

November 2019 Newsletter

Alumni News

Jeff Wendling ('71) visited the Department on Oct. 26, and donated memorabilia spanning his career. He worked in several agencies including the DEA and in local jurisdictions in Texas.

Thank You!



Alan Collier ('87) is living in Accra, Ghana as part of his work in the Pepperdine Law School Global Justice Program. Alan is also CFO for Today's Urban Renewal Network.

Kasey Pipes ('95), who has worked as a policy advisor and speechwriter in the White House for George W. Bush, spoke on the ACU campus Sept. 23 about his new book on President Richard Nixon. Pictures of that event are at the right. See the story at: [https://acu.today/2019/09/25/pipes-recounts-rare-stories-about-nixon-from-his-new-biography/?](https://acu.today/2019/09/25/pipes-recounts-rare-stories-about-nixon-from-his-new-biography/?utm_source=myACU+News&utm_campaign=ccacc60d8e-ACU+Today+1%2F19%2F18+%28F%2FS%tm_medium=email&utm_term=0_4ad6e94749-ccacc60d8e-28378001)

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Congratulations to Taylor Hemness ('04), Pope Fellow, who is morning anchor at KSHB in Kansas City. Taylor won two Emmy Awards on Oct. 5 from the Mid-America region of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences.

Jennie Bates ('18) is a detention officer with the Taylor County Juvenile Detention Center.



Thank you to April Farris and Chris Knight for teaching this year's CLE for lawyers at ACU Homecoming.

**Student News**

Ellie Mullins is interning this semester in Texas Sen. Buckingham’s district office.

Congratulations to Shekinah Kahongo, who became a U.S. Citizen on October 16!



Students read the Constitution on Sept. 17 with Dr. Coates.

**Faculty News**

Bob Delony was named as a member of the Alliance to End Domestic Violence and the City of Abilene Crime Leadership Collaboration.

Texas State Rep. Stan Lambert spoke in Chris Riley’s States and Federal System class on Oct. 15.

Victor Carrillo, former Texas Railroad Commissioner, stopped by Sept. 30 at the ACU Department of Political Science & Criminal Justice.



**Guest Speakers**

Dean Faulkner from Liberty School of Law visited the Department for a recruiting lunch on Oct. 16.

Nhamo Marunga of Mutare, Zimbabwe, spoke in the Terrorism Studies course on Oct. 22.

Heather Stovall of SMU Law School visited the Department for a recruiting lunch on Oct. 23.

**Debate Team Wins Tournament**

The ACU Debate team took all the top awards at the Heart of Texas Swing Tournament Sept. 27-29 at Howard Payne University. Garrett Bonner and Lexi Ritchie tied for first place and closed out the Final Round with undefeated records. Elijah Biedinger (POLS) placed third. The team also earned the top four Speaker Awards, awarded to Shekinah Kahongo (first) (POLS), Garrett Bonner (second), Lexi Ritchie (third), and Elijah Biedinger (fourth) (POLS). With the combined points of all those awards, ACU also won the Debate Sweepstakes Award for the tournament. Participating schools included, among others, TCU, West Texas A&M, UT-Austin, Howard Payne, Mary-Hardin Baylor, and Kansas Wesleyan. Congratulations also to Coach Sheila Ritchie.

POLS major Shekinah Kahongo won fourth place speaker award at the Oct. 5 IPDA Debate at Lee College, and his team with Elizabeth Miller (Pope Fellow) tied for fourth in the tournament.



**Government, Non-Profit & Social Services Fair**

Political Science & Criminal Justice students attended a job fair on Oct. 10 on the ACU campus, hosted by the West Central Texas Career Consortium (ACU, Angelo State, Cisco College, HSU, Howard Payne, and McMurry). Participants included the City of Irving Police Department, City of Mesquite, City of Midland, Garland Police Department, Lubbock Police Department, Taylor County, Texas Department of Public Safety, and the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department.