

Honorary Doctor of Laws—U.S. Rep. Ted Poe ('70)



During the May 12, 2018, Commencement, The Honorable Ted Poe ('70, POLS), Congressman, Second Congressional District of Texas, was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by ACU President Phil Schubert. Rep. Poe also gave the charge to the class of 2018. A native of Temple and a sixth-generation Texan. Poe is a leading advocate in Washington for limited government, free markets, low taxes, and individual liberty. Poe has committed more than three decades to public service, and in 2018 will retire from Congress after representing Houston since 2004.

In 1970, Poe earned a B.A. degree in political science from ACU, where he was president of his freshman, sophomore, and junior classes and of Galaxy social club. He has served in the Air Force Reserves and earned a law degree from the University of Houston.

He worked eight years with the Harris County District Attorney's Office, becoming chief felony prosecutor and never losing a jury trial. He later became one of the youngest judges ever appointed in Texas. Poe was elected six times to the bench and heard more than 20,000 criminal cases. During more than 20 years as judge of Houston's 221st Criminal District Court, he was featured in local and national media for his creative sentencing and was known for his courts recidivism rate.

In Congress, Poe serves on the House Judiciary Committee, and the House Foreign Affairs Committee as chair of the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade. A supporter in Washington for border security, Poe travels regularly to the southern border to meet with local law enforcement and residents. In 2005, he established the bipartisan Victims' Rights Caucus to advocate on. In 2011, Poe founded the bipartisan PORTS (Ports Opportunity, Renewal, Trade and Security) Caucus to promote the importance of U.S. ports to the nation's economy.

He served on ACU's Board of Trustees from 1990-2014, and received his alma mater's Distinguished Alumni Citation in 1983 and its Outstanding Alumnus of the Year award in 2009. The Ted Poe Endowed Scholarship at ACU is a significant fund assisting political science majors.

Poe is married to Carol (Kerr '70), and the couple has four children who attended ACU—Kim (Poe '97) Reaves, Kara (Poe '98) Alexander, Kurt Poe ('01), and Kellee (Poe '04) Shoemaker, and 12 grandchildren.

Student News

- Paul Hiepler interned at Congressman Jodey Arrington’s office this summer.
- Shelby Weddle, Steve Cardona, Jessica King, and Troy Lucero interned this summer at the International Rescue Committee in Abilene.
- Sarah Conley and Noah Pruitt worked this summer in the district office of Congressman Jodey Arrington. Taylor Jacobs interned this summer in the Taylor County office of the Texas Game Warden and in the Taylor County Court-at-Law.
- Sam Garcia interned this summer with the Converse Police Department.
- Adam Andrade worked in the Washington, D.C. Office of Congresswoman Marsha Blackburn this summer.

Congratulations to Maxine Durrett Earl Scholarship Winners Adam Andrade and Aylin Mares!

All Students are invited to help load a Zambia Medical Mission Container

October 6 (Saturday), 10 am

**Bontke Construction Company, 102 College Drive
(not far from ACU campus)**

See Dr. Coates for any questions.



Jonathan Smith, Dillion Minick, Tyler Richardson, Wyatt Hollabough, and Brian Murphree after May Commencement.

Alumni News

Tracy (Booker) Gray ('02) was elected Kaufman County Court at Law Judge in a special election on July 21. Congratulations!

Casey Bingham ('08) is now council coordinator for the City of Arlington, Texas.

Glenn Halbert ('14) is a Correctional Officer at the French Robertson Unit.

Ian Meriman ('14) is a Texas Game Warden and covers Glasscock and Midland counties.

Mariah Welty-Kile ('16) is a Correctional Officer at the French Robertson Unit.

Nick Cartwright ('18) began his studies in August at the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M with a Master of Public Service and Administration degree, concentrating in national security.

Jace Pimental ('18) has been accepted into Regent University School of Law this fall.

Amelia Springer ('14) is a Texas Game Warden for Palo Pinto.

