

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO DEPARTMENT
SCHOLARSHIP
WINNERS FOR
THE SPRING SEMESTER**

Every year, the Department faculty are blessed to consider our students for Department scholarship awards. The criteria for the various scholarships as set by the donors is listed later in this newsletter.

Congratulations to these POLS and CJ students! (They will soon be writing thank you notes to the donors!)

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| <u>Earl Scholarship</u> | <u>Meaders Scholarship</u> |
| Pablo Hernandez | Philip Lamborn |
| Rachael Shudde | |
| David Sigala | <u>Sublett Scholarship</u> |
| | Beau Carter |

Poe Scholarship
David Sigala

Thompson Scholarship
Chanel Brown

**Congratulations to our
December Graduates!**

- Christopher John—POLS
- Peter Marotta—POLS
- Jazmine Moreno—POLS
- Sony Nshimirimana—POLS

- Garrett Burkhart—CJ
- Tanner Fenimore—CJ
- Tim Hoffbauer—CJ
- Logan Hoppenrath—CJ
- Ian Merriman—CJ
- Jonathan Parker—CJ

Alumni News

Glenn Halbert ('14) has been hired by Child Protective Services as an Investigator.

Student News

POLS major Abigail Moses has been selected for the Summer 2015 Fund for American Studies in Washington, D.C., in the Institute on Philanthropy and Voluntary Service Program.

Congratulations to CJ major Nick Richardson, defensive end for the football team, for "finishing strong" in his ACU athletic career. This is what ACU Sports reports in "[Wildcats wrap up 2014 season with thrilling 37-35 win over SFA](#)," Nov. 15, 2014: "Richardson — who had one sack in the game to finish second all-time at ACU in that category with 32.5 — put the cap on his great career by hurrying Conque into an incompletion on the game's final play." Way to go, Nick!

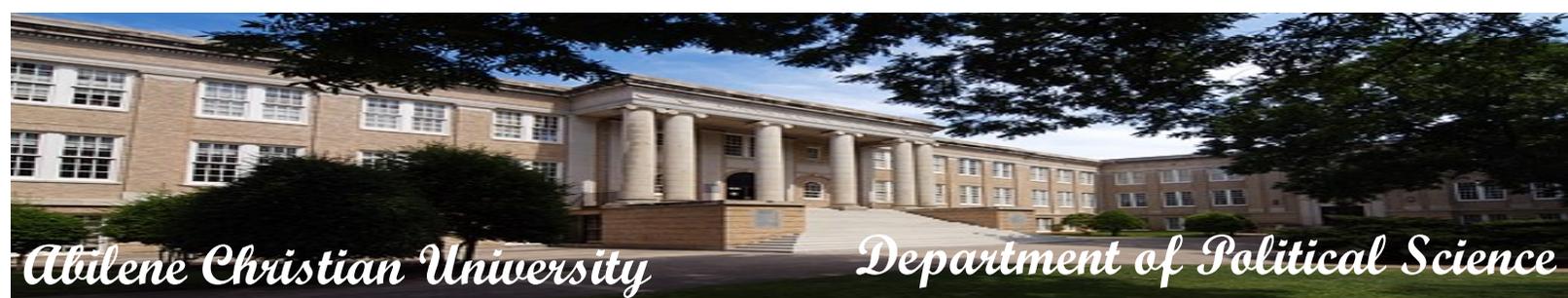
**Debate Team Wins Second
at Washburn**

Two members of ACU's Speech and Debate Team won second place at the Washburn University Tournament in Topeka, Kansas on Nov. 15.

Joyce Schuster (senior JUST major) and Caleb Orr (sophomore POLS major) took the second place trophy. Joyce captured the 4th Top Speaker award and Caleb won 8th Top Speaker. Along the way they defeated Washburn University's 4th ranked and 12th ranked teams in the United States, along with University of Texas-Tyler and William Jewell College, both ranked in the top 20 in the country.

Rachael Shudde (freshman POLS) and Si Alford (sophomore POLS) broke to quarterfinals, with Rachael winning 15th Top Speaker.

This tournament is significant as it attracts top teams in the central part of the United States. Schools competing included Texas Tech, University of Missouri, and Southern Illinois University.



Guest Speakers in Dr. Knight's Criminal Justice Fall Classes

On Oct. 14, during Department Chapel, and in class, Chaplain Donna Kelman, chaplain for DPS, military, APD, and TCSO for more than two decades

Captain Russell Steck, Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice

Captian John Brunet, Arson Investigator, Abilene Fire Dept..

