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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 | 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 | 2021 - present 2021 - present 2020 - present 2019 - 2020 January 2018 - January 2019 February 2018 - January 2019 |
| Non-academic employment | World Bank , Education Sector, Latin America Region – Washington, DC Consultant Junior Professional Associate | December 2013 - June 2014 July 2011 - July 2013 |
| 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> ★ 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). <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). | |
| Papers under review | “The benefits of patronage: How political appointments can enhance bureaucratic accountability and effectiveness.” Revised and resubmitted to the <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> . ★ 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 <i>Journal of Politics</i> . ★ Media coverage: BBC News Brasil , Globo G1 , MIT News | |

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| 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 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) <i>Bureaucratic politics: New insights from the United States and the developing world</i> (with Sarah Brierley , Kenneth Lowande and Rachel Potter). Invited contribution for <i>Annual Review of Political Science</i> . | |
| 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 | |

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| | 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) 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 |
| | 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 <i>American 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</i> | |
| | Award | |
| | 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 |

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| | Discussant | Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference | 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) | 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 8+ 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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