

**Brantley Starr Nominated as District Court Judge**

On March 8, President Trump nominated Brantley Starr of Texas, to serve as District Judge on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas. Starr is the Deputy First Assistant Attorney General of Texas. In that capacity, he oversees nearly two dozen divisions of the Office of the Attorney General. He previously served in a variety of positions in Texas State government, including as Deputy Attorney General for Legal Counsel, Assistant Solicitor General, Assistant Attorney General, and Staff Attorney to Texas Supreme Court Justice Eva Guzman. Early in his career Starr clerked for Justice Don Willett of the Supreme Court of Texas. Starr received his J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law and his B.A. summa cum laude from Abilene Christian University in 2001 where he was a Jack Pope Fellow. Starr is the second Jack Pope Fellow to be nominated for a District Court Judge position, after Matthew Kacsmayk who is currently awaiting confirmation by the full U.S. Senate.

**Fulbright Top Producing University**

ACU has been named a Fulbright U.S. Student Program Top Producing Institution for the 2018-2019 academic year! This was reported in the online version of The Chronicle of Higher Education on Feb. 11. The Department of Political Science & Criminal Justice is proud to have a hand in producing several Fulbright student scholars for ACU.

**Student News**

Noah Pruitt has been admitted into this summer's program at The Fund for American Studies in Washington, D.C.  
Ellie Mullins is interning in the district office of State Senator Dawn Buckingham.  
Jenna Salzman has applied for the Truman Scholarship Program.

**Law Enforcement Patch Collection Donation**

Officer Rick Woodard of ACU PD has donated a large collection of over 500 domestic and foreign jurisdiction patches to the Department. Also, Rep. Ted Poe has also donated some 200 patches to our Department. These two collections will provide employment and service ideas to our CJ students.



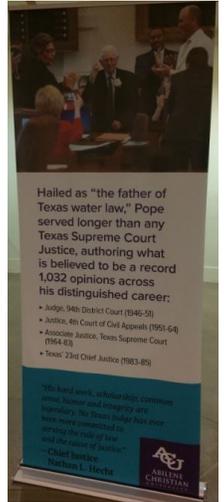
POLS & CJ students help load a container for Zambia Medical Mission on Feb. 2.





The highlight of the semester was visiting Austin for "Noble Calling" Week, focusing on the Jack Pope Fellows Program during Jan. 21-25 at the Texas State Capitol. Banners for the Program were displayed all week in the Lower Rotunda for persons to read and take pictures. The Fellows visited Austin on Jan. 21 and 22 and met with Alicia Pierce at the Texas Public Policy Foundation, Jay Howard at Hilco Partners, and heard two oral arguments at the Texas Supreme Court (where Justice Pope worked so many years) and listened to Justice Jeff Boyd. The Fellows then walked to the State Capitol and met with Chelsea Bucholts and Reps. Stan Lambert and Travis Clardy, followed by a wonderful reception in the Governor's Mansion with 75

Wildcats and President Phil Schubert, hosted by First Lady Cecilia Abbott.



The Pope Fellows on Feb. 25 had a lunch presentation from **Dave Rogers**, Director of Law Enforcement Operations for the Human Trafficking Institute and former FBI National Program Manager for Human Trafficking in the Civil Rights Unit. Rogers came from Washington, D.C., to speak at ACU as part of the annual Justice Week sponsored by International Justice Mission.



The Pope Fellows had a table on Feb. 12 at the **Andrew Roberts** speech at ACU and then an opportunity to meet with him privately for an hour. Roberts is the outstanding British author who just released his book "Churchill: Walking With Destiny", and came to ACU to speak at a Community Luncheon at the Hunter Welcome Center.



On March 4 and 5, Pope Fellows Director Dr. David Dillman brought the **Congress to Campus** Program to ACU. Congressmen Nick Lampson (D-Texas) and Jason Lewis (R-Minnesota) met with Fellows, ACU Students, faculty and the media.



Remember to Add to Your Work/Online/LinkedIn/Vita that you were a Jack Pope Fellows at Abilene Christian University!

