

Student News

OUTSTANDING DEBATE SUCCESS, ON TO NATIONALS !!

On Jan. 30-31, the team of Joyce Schuster (Senior JUST major) and Caleb Orr (Sophomore POLS major) won first place at the Western Washington Parliamentary Debate Tournament. Competing against teams from WWU, Univ. of Washington, Univ. of Oregon, Puget Sound Univ., Whitman College, Univ. of Montana, the College of Idaho, and others, Joyce and Caleb not only won the tournament but were awarded Top Speaker (Joyce) and 3rd Top Speaker (Caleb) out of 68 students.

Caleb and Joyce, with permission from The Optimist, March 3.



On Feb. 6-7, Joyce and Caleb again won a tournament, the Texas Tech Invitational. They defeated teams from Rice, Texas Tech, and North Texas. What made this even more impressive is that another ACU team was runner up! Rachael Shudde (Freshman POLS major) and Sion Alford (Sophomore POLS major) took second!

Going into the National Tournament, to be held the week after Spring Break, Schuster/Orr were ranked 4th in the Nation (!) in National Parliamentary Tournament of Excellence competition, and Alford/Shudde were ranked 42nd. This is the first time in a number of years that ACU has had two debate teams ranked in the Top 50! Congratulations!

Student News, Continued

CJ major Chad Mancine is the first student in the Department to ever win an internship at the Dyess Air Force Base Judge Advocate General's Office. Congratulations to Chad and Dr. Knight, internship supervisor.

Caleb Orr has been selected to serve as an intern in the Office of Senator Marco Rubio this July-August in Washington, D.C.

Rachael Shudde will work this summer in Washington, D.C. in the office of Rep. Ted Poe ('70).

Mackenzie Sanderson will intern this summer in the Chief Clerk's Office of the Federal Courts for the Texas Northern District, in Dallas. She will be working for Karen Mitchell ('86), Chief Clerk.

Nick Cartwright will intern in the Office of Texas Rep. Doug Miller this summer in New Braunfels.

Savannah Hostetter has been chosen as Program Adviser for The Fund for American Studies program in Washington, D.C. this summer. The Adviser is a TFAS alumni who works with this year's participants, and Savannah will be assigned to the Engalitcheff Institute on Comparative Political and Economic Systems. Savannah is the first ACU student to be chosen for this position.

Alumni News

Audra Ude ('89) has been named Interim Superintendent for the Abilene Independent School District.

Ben Bailey ('05) is leaving active-duty military service to enter the Navy Reserves, and is returning to Abilene to be District Director for Rep. Randy Neugebauer.

Brandon Smith ('08) is now Policy Director for Governor Brownback of Kansas.



Chelsea Monty ('10) has been accepted in the MPA Program at the University of North Texas.

**CONGRESS TO CAMPUS COMES TO ACU**

**“Former congressmen encourage civic duty,” Abilene Reporter News, by Timothy Chipp, Feb. 16, 2015.**

ABILENE, Texas—Nick Lampson and Dan Miller stood in an Abilene Christian University classroom debating the merits of the Affordable Care Act.

Lampson, a former Democrat member of the House of Representative, and Miller, a former Republican member of the same, weren’t heatedly arguing a contentious political mess, they were attempting to find ways to motivate young students old enough to vote but staying away from the polls in large numbers.

“We’ve gotta fight apathy and this is a good way to do it,” said Lampson, who represented Beaumont for much of the time between 1997 and 2009. “When I was in college, we had the Vietnam War, which was important because of the draft. Issues like that can come up again. I think we have a responsibility when we live in this country, that everyone needs to carry their own weight.”

Both Lampson and Miller — who represented Bradenton, Florida — from 1992-2001, spoke to various groups and classes as part of the Congress to Campus program, designed to open up opportunities for students who otherwise may not be interested in the political process to meet with those who actually participated.

