

**Student News**

Another Student Accepted into TFAS

Abigail Moses has been accepted into the Fund for this coming summer in D.C. She will be in the Institute on Philanthropy and Voluntary Service track.

Student Paper Accepted at Two Conferences

Congratulations to Joyce Schuster, who was selected to present her paper “Women’s Rights in Iran’s Legislative Documents: A Critical Analysis of the Constitution, Civil, and Penal Code” at two upcoming conferences. Joyce’s paper was chosen from 3,700 submissions for the National Conference on Undergraduate Research, to be held Apr. 16-17 at Eastern Washington University. She was accepted to attend the Apr. 8-11 Southwestern Social Science Association meeting in Denver where she will be the only undergraduate student presenting in her field. Joyce was a student in Dr. Coates’ course this past Fall semester, “Iran and Nuclear Weapons.”

Studying Arabic at Georgetown this Summer

Rachael Shudde has been accepted into the Georgetown University Summer Arabic Language Institute.

Internship in Dallas District Attorney’s Office

This past summer, Sion Alford interned in the Dallas DA’s Office for prosecutor Blake Penfield (ACU ‘09). who is now chief prosecutor in one of the felony courts.

**Jeffrey L. Wendling Scholarships Awarded**

Congratulations to these CJ students who have won Wendling Scholarships this year!

*Cerzi Bawi-Tlung*

*Edward Hernandez*

*Jeremiah Shaeffer*

**Center for Criminal Justice Leadership hosts**

**CE Course during January Short Course**

The Department’s new Center held its first official event in January. Dr. Stuart Platt taught a January short course “Studies in Police Cultures.” The course had three officers and 21 ACU students. Officers attending were Abilene Police Department Chief Stan Standridge, APD Assistant Chief Doug Wrenn, and ACU LT Randy Motz, and they received TCOLE credit.

The course was a unique learning environment for the officers and students. Very few CJ departments have arranged for the combination of professional and undergraduate participants.

On Wednesday of the course, College of Arts and Sciences Dean Greg Straughn and Department Chair Neal Coates joined Dr. Platt to acknowledge the start of the Center and welcome the course attendees.

**Alumni News**

Josh Massingill (‘08) is working as Counsel to the Texas Senate Committee on Health and Human Services in Austin.

Stewart McGregor (‘14) is working during the 2015 Legislative Session as a Legislative Aide for District 115 Rep. Matt Rinaldi in the Texas House of Representatives (Carrollton, Coppell, Farmers Branch, Las Colinas).

Amelia Springer (‘14) is now a dispatcher for the Abilene Police Department.



David Sigala, junior POLS major from Abilene, helps load the container for Zambia Medical Mission on Jan. 24. More pictures on Page 2.

**Faculty News**

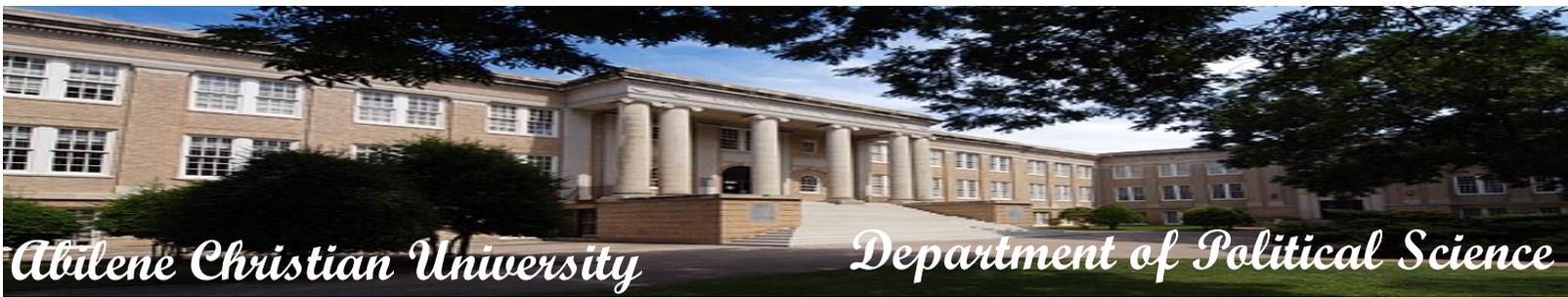
The Department offered three January short courses this year for the first time, and the variety worked very well for students who wanted to come back a week early and work on 3 credits. The courses were National Government (Hailey), Studies in Police Culture (Platt) and Politics of Israel (Coates).

