

Student News

Bright Ntambara attended the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C.

Carissa Brawley and **Brittany Chapa** are POLS majors who are on this year's ACU Debate Team. We hope they bring home lots of trophies!

Liberty Grace Bland will intern this summer at the International Rescue Committee in Abilene.

Alumni News

Chris Riley ('00), Student Life Vice President and adjunct prof, is leading a Spring Break Campaign to SE Texas for disaster relief from Hurricane Harvey. The trip is sponsored by the Hillcrest Church of Christ University Ministry—students can still join.

Ryan Self ('09) is working for the re-election campaign of Texas Gov. Greg Abbott.

Congratulations to **Amelia Springer** ('14) who is attending the Texas Game Warden Academy. Graduation is July 30.

Guest Speakers during the Criminal Investigation January short course taught by Mike Bryant

- Dianna Arndt, Abilene Police Department
- Marisa Silva Gomez, Texas Dept. of Public Safety
- Steve Shaw, (ret.) Johnson County Sheriff's Office
- James Thomas, Texas Rangers

- Laurie English, 112th District Attorney
- Theresa Salazar, Texas Dept. of Public Safety
- Mike Smith, Texas Rangers
- Ted Wilson, Harris County District Attorney's Office



Congratulations to Dr. Neal Coates and his wife Cynthia on becoming grandparents! Alice Faye McNeill was born to Rebekah (Coates) McNeill and her husband Blake in January.



Dr. Mel Hailey was a panel member discussing "Supreme Court Literacy" at the 2018 Law Related Education Conference in Austin, Texas on January 26-27, 2018. He gave a presentation on a 4th Amendment case currently before the court, Carpenter v. United States. The conference was sponsored by the State Bar of Texas.



Faculty News

Neal Coates reviewed, "An Analysis of the Relation between Foreign Direct Investment and Sociopolitical Variables in MENA Countries by Panel Regression", for the International Journal of ICT Research in Africa and the Middle East (December, 2017)

Neal Coates was interviewed by KTXS T.V. news regarding "Fake City of Abilene account launches new Facebook page" on Dec. 11.

Neal Coates wrote an op-ed for the Abilene Reporter News on Jan. 7 entitled "Enough is enough in Iran."

Neal Coates was interviewed on KWKC 1340 AM, The Professors on Jan. 9 regarding the on-going protests and unrest in Iran.

On Jan. 16, Neal Coates spoke to the new cohort in ACU's nursing Program, encouraging them to participate in medical missions.

Pre-Law Event

The HSU/ACU/McMurry Pre-Law advisors held a recruiting event on Feb. 7 at HSU. The guest speaker was Alyssa Bickford from the University of Oklahoma, College of Law.

Shout out to ACU Students JD Bynum (CJ Major) and Laura Fisher serving others!

www.bigcountryhomepage.com/news/main-news/big-hearts-brother-and-sister-acu-students-deliver-meals/961768641

ACU's American Enterprise Institute

The AEI Executive Council is hosting a book club this semester. The first book being reviewed by the club is James Madison: A Life Reconsidered. Contact POLS major **Madeline Dayton** to join.

REGULAR OPPORTUNITIES

Texas Police Trainers maintains a list of job openings: <http://texaspolice trainers.com/job-announcements>

Critical Language Selection Program — U.S. State Department

The State Department invites American students to apply for the Critical Language Scholarship Program to learn critical foreign languages next summer on a fully-funded study abroad program. The CLS Program is an intensive overseas language and cultural immersion program for American students enrolled at U.S. colleges and universities. Students spend eight to ten weeks studying one of 14 critical languages. The program includes intensive language instruction and structured cultural enrichment experiences designed to promote rapid language gains. CLS is part of a wider government initiative to expand the number of Americans studying and mastering foreign languages that are critical to national security and economic prosperity. CLS plays an important role in preparing students for the 21st century's globalized workforce and increasing national competitiveness. The application is available online at www.elscholarship.org. Applications are due November 15 each year.

Internship Opportunities: Ted Poe's Office, Washington, D.C. and Jodey Arrington's Office

Representatives Ted Poe and Jodey Arrington are looking for an ACU intern for every semester and summer. Rep. Poe is an alumnus of ACU. If you or anyone you know are interested, contact either office or talk with Dr. Coates.