The program places former members from each of the parties together to speak with the students and attempt to convince them that being involved civically is a public responsibility, whether it’s going to work on Capitol Hill or simply learning about issues enough to make an educated decision when voting in an election.

Young people, considered the “Millennial” generation, aren’t getting politically motivated, the two former congressmen said, which needs to reverse itself for the country to successfully move forward.

Lampson said part of the blame rests on the laps of Congress, having changed from a group of people able to come together to compromise and pass laws despite major differences, to a group of bickering people who would rather fight in public than make tough sacrifices for the good the American public.

Miller, meanwhile, said part of the solution is to get people to see that congressmen and women are real people, just like the students. Overcoming voter apathy is a challenge, he said, to be overcome.

“Maybe if they see that the Congress is filled with real people,” he said, “they’ll take it more seriously. There are a lot of big issues that affect them. Like student loans. It’s a big deal that will have a lot of people concerned. Politically, there are a lot of issues that affect young people.”

As for their audience Monday, two politically motivated students said the congressmen were “awesome” and “easily accessible.”

**CONGRESS TO CAMPUS COMES TO ACU—CONT.**

Caleb Orr and Rachel Shudde were part of two separate groups who met with the former congressmen Monday morning. Having been a part of the political process themselves, as Orr worked on Capitol Hill this past summer and Shudde served as a page in Austin for a state legislator, they’re both politically motivated.

As for why students like them simply aren’t participating in politics like they do, they provided two different explanations.

“There’s an idea that Congress can’t do anything,” Orr said. “They want a more active congress.”

“Also, I think they need to have a connection to an issue,” Shudde said. “They need something they feel strongly about, not just an ad on TV or something superficial.”





**Student Accepted into American Enterprise Institute Summer Honors Program**

Caleb Orr has been accepted into the 2015 American Enterprise Institute Summer Honors Program in Washington, D.C. The program will run June 15-26 and Caleb will attend classes at George Washington University. AEI is a community of scholars and supporters committed to expanding liberty, increasing individual opportunity, and the strengthening of free enterprise. It is home to some of America's most renowned economists, political and social scientists, and foreign policy specialists. Caleb is the **first** POLS ACU student to attend this program.

**Internship Opportunities**

Thinking ahead for that perfect summer or full-semester internship of job? Take a few minutes and consider your summer opportunities for internships and part-time work related to your major. One source you can use is USA Jobs.gov and search via job or city.

Don't wait until the summer or fall to begin and then look for an internship! Start ahead of time. To sign up in a for-credit internship, see Dr. Dillman (POLS) or Dr. Knight (CJ) this spring, when you enroll in your other courses for summer and fall. Start planning now, and either of these professors can get you on your way!

**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.

**Job Board**

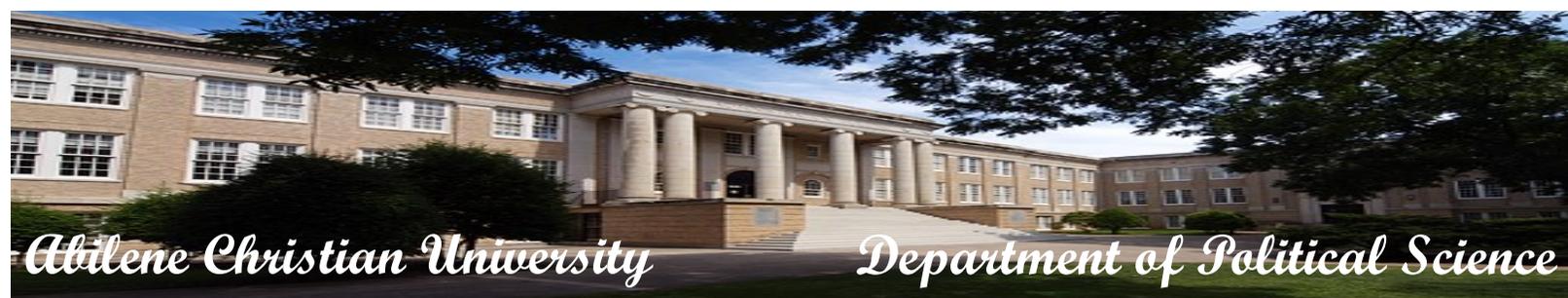
A local government job board is located at [www.SGRjobs.com](http://www.SGRjobs.com). Students may also want to check out candidate resources at [www.GovernmentResource.com](http://www.GovernmentResource.com). SGR produces a weekly "10 in 10" Update on Leadership and Innovation that is focused on local government and is free, with over 60,000 subscribers.

