



Student News

Congratulations to senior POLS major Noah Pruitt for his 2020 Best Poster Winner during the Association for the Study of the Middle East

and Africa 13th Annual Conference. Pruitt’s entry in the Undergraduate Poster Presentation Competition was entitled "Entrenched Politics: Relationship between the Length of Tenure in Office and the Freedoms Experienced by Peoples in the Middle East and Africa." The ASMEA conference is usually held in Washington, D.C. but this year was held virtually Nov. 18-20. Other finalists in the competition were from Oakland University and Northern Illinois University.

Several of our CJ and POLS majors attended the talk at ACU by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor on Nov. 10, hosted by the LYNAY Program. They included Alli Dimmitt, Paul Hiepler, Preston Miller, Aaron Monsivaiz, Brooklyn Powers, Jose Rodriquez, Adelynn Vasquez, and Christian Williams.

Alumni News

Brenda McAdoo ('91), long-time FBI Agent, spoke in Department Chapel on November 5.

Lori Windham ('01) argued before the U.S. Supreme Court in *Fulton v. City of Philadelphia* on Nov. 4. You can listen to the audio at www.supremecourt.gov/oral_arguments/audio/2020/19-123.

Hannah Granados ('19) has been accepted into the next Academy for the City of Abilene Police Department, starting January.



Shelton Gibbs IV ('02), of Terrell, Texas, is the 2020 ACU Young Alumnus of the year. Congratulations!

Congratulations December 2020 Graduates!

Brittany Chapa

Arnold Charles

Sofia Ramirez Luque

Robert McKnight

Pre-Law News

Dr. Chris Riley sponsored an Alumni Panel Nov. 17 featuring current law students:

- Jonathan Ash, 1L at Baylor
- Sarah Conley, 2L at Univ. of Oklahoma
- Desiree Jones, 2L at Texas
- Barrett Lewis, 3L at Texas Tech
- Allen Martin, 1L at Pepperdine
- Jace Pimentel, 3L at Regent

The Pre-Law Program was involved in Area and/or Zoom Visits from:

- Univ. of TX on Nov. 9
- Regent Univ. on Nov. 10
- SMU on Nov. 11
- Univ. of OK on Nov. 17

New Legal Studies Minor

As outlined below, ACU has approved a new minor that provides opportunities for ACU students to pursue legal studies through a structured curriculum that experts believe will best prepare them for law school and beyond. The world needs servant-minded leaders, who not only uphold basic legal and ethical standards, but act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with their God. If you are interested, please talk to your advisor about this new minor.

Minor requirements:

PLAW 310 Legal Studies Seminar (1)

Choose 3 hours of Critical Analysis from:

PHIL 275 Introductory Logic and Critical Thinking (3)

PHIL 380 Intro to Philosophy (3)

POLS 490 Early Political Thought

POLS 491 Recent Political Thought

POLS 492 American Political Thought (3)

Choose 3 hours of Promotion of Justice from:

SOCW 329 Diversity, Power, and Oppression (3)

HIST 330 African-American History (3)

HIST 455 Social and Ethnic History in US (3)

SOCI 460 Ethics and Social Issues (3)

SOCI 480 Inequality and Social Justice (3)

Choose 5 hours of Professional Skills and Ethics from:

ACCT 210 Financial Accounting (3)

PLAW 320 Legal Studies Internship (2-3)

ENGL 326 Business and Professional Writing (3)

COMM 343 Business and Professional Communication (3)

COMM 475 Persuasion (3)

PHIL 486 Ethics (3)

Choose 3 hours of Legal Knowledge from:

POLS 384 American Judicial Process (3)

POLS 431 Constitutional Law: Powers (3)

POLS 432 Constitutional Law: Rights (3)

BLAW 363 Legal Environment of Business (3)

BLAW 461 Business Law II (3)

POLC 320 Criminal Law (3)

Choose 3 hours of Communication and Collaboration from:

COMM 310 Civil Discourse (3)

COMM 322 Discussion, Dissent and Debate (3)

COMM 430 Conflict Management (3)

PSYC 305 Peacemaking (3)

Total: 18-19 credit hours

2021 AEI Summer Honors Program

The American Enterprise Institute's Summer Honors Program is an intensive, fully-funded educational professional development opportunity in Washington, D.C. for top undergraduate students. The program gathers students from diverse ideological backgrounds for substantive dialogue and debate about the most pressing issues facing the country and world. The core feature of the program is discussion-based seminars that offer participants forums to delve deeply into policy areas of their choice. Outside of the seminars, students participate in policy briefings with distinguished guests, high-level networking opportunities, and site visits in Washington.

