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### EDUCATION

*University of Houston, Houston, TX* Expected 2022  
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

*Çankaya University, Ankara, Turkey* June 2014  
B.A in Translation and Interpreting Studies  
Double Major in Political Science and International Relations

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

### WORKING PAPERS

“Election Accomplished: Democracies and the Timing of Peacekeeper Drawdowns” (with J. Tyson Chatagnier) (under review at *Journal of Peace Research*)

“Selling Sovereignty: International Coercion, Debt Diplomacy, and Land Transactions” (with Jonas Bunte and Patrick Shea) (under review at *American Journal of Political Science*)

“Ideational Commitment to the UN and Peacekeeping Effectiveness in Reducing Civilian Victimization”

“The Composition of Peacekeepers and the Timing of Post-Civil War Elections” (data collection in progress)

“Do UN Missions Have an Expiration Date?: Integrity among Peacekeepers and the Duration of Missions”

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

*Hobby School of Public Affairs, University of Houston*

- Research Assistant, Fall 2021 & Spring 2022

*Department of Political Science, University of Houston*

- Research Assistant to Patrick Shea, Summer 2021 & Summer 2019 & Summer 2018
- Research Assistant to Susan Scarrow, Fall 2020
- Research Assistant to J. Tyson Chatagnier, Summer 2020

- Research Assistant to Jeronimo Cortina, Summer 2017

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*Department of Political Science, University of Houston*

- Instructor of Record  
POLS 3389, European Union Politics, Spring 2021 (U)
- Teaching and Laboratory Assistant to Scott Basinger  
POLS6481, Quantitative Methods II, Spring 2020 (G)  
POLS3316, Statistics for Political Scientists, Spring 2020 (U)
- Teaching and Laboratory Assistant to Patrick Shea  
POLS6480, Quantitative Methods I, Fall 2019 (G)  
POLS4343, Causes and Politics of War, Spring 2019 (U)
- Teaching Assistant to 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 PRESENTATION

Texas Triangle International Relations Conference, “Direct and Indirect Effects of How Peacekeepers are Composed on Civilian Victimization”, February 6–7, 2021, Online Conference

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

Texas Triangle International Relations Conference, “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, “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, “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, “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, “Foreign Aid, Corruption, and Income Inequality in Aid-Recipient Countries” with Ling Zhu, January 4–6, 2018, New Orleans, Louisiana

<b>SERVICE</b>	<i>Referee</i> <i>Conflict Management and Peace Science</i> — Please visit my <a href="#">Publons reviewer profile</a>	
<b>ADDITIONAL TRAINING</b>	Data Manipulation with Dplyr in R by Bogdan Anastasiei, <i>Udemy</i> , 2021  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	
<b>GRANTS &amp; AWARDS</b>	The Cullen Graduate Student Success Fellowship (CGSSF), 2021, \$500.00 University of Houston, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS) Dissertation Completion Fellowships for 2021-2022, Nominee. APSA Travel Grant, 2019, \$250 The Prestage-Cook Travel 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	
<b>COMPUTER SKILLS</b>	R for Statistical Computing, Python, JASP, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X	
<b>LANGUAGES</b>	English (Fluent), Turkish (Native), Spanish (Intermediate), German (Beginner)	
<b>REFERENCES</b>	<div> Patrick Shea, <i>Associate Professor</i>  Department of Political Science, University of Houston  3551 Cullen Blvd, Room 408  Houston, TX, 77204  Phone: (713) 743-3971  Email: <a href="mailto:pshea@uh.edu">pshea@uh.edu</a> </div> <div> Nikolay Marinov, <i>Associate Professor</i>  Department of Political Science, University of Houston  3551 Cullen Blvd, Room 434  Houston, TX, 77204  Phone: (713) 743-7099  Email: <a href="mailto:nmarinov@uh.edu">nmarinov@uh.edu</a> </div> <div> J. Tyson Chatagnier, <i>Assistant Professor</i>  Department of Political Science, University of Houston  3551 Cullen Blvd, Room 413  Houston, TX, 77204  Phone: (713) 743-9439  Email: <a href="mailto:jtchatagnier@uh.edu">jtchatagnier@uh.edu</a> </div>	