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**EMPLOYMENT** *University of Houston, Houston, TX*  
Teaching & Research Assistant, Department of Political Science 2017 - Present  
Instructional Assistant, C. T. Bauer College of Business 2016 - 2017

**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”

**TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE**

*Department of Political Science, University of Houston*

- Teaching and Laboratory Assistant for Scott Basinger  
POL6481, Quantitative Methods II, Spring 2020  
POL3316, Statistics for Political Scientists, Spring 2020
- Teaching and Laboratory Assistant for Patrick Shea  
POL6480, Quantitative Methods I, Fall 2019  
POL4343, Causes and Politics of War, Spring 2019
- Teaching Assistant for J. Tyson Chatagnier  
POL3313, Intro to IR, Spring 2018 & Fall 2018  
POL6332, Formal Models in International Relations, Fall 2018  
POL3331, American Foreign Policy, Fall 2017 & Spring 2018

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

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

**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

<b>GRANTS</b>	<p>APSA Travel Grant, 2019, \$250</p> <p>The Prestage – Cook Award, 2018, \$300</p> <p>University of Houston, Graduate Tuition Fellowship, Spring 2017 - Present</p> <p>University of Houston, PhD Scholarship Student Excellence, Fall 2016, \$1000</p> <p>Çankaya University, Undergraduate Tuition Fellowship</p> <p>Erasmus Scholarship by European Commission, 2012 and 2013, €420 /per month</p>
<b>COMPUTER SKILLS</b>	R for Statistical Computing, R Markdown, 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>	<p><i>Pablo Pinto, Associate Professor</i></p> <p>Hobby School of Public Affairs, McElhinney Hall 307A, University of Houston, Houston, TX 77204</p> <p>Phone: (713) 743-2540</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:ppinto@central.uh.edu">ppinto@central.uh.edu</a></p> <p><i>Patrick Shea, Associate Professor</i></p> <p>Department of Political Science, University of Houston, 3551 Cullen Blvd, Room 447 Houston, TX, 77204</p> <p>Phone: (713) 743-3971</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:pshea@uh.edu">pshea@uh.edu</a></p> <p><i>Nikolay Marinov, Associate Professor</i></p> <p>Department of Political Science, University of Houston, 3551 Cullen Blvd, Room 447 Houston, TX, 77204</p> <p>Phone: (713) 743-7099</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:nmarinov@uh.edu">nmarinov@uh.edu</a></p> <p><i>J. Tyson Chatagnier, Assistant Professor</i></p> <p>Department of Political Science, University of Houston, 3551 Cullen Blvd, Room 447 Houston, TX, 77204</p> <p>Phone: (713) 743-9439</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:jtchatagnier@uh.edu">jtchatagnier@uh.edu</a></p>