

**April 2013  
Newsletter**



**Happy 100th Birthday Judge Jack Pope!**



On April 18, 2013 Judge Jack Pope will be 100 years old. Judge Pope earned his bachelor's degree from ACU in 1934 and his law degree from the University of Texas Law School in 1937. At age 33, he was appointed by Governor Coke Stevenson to the state district court in Nueces County, becoming the youngest district court judge in the state. In 1950 Judge Pope was elected for a six-year term to the Court of Civil Appeals and re-elected two more times and in 1964 he was elected to the Texas Supreme Court. He was appointed Chief Justice of that Court in October 1982. After a 50-year career in the Texas judicial system, he retired from the Supreme Court in 1985.

The University recognized Judge Pope's considerable contributions to his state and nation as an individual who maintained the highest standards of integrity in his long and distinguished career as a public servant by establishing the Jack Pope Fellows Program in 1985. His life represents the high regard he holds for public service and the Fellows Program represents his passion for public service.

For those who would like to recognize Judge Pope on his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, you are welcome to send a card or note to Judge Jack Pope, c/o The Department of Political Science, ACU Box 29143, Abilene, TX 79699. Please make sure these arrive to the Department by Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. We will forward your good wishes to Judge Pope by the 18<sup>th</sup>. We already have many cards from current and past Pope Fellows that we are mailing to Judge Pope.

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## Faculty News

Dr. Mel Hailey is on sabbatical this Spring semester as he prepares to teach in Oxford for ACU Study Abroad in the Fall.

Dr. David Dillman presented a paper to the APSA Teaching and Learning Conference February 8-10 in Long Beach, California, titled "From Charity to Justice through CitySquare."

## Research Festival

The 5th Annual ACU Undergraduate Research Festival was held April 4 and 5. Students participating in a presentation or poster gained valuable experience for applying for graduate school or employment.

Students involved were Parker Gordon (*Mozart in the Desert: The Effects of Classical Music in Israel*), Michel Mfashingabo (*The Myth Behind the Eastern Congo Crisis*), and Caleb Hughes and Elizabeth Koepke (*Counting Christians and Their Conditions in the Middle East*).



## Congratulations!

Brittany Partridge ('12) won the Marshall Scholarship! She was one of only four students in the U.S. to win a Truman & Marshall!

## New Look for Room 330

Our upstairs classroom is sporting new carpet, a new ceiling, and will soon have a new "smart room" desk. Mrs. Price and Dr. Coates also worked on the student chairs for Room 330 over the Christmas Break. Because this is one of the two classrooms primarily used by the Department we are happy for these renovations and thankful to the CAS Dean and to ACU Physical Resources for their assistance in making this a reality.

## Annual BBQ Dinner

Please make plans to attend the annual POLS/Criminal Justice BBQ Dinner. This will be held on April 11th from 5:30-7:00 PM in the backyard of Dr. Coates' home. His address is 1726 Cedar Crest.

We will be honoring our May 2013 graduating seniors:

Garrett Beach  
Daniel Borrego  
Megan Claycomb  
Ashley Close  
Rebecca Dial  
Gabe Elorreaga  
Shelby Hall  
Jordan Herman  
Rebekah Singleton  
Thomas Wyatt

Brent Bray  
Prentis Mccarty  
Tanner Schroeder  
Tyler Reed Watson  
Seth Wilson  
Aaron Lambrix

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## Student News

Congratulations to Brittany Partridge for being named Honor Women at Winter Commencement.

Stewart McGregor is interning with the Abilene office of U.S. Congressman Randy Neugebauer this semester.

Seth Wilson is interning with the Abilene Fire Department this semester.

Prentis McCarty is interning with the Juvenile Detention Center this semester.

James Elswood and Reese Brown are interning with the Abilene Police Department this semester.

Tanner Schroder is interning with the ACU Police Department.

Eric Dice is interning with the Texas State Parole Office this semester.

Kayln Prince will intern this summer in the Washington, D.C. Office of Representative Ted Poe ('70).

## Guest on Campus

On April 2, Gerald Britt, Vice President of Public Policy & Community Program Development with City Square, was on campus to visit with Honors Students and Jack Pope Fellows.

