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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	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 Fundação Getúlio Vargas (Rio de Janeiro), Visiting Research Scholar	2021 - present 2021 - present 2020 - present 2019 - 2020 January 2018 - January 2019 February 2018 - January 2019 January - March 2017
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> ★ 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> , forthcoming. “Immigrant Organizations as Civil Society: A Three-Dimensional Analysis” (in Spanish). <i>Revista Española de Investigaciones Sociológicas</i> 132: 105 - 130 (2010).	
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 . ▪ “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>																				
Papers	<p>“Turnover: How electoral accountability disrupts the bureaucracy and service delivery.” Under review. ★ Media coverage: BBC News Brasil, Globo G1, MIT News</p> <p>“The benefits of patronage: How political appointments can enhance bureaucratic accountability and effectiveness”</p> <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)</p>																				
Teaching experience	<p>Vanderbilt University – Nashville, TN</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Instructor, Politics of Bureaucracies (graduate)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Spring 2021</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Instructor, Political Economy of Development (undergraduate)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Spring 2021</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Instructor, Political Economy of Corruption (undergraduate)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Fall 2020</td> </tr> </table> <p>Massachusetts Institute of Technology – Cambridge, MA</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Teaching Assistant, Machine Learning & Data Science in Politics (undergraduate)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Spring 2020</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Teaching Assistant, Making Public Policy (undergraduate)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Fall 2019</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Co-Instructor, Political Science Laboratory (undergraduate)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Spring 2019</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Teaching Assistant, Quantitative Methods I (graduate)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Fall 2017</td> </tr> </table> <p>Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte – Natal, Brazil</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Instructor, Experimental & Quasi-Experimental Evaluation of Public Policy</td> <td style="text-align: right;">June 2019</td> </tr> </table> <p>IPSA-USP Summer School in Methods in Political Science, Public Policy and IR – São Paulo</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Teaching Fellow, Advanced Quantitative Methods for Public Policy Analysis</td> <td style="text-align: right;">January 2019</td> </tr> </table> <p>Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) – Cambridge, MA</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Teaching Assistant, Course on Randomized Evaluation of Social Programs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">June 2017</td> </tr> </table>	Instructor, Politics of Bureaucracies (graduate)	Spring 2021	Instructor, Political Economy of Development (undergraduate)	Spring 2021	Instructor, Political Economy of Corruption (undergraduate)	Fall 2020	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	Instructor, Experimental & Quasi-Experimental Evaluation of Public Policy	June 2019	Teaching Fellow, Advanced Quantitative Methods for Public Policy Analysis	January 2019	Teaching Assistant, Course on Randomized Evaluation of Social Programs	June 2017
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Grants & fellowships	University of Oxford Astor Visiting Lectureship	2021
	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
	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	Honorable Mention, 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>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</i>
	Co-organizer	MIT Latin American Working Group 2016 - 2018 MIT GOV/LAB Political Behavior of Development Conference 2017
	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
	Panel chair	Southern Workshop in Empirical Political Science (SoWEPS) 2020
	Committee	Admissions and Awards Committee, Center for Latin American Studies 2021
	Invited talks (★ scheduled)	University of Oxford , Blavatnik School of Government 2021*
		IC3JM (Instituto Carlos III-Juan March) 2021*
		WZB (Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung), 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		
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 (* scheduled)	APSA (American Political Science Association) Annual Meeting	2021*, 2020, 2019, 2018
	MPSA (Midwest Political Science Association) Annual Conference	2021, 2019, 2016, 2015
	LASA (Latin American Studies Association) Congress	2019, 2018
	REPAL (Latin American Political Economy Network) Annual Meeting	2021*, 2019
	EPSA (European Political Science Association) Annual Conference	2021*
	MWEPS (Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science) Meeting	2021*
	NEWEPS (Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science) Meeting	2019
	PolMeth (Society for Political Methodology) Annual Meeting	2019
	SeLAB (Southeast Latin American Behavior Consortium) Conference	2017
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)
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