

Congratulations Winter 2013 Graduates!

Political Science: Quentarius Jones, Elizabeth Koepke

Criminal Justice: Harold Chatman, Eric Dice, Andrew McFarlin, Jonathan Pruitt



**NEW SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCED FOR
CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDENTS**

The Jeffrey L. Wendling Endowed Scholarship for Criminal Justice is the first named scholarship at ACU for criminal justice students. This fall semester the award was created by Jeff Wendling of Kerrville, who received his B.S. in Criminal Justice in 1971 from ACU. Besides encouraging students in their studies, it is also Wendling's hope that creating this scholarship will help to encourage other CJ graduates to establish additional scholarships for our students. The Department of Political Science will put a plaque on the office lobby wall commemorating this gift as awards will begin this Spring semester, and we will soon announce this scholarship through ACU media.

Having most recently served as Chief of Police of Socorro, Texas, from February to September 2013, Wendling was previously Commanding Officer for the Support Services Division of the Kerrville Police Department from 2005 to 2012. Wendling holds the Master Peace Officer certification from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education, and he graduated from the FBI National Academy Session No. 242 in 2010.

Wendling began his law enforcement career in 1969 after being appointed as a Deputy U.S. Marshal for the Northern District of Texas serving in Abilene. In 1971 he began work in El Paso as a Special Investigator to the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division of the Internal Revenue Service, and then transferred to Laredo where he was a Special Agent to the Bureau of Customs, Customs Agency Service. Wendling then began a long career in the Drug Enforcement Administration from 1973-2005. He was a Special Agent, Supervisor, and Country Manager in Laredo, Houston, Manila, Chicago, Rockford, and Dallas. Captain Wendling was assigned temporarily to DEA Headquarters as a class counselor to Basic Agent Class in 1980, the El Paso Intelligence Center in 1980, the U.S. Embassy Nassau in 1989, and the U.S. Embassy Seoul in 1993.

He has received numerous commendations including the DEA Excellence of Performance Award in Houston, 1989; the DEA Special Act or Service Award in Houston, 1991; and for counter-drug efforts in the Republic of the Philippines the DEA Exceptional Performance Award, 1999, and the DEA Excellence of Performance Award, 2001. Captain Wendling was presented the International Award of Honor by the International Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association in 1999 for work with the Philippine counter-drug initiative. Captain Wendling was the recipient of many certificates of appreciation and awards from law enforcement and intelligence agencies while assigned to the Philippines.

Wendling and his wife Freya have one son, Michael.

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Student News

Cortney Williams will intern in Representative Ted Poe's Office in Washington, D.C. this Spring semester.

Landon Long was the guest of PPAI, the trade organization in the promotional products industry, on Nov. 21. Landon was selected to travel to Washington, D.C. and met with several persons which included Rep. Mike Conaway of Midland.

**MAKE SOME MONEY
FILL THE RESUME**

Ronald Reagan Symposium Essay Contest. The details are at www.regent.edu/acad/schgov/events/symposium14/essay_contest.cfm. The contest, sponsored by Regent University, is open to graduate, undergraduate, and high school students on the 50th anniversary of Ronald Reagan's "A Time For Choosing" speech.

Juniors (graduating May 2015) may enter another contest. The **Thomas Pickering Undergraduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship** is for students interested in the Foreign Service. See <http://woodrow.org/fellowships/pickering/#about>

Alumni News

Lori Halstead Windham ('01) is an attorney at the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, which represents Hobby Lobby in a case involving the Affordable Health Care Act. The Supreme Court has agreed to hear the dispute, centered on whether businesses may use religious objections to escape the law's requirement to cover abortifacients for employees. Oral arguments will be in late March, with a decision by late June.

Several alum passed the Texas Bar (we learned this on Facebook, there are probably others): Brian Bah ('07), Laura Smith ('09), and Wilson Rotenberry ('10).

Laura Smith is clerking for Federal District Court Judge Jorge Solis in the Northern District of Texas.

Brittany Partridge ('12) was named President of the Cambridge University Student Consulting Group.

**SECOND SCHOLARSHIP
ALSO FOR CRIMINAL
JUSTICE MAJORS
CREATED!!**

The Maxine Durrett Earl Charitable Foundation of Lubbock contacted the Department of Political Science this Fall and generously created a scholarship for our students. Because the Department has five named scholarships already for POLS majors, and was blessed by the addition of the Wendling Scholarship this Fall, we have decided to use the Earl Foundation gift to benefit CJ students. This award will also be given out for the first time this Spring.

