

**Congratulations December 2022 Graduates!**

Joshua Laird, Grant Miles, Jason Massey, Susem Velasquez, J.D. Schlageter, Sierra Shoaff



Brenda Dillard spoke to the Jack Pope Fellows Nov. 15



Montgomery County First Assistant D.A. Mike Holley spoke with the Pope Fellows at Homecoming

**Department Thank You to Carmen Price**

11 years ago Carmen Price began serving as Department Coordinator. This Newsletter, sadly, reports that we have accepted her resignation to begin working this January for the State of Texas.

Carmen’s “fingerprints” are all over the Department of Political Science & Criminal Justice, which she helped oversee its degree and students joining this department. From assisting students with course advising, to welcoming visitors and recruits, to overseeing all aspects of the office budget and needs and travel, to working to support the Jack Pope Fellows and the Pre-Law Program, Carmen Price has simply been the best department coordinator for whom we could have hoped!

She will be using her Masters degree that she earned from ACU this past year. We can certainly say that she has made our lives better! All our majors and faculty and the College of Arts & Sciences say Thank you!

**Visiting Speaker from A&M**

Dr. Jim Rogers from Texas A&M spoke in Dr. Peterson's Research Methods course on Oct. 4, spoke in Department Chapel, and gave a public lecture on campus "Game Theory and the Bible: The Offering of Isaac—and Jesus—in Strategic Context." Dr. Rogers is an associate professor of political science at Texas A&M University and teaches graduate courses in political institutions and public administration, as well as in game theory and mathematical modeling.





**Faculty News**

Dr. Ben Peterson and senior POLS major Maelene Rosales have published "Hope for Youth Who Have Committed Violent Crime: A Trauma-Informed Informed Approach to Restoration," in Shared Justice, October 20, 2022. Maelene is now a law student at the University of Arizona.

Dr. Ben Peterson attended the conference Civitas V, Oct. 27-29, in Birmingham.

Dr. Neal Coates attended the Society of Christian Philosophers conference in Colorado Springs, Oct. 27-29.

Chris Riley will present a paper, "Career and Calling Circles: Spaces of Belonging for First –Year UR Students," at the 2023 APSA Teaching and Learning Conference in February.

On Nov. 5, ACU hosted an Intercollegiate Studies-Little Platoon Seminar entitled "Subsidiarity and Social Policy: Poverty, Crime, and Community" at the Adams Center for Teaching and Learning. Tom Sarrouf, Associate Programs Office for ISI, facilitated and participated. Dr. Ben Peterson led a group of students in a discussion on the perennial and much-debated policy issues of poverty and crime policy.

**Alumni News**

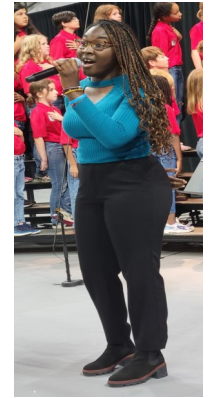
Rebecca Dial ('13) has accepted a job with the AZ Governor's office as the Deputy Director of Budget.

Fernando Medina ('16) graduated from UNT with a Master's in Criminal Justice. Congratulations!

Genner Cervantes ('21) was accepted into the upcoming Phoenix PD Academy.

Jacob Pritchard ('22) has been hired by Arlington P.D. and is in the Academy.

Tamil Kayode-adele, Freshman CJ major, sang the National Anthem at ACU's Veterans' Day Chapel on Nov. 11.



**Student News**

**Two Students Published in Sigma Iota Rho Online Journal**

Emy Pablico and J.D. Schlageter have submissions accepted for the next edition of the Sigma Iota Rho Online Journal. Emy's article is "On Thin Ice: An Examination of Doping in Figure Skating in the Olympics" and J.D.'s article is "Thailand 4.0-A Miracle in Progress." Sigma Iota Rho is the Honor Society for International Studies. Their papers were originally written for the Asian Politics course last spring with Dr. Coates.

**Undergraduate Research Festival Abstract Submissions**

Applications and abstracts for the 2023 ACU Undergraduate Research Festival are due Friday, Feb. 3, by 5 p.m. The Research Festival will be held Tuesday, April. 11 in Hunter Welcome Center. For additional information and to submit a proposal, visit the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs homepage or contact our Department.

**Law School Recruiters were in the Department**

Baylor Law—October 12  
Univ. of Texas Law—November 16  
SMU Law —November 17

**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 2023. 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>

**Sherman Police Department**

Training/Recruiting

Sgt. Alex Shivers #254

Email: [alexs@cityofsherman.com](mailto:alexs@cityofsherman.com)

Ph: 903-892-7202

**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).