

# SPRING 2011 NEWSLETTER

# Political Science Department



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COATES' HOUSE  
APRIL 14  
THURSDAY 5:30  
1726 CEDAR CREST DRIVE  
RSVP TO RKH06A@ACU.EDU  
BY MONDAY APRIL 11**

All POLS Majors are encouraged to attend!  
Seniors will be honored.

## Graduate School Representatives

On Oct. 8, Sarah Pulis('09) of the Bush School met with students in our Department and told them about graduate school and Texas A&M.

On Oct. 20, Baylor Law recruited in the POLS Department(HSU and McMurry students also attended).

On Feb. 17, a Vermont School of Law and Master of Environmental Law and Policy representative was hosted by Dr. Hailey, Pre-Law Advisor, and Dr. Michael Nicodemus of the Agricultural and Environmental Science Department.

We hosted a representative of Texas Wesleyan Law School on campus March 10.

## Guests Past and Present

Ambassador Ronald McMullen, U.S. Department of State's Diplomat in Residence, visited ACU on Nov. 18. He presented information on joining the foreign service, and lectured in Drs. Coates' and Gentry's courses (Politics of Developing Countries and International Relations) about "Ideology, Terrorism, and Nationalism in East Africa."

The Department is co-sponsoring three excellent guest speakers this Spring on campus. Chris Kyker of the Silver-Haired Legislature came Jan. 27. Noted economist Russ Roberts will speak at the Undergraduate Research Festival (Mar. 28), and photographer Eleanor Hamby will present a Photo Exhibition in April of her travels this spring through Turkey, Syrian, and Jordan.

The Pope Fellows Program welcomes Los Angeles City Councilwoman Janice Hahn to campus on March 21.

## Record Number of Law School Recruiters on Campus

Thanks to Dr. Hailey for hosting "coast-to-coast" recruiters this year! We have had representatives from Texas Tech, Vermont, Pepperdine, Texas Wesleyan and Baylor to visit with ACU and Pre-Law students.

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## Faculty News

Congratulations to Dr. Coates for promotion to the rank of professor!

Dr. David Dillman traveled to Leipzig, Germany, Feb. 12-19, to prepare for his Study Abroad semester there in Spring 2012. Freshmen and Sophomores, sign up!

Congratulations to Dr. David Dillman, faculty sponsor of the ACU chapter of Phi Eta Sigma, who received the Distinguished Service Award during the organization's Oct. 1-3 national convention. Dr. Dillman was accompanied in Knoxville by Katherine Handy, president of the ACU chapter, and Wilson White, vice president. ACU's chapter was chartered in 1986.

Mrs. Woolf and the students from POLS 315(Research Methods) did Exit Polling on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Dr. Gentry has just finished editing (with Laura Sjoberg) *Women, Gender, and the 21st Century* for the University of Georgia Press. It is slated for publication this summer.

Dr. Hailey presided over the National Association of Pre-Law Advisors' semi-annual meeting in Philadelphia on March 6-7. He also met with Law School Representatives in Newton, PA.

Congratulations to Dr. Coates for being named to the board of directors for Abilene Christian Schools!

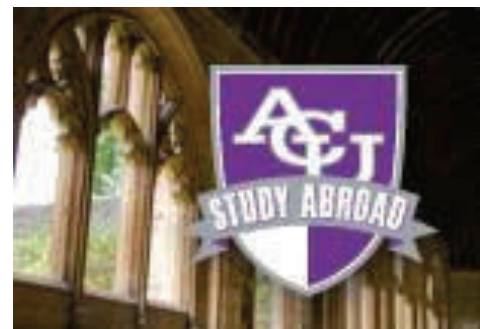
## Student News

Congratulations to POLS Major Cleophas Tanui, a senior from Rift Valley, Kenya, who placed third at the NCAA Division II South Central Region cross country meet in Warrensburg, MO, on November 20. The ACU men finished second overall to earn a trip to the national championships.

Three POLS majors, Scott Adrian, Jared Perkins and Matthew Ray are members of the Debate Team who has won accolades against top competition this year!

## Study Abroad

Ashley Close and Gabe Elorreaga are Studying Abroad in Oxford this semester.



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## Scholarships!

Congratulations to the following 12 individuals who have received a POLS Scholarship for this year:

- Colleen Ashley
- Marley Baird
- Colin Barnard
- Connor Best
- Meghan Clark
- Julianne Hart
- Melanie Kirkland
- Josh Morrison
- Jessica Mullican
- Amanda Paramore
- Brad Schultz
- Melanie Wheeler

## Undergraduate Research Festival: March 28, 2011

Dr. Russ Roberts is the featured speaker for the ACU 2011 Undergraduate Research Festival on Monday March 28. He is an economist at George Mason, has an award winning EconTalk interview series (with Nobel Laureate economists), and is a regular contributor to NPR and the Wall Street Journal. He is known for making economics accessible to everyone, especially students. All POLS majors are invited to hear him speak at either 9-9:5A or 10-10:50A as he speaks to business and political science students in the Mabee College of Business Administration Building, Room 201. Jeremy Foo and Brad Schultz will be participating in this event.

## Shaima Hussein, Mahmood Mohammed Fadil, and Kareem Alsarag, spoke to students about understanding the Arab world and the Egyptian protests

On March 3, POLS and Foreign Language sponsored three experts from Iraq to speak about their experiences in Egypt. 50 students listened to Dr. Shaima Hussein—worked with International Relief and Development in Baghdad and with the UN 1997-2010, Prof. Mahmood Mohammed Fadil—head Physicist with the Ministry of Science and Technology 1989-2006, and Prof. Kareem Muthanna Alsarag—teaches ESL.

## New Languages Offered at ACU

Students, please be aware that in addition to Spanish, German, and French, the following four languages are being added for a two-year cycle of study: Mandarin, Arabic, Russian, and Japanese. Additional lessons beyond those two years are available.

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## Alumni News

Kirk Coffee ('10), is applying for the U.S. Navy SEALs. Another ACU POLS grad, Sean Merritt ('04), is currently in the SEALs training program.

Grady Lane (POLS '93), came by the Department while visiting for Sing Song. He teaches business courses for Fresno Unified School District and lives in Clovis, CA.

Laura Smith ('09), 1L at the University of Virginia, stopped to say hello.

Brandon King ('10) says hello to all our professors and is about to head for graduate school.

Mary Drehsel, professor of German and academic coordinator for Pepperdine University's Heidelberg International Program in Germany, died Feb. 21 after a long battle with cancer. She is the mother of ACU POLS graduate Susanna Drehsel Lubanga ('05).

Alumni Denise Milisitz ('00) of Operation Smile, a notable non-profit which repairs cleft palates in developing countries is looking for four interns. This is a Data Fellowship with 80% international travel. For more information go to:

<http://tbe.taleo.net/NA11/ats/careers/requisition.jsp?org=OPERATIONSMILE1&cws=1&rid=93>

Seize the opportunity!

## Opportunities

### Internships:

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.

### 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.