**Faculty News**

ACU Criminal Justice Instructor Bob Delony appeared in a March 17 Investigation Discovery broadcast of “On the Case with Paula Zahn” that focused on a Houston murder case he began investigating in 1984. The case involved the brutal murders of two adult sisters in their home just north of downtown Houston, and the investigation produced a wide variety of potential suspects. After pursuing many leads, rumors, and speculations for several years, Delony and a team of investigators reached a dead end. The case went “cold” until 2015 when DNA and pivotal witness evidence linked a Houston man to the murders; he pled guilty and is now in a Texas prison.

Neal Coates maintains a daily blog on the news of Iran, and whether the Regime’s policies are changing.

See <http://irannationorcause.blogspot.com>

Neal Coates spoke Feb. 7 at ACU for Life on “Virginia, Anencephaly, and the Current Abortion Bills.”

Neal Coates was a guest on The Professors radio show Feb. 8, discussing the “2019 State of the Union Address, and the 2019 Texas State of the State Address.”

Neal Coates was interviewed for “In faith and politics, this trio of congressmen shares similar beliefs,” Bobby Ross, Jr., Christian Chronicle, January 18, 2019.



**Alumni News**

Jay Caple ('70) worked for the Tarrant County Sheriff’s Office in Ft. Worth, retiring in March 2018.

Greg Vick ('76) recently retired from city management in 2018 and is now a Senior Advisor for TCMA and ICMA.

Scott Adrian ('11) was named in the Top 40 under 40 by the National Trial Lawyer’s Association and was also selected as a Top Attorney featured in the March 2019 issue of their magazine.

Nick Cartwright ('17) came and recruited for The Bush School of Government and Public Service on Feb. 14. Nick is a graduate student pursuing a Masters in International Relations.

Liberty-Grace Bland ('18) has been admitted into the Business Department at Oral Roberts University to work on an MBA with concentrations in International Business and Finance, and plans to apply for law school.

Bright Ntambara ('18) is working for Bridge2Rwanda (B2R) in Kigali as a Career Development Advisor for over 230 Bridge2Rwanda Scholars. B2R prepares top high school students from Rwanda, Burundi, South Sudan, and DR Congo to compete for university scholarships at international universities, mainly in the U.S., Canada and Europe. When the students graduate, B2R’s career development team helps them launch their careers in Africa.

Congratulations to CJ Instructor Jeremy Shipp and his wife Sarah who welcomed twin boys William and Wyatt in February. Everyone is doing well!



Criminal Justice Alumni and Arlington Texas Police Department Officers Cerzi Bawitlug ('17) and Jonathan Smith ('18).



Keri Gray ('12) has taken a new job in Washington D.C. with the American Association of People with Disabilities. She is pictured with ACU Alum Christian Nelson ('18).



Jonathan Ash (L) and Jeanna Lowe (R) visit the C-SPAN bus during its visit to the ACU campus on Feb. 21.



Below—Mackenzie Sanderson spoke in Department Chapel Mar. 5 via Skype from Germany during her Fulbright term.



**Department Entries in Undergraduate Research Festival on April 2**

Zachary Hellen—Israeli Security and the American Military Withdrawal from Syria

Hayden Howell—The Nicaraguan Canal, China, and International Relations: Tracing the Feasibility and Implication

Emily McCarty—Nuremberg Trials and International Law

McKenzie McPherson—What Do We Do About the Honduran Refugees?

**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 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](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>

### **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.elscholarship.org](http://www.elscholarship.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](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.**

[www.cags.indiana.edu/resources/internship\\_list.html](http://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](http://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](http://www.apsanet.org/content.asp?contentid=609)

Undergraduate Journals & Conferences (POLS)

[wordpress.mercyhurst.edu/upd/the-upd/political-science](http://wordpress.mercyhurst.edu/upd/the-upd/political-science)

Discussions, The Undergraduate Research Journal of Case Western Reserve University

[case.edu/provost/source/discussions](http://case.edu/provost/source/discussions)

Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Journal of Politics

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

**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>

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



**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>