Faculty News

David Dillman was a panel speaker for “Trump Administration and the Western Balkans—New or Old Policy?”, during the “international Conference on the US-Serbia Partnership: How to Use History for a Better Future?”, in Belgrade, June 7-8. The U.S. Embassy was one of the sponsors of the conference, along with the University of Belgrade and its Department of Political Science and the Centre for Social Dialogue and Regional Initiatives.

Neal Coates has begun a daily blog, “Iran: A Nation or a Cause,” at <http://irannationorcause.blogspot.com>. He also wrote an op-ed “It’s the Third Quarter and Iran is 25 points Behind the Rest of the World,” Abilene Reporter News, on May 12. He also spoke twice on KWKC 1340 AM, “The Professors,” on May 7, “U.S. Withdrawal from the JCPOA- Implications and Next Steps,” and on July 24 “Iran and U.S Presidents Exchange Tweets, and A New Blog on Iran.”

Mel Hailey and David Dillman will be attending the American Political Science Association annual conference in Boston, August 30-September 2.



Congratulations to CJ Adjunct Professor Justin Gates, and his wife Brittany who welcomed a new son Brody on July 18. Justin was recently hired as a part-time ACU PD for special events.

Texas Crisis Simulation

Hardin-Simmons University’s Leadership Studies Program and the Model United Nations Club will host the second annual Texas Crisis Simulation on November 2-3, 2018. This is a form of Model UN focused on quick-thinking problem-solving, critical decision-making, teamwork, and abstract thinking. There will be four committees: Parks and Recreation, Global War on Terror, Cold War, and Star Wars. The cost for each delegate is \$25. Area college and high school students are invited. Registration opens in August. For more information on forming a team and participating, please see texascrisis.com. Other questions can be forwarded to Noah Jones at the HSU Leadership Studies Program at nj1701@hsutx.edu.

ACU Startup Week

November 12-16, hosted by the ACU Griggs Center for Entrepreneurship and Philanthropy. In our Department, any students are invited to attend Dr. Coates’ Politics of Developing Countries class on Tuesday or Thursday, both days at 3:30, to watch award-winning Acton Institute “Poverty Cure” videos.

Federalist Society Conference

The Department and the ACU Pre-Law Program will host two students at the 2018 Texas Chapters Conference for the Federalist Society, headed by the Fort Worth Lawyers Chapter of the Federalist Society on September 8. The highlight of the conference is hearing U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. ACU alum helped organize the event and presented—Brantley Starr, Deputy First Assistant Attorney General, Texas Attorney General’s Office, April Farris, Yetter Coleman, Darren Keyes, Kelly Hart, and Matthew Kacsmaryk, Deputy General Counsel to First Liberty Institute.



Wyatt Hollabough shows his “Team Poe” wrist bracelet at May Commencement.



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4 Texas Game Wardens graduate, ready to begin duties

By Erica Pauda A-J Media
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Four new Texas game wardens in the 62nd Texas Game Warden Cadet Class graduated and began moving into their assigned duty stations.

Amelia Springer, Michael Foster, Clay Armstrong and Jeremy Lindsey will be assigned to Palo Pinto, Throckmorton and Kent/Dickens Counties, respectively, after approximately seven months of intense training, said Aaron Sims, Texas Game Warden and public information officer for the Lubbock district.

All graduates met the state-mandated requirements for peace officer certification, including criminal and constitutional law, firearms, self-defense, use of force, defensive driving, arrest, search and seizure, ethics and first aid.

Sims said the new wardens will join more than 500 Game Wardens currently in the field and will help enforce TPWD regulations, as well as carry the department’s high standards to every corner of the state.

Students and Alumni can benefit from the next several pages of internship, scholarship, and job opportunities

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 in which sophomores typically enroll, 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. See www.bestsemester.com.

Congressional Internship Opportunities

Many ACU students work at their local district office or the Washington, D.C. office of their Congressman. Rep. Jodey Arrington (TX-19) is looking for an ACU intern for every semester and summer. If you or anyone you know (and of any major) are interested, please contact Rep. Arrington's either office or talk with Dr. Coates.

