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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Comparative Politics, Non-State Welfare Provision, Public Policy, Elections, Misinformation, Political Economy of Development, Race and Representation, Research Design	
TEACHING INTERESTS	Comparative Politics, Public Policy in Developing Countries, Political Economy of Development, Misinformation, Race, Ethnicity, and Representation, Race, Inequality, and Participationb, Latin American Politics, Quantitative Research Methods	
ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT	Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Emory University (2025-) Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Emory University (2018-2025)	
EDUCATION	Yale University , New Haven, CT Ph.D. Political Science, with University and Departmental Distinctions, December 2017 M.A. in International Development Economics, December 2016 Exchange Scholar, UC Berkeley, Spring 2014 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dissertation: <i>The Distributive Politics of Non-State Welfare Provision</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">*Award: 2019 Harold D. Lasswell Award for best dissertation in the field of public policy by the American Political Science Association*Award: 2018 James G. March Award for “outstanding dissertation in any field of political science” by Yale’s Political Science Department.• Committee: Thad Dunning (UC Berkeley), Susan Stokes (Yale University), Susan Rose-Ackerman (Yale University), Jonathan Rodden (Stanford University) University of São Paulo (USP) , São Paulo, SP M.A., Political Science, April 2010 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thesis: <i>Race and Political Behavior in Comparative Perspective: Evidence from Belo Horizonte and Cape Town</i>• Advisor: Adrián Gurza Lavalle (University of São Paulo) Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG) , Belo Horizonte, MG B.A., Social Sciences, December 2007 Exchange Student, UW Madison, Spring 2007	
INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATION	Member of the EGAP network, research associate at the Center on the Politics of Development at UC Berkeley, and at the Center of Politics and Economics of the Public Sector at Fundação Getulio Vargas.	
BOOK PROJECT	1. Bueno, N. S. Public money, private organizations: the distributive politics of NGOs (book manuscript)	

1. **Bueno, N. S.**, Nunes, F., Zucco, Cesar. “Benefits by Luck: A Study on the Use of Lotteries to Select Policy Beneficiaries” *Comparative Political Studies*, 2024, published online first
***Award:** 2024 APSA Public Policy Section’s Best Comparative Policy Paper Award
2. Schiff, K. J., Schiff, D., and **Bueno, N. S.**. “The Liar’s Dividend: Can Politicians Use Misinformation to Evade Accountability?” *American Political Science Review*, 2024, published online first
3. Brodeur, A., et al. “Promoting Reproducibility and Replicability in Political Science” *Research & Politics*, 11(1), 2024
4. Batista, F., **Bueno, N. S.**, Nunes, F., Pavão, N., Wirtschafter, V., and Santos, J. “Detecting Misinformation in the Global South: The Spread of False News by Political Leaders” *Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media*, 4(2), 2024
5. Batista, F., **Bueno, N. S.**, Nunes, F., and Pavão, N. “Inoculation Reduces Misinformation: Experimental Evidence from a Multidimensional Intervention in Brazil” *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, 11(3):239-250, 2024
***Award:** Best Research Article published in the *Journal of Experimental Political Science* in 2024
6. **Bueno, N. S.**, Nunes, F., Zucco, Cesar. “What You See and What You Get: The Direct and Indirect Political Dividends of Public Policies” *British Journal of Political Science*, 2023, published online first
***Award:** 2022 Best Paper Award at REPAL
7. **Bueno, N. S.**, Nunes, F., Zucco, Cesar. “Making the bourgeoisie? Values, voice, and state-provided homeownership” *Journal of Politics*, 84(4): 2064-2079, 2022
***Award:** 2021 Best Paper on Public Policy by APSA Public Policy Section
8. Batista, F., **Bueno, N. S.**, Nunes, F., and Pavão, N. “Fake News, Fact Checking, and Partisanship: The Resilience of Rumors in the 2018 Brazilian Elections” *Journal of Politics*, 84(4): 2188–2201, 2022
9. **Bueno, N. S.** “The Timing of Public Policies: Political Budget Cycles and Credit Claiming” *American Journal of Political Science*, 2021, published online first
10. **Bueno, N. S.** “Bypassing the Enemy: Distributive Politics, Credit Claiming, and Non-state Welfare Provision.” *Comparative Political Studies*, 51(3):304-340, 2018.
***Honorable mention:** Sérgio Buarque de Holanda Award from Latin American Studies Association’s Brazil Section for the best article in the social sciences
11. **Bueno, N. S.** and Dunning, T. “Race, Resources, and Representation: Evidence from Brazilian Politicians.” *World Politics*, 69(2): 327-365, 2017.
12. **Bueno, N. S.** “Raça e Comportamento Político: Participação, Ativismo e Recursos em Belo Horizonte” [Race and Political Behavior: Participation, Activism, and Resources in Belo Horizonte]. *Lua Nova*, 85: 187–226, 2012.
13. Gurza Lavalle, A. and **Bueno, N. S.** “Waves of Change within Civil Society in Latin America: Mexico City and São Paulo.” *Politics & Society*, 39(3): 415-450, 2011. (Lavalle was lead author)
14. **Bueno, N. S.** and Fialho, F. M. “Race, Resources, and Political Participation in a Brazilian City.” *Latin American Research Review*, 44(2):59-83, 2009.

