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## EDUCATION

*University of Houston, Houston, TX* Expected August 2022  
Ph.D. in Political Science and Government  
**Dissertation:** UN Peacekeeping Operations: Conflicting Interests and Effectiveness  
**Committee:** Patrick Shea (Chair), J. Tyson Chatagnier, Nikolay Marinov, J. Michael Greig  
  
*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

“Ideational Commitment to the UN and Peacekeeping Effectiveness in Reducing Civilian Victimization” (Invited to revise and resubmit at *International Interactions*)  
  
“Public Support for the UN Missions and Attacks on Peacekeepers: Evidence from the Democratic Republic of the Congo” (Under review at *Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy*)  
  
“Do UN Missions have an Expiration Date?: Ideational Commitment to the UN and the Length of Missions” (Under review at *International Peacekeeping*)  
  
“Election Accomplished: Democracies and the Timing of Peacekeeper Drawdowns” (with J. Tyson Chatagnier) (Under review at *Conflict Management and Peace Science*)  
  
“Selling Sovereignty: International Coercion, Debt Diplomacy, and Land Transactions” (with Jonas Bunte and Patrick Shea) (working paper)  
  
“The Composition of Peacekeepers and the Timing of Post-Civil War Elections” (working paper)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*Department of Political Science, University of Houston*

- Instructor of Record  
POL 3311, Introduction to Comparative Politics, Summer 2022 (U)  
POL 3389, European Union Politics, Spring 2021 (U)
- Laboratory Assistant  
POL 6481, Quantitative Methods II, Spring 2020 (G)  
POL 3316, Statistics for Political Scientists, Spring 2020 (U)  
POL 6480, Quantitative Methods I, Fall 2019 (G)
- Teaching Assistant  
POL 4343, Causes and Politics of War, Spring 2019 (U)

POLS 3313, Intro to International Relations, Spring 2018 & Fall 2018 (U)  
POLS 6332, Formal Models in International Relations, Fall 2018 (G)  
POLS 3331, American Foreign Policy, Fall 2017 & Spring 2018 (U)

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

- Instructional Assistant  
GENB 3301, Connecting Bauer to Business, Fall 2016 & Spring 2017 (U)

**RESEARCH  
EXPERIENCE**

*Hobby School of Public Affairs, University of Houston*

- Research Assistant, Fall 2021 to Spring 2022

*Department of Political Science, University of Houston*

- Research Assistant, Fall 2017 to Spring 2021

**CONFERENCE  
PRESENTATION**

Annual Meeting of SPSA Southern Political Science Association, “Do UN Missions have an Expiration Date?: Ideational Commitment to the UN and the Length of Missions”, January 13–15, 2022, San Antonio, Texas

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>	
	<i>Discussant</i> SPSA 2022, Panel: <i>International Conflict and Security</i>	
<b>ADDITIONAL TRAINING</b>	CIVICA Data Science Summer School, July 9-30, 2021 Text Mining, Scraping and Sentiment Analysis with R, Udemy, 2021 Data Manipulation with Dplyr in R by Bogdan Anastasiei, <i>Udemy</i> , 2021 Text Analysis by Nikolay Marinov, 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 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>	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>	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>
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