## Alumni News

Shawna Dowell ('92) has been city manager in Converse, Texas, since 2011. Prior to that she served in Jacksboro, Texas, and as assistant city manager in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Monica Smith ('06) Received a "Best in Show" Award in the U.S. Department of State's Office of Arts in Embassies and the U.S Department of Defense's "Service Abroad... Through Their Eyes" Photography Contest.

On January 22, Jon Wactor ('06) came by the Department. He has finished his Army career serving two years each in Iraq, Japan, and South Korea, and worked as a paralegal. He is back in Tucson and is planning to attend law school. He is in the Reserves and is finishing his masters from American Military University.

Brittany Baumgartner ('07) is working as Assistant Attorney General in Odessa after finishing from Texas Tech School of Law over a year ago. She represents the State in child support hearings in Ector and surrounding counties.

Colleen Ashley ('10) will begin her Ph.D. studies in POLS this Fall at the University of Massachusetts.

Kelsea Barada ('10) has been living in Germany since last May, where her husband is an Air Force pilot. They will be stationed there until 2015.

Cody Brown ('10) was inducted as new Abilene Police Officer.

Colin Bernard ('11) was selected for Officer Candidate School with the U.S. Navy in Newport, Rhode Island, with a goal of commissioned Surface Warfare Officer.

Keri Gray ('12) was published by The Institute for Educational Leadership at [www.ncwd-youth.info/blog/](http://www.ncwd-youth.info/blog/).

## Spotlight on POLS, Pope Fellows Alum

**Nichols book on First Amendment religion clauses is translated into**

**Chinese** *Published on: Thursday, February 14, 2013, from University of St. Thomas Press Release*

When Prof. Joel Nichols helped author a case book and law school text on the First Amendment religion clauses and religious freedom in America, he knew that the target audience would likely be comprised of law students and undergraduates studying politics and religion. But recently, the book Nichols authored with Prof. John Witte Jr. (of Emory University's Center for the Study of Law and Religion) has been made available to a whole new audience – law school students in China.

The third edition of *Religion and the American Constitutional Experiment* was published by Westview Press in 2011. The book was most recently translated in Chinese and is available for purchase on Amazon China and several online law school bookstores that cater to the world's most populous nation.

Nichols, who, in addition to serving as associate dean for academic affairs at UST Law is also a senior fellow at Emory University's Center for Law and the Study of Religion, said it was quite the surprise when he learned last month that the book was published in Chinese.

"I could imagine this would be useful in China almost for the basic principles of religious liberties that are discussed in the text," Nichols said. "The early part of this book talks about 'Why do we have the religion clauses and the idea of religious liberty that we do? What was it supposed to accomplish? How do we promote pluralism? How do we promote religious equality? How do we promote liberty of conscience or separation of church and state and what might all these things mean?'"

Nichols also discovered the translator for the Chinese language version of the text offered a reflection on the book in terms of how it will be received in the context of Chinese scholars' understanding of American concept of religious freedom, including this excerpt: "For scholars of Chinese legal circles, this book is also a study of American constitutional government and religious culture capable ladder. In fact, in the process of translation of this book, I also took the greatest effort... in this translation I want to maximize the academic achievements of the original author presented to our readers."

Nichols expressed his desire that the translated text would make a positive contribution to scholarly efforts in China to better understand the foundations of America's ongoing experiment with religious freedom.

"I would hope this book and its ideas would help people in China have a more robust, a more full idea of what religious freedom means," he said. "This idea of religious freedom is not just for America, but for every person; and the way it is played out in America may not exactly happen how it needs to play out in China. But I hope the book can serve as a window into the ideas of religious freedom as they have played out in American, so they can help it grow in China."

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## POLS Internships

Students—Internships are great way to figure out what direction your career might move, and you need to prepare NOW for summer and fall opportunities. There are internships at the City Attorney’s Office and other places in Abilene every semester. Consult Dr. Dillman about internships and also about receiving credit for your internships.