15. **Bueno, N. S.** “Participação Política na Região Metropolitana de Belo Horizonte: (Des)igualdade política e recursos” [Political Participation in Belo Horizonte’s Metropolitan Area: Political (In)equality and resources], *Revista Três Pontos* 3(1): 15-24, 2006

SUBMISSIONS IN
PROGRESS

1. Batista, F., **Bueno, N. S.**, Nunes, F., Pavão, N., Wirtschafter, V., and Santos, J. “(De)Mobilizing Effects of Misinformation” (under review)
2. **Bueno, N. S.**, Masterson, D. Rojas, D. “When Does the Public Care About Immigration? Studying the Political Salience of Venezuelan Immigration in Colombia.” (under review).
3. Bueno, L. S., Avelino, G., Biderman, C., **Bueno, N. S.**, and Da Mata, D.. “Housing, Social Cohesion, and Well-Being: Experimental Evidence from Informal Settlements” (under review)

OTHER FIELDS
JOURNAL PEER
REVIEWED

1. Micek, Katie, Kyra A. Hester, Chama Chanda, Roopa Darwar, Bonheur Dounebaine, Anna S. Ellis, Pinar Keskinocak et al. “Critical success factors for routine immunization performance: A case study of Zambia 2000 to 2018.” *Vaccine: X* (2022): 100166. (as a member of the Vaccine Exemplars Research Consortium)
2. Hester, Kyra A., Zoe Sakas, Anna S. Ellis, Anindya S. Bose, Roopa Darwar, Jhalak Gautam, Chandni Jaishwal et al. “Critical success factors for high routine immunization performance: A case study of Nepal.” *Vaccine: X* 12 (2022): 100214. (as a member of the Vaccine Exemplars Research Consortium)
3. Sakas Z, Hester KA, Rodriguez K, Diatta SA, Ellis AS, Gueye DM, Mapatano D, Souleymane Mboup P, Ogutu EA, Yang C, Bednarczyk RA, Freeman MC, Sarr M. et al. “Critical success factors for high routine immunization performance: A case study of Senegal.” *Vaccine X* (2023): 100296. (as a member of the Vaccine Exemplars Research Consortium)

