

August 2021 Newsletter

**Constitution Day, September 17**

The Department will again host the annual reading of the United States Constitution on September 17 on the steps of the Hardin Administration Building, for Constitution Day. This day commemorates the September 17, 1787 signing of the Constitution. We will begin reading promptly at 7 a.m. and should finish by 7:45.

**Sumners Scholars**

Congratulations to Thomas Sanderson and J.D. Schlageter for being named At-Large Sumners Scholars for the 2021 school year. The Sumners is awarded to students dedicated to civic education and engagement. 17 students were selected in this two-year cohort from University of Central Oklahoma, Southwestern University (3), St. Edwards's University, Baylor University (2), University of Dallas (2), Austin College, Dallas Baptist University (3), Texas Christian University, and St. Mary's University.

**U.S. Supreme Court Decision**

On June 16, the U.S. Supreme Court decided 9-0 the case *Fulton v. City of Philadelphia*—POLS alum Lori Windham ('01) argued and won the case on behalf of Catholic Social Services. Windham is Senior Counsel at the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, in Washington, D.C.

**New Pre-Law Advisor**

Chris Riley is the new Pre-Law Advisor. He has been the Interim Pre-Law Advisor this past school year, has a law degree from Texas Tech, and has practiced law and taught in the Department for several years in addition to administrative posts at ACU. We are very pleased he can take on this new role! Students should continue to see him for all their various law school preparations questions.



**Welcome Dr. Peterson**

The Department is pleased to announce the addition of Dr. Benjamin Peterson to our faculty. Dr. Peterson comes to ACU recently from Texas A&M, where he has just finished his Ph.D. in Political Science. While at A&M, he also taught Global Political Thought. His specialty and teaching fields include Political Theory, Public Policy, and Public Administration.

Dr. Peterson also holds a Master of Public Policy from the Pepperdine School of Public Policy, where he was a graduate research assistant at the Davenport Institute for Public Engagement and Civic Leadership, and has a B.S. from Oklahoma Christian University. Besides presenting in conferences and publishing several papers, he has served as a program assistant in the CCCU Middle East Studies Program. This Fall at ACU, Dr. Peterson will teach two sections of National Government, American Political Thought, and Research Methods.

**Alumni News**

Caleb Stone ('06) is Principal at Valley View Energy in Austin.

Kim Tan ('09) is Assistant State's Attorney at the Howard County State's Attorney's Office in Ellicott City, Maryland.

Andrew McFarlin ('13) is an officer in the Leander Police Department, and was presented in June with a Life Saving Award.

Chanel Brown ('17) graduated with her Master's of Public Affairs degree in May from the LBJ School of Public Affairs. Chanel is now a Research Associate with The American Institutes for Research, and is currently based in Austin.

Dillon Minick ('18) has graduated from Texas Tech School of Law and is working for the Eastland Court of Appeals.

Josh Leaks ('19) is a Senior Analyst at Financial Crimes Compliance at Goldman Sachs in Salt Lake City, UT.

Justin Rasco ('19) has begun a business Mustard Seed Media Productions.

Arnold Charles ('20) is now working at the International Rescue Committee.

Ryan Heard ('20) is also working at the International Rescue Committee.



From left to right, a historical picture of some Pope Fellows

**Virginia Milstead**—Pepperdine Member Board of Regents, Partner at Skadden Arps

**Kevin Christian**—UT Law, CEO Covenant Royalties

**Adam Parish**—LBJ School of Public Affairs, pilot for the U. S. Navy

**Brad McCall**—Texas Tech School of Law, COO at the Heart Hospitals, Baylor Scott and White Health DFW

**David Roland**—Vanderbilt School of Law and Director of Litigation at Freedom Center of Missouri

**Justice Jack Pope**—UT Law, Texas Supreme Court Photographer—Dr. Mel Hailey

**Student News**

Morgan Pacione interned this summer for Jim Lamon's 2022 campaign for U.S. Senate for Arizona.

Emma Horn is working this fall in the Public Servants Papers section of the Special Collections division of ACU's Brown Library.

Hannah Maniscalco and Carter Snead are interning this fall semester in the district office of Congressman Jodey Arrington.

**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.

**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.

**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>.



**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.

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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](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](http://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](http://careers.stae.gov) and clicking the "Student Programs" box on the menu. For more information, see [careers.state.gov/intern/student-internships](https://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](http://usajobs.gov). Application period usually every early in September or possibly late August. Sign up for an alert on [usajobs.gov](http://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](http://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](http://www.DCinternships.org). Questions may be directed to [admissions@tfas.org](mailto: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](http://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: FBI Counter Extremism Project, Freedom House, Interpol, Transparency International, Texas Right to Life, Amnesty International, International Justice Mission, and United Against Nuclear Iran.

**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](http://www.senate.gov/visiting/po.htm)

**Publications for Student Research**

Several journals are dedicated to publications of student research. See Dr. Coates for more information.

**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](http://www.dhs.gov/recruitment) or [www.dhs.gov/careers](http://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](http://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](http://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>