 years in the UK and 10 years in the USA) | |
| | French | fluent (DALF C2; lived 1 year in France) | |
| | Portuguese | fluent (lived 1.5 years in Brazil) | |

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