

**Fall 2013
Newsletter**



Congratulations!

Department Scholarship Winners!

Trent and Nell Meaders Scholarship– Jack Hodge, Jr. and Jazmine Moreno
Judge Ted Poe Scholarship– Stewart McGregor and Wriley Anderson
Gary and Nancy Thompson Scholarship– Amanda Bitner
Pat and JoAnn Sublett Scholarship– Ashton Pruitt and Kalyn Prince
B.F. Sisk Scholarship– Christopher Singleton

These students will be honored with a reception after our next
Departmental Chapel on October 22 at 11:00 am.

Welcome Dr. Platt

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Stuart Platt joined the Political Science Department this fall. Dr. Platt, retired inspector general of the Texas Department of Public Safety, brings more than 30 years of professional experience in law and criminal justice to ACU. We are honored to have him join the Department. See more on p. 4.



Special Guests

Texas Secretary of State John Steen visited ACU on August 27 as a guest of the Department.

Recruiter Brettanie Layson of the Mercer School of Law was in the Department hosting potential applicants on September 11.

Dean Timothy Brauch of Regent School of Law visited ACU and met with pre-law students on Oct. 1.

Washburn School of Law recruiter Ashlyn Yarnell will visit the Department on Oct. 8 from 7-8 p.m. Pizza dinner will be provided. Please RSVP with Mrs. Price by Monday, Oct. 7 at 4 p.m. Students have the ability to get a application fee waiver and in-state tuition is available for Texas students.

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Student News

Four CJ students did an internship with the Abilene Police Department this summer:

Jonathan Pruitt

Darian Hogg

Stefan Bushey

Glenn Halbert

Zach Ferrell did his internship with the Ft. Worth Police Dept.

Christopher Singleton interned in Washington, D.C. this summer for Congressman Joe Wilson of the 2nd District of South Carolina.

Darrell Cantu-Harkless and Caprice Stephens are pleased to announce their engagement. Their wedding is to be held January 4.

Congratulations to Chris and Amelia (Springer) Holden who were happily married August 3.

Amelia (Springer) Holden and Ian Merriman are current interns for the Texas Game

SA Election Results

Results are in after ACU students voted for Students' Association class officers, residential hall representatives, and academic building representatives. Many POLS students were elected into positions:

Caleb Orr– Freshman Class President

Savannah Hostetter– Freshman \Class Treasurer

Beau Carter– Sophomore Class President

Kayla Prince– Off-campus Representative

Stephen Hanson– Hardin Administration Representative

Alumni News

Jaclyn Woolf ('02) is Development Director at the George W. Bush Childhood Home in Midland.

Congratulations to April Blackford Hutsell ('04) and her husband Joel on the birth of their daughter, Ava Grace Hutsell, September 12. April works in ACU's Student Financial Services Office.

Brandon Smith ('08) recently finished his LL. M. in national security law at George Washington University. He published a law review article in the Loyola Law Review titled "Protecting Citizens and their Speech: Towards Balancing National Security and Free Speech when Prosecuting the Material Support of Terrorism." Additionally, he is now and adjunct professor at American University teaching graduate courses on American Government.

Cameron Gregory ('09) is now a police officer at the Bedford Police Department.

Daniel Burgner ('10) married Emily Burgner June 25.

Brett Harbor ('10) is serving as an officer in the US Marine Corps, stationed in Japan.

Jordan Hancock ('10) has been accepted into USAF Officer Training School.

Melanie Wheeler ('11) is working as an International Trade Analyst at TradeMoves in Washington, D.C.

Ben Word ('11) lives in Amarillo and works for the Chick-fil-A. He is applying for the City of Amarillo Police Academy.

Melanie Kirkland ('11) married Matt Truxal in June.

Michael Hall ('11) has been hired as a police officer in the Metroplex.

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Alumni News (continued)

Kwame Twumasi Ankrah ('12) has begun this fall in the masters program in international affairs at the Bush School of Government

Reese Brown ('12) and Harold Jackson Jr. (11) were selected as cadets at the Abilene Police Department Academy. They expect to be commissioned officers by December 2013.

Ashley Close ('13) has accepted a position at Agrifood Consulting International in Kensington, Maryland as a Marketing and Administrative Assistant.

