

David L. Dillman Faculty Research Endowment



The Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice is pleased to announce the David L. Dillman Faculty Research Endowment fund, which has been established to honor Dr. Dillman on his many years of teaching, scholarship, and commitment to preparing students for public service. This has included assistance for students entering graduate school and directing the Jack Pope Fellows, and for his selection as a Fulbright Scholar. Dr. Dillman will begin phased retirement in the Fall of 2018 and will teach two courses for the Department each semester over a four year period. We will certainly miss his not being full-time in the Department, but are pleased that the University and friends have established this fund to be used for research by the Department faculty. *Any persons, including Department graduates and Pope Fellows alum, are encouraged to honor Dr. Dillman with a donation. Contributions may be sent to the David L. Dillman Faculty Research Endowment, ACU Box 29143, Abilene, Texas 79699.*

Mackenzie Sanderson Wins Fulbright Scholarship!

Congratulations to Mackenzie Sanderson on being named a Fulbright grantee to Germany for 2018-2019. Mackenzie, a double major in Political Science and Global Studies from El Paso, will serve as an English Teaching Assistant in a German High School. This is the third year in a row a student or faculty member in our Department has been awarded a Fulbright—Abbey Moses, a POLS major, is currently serving during 2017-2018 in Malaysia, and during 2016-2017, Dr. David Dillman was selected as a Fulbright Scholar, and he taught and researched in Serbia.



2018 ACU Undergraduate Research Festival Presenters

“Orange is the New Green: A Qualitative Study on Contract Prisons and their Effect on the Prison Population and Society”—Desiree Jones, mentor Stuart Platt.

“The Life and Experiences of the East German Woman”—Mackenzie Sanderson, mentor Neal Coates.

“Replicating Ariely: Are We All Cheaters?”—Rachael Shudde.



Angelique Lee and her poster presentation on Visual Media and Religion

Student News

J.D. Bynum is interning this summer with the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Jenna Salzman will intern this summer in the Washington, D.C. Office of Rep. Kay Granger.

Alumni News

Len Wade ('84) has moved to Jackson Walker in Ft. Worth, and has been named partner.

Ryan Thomas ('07) lives in the Metroplex and works for the non-profit Oneicity.

Conrad Hester ('05) was named partner at Thompson & Knight in Ft. Worth.

Brandon Lemley ('07) has begun a new business which provides internet services to political campaigns.

Gabe Elorreaga ('13) has been selected for the Editorial Board for the St. Mary's Law Journal.

Kalyn Prince ('15) and ACU English Professor Debbie Williams have just published a book, The Monstrous Discourse in the Donald Trump Campaign: Implications for National Discourse (2018).

Fernando Medina ('16) graduated from the Customs and Border Protection Basic Academy, and is assigned to Presidio, Texas.

Cerzi Bawi-Tlung ('17) is working as a police officer after completing the Arlington Police Academy.

ANNUAL DEPARTMENT BLESSING
FOR POLS AND CJ SENIORS!

All POLS and CJ majors are invited on Tuesday, April 3 to the Department Chapel in Admin. 219, where we will honor our graduating seniors. Please RSVP with Mrs. Price for the luncheon that follows. Come join us!



Department Guest This Spring

Dr. Shaun Casey was on campus March 6-8 to speak to the Pope Fellows and the campus. Casey is director of the Berkley Center and is a Professor of the Practice in Georgetown's Walsh School of Foreign Service. He previously served as U.S. Special Representative for Religion and Global Affairs and director of the U.S. Department of State's Office of Religion and Global Affairs. Casey is an ACU alum ('81).

Congratulations to our new Jack Pope Fellows!

- Hannah Granados
- Zachary Hellen
- Jonathan Ladd
- Lauren Mende
- Noah Pruitt
- Jenna Salzman
- Adam Saxton
- Shelby Weddle

John Wilks ('56)('66 Houston Law) has passed away. He was an attorney in Sweetwater and for several years was chair of the Department Visiting Committee.

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

<http://texaspolicetrainers.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 abroad 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: <http://www.clscholarship.org>, and applications are due November 15 each year.

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

Representative Ted Poe and Rep. Jodev 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 (and of any major) are interested, please 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 provides professional experience with a renowned international non-profit. It simultaneously 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 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.

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. Please check out their website, www.bestsemester.com.

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.