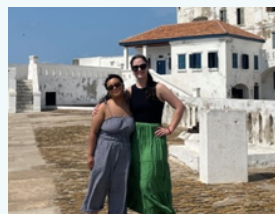




POLITICAL SCIENCE & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Student News

Jackson Smith (pictured on right) was a delegate representing the Republic of the Philippines & ACU in the International Strategic Crisis Negotiation Exercise in College Station February 7-8. Jackson also participated in the Student Council on National Affairs, also at Texas A&M.



Emma Jaax and Emy Pablico spent Spring Break in Ghana, working with Alan Collier ('87) and Pepperdine Law's Sudreau Global Justice Institute. They met with Ghanaian Supreme Court Justice Yeboah and assisted in a Legal Aid event at the Female Prison.



Congratulations to Chloe Deffner and Thomas Sanderson for being selected as 2023 University Scholars!

Congratulations to Pope Fellow, **Skyler Gill** who is our newest Fulbright Scholar! Skyler will serve as an English Teaching Assistant in Taiwan in Fall 2023.

About 40 majors participated in a day of service on January 21, 2023. They worked with Zambia Medical Mission to move boxes and load a shipping container.

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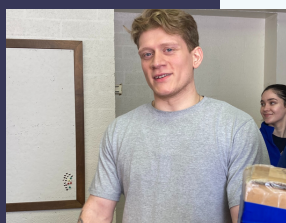
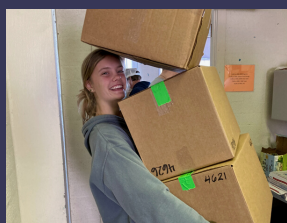
Jackson Smith, Timothy Coates, Cohen Carpenter, Ryleigh Moore, & Carson Zimmerman.



Congratulations to our May Graduates!

Political Science: Chase Clifton, Chloe Deffner, Liam Loesch, Jose Rodriguez Cisneros, Thomas Sanderson, Anna Schulze, & Madison Wright

Criminal Justice: Shelby Bulkley, Carson Curtis, Allen Graham, Elyssa Jackson, Keren Rodriguez, Adrianna Sweeten, Christian Williams, & Chaney Wood



Congratulations to **Alli Dimmit & Nathan Marshall** for their election as SGA President & Vice President for 2023-24. This is also the first time that Pope Fellows have won these two posts together!



Summer Adventures

Many of our students will be headed out for internships and adventures this summer!

Callaghan Mitchell will intern in the Montgomery (TX) County District Attorney's Office.

Bryson Frank will attend the AEI Program in Washington, D.C. in June, & will intern this summer with the Federal Court's Northern District Clerk's Office in Dallas.

Erin Hodgson is headed to Germany where she will intern with the German-American Institute Saxony and work with the ACU Study Abroad and Rising Scholars programs.

Canaan Fairley will be interning with Mazurek, Beldon, & Burke, P.C in San Antonio.

Emma Horn, Hannah Maniscalco, Emma Jaax, & Langley Smith have all been accepted into The Fund for American Studies. These students will also be involved in internships while in D.C., including Emma Horn's internship with Congressman Jodey Arrington.

Department & Faculty News



Forensic Evidence was taught this Spring by FBI veteran Dianna Strain.

Dr. Candice Ortvals was chosen this Spring to participate in the Abilene Academy, a citizen's leadership program in Abilene.



Jordan LaRaia, Dr. Neal Coates, Justice April Farris, & Dr. Kenneth Pybus at the Investiture of Justice Farris into the First Court of Appeals, February 3, 2023.



On March 10, Dr. Ben Peterson organized and moderated a panel at the 2023 meeting of the Ciceronian Society at Belmont Abbey College. The panel was an author-meets-critics session on Jason Blakely's book We Built Reality: How Social Science Infiltrated Culture, Politics, and Power (Oxford University Press, 2020) and addressed the influence of social science in popular culture and the relationship between social science and Christian thought.

This was Dr. Peterson's second time to attend a conference of the Ciceronian Society, and he became a member of the board this year.



The Department of Political Science & Criminal Justice was named "Department of the Month" by ACU Athletics for the month of February 2023. Thank you to our faculty for their teaching and mentoring of our students!



Pictured are: Austin Bowen, Jordon Smith, Nathan Carr, Madison Rohre, Claire Ferrell, Zack Lassiter, Heather Wyatt, Dr. Candice Ortvals, Robert Gupton, Dr. Ben Peterson, Marcus Dunn, Bob Delony, and Dr. Neal Coates.

This Spring, several of our students participated in the 2023 ACU Undergraduate Research Festival. **Skye Gill** (Cost of Counseling and Impact in Texas Universities), **Emma Horn** (Who is my Enemy? The United States & China's Rivalry in the Middle East), **Hannah Maniscalco** (The Pandemic & Terrorism: A Comparative Study of Terrorist Recruitment During the COVID19 Pandemic), **Jackson Smith** (Belt & Road Initiative: The Big Picture), **Langley Smith** (Guinevere: A Mirror for Culture & Society), & **Jaylynn Ward** (Murals Challenging Gender Violence in the Military: Assessing the Political Memory of Vanessa Guillen) presented on these noted topics. Congratulations to **Langley**, as she won the Outstanding Oral Presentation in Arts & Humanities.