

Congratulations Winter Graduates!

- Liberty Bland—POLS
- Kayla Mosley—POLS
- Kieran Wood—POLS
- Chris Cary—CJ
- Prince Ofori-Nyadu—CJ

Retirement of Dr. Robert “Bob” McKelvain

The Department thanks Dr. Robert “Bob” McKelvain (‘71) on the occasion of his retirement on Jan. 30 from ACU after 29 years of teaching, research, and service, mainly in the Department of Psychology. He most recently taught a Mental Health in Policing course in our Department. Congratulations for your outstanding teaching at ACU!

Jack Pope Fellows News

Pope Fellow Shannon Que was named as a 2019 Shared Justice Student-Faculty Research Prize Recipient.

Congratulations to these students for making the Dean’s list this past Fall

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| Jonathan Ash | Jonathan Ladd |
| Elijah Biedinger | Aylin Mares |
| Liberty Bland | Mallory McPherson |
| Arnold Charles | Ellie Mullins |
| Aidan Christian | Noah Pruitt |
| Silas Coats | Sofia Ramirez |
| Davis Dilling | Jenna Salzman |
| Adriana Garza | Adelynn Vasquez |
| Beyonce Green | Lauren Wasson |
| Tyler Hasenjaeger | Shelby Weddle |
| Zach Hellen | Kieran Wood |



Congratulations to Visiting Committee chair Jeff Salmon, who received the John L. Nau, III Award for Excellence in Museums for Frontier Texas! from the Texas Historical Commission on Jan. 17.

Alumni News

Jordan Hancock ('10) is teaching Math and coaching 3A football, basketball and track in Boyd, Texas.

Hayden Brodowsky ('17) is Planning Manager for the City of Abilene.

Abbey Moses ('17) has taken a job in Kuala Lumpur. She will be a Regional Coordinator for the Fulbright Commission under MACEE (Malaysian American Commission on Educational Exchange).

Wyatt Hollabough ('18) is a case worker for CPS in Taylor County.

Desiree Jones ('18) is Program Center Manager at Ruffalo Noel Levitz in Abilene.

Kayla Mosley ('18) is the Community Engagement Coordinator at Tarrant County Homeless Coalition in Ft. Worth.

Law School

Law School Applications for Pre-Law scholarships for Baylor Law School and Pepperdine University are available in the Department for pick up. Deadline for submissions is March 26.

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Student News

Tyler Hasenjaeger has been elected at the statewide level as Operations Director for the College Republicans.

Jessica James has been accepted into the West Central Texas Council of Governments Law Enforcement Academy that started on Jan. 2.

Tyrce Prince, POLS minor, is serving as Executive Assistant in ACU's Carl Spain Center on Race Studies & Spiritual Action.

Jonathan Ash, Shannon Que, and Madeline Dayton were selected to attend the Public Service Institute hosted by The Bush School of Government and Public Service, Oct. 26-27. Only 30 students across Texas were selected to attend.



Dr. Coates ('87), Darren Keyes ('00), Kevin Christian ('00), Brantley Starr ('01), Matt Kacsmayk ('00), Madeline Dayton, April Farris ('06), Chris Riley ('00), and Jonathan Ladd, at the 2018 Federalist Society state-wide Texas Conference in Ft. Worth.

Faculty News

David Dillman spoke at the Abilene office of International Rescue Committee on Jan. 19 to its Leadership Program. The topic for 15 former refugees was understanding the Texas government system.

Neal Coates was interviewed for "In Faith and Politics, This Trio of Congressmen Shares Similar Beliefs," Christian Chronicle, January 18, 2019, found at <https://christianchronicle.org/in-faith-and-politics-these-three-congressmen-share-similar-beliefs>.

Mel Hailey and Jim Calvi presented at the 2019 Law-Related Education Conference, Jan. 25-26, in Austin. The session was on the role of a free press from a comparative perspective by examining how authoritarian regimes and dictators control the press. Dr. Calvi is recently retired from the Political Science Department at West Texas A&M in Canyon, Texas.

Mel Hailey participated in a plenary session panel at the Law-Related Education Conference Jan. 25-26, in Austin. The panel, Oyez Update, dealt with "must watch" cases from the 2018-19 session of the Supreme Court. Hailey reviewed *Madison v. Alabama*, an 8th Amendment capital punishment case.



Arnold Charles, Cedric Garza, Andrew Roberts, Shekinah Kahongo, and Sofia Ramirez unload school chairs donated from Missouri on Sept. 28, and sent on a container in October to Zambia Medical Mission.

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.

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 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. 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. 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.

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

Publications for Student Research

Several journals are dedicated to publications of student research. These include:

Graduate and Undergraduate Student Journals (APSA)

www.apsanet.org/content.asp?contentid=609

Undergraduate Journals & Conferences (POLS)

wordpress.mercyhurst.edu/upd/the-upd/political-science

Discussions, The Undergraduate Research Journal of Case Western Reserve University

case.edu/provost/source/discussions

Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Journal of Politics

www.psajournal.org

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

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.

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

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

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

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