

SPRING 2011 NEWSLETTER

Political Science Department



Congratulations to Our Graduates!

Scott Adrian
Colin Barnard
Meghan Clark
Tony Godfrey
Melanie Kirkland
Josh Morrison
Jessica Mullican

Amanda Paramore
Katie Schmitz
Cleophas Tanui
Melanie Wheeler



Guests Hosted by the Political Science Department this Spring

Abilene Mayor Norm Archibald was a guest speaker this April in Jaclyn Woolf's States and the Federal System class. The evening class toured the County Courthouse and met with County Commissioner Chuck Statler.

The Department sponsored "Middle East Photographic Journey: March, 2011 in Turkey, Syria, and Jordan" by Eleanor Hamby and Sandy Hazelip on April 18 in the Campus Center Living Room for the entire campus.

ACU Civil Rights Tour 7 Days, 1800 miles

Dr. Dillman is leading, along with Dr. Jennifer Dillman and Dr. Richard Beck, a tour of the significant sites in the American Civil Rights Movement. The 22 students and the faculty are gone May 15-21, and are traveling through Little Rock, Memphis, Birmingham, Selma, Montgomery, and Jackson.

Sad Farewell to Dr. Gentry and Mrs. Holder

The Political Science will soon be saying a very sad farewell to two of our family. Dr. Caron Gentry is taking a teaching job at St. Andrews University and begins there this August, and Mrs. Rhonda Holder will retire later this summer from ACU. We will miss them both dearly! Please come by the Department to thank them for their good work on behalf of all of us. Dr. Gentry is finishing 8 years here, and Mrs. Holder has just finished her fifth year, and they have both influenced many students!

Three POLS Majors present at the ACU Undergraduate Research Festival

Paper Presentation: *A Unique Voice: The Political Rhetoric of Women in 16th Century England and 21st Century America*—Meghan Clark (Dr. Mel Hailey, Adviser).

Poster Presentation: *Palestinian Refugees on Neighboring Countries*—Travis Green (Dr. Caron Gentry, Adviser).

Poster Presentation: *Violence in the Middle East*—Brad Schultz (Dr. Neal Coates, Adviser).

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Faculty News

Congratulations to Dr. Gentry on the new book, Women, Gender, and Terrorism, edited with Laura Sjoberg which will be available this fall 2011.

Dr. Hailey served as Current Events judge for the annual UIL Competition on the ACU campus on April 16.

On April 9, Dr. Coates served as Policy Debate Finals Judge in the National Christian Forensics and Communications Association—Oklahoma and Texas Regions.

Dr. Hailey had the honor of meeting Justice Sandra Day O'Connor at the iCivics convention on April 13 in Austin.

Dr. Coates spoke on April 28 to the Greater Abilene Kiwanis Club. "The Arab (and Persian) Spring: Clamoring for More Freedoms in the Middle East, Competing for Power".

Dr. Coates has been notified that he will present a class at this Fall's ACU Summit, "Do Christians Count? Persecution and Prospects in the Middle East," with POLS major Brad Schultz.

Student News

Congratulations to POLS majors Conner Best and Julianne Hart! Conner will serve as SA President this next school year and Julianne will serve as Vice President.

Congratulations to Melanie Wheeler, named at Graduation as the recipient of the B. Sherrod Scholarship for graduate studies.

Congratulations to Jessica Mullican and Melanie Wheeler, both honored with the Alpha Chi Award (4.00 GPA) at Graduation Ceremonies.

Debate team members, Scott Adrian ('11) and Jared Perkins, junior political science minor continued their successes this spring.

Dr. Coates reports that 40 students performed service learning at the Lawn Atlas Missile Base this semester, from the National Government course and the Iran and Nuclear Weapons course.

Study Abroad in Italy

Rebekah Singleton is Studying Abroad with Harding University in Florence, Italy this summer.

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High Quality Summer Internships Won by ACU Political Science Majors

This summer, ACU political science majors are “going places”—specifically state capitals and the nation’s capital.

Matthew Ray, senior from The Woodlands, Texas, will work this summer in Washington, D.C., in the Office of Senator John Cornyn.

Keri Gray, senior from Longview, Texas, won one of the select internships in the Office of the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, Nancy Pelosi.

Brad Schultz, senior from Franklin, Tennessee, will serve half the summer in Senator Bob Corker’s Nashville Office, then move to Senator Lamar Alexander’s Washington, D.C., Office.

Ashley Close, junior from Lexington, South Carolina, is working in the office of South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley.

Student Chosen for Engalitcheff Institute

Brittany Partridge, junior from Annandale, Minnesota, will study in Washington, D.C., this summer at The Fund for American Studies Program based at Georgetown University, and was admitted into the Engalitcheff Institute on Comparative Political and Economic Systems.

Graduate Chosen for Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies

Congratulations to 2011 graduate Melanie Wheeler of Abilene, who starting this fall will attend the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, one the most prestigious institutions preparing persons for diplomatic service. She will study for one year in Italy and then return to Washington, D.C., for the second year of the masters program.

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Alumni News

Grady Lane ('93) teaches business courses for the Fresno Unified School District. He visited the Department during Sing Song.

Jeremy Haile ('97) has been working in Congressman Lloyd Doggett's office and was recently commended for his excellent work there.

Dave Roland ('00) is Director of Litigation for the Freedom Center of Missouri, located in St. Louis.

Amanda (Culp) Luck ('02) was just on campus, celebrating her father Bill Culp's retirement from the School of Social Work. Amanda now lives in San Antonio with her husband Chad and their children.

Erin Hudson ('03) is an associate at Rodriguez & Nicolas in Brownsville.

Congratulations to Ben Adams ('06) and his wife, Rosana, on the birth of their son Ethan, March 10.

Brandon Smith ('08) is moving to Washington, D.C. to work for the Federalist Society and is enrolling in an LLM in National Security Law at GWU. He just finished law school at the University of Kansas.

Laura Smith ('09) just finished her first year at the University of Virginia School of Law and will intern this summer in The Hague at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.

Nathan McKenzie ('09) received his MA in Theology this spring from ACU. He has been accepted to Pepperdine Law School for this fall.

Amanda Crawford ('10) was a visitor at ACU for Graduation. She is finishing her VISTA work in Houston and is now studying for the LSAT.

Grady Hughes ('10) came by the POLS Department and is working to become an Air Force pilot.

Opportunities

POLS majors—Plan on doing an internship while in college! Whether local, state, national or international, an internship can open your eyes to many job opportunities for your future. Also, you can earn up to 6 credits for doing an internship. See Dr. Dillman for ideas or if you're interested. We strongly recommend all POLS majors to do an internship.

Check out www.SGRJobs.com, it is the largest local government job board in the nation. Also those who want a career in local government may want to subscribe to this free weekly 10 in 10 update on Leadership and Innovation, to do so go to: www.GovernmentResource.com.

Please Keep in Touch!

We keep a database of our alumni as a way to continue networking within the ACU community after graduation. This community is invaluable because it can provide internships, volunteer and job opportunities, and important connections, both for current students and alumni. However, this network is only as useful as its members are active. Please update us with your whereabouts as well as any of these kinds of opportunities in your area.

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Graduating Seniors at the end of the year Bar-B-Q!



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Dr. Hailey and Justice Sandra Day O'Connor