**Searching for Jobs?**

See 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



### **Faculty News**

David Dillman has been chosen to attend the “Politics and the Presidency” Conference at New York University in New York City on Apr. 10-11, hosted by the New York Times.

Dr. Coates served as guest coach for the Women’s Basketball Team for their game against Lamar on Feb. 5.

### **Law School Recruiters Visit to the Department**

Dean Rena Lindevaldsen of Liberty University School of Law was in the Department on Feb. 18 to visit with students.

Associate Director of Admissions and Financial Aid for Baylor Law School, Jennie Branson, hosted an admitted students lunch in the Department on Mar. 5.

### **National League of Cities Director Speaks to POLS and CJ students and to Pope Fellows**

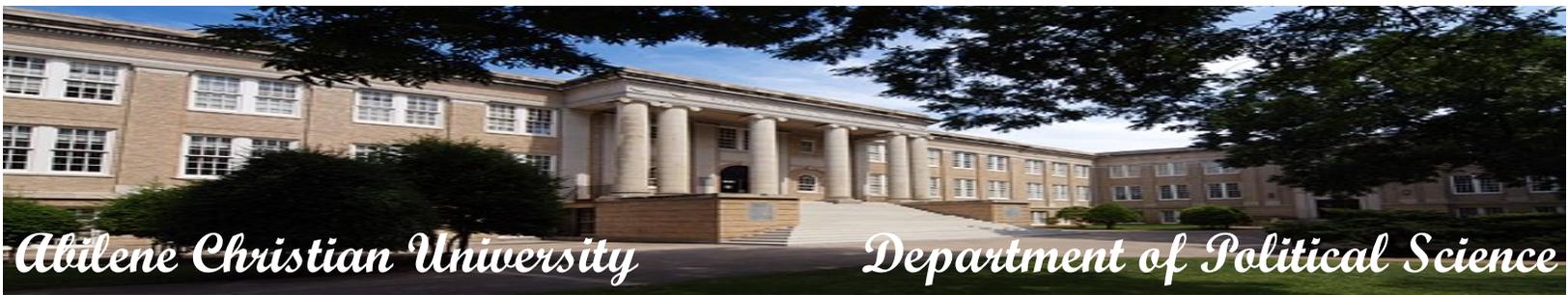
Don Borut, 22-year veteran director of the National League of Cities spoke to POLS and CJ students and Pope Fellows on March 3rd in the Hunter Welcome Center. The event was sponsored by Dr. Gary McCaleb. The NLC represents 19,000 cities and towns in Washington, D.C. and encompasses 49 state municipal leagues. It also provides training to municipal officials, holds conferences, lobbies, and provides assistance to cities in educational issues.

### **New Major Scholarship—China**

The POLS Department has learned of a significant, new scholarship for a one year study toward a masters in China. See <http://schwarzmanscholars.org/program>. The Schwarzman Scholars provides for future leaders a close understanding of the world and understanding China’s role in global trends. The program will give outstanding students the opportunity to develop leadership skills through a one-year Master’s Degree at Tsinghua University in Beijing, one of China’s prestigious universities. Students will live and study together on the campus of Schwarzman College, a newly-built state-of-the-art facility, where all classes will be taught in English. Students will pursue degrees in one of three disciplines: Public Policy, Economics and Business, and International Studies. Students will spend a year immersed in an international community of thinkers and leaders in business, politics, and society. Applications open April 2015.

