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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 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
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> ★ Honorary 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> , forthcoming. “Immigrant Organizations as Civil Society: A Three-Dimensional Analysis” (in Spanish). <i>Revista Española de Investigaciones Sociológicas</i> 132: 105 - 130 (2010).	
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 . ▪ “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).

Papers

"Turnover: How electoral accountability disrupts the bureaucracy and service delivery." Under review.

★ Media coverage: BBC News Brasil, MIT News

"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 noncitizens?" MIT Working Paper 2015-12.

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)

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

Astor Visiting Lectureship, [University of Oxford](#)

2021

[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
	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	Honorary Mention, 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>Economics & Politics, 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</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
	Committee Admissions and Awards Committee, Center for Latin American Studies	2021
Invited talks	University of Oxford , Blavatnik School of Government (scheduled)	2021
	IC3JM (Instituto Carlos III-Juan March) (scheduled)	2021
	WZB (Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung), IPI seminar (scheduled)	2021
	IE University , School of Global and Public Affairs (scheduled)	2021
	University of Gothenburg , Quality of Government Institute (scheduled)	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	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

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, \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 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	