ACU Criminal Justice Internships Featured in Next "ACU Today" Magazine

This is an early version of text considered for the next ACU Today. Be looking for your copy!

Four student interns majoring in criminal justice only needed to go as far as the Abilene Police Department to gain eye-opening experience. Their backgrounds varied but the internships reflected with common themes: the brotherhood among officers, the mountain of paperwork they handle, the range of things they do each day, and the open communication required.

The son of a missionary family in Brazil, **Jonathan Pruitt** carries a solid GPA and is fluent in English, Portuguese, and Spanish. He is an Onstead Scholar, Jack Pope Fellows Scholar, and Lynay Scholar. **Stefan Bushey** is an Eagle Scout and lifeguard with a semester of community service with APD under his belt. **Darian Hogg**, a wide receiver and captain of the ACU football team and also a multi-event national qualifier in track and field, finds time to work to support himself and still carry a high GPA. **Glenn Halbert** returned to ACU after six years of service as a Marine with two tours in Iraq and one in Africa.

Halbert wants to be a state trooper and hopes to enter the Department of Public Safety academy after he graduates in May 2014. Pruitt plans to pursue a master's degree in criminal justice. Hogg is considering a police academy or coaching, and Bushey is weighing police work, law school, or the Air Force.

APD has an internship program that ACU students follow at their own pace. It includes 100 hours accompanying officers in different divisions or units, including patrol, criminal investigations, communications, traffic, SWAT, youth, Child Advocacy Center, and training.

"I was surprised by the sheer amount of paperwork," Pruitt said.

"The top takeaway for me is seeing how officers deal with people everyday and how they handle themselves, even when they are put under pressure," Bushey said.

"The internship is invaluable; you can't put a price on it for the experiences you will have and the things you will see first hand, something a theory class can't fully provide," said Pruitt, who said it was like learning about a hurricane. "It is one thing to sit down and study a hurricane's effects but it is another to actually go there and see it yourself."

"And it is equally important to do the internship as early as possible, so it can help you decide on your career and you won't be wasting valuable time while in school," Halbert said.

APD officer George Spindler said the things their interns experience are shared with their peers and others, providing valuable feedback to the community. "It's essential that people know their police department really does serve and protect, and this is but one method of engaging our community," Spindler said. "The process solidifies the students' impressions and it gives them a solid reality check before diving into the decision to become a police officer."

Thanks to Kelly Knight who oversees the practicum experience for CJ students!

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Guests of the Department

On Oct. 29, DPS Sergeant Stephen Bynum of Region 6 (Lampasas District) was a guest in the Police Systems and Practices course with **Stuart Platt**. He spoke on patrol and equipment preparation. Bynum is the DPS Subject Matter Expert on Traffic Enforcement and Related Laws, and for his district is on the Crisis Intervention Team and on the Accident Reconstruction Team. He is also an ACU alum.

Mel Hailey took six ACU students to a lecture by N.T. Wright in Oxford. Wright is the former Bishop of Durham and is an internationally known Bible scholar, and his topic was "Life after Death."

Chris Riley had several guest speakers in the American Judicial Process class this semester:

Judge Scott Frost, Federal Magistrate for the Northern Dist., Judge Robert Harper, County Court at Law (ACU grad), David Shaw, McClellan County Assistant District Attorney, (ACU grad) Lynette Tatum, Partner at McMahon, Survick, Suttle, P.C.

Kelly Knight this semester had several guest lecturers:

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Kerri Helm—a SANE at Hendrick Trauma for 25+ years (pediatric and adult certifications), she lectured about rape kits, evidence collection, and rape prosecutions (Criminal Investigation class).

Game Warden Captain Lacy Loudermilk and Warden Ron Johnson—spoke regarding careers in Game Warden Law Enforcement Division. The lecture was followed by a lunch with the wardens and students interested in this career (Intro. to CJ class).

APD Sgt. Lynn Beard, Detective in the Crimes Against Persons unit—lectured in CI about local homicides and the crime solving methods, and included in his presentation photographs of actual murder scenes and autopsies.

Officer Nathan Owens—long-time officer in Fort Worth's Police Department, lectured on police protective gear and response to domestic violence calls. He recounted his ordeal of being shot and almost killed by a fleeing suspect. His daughter, Ashley, is a CJ student at ACU.

Lt. John Brunet, Abilene Fire Department—spoke on arson investigations, fire patterns, and arson crime scenes.

ACU PD Sgt. Bob Delony—veteran homicide detective from Houston, spoke on errors made in homicide investigations (CI class).

Chris Riley's American Judicial Process had two guests this semester, both running for the 11th Court of Appeals. They heard from Cade Browning and Justice John Bailey.