NON-PEER
REVIEWED

1. Editor reviewed: **Bueno, N. S.**. “How to fight election misinformation” *Science Advances* 11(35), 2025
2. Editor reviewed: **Bueno, N. S.**. Book Review of *Democracy at Work: Pathways to Well-Being in Brazil* (Brian Wampler, Natasha Borges Sugiyama, and Michael Touchton. Cambridge, MA: Cambridge University Press, 2020) (2020, *Perspectives on Politics*, 18(4), 1269-1270)
3. Editor reviewed: **Bueno, N. S.**, and Tuñón, G. “Graphical Presentation of Regression Discontinuity Results.” *The Political Methodologist* 22(2):4-8, Spring 2015 and *The Political Methodologist blog*
4. Book chapter: Gurza Lavalle, A. and **Bueno, N. S.** “Sociedade civil e intermediação política - Associações de bairro e ONGs em duas metrópoles latino-americanas” [Civil Society and Political Mediation: Neighborhood Associations and NGOs in two Latin American Metropolises]. In: Eduardo Marques (ed.). *Redes sociais no Brasil - Sociabilidade, organizações civis e políticas públicas*. Belo Horizonte: Fino Traço e Centro de Estudos da Metrópole, 2012, p. 173-210. (Lavalle was lead author)
5. Editor reviewed: Simões, S., Reis, B., Biagioni, D., Fialho, F., and **Bueno, N.**. “The private motivations of public action: women’s associational lives and political activism in Brazil.” *Advances in Gender Research*, 13: 203-239, 2009 (Simões was lead author)

6. Book chapter: NOBRE, R. F., **BUENO, N. S.**, CAUX, C., LIMA, R., LOPES, V. “O poder no pensamento social: um preâmbulo”. In: *Freire, Renarde, Poder no Pensamento Social: dissonâncias sobre o mesmo tema*. Editora da Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, p.11-29, 2008 (Nobre was lead author)

WORKING PAPERS & PAPS

1. Batista, F., **Bueno, N. S.**, Nunes, F., Pavão, N., Wirtschafter, V., “Sincere or Opportunistic? Understanding the Nature of Election Fraud Beliefs in Brazil”
2. Meireles, F., **Bueno, N. S.**, Torres, M. “Informational advantage: An explanation for why political alignment pays off”
3. Bueno, L. S., Avelino, G., Biderman, C., **Bueno, N. S.**, and Da Mata, D.. “Nonstate Welfare Provision in Slums: Experimental Evidence from Brazilian Slums”
4. **Bueno, N. S.**, Dunning, T., and Tuñón, G. “Design-Based Analysis of Regression Discontinuities: Evidence from an Experimental Benchmarks” (dormant paper)
5. Ashok, V. L, **Bueno, N. S.** “Analysis of Experimental Designs with Ordinal Outcomes: Parametric and Non-Parametric Approaches” (dormant paper)

POLICY REPORTS

1. Vaccine Exemplars (Freeman Research Group, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation)
<https://www.exemplars.health/topics/vaccine-delivery>
2. **Bueno, N. S.** and Phillips, J. “Funding Campaigns: Evidence from the Car Wash Investigation.” *The Cost of Elections: An evidence-based analysis*. Fundação Getulio Vargas and Fundação Brava.
3. **Bueno, N. S.** “Cor e Representação nas Eleições de 2014” [Race and Representation in the 2014 Elections]. *Revista do Parlamento & Sociedade*, 3(5):45-65, 2015.
4. Lopez, F. G. and **Bueno, N. S.** “Transferências federais a entidades privadas sem fins lucrativos (1999-2010)” [Transfers to non-profit organizations (1999-2010)]. *Texto para Discussão*, 1778:1-36, 2012.

GRANTS & AWARDS

Research Grants, Fellowships, and Scholarships

- Stanford Internet Observatory (\$14,990) 2024
with Pavão et al.
- Visiting Fellow at the Kellogg Institute for International Studies Spring 2023
- EGAP LATAM Regional Hub Small Grants Fund (\$ 13,770) 2021-2022
with Masterson and Medrado
- Facebook Foundational Integrity Research (\$ 74,970) 2020-2021
with Batista, Nunes, and Pavão
- Emory Global Health Institute (\$ 9,932) 2020-2021
with Avelino, Da Mata, Biderman and Bueno
- The Scholarly Writing and Publishing Fund, CFDE (\$ 3,000) 2019-2021
- MIT Gov/Lab Accountability (\$ 30,000) 2019-2021
with Avelino, Da Mata, Biderman and Bueno
- Sprint Halle-Fapesp (\$ 20,000) 2019-2021
with Avelino, Da Mata, Biderman and Bueno
- CSDP Postdoctoral Fellowship, Princeton University 2017-2018
Declined
- National Research Council (CNPq/MCTI N. 01/2016) (R\$ 42,000) 2016-2017
co-PI with Cesar Zucco Jr.