Detective Bob Delony, Investigative Ethics & Homicide

Detective Lynn Beard, Homicide, Abilene Police Dept.

Chaplin Max Redwine, Texas Dept. of Crim. Justice

Tim Michaud, professional hacker, cyber crime & cyber security

Susan Streegler—Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner; rape kits and collection/preservation of evidence

Faculty News

Our sympathy goes out to Stuart Platt on the death of his father, Lon H. Platt (age 96). Mr. Platt passed away on Dec 10. He was a Veteran of WWII with 33 months in the South Pacific. Graveside was Dec. 19 at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio.

Department Scholarship Guidelines

Maxine Durrett Earl Scholarship – GPA 3.0 minimum, resident of West Texas County, Sophomore or above, POLS or POLS & CJ major

Trent and Nell Meaders Scholarship – POLS major

Judge Ted Poe Scholarship – POLS major, Junior or above, good character, academic ability, financial need

B.F. Sisk Scholarship – Jack Pope Fellow, Junior or above, GPA 3.25 minimum, commitment toward pursuing a public service career

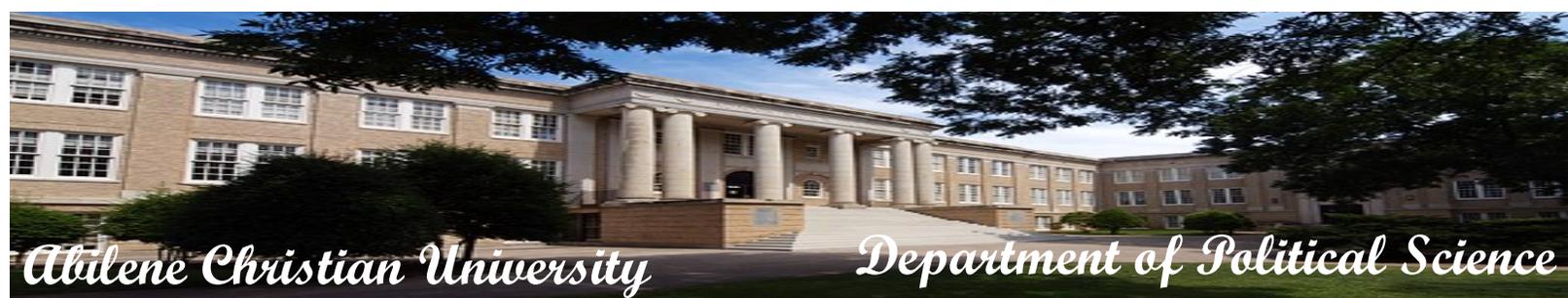
Pat and JoAnn Sublett Scholarship – POLS major, desiring to be leader in government, middle-class family, generally not eligible for other forms of financial aid, good character, academic ability, financial need

Gary and Nancy Thompson Scholarship – POLS major, good character, academic ability, financial need

Jeffrey L. Wendling Scholarship —CJ major, good character, academic ability, financial need

MAJOR SCHOLARSHIPS

On Sept. 30, ACU's Dr. Jason Morris visited the Department and met with POLS and CJ students interested in applying for international and national scholarships, including Fulbright, Truman, Marshall, etc. It is very important that freshmen and sophomores began preparing early for the kind of academic, leadership, service, and planning requirements that major scholarships require for application and selection. Interested students can visit with Dr. Morris or with Dr. Coates.



New Law School Scholarship

The Political Science Department is pleased to announce a third pre-law scholarship. Joining Baylor and Pepperdine, the Faulkner School of Law is now offering a tuition scholarship for ACU students. Application packets will be available this coming January in the department. Thank you Faulkner!

Job Board

In case any of our students are interested, a local government job board is located at www.SGRjobs.com. You may also want to check out some of the candidate resources at 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.

