

## GUILLERMO TORAL

Vanderbilt University ◦ Department of Political Science ◦ 230 Appleton Place ◦ Nashville, TN 37203 ◦ USA

📧 [www.guillermotoral.com](http://www.guillermotoral.com)    ✉ [guillermo.toral@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:guillermo.toral@vanderbilt.edu)

<b>Research interests</b>	Comparative politics and political economy of development, governance, corruption, education. Causal inference. Qualitative fieldwork. Regional focus on Latin America and Latin Europe.	
<b>Academic appointments</b>	Vanderbilt University – Nashville, TN Assistant Professor of Political Science (tenure track)	2020 - present
<b>Affiliations</b>	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 Fundação Getúlio Vargas (Rio de Janeiro), Visiting Research Scholar	2021 - present 2021 - present 2020 - present 2019 - 2020 January 2018 - January 2019 February 2018 - January 2019 January - March 2017
<b>Non-academic employment</b>	World Bank, Education Sector, Latin America Region – Washington, DC Consultant Junior Professional Associate	December 2013 - June 2014 July 2011 - July 2013
<b>Education</b>	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
<b>Book project</b>	<i>The political logics of patronage: Uses and abuses of government jobs in Brazil</i> ★ Honorable Mention, Sérgio Buarque de Holanda Prize for Best Dissertation in Social Sciences, <a href="#">Latin American Studies Association's Brazil section</a> ★ Lucian Pye Award for Outstanding Doctoral Thesis, <a href="#">MIT Department of Political Science</a>	
<b>Peer-reviewed articles</b>	"Competence versus Priorities: Negative Electoral Responses to Education Quality in Brazil" (with <a href="#">Taylor Boas</a> and <a href="#">F. Daniel Hidalgo</a> ). <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).	
<b>Papers under review</b>	"The benefits of patronage: How political appointments can enhance bureaucratic accountability and effectiveness." Under review. "Turnover: How electoral accountability disrupts the bureaucracy and service delivery." Under review. ★ Media coverage: <a href="#">BBC News Brasil</a> , <a href="#">Globo G1</a> , <a href="#">MIT News</a>	

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 <a href="#">Spanish</a> and <a href="#">Portuguese</a> .	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ “Recruiting better teachers” (with <a href="#">Barbara Bruns</a>, <a href="#">Javier Luque</a>, <a href="#">David Evans</a>, and Soledad de Gregorio), pages 139 – 178.</li> <li>▪ “Grooming great teachers” (with <a href="#">Barbara Bruns</a>, <a href="#">Javier Luque</a>, <a href="#">David Evans</a>, Noah Yarrow, and Soledad de Gregorio), pages 179 – 222.</li> </ul>	
Policy reports	“Information and Accountability: Evidence Syntheses of Within-Government and Citizen-Government Accountability Pathways” (with <a href="#">Lily Tsai</a> , <a href="#">Benjamin Morse</a> , and <a href="#">Varja Lipovsek</a> ). Transparency and Accountability Initiative (2019).	
	“Taxation and Accountability in Developing Countries” (with <a href="#">Lily Tsai</a> , <a href="#">Blair Read</a> , and <a href="#">Varja Lipovsek</a> ). Transparency and Accountability Initiative (2018).	
	“Effects of international standards on accountability behaviors” (with <a href="#">Lily Tsai</a> , <a href="#">Benjamin Morse</a> , and <a href="#">Varja Lipovsek</a> ). 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 <a href="#">Pablo Fernández Vázquez</a> )	
Teaching experience	<a href="#">Vanderbilt University</a> – 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
	<a href="#">Massachusetts Institute of Technology</a> – 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
	<a href="#">Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte</a> – Natal, Brazil	
	Instructor, Experimental & Quasi-Experimental Evaluation of Public Policy	June 2019
	<a href="#">IPSA-USP Summer School in Methods in Political Science, Public Policy and IR</a> – São Paulo	
	Teaching Fellow, Advanced Quantitative Methods for Public Policy Analysis	January 2019
Other training	<a href="#">Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL)</a> – Cambridge, MA	
	Teaching Assistant, <a href="#">Course on Randomized Evaluation of Social Programs</a>	June 2017
	<a href="#">MIT Kaufman Teaching Certificate Program</a> – Cambridge, MA	Spring 2019
	<a href="#">Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research</a> – Syracuse, NY	June 2017
	<a href="#">J-PAL Certificate in Public Policy Impact Evaluation &amp; Surveys</a> – Santiago, Chile	April 2013