Prentis McCarty ('13) is a correctional officer at the Giles W. Dalby Federal Prison in Post, Texas.

Eric Dice ('13) was accepted into the Peace Corps. He will start in June 2014.

Seth Wilson ('13) was accepted into the Abilene Fire Academy.

Tanner Schroeder ('13) has been hired for courtroom technology and security support for the Federal Courts System– Northern District of Texas.

Congressional Internship

The Abilene office of Congressman Randy Neugebauer is offering an inside look at how a Congressional office operates on a daily basis. The office is seeking a highly professional, energetic intern who enjoys working with all types of people answering phones, processing mail and helping with media clips among other duties. This internship is a non-paid commitment, flexible with hours but would appreciate at least 10-15 hours per week. If interested, please contact Marci Braden at 325-675-9779 between 8:30 am – 5:00 pm.

Her email is maci.braden@mail.house.gov

Faculty News

Dr. Mel Hailey is currently in Oxford with ACU's study abroad program. They will return in December. Dr. Hailey and wife, Jan, pictured with Oxford group at Westminster Abbey.



Dr. Dillman attended the 2013 APSA conference. held in Chicago, Illinois.

It's A Boy!

Congratulations to Dr. David Dillman, who's grandson, Axel, was born in early August.



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CRIMINAL JUSTICE EXPERT JOINS FACULTY

Dr. Stuart Platt, inspector general of the Texas Department of Public Safety, will bring more than 30 years of professional experience in law and criminal justice to ACU when he joins the university's Department of Political Science in Fall 2013.

Platt has directed the 24-person DPS Inspector General's Office since 2010, with responsibility for reviewing the conduct of DPS personnel across Texas. From 1996-2010, Platt served as U.S. magistrate judge in the Western District of Texas, Midland/Odessa and Pecos Divisions, and thereafter as DPS general counsel.

He served as an assistant U.S. attorney for the Department of Justice from 1986-96 in the Eastern District of Texas and the Eastern District of Tennessee, and was Criminal Division chief for the Eastern District of Texas from 1990-94. During those years, Platt won several awards for his performance from the FBI, Drug Enforcement Administration, Customs Service, Internal Revenue Service, and United States Postal Service.

Platt was named Texas Prosecutor of the Year by the Texas Narcotics Officers Association in 1990. He also is a retired colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve and a licensed peace officer in Texas.

"It is rare for any university to gain someone with such real-world experience from the top level of law enforcement in Texas," says Dr. Gregory Straughn, dean of ACU's College of Arts and Sciences. "Dr. Platt could have decided to teach at any university in the nation, but he's coming to ACU's growing criminal justice program."

Platt brings wide experience as an instructor of constitutional issues and police procedures. He taught in the DPS Training Academy from 2009-13, leading courses such as Search and Seizure, and Ethical Decision-Making in Professional Policing. He taught continuing education courses for the State Bar of Texas on search and seizure and federal practice 1996-09, and has served as a guest instructor at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va., and the Texas Tech University School of Law. He has been an adjunct instructor at Stephen F. Austin University, teaching criminal law and criminal procedure.

"His experience and education will supplement our classes in three areas – with our already outstanding pre-law program, to enhance our current criminal justice program, and to add to our international relations courses," says Dr. Neal Coates, professor and chair of political science. "In addition to his rich experience and teaching abilities, the most important reason we have hired Judge Platt is because of his reputation for having unquestioned integrity. He is exactly the type of person we want teaching at a major Christian university."

"I want to impress upon my students sound ethical rules for life and decision making," says Platt. "My ultimate goal is to equip students to apply substantive concepts and principles in real-world settings in a way that prepares them for their lifelong faith-based learning journey. They can become leaders in criminal justice professions and public service with an instilled passion to view their profession missionally."

Platt earned a B.A. in political science from Texas A&M University in 1974, a master's degree in health care administration from Trinity University in 1977, a J.D. degree from St. Mary's University School of

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Students will be accepted on a rolling basis until the Final Deadline of March 7, 2013. Students applying by the Early Deadline of December 2, 2012 will be given preference in admissions and scholarship decisions and will receive a 5% discount on their tuition balance.

For more information and an online application, please visit our website www.DCinternships.org or contact Alexander Jue, Recruitment and Admissions Assistant, at admissions@tfas.org or 202.986.0384.