Major Scholarships, including Fulbright Scholarships

The ACU Office of Major Scholarships offers assistance for students interested in preparing (early!) for Truman, Marshall, Fulbright, Rhodes, etc. scholarships. See that Office or Dr. Coates for more information. The Department of POLS & CJ has recently had two students and one professor receive Fulbright's. Two of the activities you will want to consider beyond the B.A.-required language study is participation in a study abroad program and also taking the two courses at ACU to qualify for the TESOL teaching certificate.

International Rescue Committee, Abilene

The IRC in Abilene regularly accepts internship applications for the summer and fall semesters. An internship with the IRC provides professional experience with a renowned international non-profit. It also provides a multicultural experience from working with diverse clients and with the international staff in their office. IRC accepts interns from all majors and backgrounds to work in the case management, economic empowerment, immigration, and development departments. IRC requests a 12 hour per week commitment from each student. Apply several weeks prior to the semester to intern. Training is required.



MSC SCONA is an annual collegiate conference at Texas A&M University in February that brings together delegates from across the nation and the world. MSC SCONA discusses a topic of national and global importance, allowing delegates to interact with academic scholars, 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 opt 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 hosts. Student delegates are divided into seven teams—each representing a nation-state—and work with a USAWC Fellow, who serves as their mentor. Each of the delegations represent a nation or interested global actor at a simulated peace conference facilitated by the "United Nations." MSC SCONA 64 and ISCNE will take place February 14-16, 2019. Registration will close in early February. Cost of the conference is \$80.

American Enterprise Institute Summer Honors Program

The AEI Summer Honors Program is a series of educational and professional development opportunities for quality undergraduate students. Students in the program have the chance to connect with the ideas, research, and network of AEI, one of America's pre-eminent think tanks, through seminars with AEI scholars and policy professionals, policy briefings with special guests, networking events, and site visits in Washington, D.C. Current undergraduates and recent graduates and international students are eligible to apply. Students participate in either a single one-week course or a multi-week opportunity at the start of the summer. This is a fully-funded program. Housing, meals on class days, stipends and travel vouchers are all provided. www.aei.org/internships

American Enterprise Institute Values & Capitalism Program

Applications are open for the next Values & Capitalism program sponsored by AEI. Through four week-long, expense-free courses, the honors program gives students a chance to immerse themselves in a particular area of study with leading scholars and policy practitioners, and also offers opportunities for students to sharpen professional skills through career coaching, site visits, and networking events. Learn more and apply by visiting www.valuesandcapitalism.com/2019-summer-honors-program. Faculty members can also nominate students by visiting the same web site and click on "Nominate a Student." Application is due July 1. See www.valuesandcapitalism.com

U.S. Department of State

Experience the thrill and rewards of working in a student program at the U.S. Department of State. Whether you are an undergraduate or graduate student seeking a substantive internship supporting U.S. Foreign Policy, there is no limit as to how far these opportunities can take you. At the Department of State, you will have the opportunity to gain insight into U.S. Foreign Policy and Diplomacy, explore new career avenues, and acquire lifelong skills as you represent America to the world. Their two programs, (1) U.S. Department of State Student Internship Program (unpaid) and (2) Pathways Program (paid), enable students to obtain job experience in a foreign affairs environment. Begin by finding which program is right for you, or speaking with a Diplomat in Residence about student programs. <http://careers.state.gov/intern>

Critical Language Selection Program — U.S. State Department

The State Department invites students to apply for the Critical Language Scholarship Program next summer on a fully-funded study abroad program. The CLS Program is an intensive overseas language and cultural immersion program for Americans enrolled at U.S. colleges and universities. Students spend 8-10 weeks abroad studying one of 14 critical languages. CLS is part of a government initiative to expand the number of Americans studying and mastering foreign languages critical to national security and economic prosperity. Applications are available at www.clscholarship.org and are due November 15 each year.

