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<b>Research interests</b>	Comparative politics and political economy of development, governance, corruption, education. Causal inference. Qualitative fieldwork. Regional focus on Latin America and Southern Europe.	
<b>Academic appointments</b>	<a href="#">Vanderbilt University</a> – Nashville, TN Assistant Professor of Political Science (tenure track)	2020 - present
<b>Affiliations</b>	<a href="#">Center for Latin American Studies</a> (Vanderbilt), Faculty Affiliate <a href="#">Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions</a> (Vanderbilt), Faculty Affiliate MIT GOV/LAB, Faculty Affiliate <a href="#">Harvard Ash Center</a> , Democracy Visiting Fellow <a href="#">Universidade de São Paulo</a> , Visiting Researcher <a href="#">Fundação Getúlio Vargas</a> (São Paulo), Visiting Researcher	2021 - present 2021 - present 2020 - present 2019 - 2020 January 2018 - January 2019 February 2018 - January 2019
<b>Non-academic employment</b>	<a href="#">World Bank</a> , Education Sector, Latin America Region – Washington, DC Consultant Junior Professional Associate	 December 2013 - June 2014 July 2011 - July 2013
<b>Education</b>	<a href="#">Massachusetts Institute of Technology</a> , PhD in Political Science ▪ Fields: Political Economy and Methods <a href="#">University of Oxford</a> , MPhil in Politics (Comparative Government), <i>Distinction</i> <a href="#">Universidad Autónoma de Madrid</a> , Masters in Immigration and Refuge, <i>Distinction</i> <a href="#">Sciences Po Paris</a> , International Program Diploma <a href="#">Universidad Complutense</a> , <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> ★ Harold D. Lasswell Award for “the best doctoral dissertation in the field of public policy,” <a href="#">American Political Science Association</a> ★ 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> 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).	
<b>Papers under review</b>	“Turnover: How electoral accountability disrupts the bureaucracy and service delivery.” Revised and resubmitted to <i>American Political Science Review</i> . ★ Media coverage: <a href="#">BBC News Brasil</a> , <a href="#">Globo G1</a> , <a href="#">MIT News</a> “The benefits of patronage: How political appointments can enhance bureaucratic accountability and effectiveness.” Under review. ★ Best Paper Award, <a href="#">REPAL</a> (Network for the Study of Latin America’s Political Economy)	

Editor-invited contributions	Book 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> , forthcoming.																			
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	<p>"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).</p> <p>"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).</p> <p>"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).</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 <a href="#">Pablo Fernández Vázquez</a> and <a href="#">Víctor Lapuente</a>)</p> <p><i>Bureaucratic politics: New insights from the United States and the developing world</i> (with <a href="#">Sarah Brierley</a>, <a href="#">Kenneth Lowande</a> and <a href="#">Rachel Potter</a>). Invited contribution for <i>Annual Review of Political Science</i>.</p>																			
Teaching experience	<p><a href="#">Vanderbilt University</a> – Nashville, TN</p> <table><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><a href="#">Massachusetts Institute of Technology</a> – Cambridge, MA</p> <table><tr><td>Teaching Assistant, Machine Learning &amp; 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><a href="#">Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte</a> – Natal, Brazil</p> <table><tr><td>Instructor, Experimental &amp; Quasi-Experimental Evaluation of Public Policy</td><td>June 2019</td></tr></table> <p><a href="#">IPSA-USP Summer School in Methods in Political Science, Public Policy and IR</a> – São Paulo</p> <table><tr><td>Teaching Fellow, Advanced Quantitative Methods for Public Policy Analysis</td><td>January 2019</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
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	Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) – Cambridge, MA Teaching Assistant, <a href="#">Course on Randomized Evaluation of Social Programs</a>	June 2017
Other training	<a href="#">Vanderbilt Junior Faculty Teaching Fellowship</a> – Nashville, TN <a href="#">MIT Kaufman Teaching Certificate Program</a> – Cambridge, MA <a href="#">Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research</a> – Syracuse, NY <a href="#">J-PAL Certificate in Public Policy Impact Evaluation &amp; Surveys</a> – Santiago, Chile	2021 - 2022 Spring 2019 June 2017 April 2013
Grants & fellowships	<a href="#">Spanish Ministry of Science Research Grant</a> (with P. Fernández & V. Lapuente) <a href="#">Vanderbilt Seeding Success Grant</a> <a href="#">European University Institute Max Weber Fellowship</a> (declined) <a href="#">New York University Abu Dhabi Postdoctoral Fellowship</a> (declined) <a href="#">Kellogg Institute (University of Notre Dame) Visting Fellowship</a> (declined) <a href="#">Program on Governance and Local Development Short-Term Research Grant</a> <a href="#">NSF &amp; Society for Political Methodology Annual Meeting Grant</a> <a href="#">Center for International Studies Summer Study Fellowship</a> <a href="#">MIT GOV/LAB Dissertation Grant</a> <a href="#">Southeast Latin American Behavior Consortium Travel Award</a> <a href="#">Lemann Foundation Fellowship</a> <a href="#">MIT International Science and Technology Initiatives research grant</a> <a href="#">MIT Department of Political Science PhD Fellowship</a> <a href="#">MIT Presidential Fellowship</a> <a href="#">St Cross College (Oxford University) Travel and Research Grant</a> <a href="#">La Caixa Foundation Fellowship</a> for masters in the UK <a href="#">Spanish Government Seneca Fellowship</a> (declined) <a href="#">Spanish National Research Council Introduction to Research Fellowship</a> <a href="#">European Union &amp; Spanish Government Erasmus-Socrates Fellowship</a> <a href="#">Madrid Regional Government Fellowship for Outstanding Students</a>	2021 - 2023 2021 - 2022 2020 - 2022 2020 - 2022 2020 - 2021 2019 2019 2019 2018 2017 2016 - 2018 2016 2015 - 2020 2014 - 2015 2010 2009 - 2011 2007 - 2008 Summer 2008 2006 - 2007 2004 - 2006
Awards	<a href="#">Best Paper Award, REPAL</a> (Network for the Study of Latin America's Political Economy) <a href="#">Harold D. Lasswell Award</a> for best dissertation in the field of public policy, <a href="#">APSA</a> <a href="#">Honorable Mention, Prize for Best Dissertation in Social Sciences, LASA Brazil Section</a> <a href="#">Lucian Pye Award for Outstanding Thesis, MIT Department of Political Science</a>	2021 2021 2021 2020
Academic service	Reviewer <i>American Journal of Political Science, Economics &amp; 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 <a href="#">Southern Workshop in Empirical Political Science</a> <a href="#">MIT Latin American Working Group</a> <a href="#">MIT GOV/LAB Political Behavior of Development Conference</a> Discussant <a href="#">Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference</a> <a href="#">American Political Science Association Annual Meeting</a> <a href="#">MIT GOV/LAB Political Behavior of Development Conference</a> <a href="#">Brown-Harvard-MIT South Asian Politics seminar</a> Panel chair <a href="#">Southern Workshop in Empirical Political Science (SoWEPS)</a> Committee <a href="#">Admissions and Awards Committee, Center for Latin American Studies</a>	2021 2016 - 2018 2017 2021 2020 2018, 2017 2017 2020 2021

<b>Invited talks</b> (★ scheduled)	Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford	2021*
	Latin American Centre, University of Oxford	2021*
	McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University	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
<b>Selected conference presentations</b> (★ scheduled)	APSA (American Political Science Association)	2021, 2020, 2019, 2018
	MPSA (Midwest Political Science Association)	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
<b>IT skills</b>	SeLAB (Southeast Latin American Behavior Consortium)	2017
	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>