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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> ★ 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> , forthcoming. “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	“Turnover: How electoral accountability disrupts the bureaucracy and service delivery.” Invited to revise and resubmit, <i>American Political Science Review</i> . ★ Media coverage: BBC News Brasil , Globo G1 , MIT News “The benefits of patronage: How political appointments can enhance bureaucratic accountability and effectiveness.” Under review.	

Chapters in books	<p>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.</p> <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>																				
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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Other training	<p>MIT Kaufman Teaching Certificate Program – Cambridge, MA Spring 2019</p> <p>Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research – Syracuse, NY June 2017</p> <p>J-PAL Certificate in Public Policy Impact Evaluation & Surveys – Santiago, Chile April 2013</p>																				

Grants & fellowships	Spanish Ministry of Science Research Grant (with P. Fernández Vázquez & V. Lapuente)	2021	
	Junior Faculty Teaching Fellowship (Vanderbilt)	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	
	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	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	
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		

**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 skillsR, 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](mailto:brs@mit.edu)
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[F. Daniel Hidalgo](#), Associate Professor of Political Science at MIT [✉ dhidalgo@mit.edu](mailto:dhidalgo@mit.edu)