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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

Vanderbilt Center for Latin American Studies, Faculty Affiliate	2021 - present
Vanderbilt Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, Faculty Affiliate	2021 - present
MIT GOV/LAB, Faculty Affiliate	2020 - present
Harvard Ash Center, Democracy Visiting Fellow	2019 - 2020
Universidade de São Paulo, Visiting Researcher	January 2018 - January 2019
Fundação Getúlio Vargas (São Paulo), Visiting Researcher	February 2018 - January 2019

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*   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* 83.4: 1417 - 1431 (2021).

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

Papers under review

"How patronage delivers: Political appointments, bureaucratic accountability, and service delivery in Brazil." Conditionally accepted, *American Journal of Political Science*.
- ⋆ Best Paper Award, REPAL (Network for the Study of Latin America's Political Economy)

"Turnover: How lame-duck governments disrupt the bureaucracy and service delivery before leaving office." Invited to revise and resubmit at the *Journal of Politics*.
- ⋆ Media coverage: BBC News Brasil, Globo G1, MIT News

Editor-invited contributions	Book review of Matthew M. Taylor's *Decadent Developmentalism: The Political Economy of Democratic Brazil* (Cambridge University Press, 2020). *Political Science Quarterly*, forthcoming.

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, Research Design (graduate)	Spring 2022
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	Vanderbilt Junior Faculty Teaching Fellowship – Nashville, TN	2021 - 2022
	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
	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	*American Journal of Political Science*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Politics*, *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*	
	Award committees	Best Social Sciences Dissertation Prize Committee, LASA Brazil Section 2022 Admissions and Awards Committee, Center for Latin American Studies 2021
	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)		
	King's College London, Department of Political Economy	2022*
	Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte, Department of Public Policy	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
	Vanderbilt University, Department of Political Science	2019
	Tecnológico de Monterrey, Department of Political Science and International Relations	2019
	Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte, Department of Economics	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)	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
	NEWEPS (Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science)	2019
	PolMeth (Society for Political Methodology)	2019
	SeLAB (Southeast Latin American Behavior Consortium)	2017

Mentoring		
	PhD dissertation committee member, Nicholas Bednar	2021 - present
	PhD dissertation committee member, Shashwat Dhar	2021 - present

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 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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