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Jack White Visit to ACU

Jack White visited ACU and the Department on Mar. 23-24. White is a Partner at FH+H in Washington, D.C., and after clerking for the U.S. Supreme Court developed a broad practice representing government, companies, and other entities. During the Fall of 2020, he served on the Ft. Hood Independent Review Committee and testified before the House Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

While at ACU, Mr. White spoke in Chapel, to LYNAY students, and to the Jack Pope Fellows. He also spoke to various groups including Pre-Law students, College Republicans, College Democrats, and two Business Law classes. He also spoke to the Diversity Council, and ate lunch and spoke with students in the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Judge Ted Poe Visit to Campus

Judge Ted Poe came back to the Department and Campus on April 7-9 to lecture and speak to students. He advised individual students on law school and career path, spoke in Department Chapel on the steps of the Hardin Administration Building, ate lunch and spoke with the Jack Pope Fellows, and met with the Optimist Staff. He also spoke in Sgt. Bob Delony's Criminal Investigation class.

Poe ('70) earned a B.A. degree in political science from ACU, was chief felony prosecutor in the Harris County District Attorney's Office, was elected six times to the 221st Criminal District Court and heard 25,000 criminal cases, and served in Congress for the 2nd District of Texas from 2005-2019.

Poe was on ACU's Board of Trustees from 1990-2014, and received his alma mater's Outstanding Alumnus of the Year award in 2009.

The Ted Poe Endowed Scholarship at ACU is a significant fund assisting political science majors, and in 2018 the Judge Ted Poe Endowed Chair of Political Science and Criminal Justice was created in his honor in the Department.



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University Scholar

Congratulations to Noah Pruitt who was selected as University Scholar for our Department!

ACU Alumni Day!

The ACU Alumni Day on March 6 celebrated the selection of Hon. Shelton Gibbs IV ('02) as Young Alumnus of the Year, and the virtual ceremony is found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ARnHn1MEyQY>

Student News

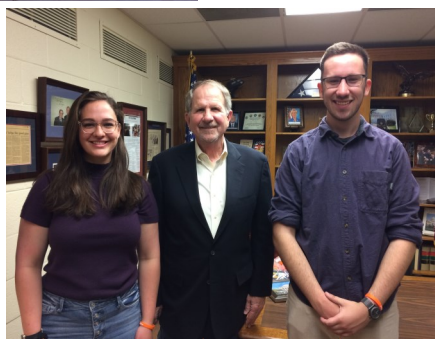
Erin Hodgson is working this semester in the Abilene office of Congressman Jodey Arrington.

Carter Snead and Beau Hancock are interning in the Office of State Representative Stan Lambert this spring.



Judge Poe
with the Jack
Pope Fellows

Judge Poe
with Emma
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Alumni News

Brandon Smith ('08) is working in the Office of the Solicitor General, Tennessee Attorney General.

Stewart McGregor ('14) was recently named to the 2021 Economic Development 40 Under 40 for the Grand Prairie Economic Development Professionals.

JoLynn Villareal ('16) graduated with her masters degree from Sam Houston State University in 2019. She is working as a dispatcher for the Abilene Police Department.

Sofia Ramirez Luque ('20) is a Legal Assistant at The Mendoza Law Firm in Washington, D.C. The national law firm also has offices in El Paso and represents individuals and businesses in immigration, civil litigation, and business matters.

Debate Success!

Congratulations to students Emma Jaax (1st Place in JV)(JV Speaker Award), Nathan Marshall (Quarterfinalist in JV), and Hannah Maniscalco (Octofinalist in JV) at the Southern Forensics Championship Tournament against 124 entries.

At the National Christian College Forensics Invitational, the ACU Debate Team won the Division I Debate Sweepstakes award and the Quality Award (the highest percentage of wins of all the schools). Nathan Marshall and Hannah Maniscalco (both POLS majors) closed out finals of JV, with Nathan winning the Championship.



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Pre-Law News

The ACU Pre-Law Program, housed in our Department, offers congratulations to April Ward Farris ('06), appointed by Texas Gov. Greg Abbott to the First Court of Appeals in Houston effective Jan. 1. Justice Farris was an appellate litigation partner at Yetter Coleman and previously served as assistant solicitor general for the Texas Solicitor General's Office. She received a B.S. in Integrated Marketing Communications from ACU and her Juris Doctor degree from Harvard Law School.

Faculty News

Candice Ortals was a participant in the Southern Political Science Association meeting on Jan. 14 in the Women and Politics Section, presenting on "The Influence of Right-wing Parties at the Municipal Level in Spain."

