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Alumni News

Stephanie Ochoa ('00) is senior probation officer in Riverside County, CA.

Evan McCord ('05) lives in Houston and is now Vice President at Hines.

Andrew Tuegel ('06) has joined Simpson, Simpson & Tuegel in Decatur, Texas.

Megan Randolph ('07) is secondary principal at Grace International School in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

Charles Gaines ('10) has been named Director of Government Relations for Raise Your Hand Texas.

Stefan Bushey ('14) is an inspector with the Texas Department of Health and Human Services.

Abraham Enriquez ('18) is President of Bienvenido.

Pope Fellows News

Congratulations to two Pope Fellows Alum, winners of the 2020 Gutenberg Award at ACU. They are **Chelsea Thortnton Buchholtz** ('01), executive director of the Texas Real Estate Commission in Austin, and **Taylor Hemness** ('04), news anchor at KSHB-TV in Kansas City.

Pre-Law News

If you are a current student and are not receiving emails from Pre-Law Advisor Chris Riley, please contact Carmen Price at cjp11a@acu.edu and your name will be added to the contact list.

Student News

Sumners Foundation
August 31 at 4:04 PM · 
Congratulations to our newest Sumners Scholars!



PRESTON MILLER - ACU

Congratulations to **Preston Miller**, named as a Sumners Scholar for 2020-21. Preston was selected along with 12 other college students in Texas and Oklahoma. The Sumners Foundation promotes the

study, teaching, and research into the science and art of self-government, and so that the American people may understand the fundamental principles of democracy.

Sofia Ramirez Luque interned this summer for Targeted Victory located in Arlington, Virginia. Targeted Victory is a political marketing company that does political campaigning for senators and U.S. Representatives.

At the Mendoza Debates at Lee College, **Emma Jaax** won 4th Place Speaker and tied for Third as Semifinalist in the JV Division! 21 schools participated including Mississippi State, SMU, Tennessee, LSU, University of Alaska, and Louisiana Tech, with 116 competitors.

Alli Dimmitt, POLS major and Freshman Class President, has been named to ACU's 10-year Quality Enhancement Plan Team, working on "Leadership Skills Development for Student Organizations Leaders."

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ACU PD Workers

The Department has had a number of CJ majors work for ACUPD over the years. Currently serving in this role are **Remington Agnew, Jake Pritchard, Jonathan Ratliff, J.D. Schwiethale and Susem Velasquez.**

Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to **Noah Pruitt** and **Ailin Ortega**, winners of the 2020-2021 Maxine Durrett Earl Scholarships.

Faculty News

Neal Coates will present a paper "Is Iran's Regime Changing? A Content Analysis of Open Sources 2018-2020" at the upcoming Association for the Study of the Middle East and North Africa Conference on Nov. 19-21 in Washington, D.C.

Mel Hailey spoke September 17 in Austin for the State Bar of Texas Law-related Education Unit on the Supreme Court religious cases of the 2020 term, and also *Ramos v. Louisiana*.

Neal Coates was interviewed for "Why these 21st century David Lipscombs won't vote for Trump or Biden," *Bobby Ross, Jr., Christian Chronicle*, September 24, 2002.



Constitution Day at ACU!
Dr. Coates reads the U.S. Constitution with students on the steps of the Admin. Bldg. on Sept. 17.

Guest Speakers

James Stokes ('92) spoke to the Pope Fellows on Sept. 9. He is the city manager for the City of Deer Park, and is serving this year as Vice President of the Texas City Management Association.

Brantley Starr (Pope Fellow '01), Federal District Court Judge in Dallas, spoke to Dr. Riley's Constitutional Law: Powers class on Sept. 22.

Susanna Lubanga ('05) of the International Rescue Committee spoke in Dr. Coates' Politics of Developing Countries class on Sept. 24.

Brian Golden (Masters '08) Commander of the 595th Command and Control Group and National Airborne Operations Center at Offutt AFB, spoke to Dr. Coates' American Foreign Policy class on Sept. 29.

Chandra Eggemeyer ('02), Community Relations Specialist at The Governor's Office of Texas Economic Development, spoke to the Pope Fellows on Oct. 1.

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Subject: How to Spend Your Time . . . Now

Political Science and Criminal Justice Students,

We know that these past months have been challenging and continue to pray for you and your safety. First, please know that we are very sorry that is happening. While we don't have all the answers, we wanted to offer up some ideas that you may want to consider in regard to how to spend your time . . . now.

Prepare for Graduate or Law School

If graduate school or law school is in your future, prepare for your GRE or LSAT. For example, Kahn Academy has a great FREE LSAT [Prep Course](#) and LinkedIn Learning, FREE with your ACU log in, has one on the [GRE](#). If finances are tight, consider applying for a fee waiver for your [GRE](#) or [LSAT](#) as well. Information related to registration and upcoming/modified test dates can also be found on those sites. Finally, use the time to explore and narrow programs and admissions requirements or reach out to one of us to talk about your options.

Improve Your Professional and Technical Skills

[LinkedIn Learning](#) is a fantastic FREE resource that you can access with your ACU log on. It provides a wide array of courses related to professional and skills like [Career Planning](#), [Professional Development](#), and [using public information for research](#) or [data science](#). You can also learn a specific program like Excel, SPSS, or R. But that's not all, there are over 15,000 video tutorials and short expert-led courses to help you enhance your skills.

Consider Taking Another Online Course

ACU offers online courses throughout each summer. Spend some time getting ahead and complete courses that you need (especially in Summer 1 and 2, when you can opt into Credit/Non Credit if you want). See your Academic Advisor for more information.

Serve or Intern Remotely

Check out opportunities on ACU's [Handshake job board](#). For example, the International Rescue Committee is offering remote summer internships. Interns at the IRC are the first points of contact for newly arrived refugees and offers support, guidance and counseling through the first five years of resettlement. Interns serve in the following departments: Case Management, Economic Empowerment, Development, Immigration, and Youth. See <https://rescueglobal.secure.force.com/volunteer/>

Please let us know how we can help!

Your Department Faculty and Staff

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 Allpha 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 discussants. 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 February 9-13, 2021. Registration will close in early February. Please go to scona.tamu.edu for details.

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.state.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](tel: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 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://texaspolicetrainers.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>.