<b>Grants &amp; fellowships</b>	<a href="#">European University Institute Max Weber Fellowship</a> (declined)		2020 - 2022
	<a href="#">New York University Abu Dhabi</a> Postdoctoral Fellowship (declined)		2020 - 2022
	<a href="#">Kellogg Institute</a> (University of Notre Dame) Visting Fellowship (declined)		2020 - 2021
	<a href="#">Program on Governance and Local Development</a> Short-Term Research Grant		2019
	<a href="#">NSF &amp; Society for Political Methodology</a> Annual Meeting Grant		2019
	<a href="#">Center for International Studies</a> Summer Study Fellowship		2019
	<a href="#">MIT GOV/LAB</a> Dissertation Grant		2018
	<a href="#">Southeast Latin American Behavior Consortium</a> Travel Award		2017
	<a href="#">Lemann Foundation</a> Fellowship		2016 - 2018
	<a href="#">MIT International Science and Technology Initiatives</a> research grant		2016
	<a href="#">MIT Department of Political Science</a> PhD Fellowship		2015 - 2020
	<a href="#">MIT Presidential Fellowship</a>		2014 - 2015
	<a href="#">St Cross College</a> (Oxford University) Travel and Research Grant		2010
	<a href="#">La Caixa Foundation Fellowship</a> for masters in the UK		2009 - 2011
	<a href="#">Spanish Government Seneca Fellowship</a> (declined)		2007 - 2008
	<a href="#">Spanish National Research Council</a> Introduction to Research Fellowship		Summer 2008
	<a href="#">European Union &amp; Spanish Government</a> Erasmus-Socrates Fellowship		2006 - 2007
	<a href="#">Madrid Regional Government Fellowship for Outstanding Students</a>		2004 - 2006
<b>Awards</b>	Honorable Mention, Prize for Best Dissertation in Social Sciences, <a href="#">LASA Brazil Section</a>		2021
	Lucian Pye Award for Outstanding Thesis, <a href="#">MIT Department of Political Science</a>		2020
<b>Academic service</b>	Reviewer	<a href="#">Economics &amp; Politics</a> , <a href="#">Journal of Politics</a> , <a href="#">Latin American Research Review</a> , <a href="#">Legislative Studies Quarterly</a> , <a href="#">Perspectives on Politics</a> , <a href="#">Revista Internacional de Sociología</a> , <a href="#">Studies in Comparative International Development</a> , <a href="#">Urban Affairs Review</a> , <a href="#">World Development</a>	
	Co-organizer	<a href="#">MIT Latin American Working Group</a>	2016 - 2018
		<a href="#">MIT GOV/LAB</a> Political Behavior of Development Conference	2017
	Discussant	Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference	2021
		American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2020
		<a href="#">MIT GOV/LAB</a> Political Behavior of Development Conference	2018, 2017
		Brown-Harvard-MIT <a href="#">South Asian Politics seminar</a>	2017
	Panel chair	<a href="#">Southern Workshop in Empirical Political Science</a> (SoWEPS)	2020
<b>Invited talks</b> (★ scheduled)		<a href="#">University of Oxford</a> , Blavatnik School of Government	2021*
		<a href="#">IC3JM</a> (Instituto Carlos III-Juan March)	2021*
		<a href="#">WZB</a> (Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung), IPI seminar	2021*
		<a href="#">IE University</a> , School of Global and Public Affairs	2021*
		<a href="#">University of Gothenburg</a> , Quality of Government Institute	2021
		<a href="#">Northwestern University</a> , Comparative Politics Workshop	2021
		<a href="#">ITAM</a> (Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México), Department of Political Science	2020
		<a href="#">Yale-NUS College</a> , Division of Social Sciences	2019
		<a href="#">Rutgers University</a> , School of Public Affairs and Administration	2019
		<a href="#">CIDE</a> (Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas), Public Administration Division	2019
		<a href="#">NYUAD</a> (New York University Abu Dhabi), Social Science Division	2019
		<a href="#">Vanderbilt University</a> , Department of Political Science	2019
		<a href="#">Tecnológico de Monterrey</a> , Department of Political Science and International Relations	2019
		<a href="#">UFRN</a> (Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte)	2019

<b>Selected conference presentations (★ scheduled)</b>	APSA (American Political Science Association) Annual Meeting	2021*, 2020, 2019, 2018
	MPSA (Midwest Political Science Association) Annual Conference	2021, 2019, 2016, 2015
	LASA (Latin American Studies Association) Congress	2019, 2018
	REPAL (Latin American Political Economy Network) Annual Meeting	2021*, 2019
	EPSA (European Political Science Association) Annual Conference	2021*
	MWEPS (Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science) Meeting	2021
	NEWEPS (Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science) Meeting	2019
	PolMeth (Society for Political Methodology) Annual Meeting	2019
	SeLAB (Southeast Latin American Behavior Consortium) Conference	2017
<b>IT skills</b>	R, Stata, $\LaTeX$ , ArcGIS, HTML, CSS, Qualtrics, QSR NVivo, JAGS	
<b>Languages</b>	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)
<b>References</b>	Ben Ross Schneider, Ford International Professor of Political Science at MIT   ✉ <a href="mailto:brs@mit.edu">brs@mit.edu</a>	
	Lily Tsai, Ford Professor of Political Science at MIT   ✉ <a href="mailto:l_tsai@mit.edu">l_tsai@mit.edu</a>	
	F. Daniel Hidalgo, Associate Professor of Political Science at MIT   ✉ <a href="mailto:dhidalgo@mit.edu">dhidalgo@mit.edu</a>	