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.

an ongoing internship program each summer. Intern tasks include political strategy, general office assistance, database work, blogging, and creating PR material. In the past, they have fundraised for state representatives, PACs, nonprofits, and congressional candidates. The internship is unpaid and lasts approximately 10 weeks, with interns working 15-20 hours/week. If interested, send an email to [info@magnoliagroup.org](mailto:info@magnoliagroup.org) with a cover letter, resume, and brief paragraph describing your interest in working for them. For more information about the company, visit [www.magnoliagroup.org](http://www.magnoliagroup.org)

## Congressional Internship

The Abilene office of Congressman Randy Neugebauer is offering an inside look at how a Congressional office operates on a

## Magnolia Group Internship

The Magnolia Group, a full-service Republican political consulting and fundraising organization located in Dallas, has



## SAVE THE DATE



The Department of Political Science invites you to participate in the Texas Tech University Undergraduate Research Conference (URC). Come visit Lubbock, TX and improve your resume.

Faculty and Graduate Students will serve as discussants.

## Tuesday, April 23, 2013

- 12pm Lunch and Ethics Panel Discussion
- 3-5pm Registration and Kickoff Event
- 5-6:30pm Dessert Networking Reception
- 7:00pm Political Science Dinner

## Wednesday, April 24

- 10-11:30am Poster Presentation
- 11:45am - URC Lunch
- More optional events

March 19, 2013 - deadline for abstract submission online at: [www.undergraduateresearch.ttu.edu](http://www.undergraduateresearch.ttu.edu)

More details to come as schedule is determined. The department will cover the conference registration fee. Dinner, breakfast and lunch are provided.



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## Scholarship Opportunity!

Do you have students who want to make a difference in the world? If so, the Master of Public Administration program at the University of North Texas can open up a world of opportunities for those looking to bring new vitality to our nation's public services.

To help attract the best and brightest to UNT, applications are now being accepted for the **2012-13 Hatton W. Sumners Scholarships** in Public Administration. Each award, worth **\$27,000**, carries a stipend plus *full tuition and fees* for the two-year MPA program. Competition is open to any field of study, although admission to the MPA program requires at least 15 undergraduate hours in the social sciences or management. The scholarship announcement is attached for distribution to qualified students who will graduate this academic year.

Here are a few facts on the MPA program at the University of North Texas that may be of help as your students consider their graduate school options:

- This past May, *U.S. News & World Report* ranked the MPA program **1<sup>st</sup> in Texas** and **8<sup>th</sup> nationally** in the field of city management and urban policy. (The UNT program has increased with each ranking by U.S. News.)
- The twelve faculty in the MPA program offer specializations in nonprofit management, financial management, city management, and emergency management.
- Based on the most recent survey of alumni of the MPA program, 84 percent selected UNT because of the program's reputation for excellence and for being student centered.
- Every MPA student receives some level of financial support from the Department.
- Pre career students complete a *paid* internship. As part of our commitment to helping students succeed, the Department's internship coordinator assists students in preparing for an internship, securing an internship, and mentoring them throughout the internship.

Please encourage students nearing the completion of their degree to apply for a Sumners Scholarship. We will begin reviewing complete files on April 1, and on-campus interviews will be conducted with candidates on May 2 and 3. Travel expenses to UNT for candidates will be fully covered.

I am delighted to visit with your students about a career in public service or specifically about the MPA program and Sumners Scholarship at UNT. My direct phone number is [940/565-4339](tel:9405654339). Below are recent changes in employment of MPA alumni, which provides a sampling of the types of careers they are pursuing.

### Contact

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**Congressman Ted Poe (TX-02)  
Washington, DC Summer Interns  
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**Congressman Poe, ACU class of 1970, is  
looking for motivated summer interns.**

- Internships will last seven weeks.
- Responsibilities include answering phones, drafting letters, researching legislative issues, attending meetings and hearings as needed, and giving tours of the U.S. Capitol to visiting Texans of the 2nd District.
- Interested candidates must be professional, reliable, self motivated, flexible, computer-literate, and maintain a high level of confidentiality.

**Please visit [www.poe.house.gov](http://www.poe.house.gov) or call  
(202) 225-6565 for more information.**