

**Pope Fellows News**

Justice Jeffrey Boyd of the Texas Supreme Court spoke to the Pope Fellows on October 20. We appreciate his respect for Justice Pope and encouraging ACU students to enter public service.



**Alumni News**

Tabitha Culpepper ('15) was accepted into the masters in forensic psychology program at the Chicago School of Professional Psychology.

Camari Carter-Hawkins ('08) works at World Stage Press in Los Angeles and has published a book of poems. She presented her poetry on the ACU campus Sept. 12-13 as part of the McNair Scholars conference "Race in the Age of Trump."

Brandon Smith ('08), Policy Director for Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback, is taking a position in the administration of KY Gov. Matt Bevin.

**Passing of Jan Hailey**

We offer our deep condolences to Dr. Mel Hailey on the passing of his beloved wife, Jan, on November 2. The funeral service is pending with Piersall Funeral Directors in Abilene. Jan was an alumna of Abilene Christian University, and was a wonderful mother (Jennifer '94, Rob '97) and grandmother. She was a Greek teacher at ACU and was very active in her home congregation. Jan will be greatly missed.

**Alumnus Nominated as Federal District Court Judge**



**Congratulations to Matthew Kacsmarky, nominated by President Trump as a U.S. District Court Judge for the Northern District of Texas.**

Kacsmarky is Deputy General Counsel to First Liberty Institute in Plano, Texas, where his practice focuses on religious liberty litigation in federal courts and amicus briefs in the Supreme Court. From 2008 through 2013, he served as an Asst. U.S. Attorney in the Northern District of Texas, and as lead counsel in over 75 criminal appeals and co-counsel in high-profile criminal and terrorism trials. In 2013, Kacsmarky received the Attorney General's Award for Excellence in Furthering the Interests of U.S. National Security for his work in U.S. v. Aldawsari. From 2003-2008, he was an associate in the Dallas office of Baker Botts, focusing on commercial, constitutional, and intellectual property litigation, and was awarded the Opus Justitiae Award for Outstanding Commitment to Pro Bono Work. He earned his J.D. with honors from the University of Texas School of Law in 2003 and his B.A., summa cum laude, from Abilene Christian University in 1999, where he was also a Jack Pope Fellow.

**Student News**

Bright Ntambara participated in the National Student Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C. Oct. 20-22. The role of the Forum is to discuss the role of faith and values in leadership, and the event is hosted by Members of Congress.

Liberty-Grace Bland is working this fall semester in the Abilene district office for Congressman Jodey Arrington.

Madeline Dayton was selected for the Values & Capitalism 2017 Fall Weekend Honors Program at Seattle Pacific University. The event is an intensive seminar on business and entrepreneurship for only 25 Christian students from U.S. colleges and universities.

Jonathan Ladd interned this past summer in Washington, D.C. in the office of Rep. Brian Brabin.

Allen Martin worked this summer as an intern in the district office for Texas Rep. Stan Lambert.

### Texas Department of Criminal Justice Openings

A position as a Corrections Office with TDCJ is an entry level position where the Cadet would go through the academy and gain certification through TCOLE as a jailer and start building their resume and law enforcement career.

Currently there are 6 separate positions TDCJ is hiring for, and an additional 54 with Travis County.

[Corrections Specialist \(TCCC Records/Classification\)](#) \$34,608.50 - \$43,260.67 annually

[Office Specialist, Sr. \(Central Warrants\)](#) \$32,345.46 - \$39,623.17 annually

[Office Specialist Sr. \(Call Center\)](#) \$32,345.46 - \$39,623.17 annually

[CORRECTIONS CADET](#) \$38,919.50 annually

[Psychologist](#) 59,466.58 - \$85,037.00 annually

[RN Charge Nurse](#) \$59,466.58 - \$77,306.53 annually

For more information about a career with TCSO, please visit [www.TCSOcareers.com](http://www.TCSOcareers.com).

### Faculty News

Neal Coates presented a class at ACU Summit on Sept. 18, "Not Missiles But Mission: The Future for Iran's Youth." ACU POLS majors Bright Ntambara and Ruhika Roy who were co-presenters.

On September 11, the ACU Bar Association met with pre-law students during lunch in the ACU Bean and answered questions about law school preparation.

On September 14, two Texas Tech School of Law representatives were on campus recruiting pre-law students.