Boren Scholarships

Boren Scholarships, an initiative of the National Security Education Program, provides unique funding opportunities for U.S. undergraduate students to study less commonly taught languages in world regions critical to U.S. interests, and underrepresented in study abroad. These include Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the middle East. Western Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand are excluded. Boren Scholars represent a vital pool of highly motivated individuals who wish to work in the federal national security arena. Boren Scholars commit to working in the federal government for at least one year after graduation. Award amounts (maximum scholarship) range from \$8,000 for a summer program to \$10,000 for a semester to \$20,000 for a 6-12 months. Summer-only programs must be eight weeks or more and are limited to science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) students. See <http://borenawards.org/scholarships/program-basics/boren-scholarship-basics> for more information.

The Fund for American Studies Washington, D.C., June and July
December 5 – Early Deadline (5% tuition discount)
**** Internship Placement – Courses for Credit – Furnished Housing****

Outstanding, committed students are invited to apply for TFAS, a summer program for internships and college courses in Washington, D.C. See <https://www.tfas.org>. The Fund for American Studies sponsors six institutes which prepare young people for leadership in their communities and the nation. The institutes are intense, combining lectures, coursework, internships, and site briefings at key institutions of national government. Each institute offers courses for academic credit. The most popular study program with ACU students has been the Engalitcheff Institute on Comparative Political and Economic Systems. ICPE was established in 1970 and is intended for students interested in careers in government, public policy, and academia. It offers 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](#). The programs include an internship placement, courses for academic credit from George Mason University, furnished housing located close to Metro rail stations, monuments and museums in Washington, 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. Please visit www.DCinternships.org. Questions may be directed to admissions@tfas.org or 202.986.0384.

Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C.

The Heritage Foundation is recruiting 60 junior and senior conservatives for each spring semester in Washington, D.C. Paid internships in research, policy promotion, and more are offered. The program runs January to April, with opportunities to work alongside Heritage staff throughout the building and on a wide variety of policy issues. Visit www.heritage.org/internships. Applicants should apply by Oct. 1 by filling out the online application.

Internship Ideas

If you are looking for internship ideas, visit these organizations' homepages: Interpol, Freedom House, Transparency International, Texas Right to Life, Amnesty International, and International Justice Mission.

National Security-Related Internships in Washington, D.C.

www.cags.indiana.edu/resources/internship_list.html

Internships, Fellowships, and Other Work Experience Opportunities in the Federal Government.

www.senate.gov/visiting/po.htm

Department of Homeland Security

DHS is looking for employees to face the complex threats and challenges facing the U.S. The agency is seeking hundreds of qualified individuals to fill critical positions in law enforcement—criminal investigators, deportation officers, Customs and Border Protection officers, Border Patrol agents, special agents, physical security specialists, police officers, emergency management specialists, and intelligence analysts. To learn more, visit www.dhs.gov/recruitment or www.dhs.gov/careers.

Searching for Jobs?

See USAJobs.gov for Job Information!

University of North Texas Hatton Sumners Scholarship for Masters in Public Administration

The University of North Texas offers up to five scholarships worth \$31,000 to students entering the MPA program. Sumners Scholars receive a stipend of \$12,800 (\$800 per month) paid over 16 months, and receive \$18,200 toward graduate tuition and fees at UNT. They assist a faculty member as a research assistant for 10 hours per week for 12 months. These students also participate in seminars hosted by the Sumners Foundation with noted national leaders. Applicants should have at least a 3.00 GPA and excellent GRE scores; excellent letters of recommendation; and commitment to a career in public administration. Review of completed applications begins April 1 of each year.

Law Enforcement Positions listed at Texas Municipal Police Association

www.tmpa.org/jobcenter

Texas Police Trainers maintains a list of job openings in Texas Cities

<http://texaspolicetrainers.com/job-announcements>

Portland Police Department, Portland, Oregon

<https://www.joinportlandpolice.com/#intro>

Deer Park, Texas, Police Department



The City of Deer Park is accepting applications for Police Officer. Open Until Filled. Base Salary plus incentive pay for TCOLE Certification/Education Pay, Longevity Pay, or Shift Differential Applications must be received at the Deer Park Police Department or at Deer Park City Hall. Applications at www.deerparktx.gov/egov/docs.