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/365805400> (Homeland Security)

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/365562300> (Park Ranger)

Internship Opportunities

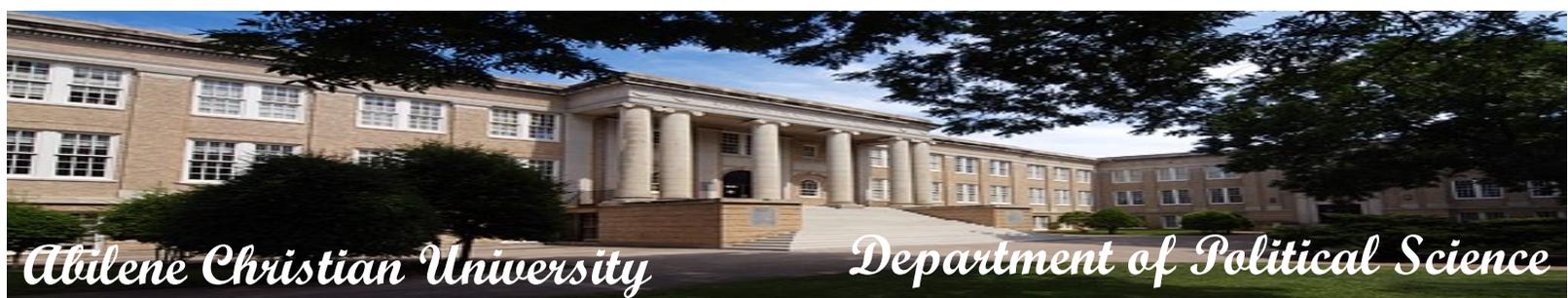
REP. TED POE'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

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

RANDY NEUGEBAUER'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D.C. AND ABILENE, TX

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Internships, Fellowships, and Other Work Experience Opportunities in the Federal Government.
Www.senate.gov/CRSRReports/crs-publish.



American Enterprise Institute: Public Policy Research

V&C Student Writing Awards: This academic year, AEI is offering scholarships toward college tuition for 1) the three best essays offering moral defenses of free enterprise, and 2) the two best examples of op-ed journalism on public policy or economics in a campus newspaper or an outside professional publication.

Essay Awards: First place will receive a \$5,000, second place will receive a \$2,500 scholarship, and third place will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. All three winners will receive a complete set of V&C minibooks, a signed copy of Arthur Brooks's *The Road to Freedom*, and an invitation to come to Washington, DC (expenses paid) for AEI's 2016 Annual Dinner. The essays will be featured in an online AEI publication.

Journalism Awards: Both winners will receive \$2,000 scholarships, a complete set of V&C minibooks, a signed copy of Arthur Brooks's *The Road to Freedom*, and an invitation to come to Washington, DC (expenses paid) for AEI's annual dinner. The articles will be featured in an online AEI publication.

For more information, or to view the online applications, visit [Writing Awards opportunity page](#).

V&C 2015–2016 Young Scholar Awards: AEI is also accepting applications for the 2015–2016 V&C Young Public Policy Scholar and Young Economics Scholar, each of whom will receive a \$5,000 scholarship toward college tuition. Candidates must submit a prospectus for a 4,000–5,000 word research project they intend to complete during their junior or senior year. Candidates must secure the recommendation and oversight of a faculty sponsor at their undergraduate institution in order to be eligible. Both young scholars will be invited to Washington, DC with their faculty sponsors (expenses paid for both scholars and sponsors) for their project defense and to attend AEI's 2016 Annual Dinner. Young scholars will also receive a complete set of V&C minibooks, a signed copy of Arthur Brooks's *The Road to Freedom*, and an op-ed length version of the project will be featured in an online AEI publication. Applications are due by April 7, 2015 and final project is due April 27, 2016. For more information, or to view the online application, visit our [Young Scholar Awards opportunity page](#).

AEI Values & Capitalism Summer Conference

AEI Values & Capitalism Summer Conference <<http://valuesandcapitalism.com/vcsummerconference2015/>> is an annual, two-day public policy conference in Washington, DC for professors and students from Christian colleges and universities. The 2015 conference will be held from Friday, June 26 - Sunday, June 28 at the Mayflower Renaissance Hotel.

All attendees will receive lodging, meals during the conference, and a travel stipend based on distance from Washington, DC. For those who would like to book flights in advance, the opening reception will begin on Friday evening (June 26) around 5:00 p.m. They will adjourn by 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, (June 28). If you are flying back to a location on the West Coast and are unable to book a flight out on Sunday, let us know so that we can extend your stay until Monday.

Early Decision Deadline: February 13, 2015

Regular Decision Deadline: April 3, 2015

Faculty attendees: If you plan to attend, please send your RSVP to at Meredith.Schultz@aei.org <<mailto:Meredith.Schultz@aei.org>> by April 3, 2015.