- SciBr Fellow (\$ 5,000) 2016-2017
SciBr Foundation
- Field Experiments Grants ISPS/Yale (\$ 15,000) 2016-2017
co-PI with Cesar Zucco Jr.
- National Research Council (CNPq/MCTI N. 25/2015) (R\$ 5,000) 2016-2017
co-PI with Cesar Zucco Jr.
- MacMillan Center for Dissertation (\$ 15,000) 2015-2016
Research Grant
- Institute of Applied Economics (R\$ 31,200) 2014-2015
Fellowship
- Leitner Program in International (\$ 4,000) Summer-Fall 2014
and Comparative Political Economy Grant
- MacMillan Center for International (\$ 700) Summer 2013
and Area Studies Pre-dissertation Grant
- Yale Council on Latin American Studies (Tinker Travel Awards) Summer 2013
- Master's Fellowship 2008-2009
The State of São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP)
- Study Abroad Full Scholarship 2007
Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG)
- Research Trainee Scholarship 2007
National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq)
- Special Training Program Scholarship 2003-2006
Higher Education Council (SESu-MEC)

Awards

- Best Research Article published in JEPS in 2024 June 2025
APSA Experimental Research Section
- Clarence Stone Scholar Award September 2024
APSA Urban and Local Politics Section
- Best Paper on Comparative Public Policy September 2024
APSA Public Policy Section
- Best Paper Award November 2022
2022 *REPAL (Red para el Estudio de la Economía Política de América Latina)*
- Best Paper on Public Policy September 2021
APSA Public Policy Section
- Harold D. Lasswell Award for best dissertation June 2019
in the field of public policy *APSA*
- Honorable Mention for Award Sérgio Buarque de Holanda April 2019
for best article in the social sciences *Brazil Section, LASA*
- James G. March Award for “outstanding dissertation” May 2018
in any field of political science” *Department of Political Science, Yale University*
- Young Ibero-American Leaders (*Jovens Líderes Ibero-Americanos*) June 2008
Fundación Carolina
- Best Undergraduate Posters Presented at the Annual Meeting July 2007
Brazilian Political Science Association

PRESENTATIONS Invited Seminars & Workshops (S = scheduled)

2025: Princeton (Department of Politics), Harvard University (Government Department), University of Pennsylvania (Local Political Economy), UC Berkeley (CPD Latin America), EGAP Invited Session at LACEA (Recife, S)

2024: WashU (Department of Political Science), NYU (Department of Politics), USAID (DRG), UFMG (Program on Quantitative Methodology, MQ), Harvard University (The Contracting State Workshop), University of Virginia (Symposium on Digital Democracy), Science Po (Exploring Misinformation, Canceled), Texas