International Rescue Committee, Abilene

The IRC in Abilene regularly accepts applications for the summer and fall semesters. An internship with the IRC is a professional experience with a renowned international non-profit, and provides a multicultural experience not just from working with diverse clients but also with the international staff in their office. They accept interns from all majors to work in case management, economic empowerment, immigration, and development. IRC requests a 12 hour per week commitment from each student. Apply several weeks prior to the semester, and training is required.

Study Abroad (and in Washington, D.C.)

A semester abroad is one of the most impactful educational experiences students can have. In addition to ACU's various study abroad sites that sophomores typically enroll in, for over 40 years the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities has operated Christian-based semester abroad programs around the world in Oxford, Jordan, Uganda, and Northern Ireland. They also operate professionally-focused domestic programs in Washington, D.C. (politics), Los Angeles (film), and Nashville (music). These programs are led by experienced full-time directors and have a strong reputation for academic rigor, Christian faith integration, and operational excellence. The courses also transfer to ACU. Check out their website, www.bestsemester.com.



MSC SCONA is an annual collegiate conference at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas, that brings together delegates from across the nation and the world. Each year, SCONA discusses a topic of national and global importance, giving delegates the chance to interact with the nation's premier academic scholars, industry professionals, and well-known public figures. Delegates participate in small group "roundtables" led by a subject matter expert "facilitator" and work together to create a policy paper.

Prior to the conference, students may choose to participate in the International Strategic Crisis Negotiation Exercise. The ISCNE is a diplomatic simulation produced by the U.S. Army War College, which Texas A&M University has been selected to host. Student delegates are divided into seven teams—each representing a nation-state-and work with a USAWC Fellow, who serves as their mentor for the exercise. Each of the seven delegations will represent a nation or interested global actor at a simulated peace conference facilitated by the "United Nations." SCONA and ISCNE take place each February.

The American Enterprise Institute's Summer Honors Program is a series of educational and professional development opportunities for top undergraduate students. Students connect with the ideas, research, and network of AEI, a pre-eminent think tank, through discussion-based seminars with AEI scholars and policy professionals, policy briefings with distinguished guests, high-level networking events, and site visits in Washington, D.C. For more information, visit www.aei.org/SummerHonors

Duration: Students participate in either a single one-week course or a multi-week opportunity.

Stipend: This is a fully-funded program. Housing, meals on class days, stipends and travel vouchers all provided.

Eligibility: Current undergraduates and recent graduates. International students are eligible. Students who apply by the early decision deadline, usually by the end of December, will be told if they are accepted, rejected, or waitlisted by the end of January. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until March 15.

The Fund for American Studies, Washington, D.C.—Every June and July

Outstanding, students are invited to apply for TFAS, a summer program for internships and college courses in Washington, D.C. See www.tfas.org. The Fund for American Studies sponsors six institutes which prepare young people for leadership in the life of their communities and the nation. The institutes are intense, combining lectures, coursework, internships, evening lectures, and site briefings at key government institutions. Each institute offers courses for academic credit. Of the various institutes, the one most popular with ACU students has been the Engalitcheff Institute on Comparative Political and Economic Systems. This oldest TFAS program, ICPEs, began in 1970 and is intended for students interested in careers in government, public policy, and academia, and offers students a thorough examination of the American political tradition and market economics through comparative study. Other Programs are offered in: [International Affairs](#), [Public Policy & Economics](#), [Journalism & Communication](#), [Community Leadership & Service](#), [Business & Government Affairs](#), [Leadership & the American Presidency](#). Applicants for the Summer Programs are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Deadline for Enrollment with 5% tuition discount is early December. TFAS includes an internship placement with over 300 different federal agencies, policy groups, international affairs organizations, media outlets, public affairs firms, government relations offices, and nonprofit organizations; courses for academic credit from George Mason University; furnished housing located close to Metro rail stations, monuments and museums in Washington; and networking events, exclusive briefings, guest speakers and a mentor program. Scholarships are awarded based on need and merit with over 70% of students receiving full or partial funding.