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EDUCATION *University of Houston, Houston, TX* Expected May 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

“Ideational Commitment to the UN and Peacekeeping Effectiveness in Reducing Civilian Victimization” (submitted to *International Interactions*)

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

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

“Do UN Missions have an Expiration Date?: Ideational Commitment to the UN and the Length of Missions” (dissertation chapter, final revision pending)

“The Composition of Peacekeepers and the Timing of Post-Civil War Elections” (side project, data collection pending)

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
POLS 6481, Quantitative Methods II, Spring 2020 (G)
POLS 3316, Statistics for Political Scientists, Spring 2020 (U)
- Teaching and Laboratory Assistant to Patrick Shea
POLS 6480, Quantitative Methods I, Fall 2019 (G)
POLS 4343, Causes and Politics of War, Spring 2019 (U)

- Teaching Assistant to J. Tyson Chatagnier
POL3 3313, Intro to IR, Spring 2018 & Fall 2018 (U)
POL3 6332, Formal Models in International Relations, Fall 2018 (G)
POL3 3331, American Foreign Policy, Fall 2017 & Spring 2018 (U)

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

- Instructional Assistant to Jamie Belinne
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 & 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

**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

SERVICE *Referee*
Conflict Management and Peace Science
— Please visit my [Publons reviewer profile](#)

ADDITIONAL TRAINING 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, *Udemy*, 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

GRANTS & AWARDS 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

COMPUTER SKILLS R for Statistical Computing, Python, JASP, L^AT_EX

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

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