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EDUCATION *University of Houston, Houston, TX* Expected 2021
Ph.D. in Political Science and Government
Dissertation: UN Peacekeeping Operations: Conflicting Interests, Misconducts and Effectiveness
Committee: Patrick Shea (Chair), J. Tyson Chatagnier, Nikolay Marinov
Cumulative GPA: 3.82

Çankaya University, Ankara, Turkey June 2014
B.A in Translation and Interpreting Studies
Cumulative GPA: 3.86
Double Major in Political Science and International Relations
Cumulative GPA: 3.50

University of Valencia, Valencia, Spain Spring 2012
Erasmus Exchange in English Language and Literature

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE *Department of Political Science, University of Houston*

- Research Assistant for Susan Scarrow, Fall 2020
- Research Assistant for J. Tyson Chatagnier, Summer 2020
- Research Assistant for Patrick Shea, Summer 2019 & Summer 2018
- Research Assistant for Jeronimo Cortina, Summer 2017

WORKING PAPERS

“Election Accomplished: Democracies and the Timing of Peacekeeper Drawdowns” (with J. Tyson Chatagnier)

“Selling Sovereignty: International Coercion, Debt Diplomacy, and Land Transactions” (with Jonas Bunte and Patrick Shea)

“The Composition of Peacekeepers and the Timing of Post-Civil War Elections”

“Direct and Indirect Effects of UN Peacekeeping Missions on Civilian Violence”

TEACHING EXPERIENCE *Department of Political Science, University of Houston*

- Teaching and Laboratory Assistant for Scott Basinger
POL6481, Quantitative Methods II, Spring 2020 (G)

POLS3316, Statistics for Political Scientists, Spring 2020 (U)

- Teaching and Laboratory Assistant for Patrick Shea
POLS6480, Quantitative Methods I, Fall 2019 (G)
POLS4343, Causes and Politics of War, Spring 2019 (U)
- Teaching Assistant for J. Tyson Chatagnier
POLS3313, Intro to IR, Spring 2018 & Fall 2018 (U)
POLS6332, Formal Models in International Relations, Fall 2018 (G)
POLS3331, American Foreign Policy, Fall 2017 & Spring 2018 (U)

C. T. Bauer College of Business, University of Houston

- Instructional Assistant to Jamie Belinne
GENB3301, Connecting Bauer to Business, Fall 2016 & Spring 2017 (U)

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE Annual Meeting of APSA American Political Science Association, presented “The Composition of Peacekeepers and the Timing of Post-Civil War Elections”, August 29–September 1, 2019, Washington, DC

Texas Triangle International Relations Conference, presented “Why Do States Sell Sovereignty? Debt Crises and Land Forfeitures” with Patrick Shea, January 26–27, 2019, Fredericksburg, Texas

Annual Meeting of SPSA Southern Political Science Association, presented “The Durability of Post-Civil War Peace Settlements: Do Rewards Work?”, January 17–19, 2019, Austin, Texas

Annual Meeting of SPSA Southern Political Science Association, presented “The Political Economy of Land Acquisitions” with Patrick Shea, January 17–19, 2019, Austin, Texas

Third Annual Tartu Conference on Russian and East European Studies, presented “Changing Identities: The Impact of EU Membership on Foreign Policies of Eastern European Countries”, June 10–12, 2018, Tartu, Estonia

Annual Meeting of SPSA Southern Political Science Association, presented “Foreign Aid, Corruption, and Income Inequality in Aid-Recipient Countries” with Ling Zhu, January 4–6, 2018, New Orleans, Louisiana

ADDITIONAL TRAINING Text Analysis by Nikolay Marinov and Ashrakat Elshehawy, University of Houston, 2020

Data Analytics for Public Policy by Iñaki Sagarzazu, Hobby School of Public Affairs at UH, 2020

Time Series Short Course by Justin Kirkland, University of Houston, 2017

GRANTS APSA Travel Grant, 2019, \$250

The Prestage – Cook Award, 2018, \$300
University of Houston, Graduate Tuition Fellowship, Spring 2017 - Present
University of Houston, PhD Scholarship Student Excellence, Fall 2016, \$1000
Çankaya University, Undergraduate Tuition Fellowship
Erasmus Scholarship by European Commission, 2012 and 2013, €420 /per month

**COMPUTER
SKILLS**

R for Statistical Computing, R Markdown, Python, JASP, L^AT_EX

LANGUAGES

English (Fluent), Turkish (Native), Spanish (Intermediate), German (Beginner)

REFERENCES

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