

Student News

Eden Babovec is working in the Office of ACU President Phil Schubert.

Jonathan Ratliff and Cody Sargeant attended the Student Conference on National Affairs at Texas A&M on Feb. 13-15. Students, see more information at the bottom of page 3 of this newsletter, and consider attending SCONA in 2021.

Congratulations to POLS and CJ students for making the Dean’s Honor Roll for the Fall of 2019

- Remington Agnew, JD Bynum, Jacobo Devora, Connor Fischelli, Adriana Garza, Allen Graham, Madison Jury, Jonathan Ladd, Aylin Mares, Preston Miller, Rebekah Norman, Jacob Pritchard, Sofia Ramirez, Jose Rodriguez, Cody Sargeant, JD Schwiethale, Eden Babovec, Arnold Charles, Davis Dilling, Ryan Fox, Ashley Gonzalez, Paul Hiepler, Shekinah Kahongo, Joshua Loughren, McKenzie McPherson, Ellie Mullins, Ailin Ortega, Noah Pruitt, Jonathan Ratliff, Maelene Rosales, Jameson Schlageter, Lauren Watson, Madison Wright

Congratulations to POLS majors who are Freshman Class Officers

- Kofi Forson—President, Eden Babovec—Vice President, Connor Fischelli—Senator, Maelene Rosales—Multicultural Representative

Gary and Nancy Thompson Scholarship

Dr. Gary Thompson was professor and first chairman of the Department. Dr. Thompson taught political science at ACU from 1967-86, and 1995 until his retirement in 2011. He served four terms in the Texas House of Representatives, and also worked for the Teacher Retirement System of Texas from 1986-95.

A number of years ago, this scholarship was created to honor Dr. Thompson ('60) and his wife Nancy ('59). Now, the Department is pleased to announce a generous gift that Dr. Thompson made to the Scholarship upon his passing in 2017 that gift will contribute significantly to the amounts awarded each spring. The Gary and Nancy Thompson Scholarship is for a Department major who is a Jack Pope Fellow.



Robert McKnight

J.D. Schwiethale

Students loading a Container for Zambia Medical Mission on Feb. 8.

**Faculty News**

Neal Coates was interviewed on Jan. 4 by KTXS and on Jan. 6 by The Professors radio show about the killing of Iran Gen. Qassem Suleimani.

Neal Coates is leading a faculty reading group at the Adams Center, reading “Until We Are Free” by Shirin Ebadi, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize.

**National Prayer Breakfast**

Each year over 3,500 people attend the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C. early in February. In 2020, the NPB was held Feb. 5 and 6. The event is hosted by members of the U.S. Congress and is organized by The Fellowship Foundation. It is invitation-only and is attended by individuals within politics, society, the diplomatic corps, and business. POLS major Emily McCarty ('19) is interning this past fall and this current spring for the NPB and just greeted over 3,500 persons! The two day NPB is not just a breakfast, it includes a day full of forums highlighted by a lunch and dinner. Over 100 countries are represented. The breakfast is held annually in the International Ballroom at the Washington Hilton in Washington, D.C. There are two speakers every year, the President and one other high-profile individual. The second speaker is not announced until the morning of the event. Every President since Dwight Eisenhower has attended and spoken. The 2020 speaker was Arthur Brooks.

**Alumni News**

Dave Roland ('00) has won at the Missouri Supreme Court a groundbreaking victory against an elections board, requiring suspicious absentee ballots be examined. The case resulted in two special elections in which the rightful winner was declared.

Melanie Fry ('06), member in the Dykema law firm’s Commercial Litigation Practice Group, was selected as one of two 2019 recipients of the Bexar County Women’s Bar Foundation Belva Lockwood Outstanding Young Lawyer Award. Fry was presented with the award at the BCWB’s annual Autumn Affair on Oct. 25. She was chosen based on her contributions to the legal profession and contributions to the community in the form of charitable and volunteer work.

Troy Oliver ('06), formally full-time attorney, is the preaching minister at the West 21st St. Church of Christ in Clovis, N.M.

