Faculty News

David Dillman is serving as a Fulbright Scholar in Serbia this spring semester.

Stuart Platt participated this 2016-17 school year in the ACU Master Teacher program.

Mike Bryant, Retired ATF agent, served as an adjunct and taught Forensic Evidence/ Enhanced Interviewing Skills during the January Short Course.

Neal Coates attended The "Dangerous Classes"in the Middle East and North Africa Conference on January 26 at St. Antony's College, University of Oxford.

Mel Hailey helped review "American Government: Stories of a Nation", 2018.

Mel Hailey was on The 'Supreme' Panel at the LRE Scholars Conference in Austin on Jan. 28, talking about current cases before the Supreme Court.

Neal Coates served as a pre-revision reviewer for American Foreign Policy Since World War II, Steven Hook & John Spainer, 21st Edition, 2017.

Neal Coates is teaching in Oxford this spring for ACU Study Abroad.

Robert McKelvain, professor in the ACU Psychology Department, is teaching Mental Health and Policing this semester.

Chris Riley, V.P. of Student Life and former associate counsel for ACU, is teaching Congress and the Legislative Process this spring.

Alumni News

Elizabeth Bingham ('05) and Wade Emmert ('92) were on a team of lawyers who represented Rep. Rodney Anderson in the HD 105 Recount. Wade lead the team and Elizabeth and another attorney comprised the rest. The Democrat challenger conceded two days in.

Dylan Benac ('14) is interning at the Texas Supreme Court this spring for Justice Jeffrey Boyd.

Sion Alford ('16) has been accepted into the Baylor Law School starting February 6.

The 2017 Young Alumnus of the Year is Chelsea (Thornton '01) Buchholtz, of Austin, Texas. She is a Jack Pope Fellows Alumni. As chief of staff for the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, Buchholtz is continuing her career working to improve the Texas Criminal Justice system. She previously served as general counsel for the Department, and prior to that, as assistant general counsel and later advisor to the Governor of Texas.

Congratulations to Dr. David Dillman on the birth of a grandson, Ellick Savannah. He weighed 7 pounds 12 ounces and was 19.69 inches long.

Charles C. Gaines spoke to Chris Riley's class, Congress and Legislative Process on January 31.

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Applications are now open for the **2017 Values & Capitalism Summer Honors Program**. 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. The available courses include:

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K-12 Education: The Foundation of American Democracy, Society, and Economy with Michael McShane, AEI & Show-Me Institute

Students can learn more and apply by visiting the program webpage at www.valuesandcapitalism.com/2017-summer-honors-program. Faculty members can also nominate students by visiting the same web site and click on "Nominate a Student". Rising juniors/seniors and those who have not participated in the honors program previously will be given preference, but all current undergraduates are welcome to apply. **The final application deadline is March 15, 2017.** Until then, we will be accepting and reviewing applications on a rolling basis, so we encourage students to apply sooner rather than later.

We are also now accepting applications for the **2017 Values & Capitalism Summer Conference**, which will take place **June 15—17** in DC. Like last year, this conference is geared toward faculty and *younger* students who are interested in getting involved with AEI/V&C. We should be able to accept around 3–5 students per school. Students can apply at www.valuesandcapitalism.com/2017-summer-honors-program

NOTE: Students who apply for the Summer Honors Program and are not accepted will also be considered for the Summer Conference. They do not need to submit a separate application for the conference. So, it is better to encourage your students to apply for the honors program—even if they are younger and less-experienced. Students will be accepted to one program or the other, but not both.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks in advance for encouraging your students to apply!

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