Eligibility: Current undergraduates and recent graduates, international students are eligible to apply

Location: Washington, D.C.

Duration: Most students will participate in a single one-week course at the beginning of Summer 2021. A select group of students will participate in a five week opportunity from June 2—July 3.

Funding: This is a fully-funded program. Participants will receive: reimbursement for travel to D.C., housing, a stipend, and lunch and dinner on most class days.

Deadline: The early decision deadline is January 4, 2021, with a final of March 1, 2021. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, so we encourage students to apply early. Students who apply by the early decision deadline will receive an update on their application by February 5.

Link to apply: [AEI Summer](#)

Faculty News

Chris Riley spoke at the Texas Higher Education Law Conference virtual Zoom on October 26-28.

Neal Coates presented a paper at the Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa annual conference on November 8 entitled "Is Iran's Regime Changing? A Content Analysis of Open Source Media, 2018-2020."

Neal Coates served as a discussant at the ASMEA annual conference for the panel "Visions of Iran."

Neal Coates was one of the interviewees on "The Cross and the Ballot Box," Christian Chronical Panel, November 2, 2020, at www.facebook.com/ChristianChronicle/videos/733733617212886

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 in which sophomores typically enroll, 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. See www.bestsemester.com.

Southern Regional Pi Sigma Alpha Student Research Conference

Students are invited to share their research with their peers by participating in the Southern Regional Pi Sigma Alpha Student Research Conference. PSA is the honor society for POLS students. The conference is held each February, and the deadline for submissions is early each January. Students exploring topics across political science are welcome to submit proposals in the many subfields that make up the discipline (American Politics, International Relations, Political Philosophy, Public Policy, etc.) Participants will receive detailed feedback on their papers through panel discussions. Conference participants pay no registration fee and are provided breakfast and lunch.

Congressional Internship Opportunities

Many ACU students work at their local district office or the Washington, D.C. office of their Congressman. Rep. Jodey Arrington (TX-19) is looking for an ACU intern for every semester and summer. If you or anyone you know (and of any major) are interested, please contact Rep. Arrington's either office or talk with Dr. Coates.

Major Scholarships, including Fulbright Scholarships

The ACU Office of Major Scholarships offers assistance for students interested in preparing (early!) for Truman, Marshall, Fulbright, Rhodes, etc. scholarships. See that Office or Dr. Coates for more information. The Department of POLS & CJ has recently had two students and one professor receive Fulbright's. Two of the activities you will want to consider beyond the B.A.-required language study is participation in a study abroad program and also taking the two courses at ACU to qualify for the TESOL teaching certificate.

International Rescue Committee, Abilene

The IRC in Abilene regularly accepts internship applications for the summer and fall semesters. An internship with the IRC provides professional experience with a renowned international non-profit. It also provides a multicultural experience from working with diverse clients and with the international staff in their office. IRC accepts 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.



MSC SCONA is an annual collegiate conference at Texas A&M University in February that brings together delegates from across the nation and the world. MSC SCONA discusses a topic of national and global importance, allowing delegates to interact with academic scholars, professionals, and well-known public figures. Delegates participate in small group "roundtables" led by a subject matter expert "facilitator" and work together to create a policy paper. 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 hosts. Student delegates are divided into seven teams—each representing a nation-state—and work with a USAWC Fellow, who serves as their mentor. Each of the delegations represent a nation or interested global actor at a simulated peace conference facilitated by the "United Nations." MSC SCONA and ISCNE will take place in February 2021. Registration will close in early February. Cost of the conference is \$100.