Faculty News

Neal Coates has been asked to write another essay for the textbook Texas Politics Today; this essay will be entitled "The State of Federalism."

Neal Coates attended the Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa annual conference in Washington, D.C., Nov. 21-23, and was discussant on the panel "The Impact of the Cold War on Military Expenditure-Economic Growth in the Middle East."

Stuart Platt participated in the Veteran's Day Chapel in Moody Coliseum on Nov. 11.

Internship Opportunity

REP. TED POE'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Representative Poe's Office is looking for an ACU intern for every semester and summer. Congressman 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.

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Want a Federal Job?

We want our political science and criminal justice students (and anyone else whom we have contact with!) to strongly consider taking a job after graduation in the local, state, or federal government arenas. As ACU alum and Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Jack Pope famously said, "Public service, in all its many forms, is a noble calling." Two very good resources for finding openings in the federal government are the Office of Personnel Management website, www.opm.gov, and the USA Jobs website, www.usajobs.gov.



**Welcome Back from Oxford,
Dr. Hailey!**



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**Texas A&M University's Student Conference on National Affairs is pleased to invite
Undergraduate and Graduate level students to this year's SCONA.**

The Student Conference on National Affairs is an annual collegiate conference for delegates from all over the nation and the world to discuss matters of national importance. SCONA has called upon speakers and facilitators with first-hand experience in the topic to guide delegates in development of a domestic policy proposal for the future of the United States' relations with the MENA region. Topic experts will then judge these policy proposals. SCONA will continue its success in bringing issues of national and international importance to the forefront. **Registration is \$75 for the conference and banquet and will open by [October 15, 2013](#) and close [January 20, 2014](#).**

Upperclassmen (juniors, seniors, & grad students) are encouraged to participate in a pre-conference simulation on [February 18-19, 2014](#) facilitated by the U.S. Army War College. Professors and military experts will guide students through an International Strategic Crisis Negotiation Exercise (ISCNE) based on current affairs in Africa. Students will represent various countries, media, and government entities throughout the world to perform this simulation. The pre-conference event is **limited to 50** students and costs an additional \$25. Students must register by [January 30, 2014](#) to participate.

SCONA 59 delegates are responsible for travel, hotel, and some meal expenses. These will vary depending on the flight but our website has information on the hotel prices.

scona.tamu.edu holds the majority of the information you'll need for the conference.

APD Hires from ACU's CJ Program

Congratulations to Reese Brown, Harold Jackson, and Ryan Woodard who recently had their "badging" ceremony on December 14 to join the Police Department for the City of Abilene.



DPD on Campus

The Dallas Police Department was on campus the week of 11/20 to conduct an information session regarding employment opportunities for ACU students.

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Social Science Division Student Travel Awards Announcement

The Social Science Division of the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) is offering a limited number of travel grants, up to \$200 each, for undergraduate students presenting the results of research that they have conducted at a regional or national, discipline-specific meeting during the academic year 2013 - 2014. Award recipients are required to acknowledge CUR for support of their travel in their talk or poster. After the meeting, a brief report about the experience is expected. Minority students are encouraged to apply.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Undergraduate students at any level can apply but preference will be given to juniors and seniors or students attending 2 year community colleges.
- Student's mentor must be a CUR member or the student's home institution must be a CUR institutional member.
- Student's home institution must match the \$200 CUR travel grant.

Application materials:

- An electronic copy of the meeting abstract, including the title of the abstract, student author, faculty mentor, and institution. If the abstract is written in highly technical terms, the applicant may also submit a brief (maximum 500 words) summary of the work written for an audience consisting of social scientists from a wide range of disciplines. The abstract should note the study's objective, methods, results and importance.
- Proof of acceptance to the regional or national meeting.
- A list of itemized meeting expenses (travel, housing, and registration).
- An email from sponsoring faculty acknowledging (1) student's enrollment as an undergraduate, (2) confirmation of student's planned attendance at the meeting, (3) confirmation of institution's monetary match of \$200, and (4) confirmation of individual or institutional CUR membership.
- Reimbursement of travel expenses (up to \$200) will require copies of receipts and confirmation of student's attendance/presentation at the meeting.

Selection Criteria: Travel Award recipients will be selected on a first come, first serve basis provided that the above criteria are met. Only one travel award will be granted per institution.

Deadline: Applications for travel grants to a meeting are now accepted. The award decisions will be made on a first come, first serve basis.

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For more information and an online application, please visit www.DCinternships.org or contact Alexander Jue, Recruitment and Admissions Assistant, at admissions@tfas.org or 202.986.0384.