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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**

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| Center for Latin American Studies (Vanderbilt), Faculty Affiliate | 2021 - present |
| Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions (Vanderbilt), 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 |
| Fundação Getúlio Vargas (Rio de Janeiro), Visiting Research Scholar | January - March 2017 |

**Education**

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, PhD in Political Science          2014 - 2020
- Fields: Political Economy and Methods
- Lucian Pye Award for Outstanding Doctoral Thesis

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*

**Peer-reviewed articles**

"Competence versus Priorities: Negative Electoral Responses to Education Quality in Brazil" (with Taylor Boas and F. Daniel Hidalgo). *Journal of Politics*, forthcoming.

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

**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).

**Papers**

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

"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 non-citizens?" MIT Working Paper 2015-12.

**In progress**

*The political economy of oversight: Prosecutors and the control of corruption in Brazil*

**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**

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) 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

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| 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 |

## Academic service

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| Reviewer | *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* | |
| 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 |

## Invited talks

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| University of Oxford, Blavatnik School of Government (scheduled) | 2021 |
| IC3JM (Instituto Carlos III-Juan March), Madrid (scheduled) | 2021 |
| WZB (Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung), IPI seminar (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

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| 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 |
| SeLAB (Southeast Latin American Behavior Consortium) Conference | 2017 |

## Professional experience

World Bank, Education Sector, Latin America Region – Washington, DC

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| Consultant (full time) | December 2013 - June 2014 |
| Junior Professional Associate | July 2011 - July 2013 |

- 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

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