Colin Barnard ('11) has begun doctoral studies at King’s College London, researching maritime security in the Defense Studies Department.

Steven Hendry ('15) is a loan officer at Bank of the West in Tempe, AZ.

Liberty-Grace Bland ('18) is Administrative Assistant to the Office of the President at Oral Roberts University.

♥ **HAPPY**  
*Valentine's*  
**DAY** ♥

**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](http://www.bestsemester.com).

**Southern Regional Pi Sigma Alpha Student Research Conference**

Students are invited to share their research with their peers by participating in the Southern Regional Pi Sigma Alpha Student Research Conference. PSA is the honor society for POLS students. The conference is held each February, and the deadline for submissions is early each January. Students exploring topics across political science are welcome to submit proposals in the many subfields that make up the discipline (American Politics, International Relations, Political Philosophy, Public Policy, etc.) Participants will receive detailed feedback on their papers through panel discussions. Conference participants pay no registration fee and are provided breakfast and lunch.

**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 and ISCNE will take place February 11-15, 2020. Registration will close in early February. Cost of the conference is \$100.

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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>

The Student Internship Program is open to U.S. citizen college students with 60 credits at start of the internship who will be continuing their studies immediately after the internship. There are opportunities to gain practical, professional experience in a foreign affairs environment and insight into the substance and daily operations of U.S. foreign policy. The internship is 8-14 weeks, full-time, in summer, spring, and fall, and is located in State Department offices in Washington and other U.S. cities and over 100 U.S. embassies and consulates abroad. Apply via [usajobs.gov](http://usajobs.gov). Deadlines may vary, but traditionally are in September for the following summer, March 1 for fall, and July 1 for the spring of the next year. Interested students should sign up for email alerts using the "Keep Me Informed" feature on [careers.stae.gov](http://careers.stae.gov) and clicking the "Student Programs" box on the menu. For more information, see [careers.state.gov/intern/student-internships](http://careers.state.gov/intern/student-internships). Internships are unpaid, but housing may be provided at some overseas posts. For the U.S. Foreign Services Internship Program (USFSIP), U.S. citizen students currently enrolled in an undergraduate degree program may apply with a cumulative GPA of 3.20 or above, and must be rising juniors or seniors when they start the program (i.e., in their sophomore or junior year when applying). Selection is heavily based on evidence or financial need. This program is a paid two-summer international affairs experiential learning program. Apply via [usajobs.gov](http://usajobs.gov). Application period usually every early in September or possibly late August. Sign up for an alert on [usajobs.gov](http://usajobs.gov).

**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](http://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>.

**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. ICPEs 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](http://www.DCinternships.org). Questions may be directed to [admissions@tfas.org](mailto: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](http://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.

**Federal Courts Clerk Office Internship**

Outstanding freshman POLS & CJ students are invited to contact Dr. Coates about summer internship in the Chief Clerk's Office of the Federal Courts for the Texas Northern District, in Dallas.

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

<https://www.wm.edu/offices/dccenter/employment/internships/index.php>

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

[www.senate.gov/visiting/po.htm](http://www.senate.gov/visiting/po.htm)

**Publications for Student Research**

Several journals are dedicated to publications of student research.

**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](http://www.dhs.gov/recruitment) or [www.dhs.gov/careers](http://www.dhs.gov/careers).

**Middle East Forum**

The Middle East Forum accepts On-location interns in the offices of the Middle East Forum in Philadelphia, and Distance interns. See <https://www.meforum.org/employment.php#internships>

**Searching for Jobs?**

See [USAJobs.gov](http://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](http://www.tmpa.org/jobcenter)

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

<http://texaspolice trainers.com/job-announcements>

**Conservative & Libertarian Pre-Law Reading List—from Federalist Society**

<https://fedsoc.org/commentary/publications/conservative-libertarian-pre-law-reading-list>

**Portland Police Department, Portland, Oregon**

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



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](http://www.deerparktx.gov/egov/docs).

**Deer Park, Texas, Police Department of Foreign Service Officers Reading List—from U.S. State Department**

<https://careers.state.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Suggested-Reading-List-Aug2013.pdf>