American Enterprise Institute Summer Honors Program

The AEI Summer Honors Program is a series of educational and professional development opportunities for quality undergraduate students. Students in the program have the chance to connect with the ideas, research, and network of AEI, one of America's pre-eminent think tanks, through seminars with AEI scholars and policy professionals, policy briefings with special guests, networking events, and site visits in Washington, D.C. Current undergraduates and recent graduates and international students are eligible to apply. Students participate in either a single one-week course or a multi-week opportunity at the start of the summer. This is a fully-funded program. Housing, meals on class days, stipends and travel vouchers are all provided. www.aei.org/internships

American Enterprise Institute Values & Capitalism Program

Applications are open for the next Values & Capitalism program sponsored by AEI. 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. Learn more and apply by visiting www.valuesandcapitalism.com/2019-summer-honors-program. Faculty members can also nominate students by visiting the same web site and click on "Nominate a Student."

Application is due July 1. See www.valuesandcapitalism.com

U.S. Department of State

The U.S. Department of State Student Internship Program is an unpaid internship with the opportunity to work in U.S. embassies and consulates throughout the world, as well as in various bureaus located in Washington, D.C. and at Department offices around the United States. See

https://careers.state.gov/intern/student-internships/?source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Experience the thrill and rewards of working in a student program at the U.S. Department of State. Whether you are an undergraduate or graduate student seeking a substantive internship supporting U.S. Foreign Policy, there is no limit as to how far these opportunities can take you. At the Department of State, you will have the opportunity to gain insight into U.S. Foreign Policy and Diplomacy, explore new career avenues, and acquire lifelong skills as you represent America to the world. Their two programs, (1) U.S. Department of State Student Internship Program (unpaid) and (2) Pathways Program (paid), enable students to obtain job experience in a foreign affairs environment. Begin by finding which program is right for you, or speaking with a Diplomat in Residence about student programs. <http://careers.state.gov/intern>

The Student Internship Program is open to U.S. citizen college students with 60 credits at start of the internship who will be continuing their studies immediately after the internship. There are opportunities to gain practical, professional experience in a foreign affairs environment and insight into the substance and daily operations of U.S. foreign policy. The internship is 8-14 weeks, full-time, in summer, spring, and fall, and is located in State Department offices in Washington and other U.S. cities and over 100 U.S. embassies and consulates abroad. Apply via usajobs.gov. Deadlines may vary, but traditionally are in September for the following summer, March 1 for fall, and July 1 for the spring of the next year. Interested students should sign up for email alerts using the "Keep Me Informed" feature on careers.stae.gov and clicking the "Student Programs" box on the menu. For more information, see careers.state.gov/intern/student-internships. Internships are unpaid, but housing may be provided at some overseas posts. For the U.S. Foreign Services Internship Program (USFSIP), U.S. citizen students currently enrolled in an undergraduate degree program may apply with a cumulative GPA of 3.20 or above, and must be rising juniors or seniors when they start the program (i.e., in their sophomore or junior year when applying). Selection is heavily based on evidence or financial need. This program is a paid two-summer international affairs experiential learning program. Apply via usajobs.gov. Application period usually every early in September or possibly late August. Sign up for an alert on usajobs.gov.

Critical Language Selection Program — U.S. State Department

The State Department invites students to apply for the Critical Language Scholarship Program next summer on a fully-funded study abroad program. The CLS Program is an intensive overseas language and cultural immersion program for Americans enrolled at U.S. colleges and universities. Students spend 8-10 weeks abroad studying one of 14 critical languages. CLS is part of a government initiative to expand the number of Americans studying and mastering foreign languages critical to national security and economic prosperity. Applications are available at www.clscholarship.org and are due November 15 each year.

The Fund for American Studies Washington, D.C., June and July
December 5 – Early Deadline (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 their communities and the nation. The institutes are intense, combining lectures, coursework, internships, and site briefings at key institutions of national government. Each institute offers courses for academic credit. The most popular study program with ACU students has been the Engalitcheff Institute on Comparative Political and Economic Systems. ICPEs was established in 1970 and is intended for students interested in careers in government, public policy, and academia. It offers a thorough examination of the American political tradition and market economics through comparative study. Other programs are offered in: [International Affairs](#), [Public Policy & Economics](#), [Journalism & Communication](#), [Community Leadership & Service](#), [Business & Government Affairs](#), [Leadership & the American Presidency](#). The programs include 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. Scholarships are awarded based on need and merit with over 70% of students receiving full or partial funding. Please visit www.DCinternships.org. Questions may be directed to admissions@tfas.org or 202.986.0384.

Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C.

The Heritage Foundation is recruiting 60 junior and senior conservatives for each spring semester in Washington, D.C. Paid internships in research, policy promotion, and more are offered. The program runs January to April, with opportunities to work alongside Heritage staff throughout the building and on a wide variety of policy issues. Visit www.heritage.org/internships. Applicants should apply by Oct. 1 by filling out the online application.

Internship Ideas

If you are looking for internship ideas, visit these organizations' homepages: Interpol, Freedom House, Transparency International, Texas Right to Life, Amnesty International, and International Justice Mission.

Federal Courts Clerk Office Internship

Outstanding freshman POLS & CJ students are invited to contact Dr. Coates about summer internship in the Chief Clerk's Office of the Federal Courts for the Texas Northern District, in Dallas.

National Security-Related Internships in Washington, D.C.

<https://www.wm.edu/offices/dccenter/employment/internships/index.php>

Internships, Fellowships, and Other Work Experience Opportunities in the Federal Government

www.senate.gov/visiting/po.htm

Publications for Student Research

Several journals are dedicated to publications of student research.

Department of Homeland Security

DHS is looking for employees to face the complex threats and challenges facing the U.S. The agency is seeking hundreds of qualified individuals to fill critical positions in law enforcement—criminal investigators, deportation officers, Customs and Border Protection officers, Border Patrol agents, special agents, physical security specialists, police officers, emergency management specialists, and intelligence analysts. To learn more, visit www.dhs.gov/recruitment or www.dhs.gov/careers.

Middle East Forum

The Middle East Forum accepts On-location interns in the offices of the Middle East Forum in Philadelphia, and Distance interns. See <https://www.meforum.org/employment.php#internships>

Searching for Jobs?

See [USAJobs.gov](https://www.usajobs.gov) for Job Information!

University of North Texas Hatton Sumners Scholarship for Masters in Public Administration

The University of North Texas offers up to five scholarships worth \$31,000 to students entering the MPA program. Sumners Scholars receive a stipend of \$12,800 (\$800 per month) paid over 16 months, and receive \$18,200 toward graduate tuition and fees at UNT. They assist a faculty member as a research assistant for 10 hours per week for 12 months. These students also participate in seminars hosted by the Sumners Foundation with noted national leaders. Applicants should have at least a 3.00 GPA and excellent GRE scores; excellent letters of recommendation; and commitment to a career in public administration.

Review of completed applications begins April 1 of each year.

Law Enforcement Positions listed at Texas Municipal Police Association

www.tmpa.org/jobcenter

Texas Police Trainers maintains a list of job openings in Texas Cities

<http://texaspolice trainers.com/job-announcements>

Conservative & Libertarian Pre-Law Reading List—from Federalist Society

<https://fedsoc.org/commentary/publications/conservative-libertarian-pre-law-reading-list>

Portland Police Department, Portland, Oregon

<https://www.joinportlandpolice.com/#intro>



The City of Deer Park is accepting applications for Police Officer. Open Until Filled. Base Salary plus incentive pay for TCOLE Certification/Education Pay, Longevity Pay, or Shift Differential. Applications must be received at the Deer Park Police Department or at Deer Park City Hall. Applications at www.deerparktx.gov/egov/docs.

Deer Park, Texas, Police Department of Foreign Service Officers Reading List—from U.S. State Department

<https://careers.state.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Suggested-Reading-List-Aug2013.pdf>

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Boren Scholarships

Boren Scholarships, an initiative of the National Security Education Program, provides unique funding opportunities for U.S. undergraduate students to study less commonly taught languages in world regions critical to U.S. interests, and underrepresented in study abroad. These include Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the middle East. Western Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand are excluded. Boren Scholars represent a vital pool of highly motivated individuals who wish to work in the federal national security arena. Boren Scholars commit to working in the federal government for at least one year after graduation. Award amounts (maximum scholarship) range from \$8,000 for a summer program to \$10,000 for a semester to \$20,000 for a 6-12 months. Summer-only programs must be eight weeks or more and are limited to science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) students. See <http://borenawards.org/scholarships/program-basics/boren-scholarship-basics>.