49 students in Dr. Coates' International Relations course loaded a 40 foot shipping container on Jan. 24 for the Zambia Medical Mission. ZMM will be held in southern Zambia in July—each year several ACU students participate. Over 17,000 patients are seen in this annual mission. There are pictures on this Newsletter page of the students.

The 36 students in Dr. Coates' American Foreign Policy course this semester are conducting Saturday service learning restoration and preservation projects at the Atlas F Missile Base in Lawn, Texas. This military system operated during the Cold War and helped deter the Soviet Union; it was also the world's first hardened ICBM.

Neal Coates' next state government essay, "The State of Federalism," appears in the textbook Texas Politics Today by William Earl Maxwell, Ernest Crain, and Adolfo Santos, Seventeenth Edition, Thomson/Wadsworth (2014)(also EBook version).





### **TAMU 2015 Awards for Outstanding Undergraduate Research**

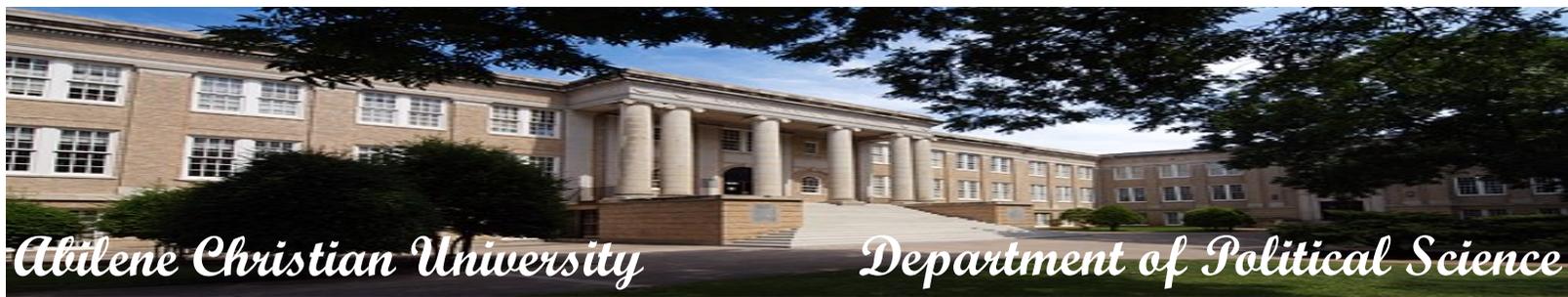
The Project for Equity, Representation, and Governance and the Department of Political Science at Texas A&M University annually invites submissions for the Awards for Outstanding Undergraduate Research in the following fields: *African American Politics, Latino Politics, Comparative Politics, Gender Politics, and Public Administration/Public Policy*. Undergraduate students may submit a research paper in one field only. A winner will be chosen from each field. The awards carry a prize of \$500 per field, and are meant to encourage undergraduates to continue their study at the graduate level. A list of past winners and their papers can be found at: [perg-tamu.com/information-and-dates](http://perg-tamu.com/information-and-dates). Questions can be directed to Mallory Compton at [Compton@tamu.edu](mailto:Compton@tamu.edu). Papers should be a maximum of 25 pages (not including references; double spaced, 12-point font) and must be submitted electronically (either as a PDF, MS Word, or Word Perfect document) to Mallory Compton by March 1. Please include the title of your subfield in the subject heading (Example: “2015 Gender Politics Award”). Papers may, but are not required to, contain any form of data analysis. Self-nominations are encouraged. Within the body of the e-mail include the following information: Name, Major and Minor, University Affiliation, Expected Date of Graduation, and Contact Information (E-mail address and phone number). The award winners, as well as honorable mentions, will be announced on or before April 1. The winning papers will also be posted online at [perg-tamu.com](http://perg-tamu.com).

### **Pre-Law Visit Feb. 18 from Liberty Dean**

Dean Rena Lindevaldsen of Liberty University School of Law will be in the Department on Wednesday, Feb. 18 to visit with students from 11 AM—1 PM. Dr. Hailey, the pre-law adviser, is hosting. Come by and visit with the Dean!

### **New Major Scholarship—China**

The POLS Department has learned of a significant, new scholarship for a one year study toward a masters in China. See <http://schwarzmanscholars.org/program>. The Schwarzman Scholars provides for future leaders a close understanding of the world and understanding China’s role in global trends. Enrolling the inaugural class in 2016, the program will give outstanding students the opportunity to develop leadership skills through a one-year Master’s Degree at Tsinghua University in Beijing, one of China’s prestigious universities. Students will live and study together on the campus of Schwarzman College, a newly-built state-of-the-art facility, where all classes will be taught in English. Students will pursue degrees in one of three disciplines: Public Policy, Economics and Business, and International Studies. Students will spend a year immersed in an international community of thinkers and leaders in business, politics, and society. Applications open April 2015.



