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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.	
Employment	IE University – Madrid (Spain) Assistant Professor of Political Science (tenure track)	2022 - present
	Vanderbilt University – Nashville, TN (USA) Assistant Professor of Political Science (tenure track)	2020 - 2022
	World Bank , Education Sector, Latin America Region – Washington, DC (USA) Consultant	2014
	Junior Professional Associate	2011 - 2013
Education	Massachusetts Institute of Technology , PhD in Political Science	2014 - 2020
	★ 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 - Brazil section	
	★ Lucian Pye Award for Outstanding Doctoral Thesis, MIT Department of Political Science	
	University of Oxford , MPhil in Politics (Comparative Government), <i>Distinction</i>	2009 - 2011
	Universidad Autónoma de Madrid , Masters in Immigration and Refuge, <i>Distinction</i>	2008 - 2009
	Sciences Po Paris , International Program Diploma	2006 - 2007
	Universidad Complutense , <i>Licenciatura</i> in Political Science & Public Administration	2004 - 2009
Book project	<i>The political logics of patronage: Uses and abuses of government jobs in Brazil</i>	
Peer-reviewed articles	“How Patronage Delivers: Political Appointments, Bureaucratic Accountability, and Service Delivery in Brazil.” American Journal of Political Science , Early view.	
	★ Best Paper Award, REPAL (Network for the Study of Latin America’s Political Economy)	
	“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).	
Editor-invited contributions	“Bureaucratic Politics: Blind Spots and Opportunities in Political Science” (with Sarah Brierley , Kenneth Lowande and Rachel Potter). Forthcoming, <i>Annual Review of Political Science</i> .	
	Review of Matthew M. Taylor’s <i>Decadent Developmentalism: The Political Economy of Democratic Brazil</i> (CUP, 2020). <i>Political Science Quarterly</i> 137.2: 435-437 (2022).	
Papers under review	“Turnover: How lame-duck governments disrupt the bureaucracy and service delivery before leaving office.” Revised and resubmitted to the <i>Journal of Politics</i> .	
	★ Leonard S. Robbins Best Paper Award, APSA Health Politics and Policy Section	
	★ Media coverage: BBC News Brasil , Globo G1 , MIT News	

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	“Can anti-corruption policies curb political budget cycles? Evidence from public employment 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)	
Affiliations	MIT GOV/LAB , Faculty Affiliate	2020 - present
	Vanderbilt Center for Latin American Studies , Faculty Affiliate	2021 - 2022
	Vanderbilt Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions , Faculty Affiliate	2021 - 2022
	Harvard Ash Center , Democracy Visiting Fellow	2019 - 2020
	Universidade de São Paulo , Visiting Researcher	2018
	Fundação Getúlio Vargas (São Paulo), Visiting Researcher	2018
	Fundação Getúlio Vargas (Rio de Janeiro), Visiting Research Scholar	Summer 2017
Grants & fellowships	Spanish Ministry of Science Research Grant (with P. Fernández & V. Lapuente)	2021 - 2024
	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
	Governance and Local Development Institute Short-Term Research 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
	La Caixa Foundation Fellowship for masters in the UK	2009 - 2011
	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	Leonard S. Robbins Best Paper Award, APSA Health Politics and Policy Section	2022
	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
Teaching experience	IE University – Madrid (Spain)	
	Instructor, <i>Government and Comparative Politics</i> (undergraduate)	Spring 2023
	Instructor, <i>Public Policy Analysis</i> (undergraduate)	Fall 2022
	Vanderbilt University – Nashville, TN (USA)	
	Instructor, <i>Research Design</i> (graduate)	Spring 2022
	Instructor, <i>Political Economy of Corruption</i> (undergraduate)	Fall 2021, Fall 2020
	Instructor, <i>Political Economy of Development</i> (undergraduate)	Spring 2021
	Instructor, <i>Politics of Bureaucracies</i> (graduate)	Spring 2021
	Massachusetts Institute of Technology – Cambridge, MA (USA)	
	Co-Instructor, <i>Political Science Laboratory</i> (undergraduate)	Spring 2019
	Teaching Assistant, <i>Machine Learning & Data Science in Politics</i> (undergraduate)	Spring 2020
	Teaching Assistant, <i>Making Public Policy</i> (undergraduate)	Fall 2019
	Teaching Assistant, <i>Quantitative Methods I</i> (graduate)	Fall 2017
	Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte – Natal, RN (Brazil)	
	Instructor, <i>Experimental & Quasi-Experimental Evaluation of Public Policy</i>	June 2019
	IPSA-USP Summer School in Methods in Political Science, Public Policy and IR – São Paulo	
	Teaching Fellow, <i>Advanced Quantitative Methods for Public Policy Analysis</i>	January 2019
	Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) – Cambridge, MA (USA)	
	Teaching Assistant, <i>Randomized Evaluation of Social Programs</i>	June 2017
Other training	Vanderbilt Junior Faculty Teaching Fellowship – Nashville, TN (USA)	2021 - 2022
	MIT Kaufman Teaching Certificate Program – Cambridge, MA (USA)	Spring 2019
	Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research – Syracuse, NY (USA)	June 2017
	J-PAL Certificate in Public Policy Impact Evaluation & Surveys – Santiago (Chile)	April 2013
Academic service	Reviewer	<i>American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Brazilian Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Politics, Economics & Politics, Governance, Harvard Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Instituto de Pesquisa Econômica Aplicada, Journal of Politics, Latin American Research Review, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Perspectives on Politics, Research & Politics, Review of International Political Economy, Revista Internacional de Sociología, Studies in Comparative International Development, Urban Affairs Review, World Development, World Politics</i>
	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)		University of Michigan , Center for Political Studies	2023*
		University of Oxford , Nuffield College	2023
		King's College London , Department of Political Economy	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)		2023*, 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
Mentoring	PhD committee member, Nicholas Bednar		2021 - present
	PhD committee member, Shashwat Dhar		2021 - present
IT skills	R, Stata, \LaTeX , Markdown, HTML, CSS, Qualtrics, QSR NVivo, ArcGIS, 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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