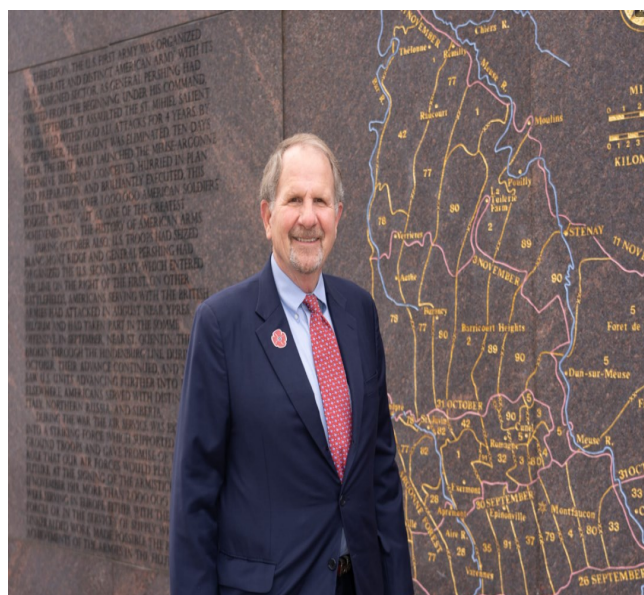
Guest Speakers

Israeli Consul to Houston, Yuval Deri, spoke on Jan. 8 to the Politics of Israel course.

Retired Houston PD Sgt. Brian Foster spoke to the POLC 440 Criminal Justice class as part of a section on homicide investigations. Sgt. Foster was a Houston PD detective for 30 years, 27 of which he served as a Homicide Detective. He and the class teacher, Sgt. Bob Delony, worked in Homicide at the same time and Sgt. Foster is now an author of true life police investigation.



National World War I Memorial Opening



Rep. Ted Poe ('70) participated in the opening of the National World War I Memorial on April 16 in Washington, D. C. In conjunction with the upcoming World War I Centennial, the 2015 National Defense Authorization Act authorized the World War I Centennial Commission to build the memorial. Congressional co-sponsors were Rep. Poe (R-Texas) and Rep. Emanuel Cleaver (D-Missouri). Poe was appointed as a Commissioner by the Speaker of the House, and later joined the Board of Directors of the United States Foundation for the Commemoration of the World Wars.

Congratulations to Rep. Poe for his dedication to honoring the sacrifice of the Doughboys.

See story at <https://georgetown.com/articles/2021/04/17/national-world-war-i-memorial-opens-in-dc-photos>.

2021 ACU Undergraduate Research Festival Accepted Projects

Our department had 13 projects accepted into the Undergraduate Research Festival (URF) this spring, the most ever accepted. Congratulations Students! The URF was held March 30.

Bryan Briones — American Polarization: A Terminal Illness

Joel Brown — Astra Nullius, or: the Threat of Privatization of Celestial Bodies

Kennedy Guerra — A New Municipal Strategy for Latin American Women Achieving Representation

Beau Hancock — The Abraham Accords: A Look Into The Future Of The Middle East

Erin Hodgson — Sluggish Trains and Incomplete Cable Cars: The Failure of Chinese Investment in Tanzania

McKenzie McPherson — The Problem of Low Voter Participation in Texas: Causes and Consequences

Noah Pruitt — The Rise of Neoliberalism: An Analysis of the Causes for and the Impacts of Privatization in Mexico

Jessica Rice — Comparing Israeli and Indian Nationalism to the Concept of Partition

Cody Sargeant — How Long Until Lunch? Effects of Time of Day in Taylor County Sentencing

Mark Shi — Middle East Analysis: The Series of Normalizations Among Arab Countries and Israel

Sierra Shoaff — Did the Government of Israel Violate Citizens' Civil Liberties and their Basic Law by Tracking their Cellphone Devices?

Kathryn Walker — The Criminal Justice System and Sexual Assault

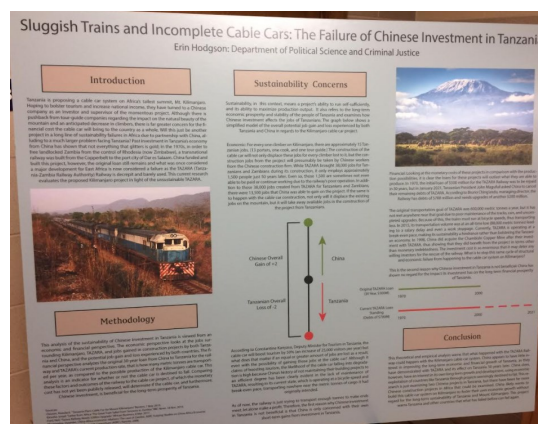
Rachel Williams — Getting Into Law School is Not Enough: An Analysis of Bar Exam Preparation and Related Student Services for African American Students at Select Law Schools

2021 ACU Undergraduate Research Festival—Results

McKenzie McPherson won one of the six Outstanding Talks!
“The Problem of Low Voter Participation in Texas: Causes and Consequences”

Erin Hodgson won one of the four Outstanding Posters!
“Sluggish Trains and Incomplete Cable Cars: The Failure of Chinese Investment in Tanzania”

Congratulations McKenzie and Erin!



POLS & CJ Students help load boxes for the Zambia Medical Mission Container.



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 2022. Registration will close in early February. Cost of the conference is \$100.

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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>.