### **New Law School Scholarship**

The Political Science Department is pleased to announce a new pre-law scholarship. The Faulkner School of Law is now offering a tuition scholarship for ACU students. You can learn more at [www.faulkner.edu/acu](http://www.faulkner.edu/acu).

### **Job Board**

In case any of you are interested, our local government job board is located at [www.SGRjobs.com](http://www.SGRjobs.com). They may also want to check out some of our candidate resources on our website at [www.GovernmentResource.com](http://www.GovernmentResource.com)

We produce a weekly 10 in 10 Update on Leadership and Innovation that is focused on local government and is free. I have over 60,000 subscribers. If any of your students would like to receive it, they can shoot me a note.

### **Searching for Jobs?**

See [USAJobs.gov](http://USAJobs.gov) for Job Information! Here are some examples of pathway jobs with the potential to return and get a preference in hiring for full-time jobs.

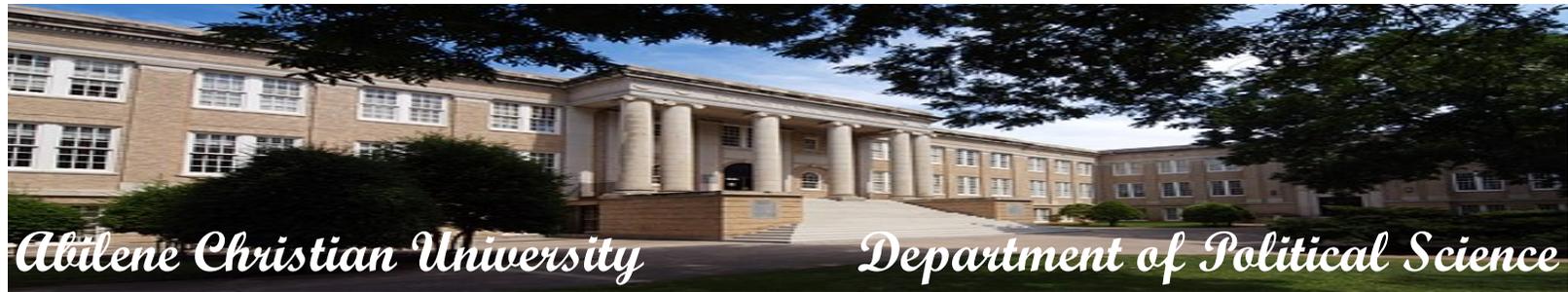
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### **Internship Opportunity**

[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.



### **GMU Fellowship Announcement**

The Mercatus Center at George Mason University is currently accepting applications for graduate student programs for the 2015-2016 academic year. Successful fellows have obtained tenure-track positions in academia and public policy positions in federal and state governments and at prominent research institutions.

**The PhD Fellowship** is a three-year, competitive, full-time fellowship program for students who are pursuing a doctoral degree in economics at George Mason University. It includes full tuition support, a stipend, and experience as a research assistant working closely with Mercatus-affiliated Mason faculty. It is a total award of up to **\$120,000** over three years. Application deadline is Feb. 1, 2015.

**The Adam Smith Fellowship** is a one-year, competitive fellowship for graduate students attending PhD programs at any university, and in any discipline, including economics, philosophy, sociology, and political science. Smith Fellows receive a stipend and attend colloquia on the Austrian, Virginia, and Bloomington schools of political economy. It is a total award of up to **\$10,000** for the year. The application deadline is Mar. 15, 2015.

**The MA Fellowship** is a two-year, competitive, full-time fellowship program for students pursuing a master's degree in economics at George Mason University who are interested in pursuing careers in public policy. It includes full tuition support, a stipend, and practical experience as research assistant working with Mercatus scholars. It is a total award of up to **\$80,000** over two years. The application deadline is Mar. 1, 2015.

**The Frédéric Bastiat Fellowship** is awarded to graduate students attending juris doctoral, masters, and doctoral programs in a variety of fields including economics, law, political science, and public policy. Bastiat Fellows receive a stipend and attend colloquia on public policy. It is a total award of up to **\$5,000** for the year. The application deadline is Apr. 1, 2015.

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