A&M (Department of Political Science), UNC Chapel Hill (Department of Public Policy), Aarhus University (Department of Political Science)
 2023: Notre Dame (Kellogg Institute), University of Chicago (Department of Politics), MIT Gov/Lab, University of Michigan (CLAS and the Department of Political Science), UVA (Department of Politics), Claremont Graduate University (Book workshop for T. Kumar), Australian National University (School of Politics & International Relations), USAID (DRG)
 2022: Princeton (Housing Politics Conference), Rochester (CAMPS), Texas A&M (Department of Political Science), Toronto Political Behavior Workshop, EGAP (Cornell)
 2021: Tulane (CIPR), University of São Paulo (Department of Political Science), CUNY (Latin American and Latino Studies), University of Pennsylvania (CSERI), Harvard University (Latin American Tuesday Seminar Series)
 2020: Duke/UNC (Latin American Politics Working Group), EESP-FGV
 2019: ARNOVA BITS Colloquy, Behavioral Models of Politics (Penn State), Challenges in Development: a Global-Local Perspective (Georgia Tech), Inesper, EGAP meeting (GWU)
 2018: MIT Gov/Lab, Moralizing the Vote in Brazil Conference (UVA)
 2017: IESP, University of São Paulo (Department of Economics), UFMG (CECOMP), ESPCA Unicamp, Brown (International Advanced Research Institutes)
 2016: Brown University, Emory University, College of William & Mary, Political Implications of Group-Based Inequalities (UNU-Wider), Comparative Politics Seminar (Yale University), ISPS Experiments Workshop (Yale University), EBAPE-FGV
 2015: Leitner Graduate Student Workshop, CEPESP-FGV, CEM-USP
 2014: UFPE (Department of Political Science), CEPESP-FGV
 2013: Comparative Politics Workshop (Yale University, with Thad Dunning), Workshop Race and Demography UFMG - UT/Austin (UFMG), Leitner Graduate Student Workshop, University of São Paulo (Department of Political Science)

Annual Meetings (P = presenter, D = discussant, S = scheduled)

APSA 2014 (P), 2015 (P), 2016 (P), 2017 (D), 2018 (P, D), 2020 (P), 2021 (P), 2022 (P, D), 2023 (P), 2024 (P, D), 2025 (P, D, S)
 MPSA 2013 (P), 2014 (P), 2016 (P), 2021 (P, D), 2022 (P, D), 2023 (P)
 SPSA 2019 (P), 2021 (P)
 EPSA 2023 (P, D)
 LASA 2013 (P)

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

Instructor

POLS 520 Comparative Politics & Government (graduate)
 Department of Political Science,
 Emory University
 POLS 385 Politics and Policy of Latin America (undergraduate)
 Department of Political Science,
 Emory University
 POLS 490 Politics and Political Economy of Latin America (undergraduate)
 Department of Political Science, Emory University
 POLS 208 Research Design (undergraduate)
 Department of Political Science
 Emory University
 POLS 585-3/ QTM 491 - Design & Analysis of Experiments (graduate/undergraduate)
 Department of Political Science
 Emory University

Teaching Fellow

STAT 100/500 - Introductory Statistics (undergraduate)
 Instructor: Jessica Cisewski,
 Department of Statistics,
 Yale University
 PLSC 452 - Intro Stats: Political Science (undergraduate)
 Instructor: Kelly Rader,
 Department of Political Science,
 Yale University
 PLSC 504 - Advanced Quantitative Methods (graduate)
 Instructor: Allan Dafoe,
 Department of Political Science,
 Yale University

Instructor (short course)

Introduction to Experimental Methods (graduate)
 MQ UFMG
 ESPCA UNICAMP

TEACHING GRANTS	• Classroom Mini-Grants, CFDE (\$ 350x2)	2021-2022
	• Fund for Innovative Teaching Grant, CFDE (\$ 3,000) with Adam Glynn	2018-2019
	• I have secured funds for students taking the <i>Design & Analysis of Experiments</i> course via the Department of Political Science	
MENTORSHIP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dissertation committee member: Pearce Edwards (Emory 21), Don Grasse (Emory 22), Daniel Schiff (Georgia Tech 22), Patrick Pierson (Emory 22), Hsu Yumin Wang (Emory 24), Jacob Turner (Notre Dame 24), Sinisa Miric (Emory), Eddy Yeung (Emory 25), Rachel Berwald (UCLA Ph.D. candidate), Gavin Kiger (Emory Ph.D. student), Wenting Xu (Emory Ph.D. student) • Third-year paper graduate advising: Hao Liyu • Second-year paper graduate advising: Eddy Yeung, Bradley Erickson, Zeyu Li, Hao Liyu, Stephen Morkel • First-year graduate advising: Eddy Yeung, Bradley Erickson, Zeyu Li, Laura Mendez-Pinto 	
UNDEGRADUATE RESEARCH ADVISING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honors Thesis (chair): Hannah Sheppard-Moore • Honors Thesis (committee): Aleksei Kaminski, William Wainwright • CLSS research study: Lianne Anderson (Fall 2018, Spring 2019) • Independent (credit) study: Jackson Schneider (Spring 2021) • Summer research project: Paige Kokolakis & Owen Breen (Summer 2021) • Will Dinneen (Undergraduate Research Programs, Summer/Fall 2022) 	
REVIEWER	<i>American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Brazilian Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Bulletin of Latin American Research, Comparative Political Studies, Current Sociology, Electoral Studies, Journal of Experimental Political Science, Journal of Politics, Journal of Politics in Latin America, Journal of Race, Ethnicity and Politics, Latin American Research Review, Lua Nova: Revista de Cultura e Política, Nature Human Behaviour, Party Politics, Political Analysis, Political Behavior, Political Science Research & Methods Revista Brasileira de Ciências Sociais, Revista Brasileira de Ciência Política, Revista de Sociologia e Política, Science Advances, Teoria & Sociedade, World Politics</i>	

