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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 Vanderbilt Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions , 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	“How patronage delivers: Political appointments, bureaucratic accountability, and service delivery in Brazil.” Conditionally accepted, <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	

★ Leonard S. Robbins Best Paper Award, [APSA Health Politics and Policy Section](#)

Editor-invited contributions	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> 137 (2), 435-437.	
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	<p>"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).</p> <p>"Taxation and Accountability in Developing Countries" (with Lily Tsai, Blair Read, and Varja Lipovsek). Transparency and Accountability Initiative (2018).</p> <p>"Effects of international standards on accountability behaviors" (with Lily Tsai, Benjamin Morse, and Varja Lipovsek). 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 Pablo Fernández Vázquez and Víctor Lapuente)</p> <p><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>.</p>	
Teaching experience	<p>Vanderbilt University – Nashville, TN</p> <p>Instructor, Research Design (graduate) Spring 2022</p> <p>Instructor, Political Economy of Corruption (undergraduate) Fall 2021, Fall 2020</p> <p>Instructor, Political Economy of Development (undergraduate) Spring 2021</p> <p>Instructor, Politics of Bureaucracies (graduate) Spring 2021</p> <p>Massachusetts Institute of Technology – Cambridge, MA</p> <p>Teaching Assistant, Machine Learning & Data Science in Politics (undergraduate) Spring 2020</p> <p>Teaching Assistant, Making Public Policy (undergraduate) Fall 2019</p> <p>Co-Instructor, Political Science Laboratory (undergraduate) Spring 2019</p> <p>Teaching Assistant, Quantitative Methods I (graduate) Fall 2017</p> <p>Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte – Natal, Brazil</p> <p>Instructor, Experimental & Quasi-Experimental Evaluation of Public Policy June 2019</p>	

	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 MIT Kaufman Teaching Certificate Program – Cambridge, MA Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research – Syracuse, NY J-PAL Certificate in Public Policy Impact Evaluation & Surveys – Santiago, Chile	2021 - 2022 Spring 2019 June 2017 April 2013
Grants & fellowships	Spanish Ministry of Science Research Grant (with P. Fernández & V. Lapuente) Vanderbilt Seeding Success Grant European University Institute Max Weber Fellowship (declined) New York University Abu Dhabi Postdoctoral Fellowship (declined) Kellogg Institute (University of Notre Dame) Visting Fellowship (declined) Program on Governance and Local Development Short-Term Research Grant NSF & Society for Political Methodology Annual Meeting Grant Center for International Studies Summer Study Fellowship MIT GOV/LAB Dissertation Grant Southeast Latin American Behavior Consortium Travel Award Lemann Foundation Fellowship MIT International Science and Technology Initiatives research grant MIT Department of Political Science PhD Fellowship MIT Presidential Fellowship St Cross College (Oxford University) Travel and Research Grant La Caixa Foundation Fellowship for masters in the UK Spanish Government Seneca Fellowship (declined) Spanish National Research Council Introduction to Research Fellowship European Union & Spanish Government Erasmus-Socrates Fellowship Madrid Regional Government Fellowship for Outstanding Students	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	Leonard S. Robbins Best Paper Award, APSA Health Politics and Policy Section Best Paper Award, REPAL (Network for the Study of Latin America's Political Economy) Harold D. Lasswell Award for best dissertation in the field of public policy, APSA Honorable Mention, Prize for Best Dissertation in Social Sciences, LASA Brazil Section Lucian Pye Award for Outstanding Thesis, MIT Department of Political Science	2022 2021 2021 2021 2020
Academic service	Reviewer <i>American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Politics, Economics & Politics, Harvard Institute for Quantitative Social Science, 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 committees Best Social Sciences Dissertation Prize Committee, LASA Brazil Section Admissions and Awards Committee, Center for Latin American Studies	2022 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*
		Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte , Department of Public Policy	2022*
		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)	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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