



**Welcome to Dr. Candice Ortals**

The Department is pleased to announce the addition of Dr. Candice Ortals to our faculty.

Dr. Ortals comes to us from Pepperdine University, where she

serves as the Frank R. Seaver Professor of Political Science. She has taught in the Social Science Division of Seaver college since 2004.

Dr. Ortals holds a Ph.D. and M.A. from Indiana University, and a B.A. from Harding University.

Her teaching and specialty fields include Comparative and European Politics, Women and Politics, Latin America, Revolution and Protest, and American People and Politics. In addition, Dr. Ortals is a Research Team Member (Spain) in the Research Network on Gender Politics and the State.

This Fall at ACU, Dr. Ortals will teach Government and Politics of Latin America on Tuesday evening and will also serve as a University Scholar, conducting research for publications.

We also welcome Dr. Ortals' family, including her husband James Wisner, the new Dean of Library Services and Educational Technology, and their two daughters.

**Congratulations to May 2020 Graduates!**

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| Aidan Christian | Ryan Cobb           |
| Davis Dilling   | Andrew Eichelberger |
| Hannah Granados | Shekinah Kahongo    |
| Jonathan Ladd   | Deng Majok          |
| Aylin Mares     | Ellie Mullins       |
| Raul Ronquillo  | Jose Sandoval       |
| Lauren Wasson   | Avery Williams      |



**University Scholars**

Congratulations to Jonathan Ladd and McKenzie McPherson for being named the Department's University Scholars.



**2019-2020 Debate Success**

Congratulations to Department students who were part of this year's ACU Debate Team! In particular, Shekinah Kahongo was 6th Place Speaker in the Nation in the JV Division (out of 306 competitors). ACU has also been selected as the host school for the IPDA National Debate Championship Tournament, to be held April 9-12, 2021.

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**Student News**

Joshua Loughren is interning with Congressman Jodey Arrington's local district office this semester.

Hannah Pebbles is interning with the office of Hilliard Martinez Gonzales, LLP this summer.

Eden Babovec has been selected for ACU's AEI Executive Council.

**Alumni News**

Hayden Brodowsky ('17) is Development Manager for the City of Little Elm, Texas.

Aaron Steward ('18) is a voice actor living in Los Angeles.

Jonathan Ash ('19) will attend Baylor Law School this fall.

Emily McCarty ('19) will intern for a second year with the National Prayer Breakfast during 2020-21 in Washington, D.C.

Davis Dilling ('20) will attend Regent Law School in the fall.

Deng Majok ('20) is beginning his 1L Year this summer at Baylor Law School.

**Faculty News**

Neal Coates was selected Mentor of the Year for Social Sciences at the ACU Undergraduate Research Festival on April 17.

**Undergraduate Research Festival**

Conflict Between Hong Kong and China—Mark Shi  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mGHGgw3ICe8FVfSEMxcCHPRkWbl4rPiO/view>

Comparison of Traditional Clothing Expectations in Israel—Sierra Shoaff  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1USsORMr4zpRU4GjldFm8gtECNeoODy9S/view>

Entrenched Politics: Relationship Between the Length of Tenure in Office and the Freedoms Experienced by Peoples in the Middle East and Africa—Noah Pruitt  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NPp4\\_w8XVsRU9IXU6Q3r1G2XY7pNbRrL/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NPp4_w8XVsRU9IXU6Q3r1G2XY7pNbRrL/view)

**Political Science and Criminal Justice Majors**

We hope you did well on your finals and we wish you well as you prepare for your summer.

While we can't give you a hug or a high five as you head away from campus (hey, you left at Spring Break), we do sincerely hope your semester is ending as well as possible. Please feel free to contact our Department if we can assist with any questions, from summer school or internships or fall semester questions. We look forward to seeing our seniors early in August for "live" graduation, and the rest of you later in August.

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### **Subject: How to Spend Your Summer . . . Now**

Political Science and Criminal Justice Students,

We know that the past month has been a challenging one and continue to pray for you and your safety. One of the particular challenges that you have shared is how your summer plans continue to change from what you originally had in mind. First, please know that we are very sorry that is happening. While we don't have all the answers, we wanted to offer up some ideas that you may want to consider in regard to how to spend your summer . . . now.

### **Prepare for Graduate or Law School**

If graduate school or law school is in your future, prepare for your GRE or LSAT. For example, Kahn Academy has a great FREE LSAT [Prep Course](#) and LinkedIn Learning, FREE with your ACU log in, has one on the [GRE](#). If finances are tight, consider applying for a fee waiver for your [GRE](#) or [LSAT](#) as well. Information related to registration and upcoming/modified test dates can also be found on those sites. Finally, use the time to explore and narrow programs and admissions requirements or reach out to one of us to talk about your options.

### **Improve Your Professional and Technical Skills**

[LinkedIn Learning](#) is a fantastic FREE resource that you can access with you ACU log on. It provides a wide array of courses related to professional and skills like [Career Planning](#), [Professional Development](#), and [using public information for research](#) or [data science](#). You can also learn a specific program like Excel, SPSS, or R. But that's not all, there are over 15,000 video tutorials and short expert-led courses to help you enhance your skills.

### **Consider Taking Another Online Course**

ACU is offering online courses throughout the summer. Spend sometime getting ahead and completed courses that you need (especially in Summer 1 and 2, when you can opt into Credit/Non Credit if you want). See your Academic Advisor for more information.

### **Serve or Intern Remotely**

Check out opportunities on ACU's [Handshake job board](#). For example, the International Rescue Committee is offering remote summer internships. Interns at the IRC are the first points of contact for newly arrived refugees and offers support, guidance and counseling through the first five years of resettlement. Interns serve in the following departments: Case Management, Economic Empowerment, Development, Immigration, and Youth. A *full day training is tentatively scheduled on Saturday, May 30th from 9am – 4pm*. Following training, interns start their *regular schedule/office hours the week of June 1st*. The last day of summer internships are [August 20th](#). See <https://rescueglobal.secure.force.com/volunteer/>

Please let us know how we can help!

Your Department Faculty and Staff

**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**

The U.S. Department of State Student Internship Program is an unpaid internship with the opportunity to work in U.S. embassies and consulates throughout the world, as well as in various bureaus located in Washington, D.C. and at Department offices around the United States. See

[https://careers.state.gov/intern/student-internships/?source=govdelivery&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://careers.state.gov/intern/student-internships/?source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

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](https://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.

**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>

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**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>.