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	Best Comparative Public Policy Paper Award Committee (APSA)	2025
	Program Committee, SoWEPS-8	2025
	Organizer, SoWEPS-7	2024
	Co-Chair APSA Section Program Urban and Local Politics	2025
	Co-Founder: DIMIS - Digital Misinformation in the Global South	2021-2023
	Editorial Board Institute for Replication	2021-2022
	Steering Committee on Democracy and Polarization at EGAP	2021-2023
	Graduate Admissions	2021-2022
	Graduate Policy Committee	2021-2024
	Search Committee - Comparative Politics	2021-2022
	Dissertation Defenses (external reviewer, Insper and FGV)	2021, 2022
	Emory Global Health Institute (panelist)	2022
	Chair of the Comparative Political Economy section at MPSA	2020-2021
	Membership Coordinator for APSA related group on Civil Society	2020-2023
	Target of Opportunity Committee	2018-2020
	Halle-Fullbright Brazil Distinguished Chair Selection Committee	2019
	Transatlantic Study Tour (Claus M. Halle Institute for Global Research and German Federal Foreign Office)	2018
	Co-coordinator Comparative Political Economy Working Group (Emory, Georgia Tech and GSU)	2018-2019
	Student Coordinator for the Quantitative Methods Workshop	2013
	Discussant at Yale Comparative Politics Workshop	2012 (2x), 2015
	Discussant at Castle Conference on Corruption in International Business	2014
	Discussant at Seminário Discente do PPG em Ciência Política USP	2017, 2021
	Reviewer for EBAPE (PhD program)	2018
	Dissertation Defense (UFMG, EBAPE, external reviewer)	2019, 2020
	Discussant at Emory Conference on Institutions and Lawmaking	2019
	Round table on Brazilian 2018 Elections	2019
	Selection Committee: Best paper in the Social Sciences Brazil Section LASA	2020
	Brazil: Not for beginners (Goizueta Business School)	Spring 2020
	Fake News in 2018 Elections (Department of Spanish & Portuguese)	Spring 20, Fall 21
WORK EXPERIENCE	• Center for Analysis and Planning, CEBRAP	January 2008 - July 2010
	São Paulo, SP	
	• Institute of Applied Economics, IPEA	August 2010 - June 2011
	São Paulo, SP	
	• Inter-American Development Bank	January - March 2009
	Washington, DC	
COMPUTER PROGRAMMING	R, Python (beginner), L ^A T _E X, Sinatra, HTML, CSS, JavaScript (beginner), CLI, Git/Github, Amazon EC2, UCINet Yale Tech Bootcamp, 2014 [programming, web application, deployment]	
FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE	Santiago (Chile), São Paulo, Belo Horizonte, Brasília, Governador Valadares (Brazil)	
LANGUAGES	Portuguese (native), English (fluent), Spanish (advanced), German (basic).	
PERSONAL	Married, maternity leave (Fall 2019 and Spring 2024), Brazil and U.S. citizen.	