Neal Coates reviewed "The Role of Information and Communication Technology in Teaching and Learning of Biology in Alvan Ikoku Federal College of Education, Owerri, Nigeria" for The International Journal of Information and Communication Technology Research and Development in Africa.

Neal Coates reviewed Mark Kesselman's Introduction to Comparative Politics (Tenth edition, 2017).

### Student Association Representatives

Congratulations to the following persons serving as elected representatives in Students' Association during the 2017-18 school year:

Adam Andrade-Senior Class President

Rachel Jones-Junior Class President

Liberty-Grace Bland-Arts & Sciences Rep.

Kevin Shurtz-Arts & Sciences Representative

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**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>  
Applications are due November 15 each year.

**Internship Opportunities**  
**Rep. Ted Poe's Office, Washington, D.C.**

Representative Ted Poe's is 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) may be interested, please have them contact his office or talk with Dr. Coates.

**International Rescue Committee, Abilene**

The IR in Abilene regularly accepts applications for the Summer and Fall semesters. An internship with the IRC provides professional experience with a renowned international 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.

CCCU has general education based programs for all students as well as programs that provide internships for particular majors such as Business, Social Work, Global Health, and Communications.

Please check out their website, [www.bestsemester.com](http://www.bestsemester.com).

The Fund for American Studies

Washington, DC

June 3 – July 28, 2018

[www.DCinternships.org](http://www.DCinternships.org)

December 5 – Early Deadline for Summer 2018 (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 the life of their communities and the nation. The institutes are intense, combining lectures, coursework, internships, evening lectures and site briefings at key institutions of national government. 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 (ICPES): The oldest TFAS program, ICPES was established in 1970 and is intended for students interested in careers in government, public policy and academia. The program offers students a thorough examination of the American political tradition and market economics through comparative study.

Programs are offered in the following fields: [International Affairs](#), [Public Policy & Economics](#), [Journalism & Communication](#), [Community Leadership & Service](#), [Business & Government Affairs](#), [Leadership & the American Presidency](#)

The programs includes:

- 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

### THE INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

We've been creating academic internship experiences for almost 50 years and provide internship placements for all participants. Your options are endless – we work with over 300 different federal agencies, policy groups, international affairs organizations, media outlets, public affairs firms, government relations offices, and nonprofit organizations. Working in this powerful city will allow you to make professional connections and practice networking skills in a real-world setting. Washington, DC is the perfect place to explore a variety of career paths, and we work with each student's unique goals and aspirations to match them with the most fitting internship site.

**SOME PAST INTERNSHIP SITES** American Institute for Cancer Research, AT&T, Capital Area Food Bank, Congressional Offices on Capitol Hill, Crosby Volmer Public Relations, Ford Motor Company, Foreign Embassies, National Association of Women Legislators, Security Industry Association, Student Conservation Association, U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Education, Justice and the Treasury, U.S. News & World Report, U.S. Small Business Administration, World Learning, WJLA TV ABC 7.

**APPLY TODAY – 5% Discount** Applicants for the Summer Programs are encouraged to apply for the early deadline in December in order to receive preference in admissions and scholarship consideration, as well as a 5% tuition discount.

**SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE** We strive to make the programs accessible and affordable to the best and brightest students regardless of financial status. Scholarships are awarded based on need and merit with over 70% of students receiving full or partial funding.

For more information and to begin an online application, 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](tel:202.986.0384).



## SAVE THE DATE

*MSC SCONA* is an annual collegiate conference that brings together delegates from across the nation and the world. Each year, MSC SCONA discusses a topic of national and global importance, giving delegates the chance to interact with the nation's premier academic scholars, industry professionals, and well-known public figures. Delegates participate in small group "roundtables" led by a subject matter expert

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 has been selected to host. Student delegates are divided into seven teams - each representing a nation-state - and work with a USAWC Fellow, who serves as their mentor for the exercise. Each of the seven delegations will represent a nation or interested global actor at a simulated peace

SCONA 63 and ISCNE will take place **February 13-17, 2018**

Registration will open in early October and close in early February.

The cost of the conference is \$80.00 and we *highly encourage departments to set aside funding to*

Texas A&M's Corps of Cadets can provide housing free of charge for visiting ROTC or academy

The Conference is at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas, 90 miles northwest of Houston