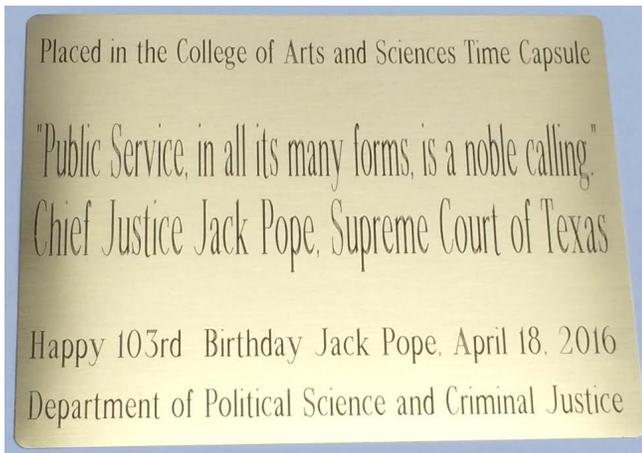


## Happy 103<sup>rd</sup> Birthday to Justice Jack Pope on April 18<sup>th</sup> !

The Department faculty and students and especially the Pope Fellows take this opportunity to wish Jack Pope a Happy 103rd Birthday! We know he will read this newsletter from his home in Austin, and he will also be opening birthday cards from this year's Pope Fellows.

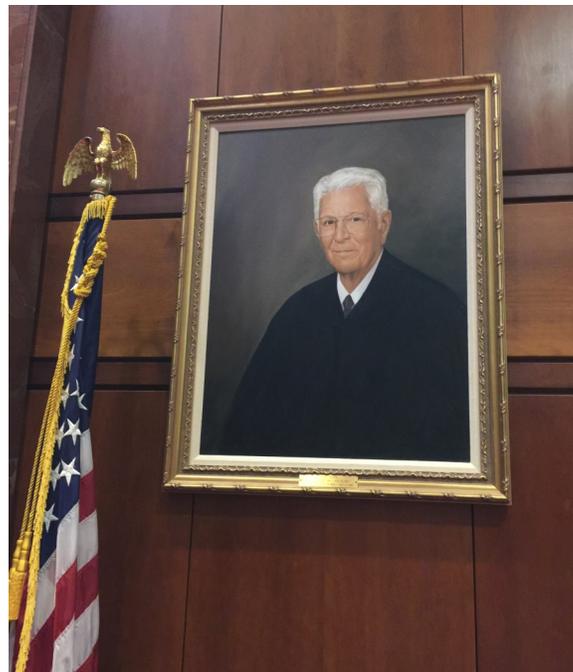


The metal plate to the left was prepared by the Department and placed in a time capsule here on the ACU campus this month, buried in front of the new Halbert-Walling Research Building. The College of Arts and Sciences asked each of its departments to submit an item representative of their discipline, and we donated the metal memorial regarding Jack Pope. His dedication to public service will continue to live on through the Jack Pope Fellows Program, and this will be seen again 50 years from now when the time capsule is reopened here at ACU.

The picture from the chambers of the Texas Supreme Court was taken recently by Dr. Hailey on a trip to Austin. Jack Pope's picture will remain in the Court forever along with other persons who have served as Chief Justice.

Pope Fellow alum, feel free to send your birthday and greeting cards through the Department and we will make sure they are delivered, whether during this birthday month or at anytime during the year.

Jack Pope influenced thousands of people through his work for the State of Texas, the court system, and his beloved Abilene Christian University.



THANK YOU JACK POPE

**'94 ACU CJ Alum and Iraq War Veteran  
Hired by Texas Tech as Strength and  
Conditioning Coach**

Rusty Whitt ('94 CJ) has been hired as the football strength and conditioning coach at Texas Tech.

Whitt served in the U.S. Army from 2003 to 2009 and was deployed to Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom V and VI. He was a senior special forces communication sergeant in the 10th Special Forces Group.

In 2013, the website LostLetterman.com named him college football's most intimidating strength coach. He incorporated Special Forces-type drills into conditioning his athletes.

After his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from ACU, Whitt earned a master's in kinesiology from Texas in 1997. He served as a graduate assistant in strength and conditioning at Midwestern State, University of Texas, was in an internship at the U.S. Olympic Training Center, worked as an assistant strength and conditioning coordinator at William & Mary and the University of Louisville before being named head strength and conditioning coach at Sam Houston State University.

**Alumni News**

Francisco Villa ('10) is teaching high school at the Preparatory Fresno in Mexico City, and is also working on a masters in public administration from Universidad Iberoamericana.

Cathryn Eberhardt ('12) graduated April 4 from the Abilene Police Academy.

Shelby Hall ('13) was on the team of Texas Tech law students winning the 66th Annual National Moot Court Competition, hosted by the New York City Bar Association. They defeated a team from Georgetown Law School. The competition has been held each year since 1950 and is the oldest and most prestigious moot court competition in the U.S. In addition to the overall championship, Hall was honored as having the top legal brief in the competition.

Rhianna Cooper ('15) has been hired as an analyst with the FBI in its Oklahoma City Office.



Francisco Villa ('10) stopped by the Department on March 4 and visited with Dr. Coates.

**Student News**

Jeremiah Shaeffer will intern this summer with the Abilene Police Department.

Colton Powell and Madeline Dayton attended the AEI East Coast Policy Summit at Princeton University on Apr. 1-3. They are part of ACU's Executive Council for the American Enterprise Institute.

Mackenzie Sanderson is serving this year on the ACU Undergraduate Council.

### **Searching for Jobs?**

A local government job board is located at [www.SGRjobs.com](http://www.SGRjobs.com). You may also want to check out some candidate resources at [www.GovernmentResource.com](http://www.GovernmentResource.com)

See [USAJobs.gov](http://USAJobs.gov) for Job Information! Here are some examples of pathway jobs with the potential to return and get a preference in hiring for full-time jobs.

[www.usajobs.gov/getjob/viewdetails/365805400](http://www.usajobs.gov/getjob/viewdetails/365805400) Homeland Security

[www.usajobs.gov/getjobs/viewdetails/365562300](http://www.usajobs.gov/getjobs/viewdetails/365562300) Park Ranger

### **Internship Opportunity**

[Rep. Ted Poe's Office, Washington, D.C.](#)

Representative Poe's Office is looking for an ACU intern for every semester and summer. Congressman Poe is an alumnus of ACU. If you or anyone you know (and of any major) may be interested please have them contact his office.