### **New Law School Scholarship**

The Political Science Department is pleased to announce a new pre-law scholarship. The Faulkner School of Law now offers a tuition scholarship for ACU students. You can learn more at [www.faulkner.edu/acu](http://www.faulkner.edu/acu).



**Selected 2014-15 Department Student Research**

Savannah Hostetter, "A Demographic Case Study and Comparative Analysis of Sexual Violence and Texas Bordertowns," 2015 ACU Undergraduate Research Festival

Abigail Moses, "Hezbollah vs. The LRA," 2015 ACU Undergraduate Research Festival

Abigail Moses, "Renewable Energy in the Middle East," 2015 ACU Undergraduate Research Festival

Caleb Orr, "A Conservative Vision for Young Evangelicals in the American Enterprise Institute's blog, Values & Capitalism, March 9, 2014. Found at <http://valuesandcapitalism.com/conservative-vision-young-evangelicals>

Caleb Orr, "To Bibi Or Not To Be?: An Analysis of Likud in Coalition Negotiations," submitted for publication

Kalyn Prince, "The Power of the Pant Suit: A Rhetorical Analysis of Hillary Clinton's Campaign Dress," Honors Thesis

Nicole Ramos, "The Weight of Identity in Peacemaking," 2015 ACU Undergraduate Research Festival

Bethany Richardson, "Caught in the Crossfires: The Effect of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict on the Nations' Children," 2015 ACU Undergraduate Research Festival

Joyce Schuster, "Women's Rights in Iran's Legislative Documents: A Critical Analysis of the Constitution, Civil, and Penal Code," 2015 ACU Undergraduate Research Festival, and accepted for presentation at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (Apr. 16-17 at Eastern Washington University) and the Southwestern Social Science Association meeting (Apr. 8-11 in Denver, where she will be the only undergraduate student presenting in her field).

Samone Smith, "What if There was No Diplomacy? A Significant Counterfactual with Regard to the Current Negotiations on Iran's Alleged Nuclear Program," Honors Program



## Summer Workshop in International Security

### Workshop Aims

- 1) to inform students about key security issues and equip them with the analytic tools to evaluate global policy proposals to address them;
- 2) to develop a self-sustaining network of students with competence and interest in security studies; and
- 3) to introduce students to careers in security policy-making in private and public sectors by meeting informally with security experts.

### Fee

The fee is \$1,500 to cover cost of instruction, lodging on campus, and all meals. Travel to and from Urbana-

### Instructors

**Stephen P. Cohen**, Brookings Institution  
**Anthony H. Cordesman**, Center for Strategic and Int'l Studies  
**Conrad C. Crane**, US Army Military History Institute  
**Paul F. Diehl**, University of Illinois  
**James J. Hentz**, Virginia Military Institute  
**Feisal Amin Rasoul Istrabadi**, Indiana University  
**Edward Kolodziej**, University of Illinois  
**Frederick K. Lamb**, University of Illinois  
**David M. Lampton**, Johns Hopkins University  
**Jacquelyn Schneider**, US Air Force  
**Jennifer Sims**, The Chicago Council on Global Affairs  
**Marybeth Peterson Ulrich**, United States Army War College  
**Brenda Anne Wilson**, University of Illinois

Champaign, Illinois, is not included. Travel information can be secured on the ACDIS website.

### Application

Application deadline: April 10, 2015. [Application](#) can be found on-line at: <http://publish.illinois.edu/acdiswksp/application-fees/>

### Eligibility

Applicants should be rising sophomores or advanced undergraduates. Majors of all fields are encouraged to apply.

[More information](https://publish.illinois.edu/acdiswksp2015/) at: <https://publish.illinois.edu/acdiswksp2015/>

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