

Australian-American Fulbright Commission



Annual Report 2003



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Senator J. William Fulbright

James William Fulbright, founder of the Program, was born in Sumner, Missouri on April 9, 1905. He was educated at the University of Arkansas where he was awarded a B.A. degree in Political Science in 1925. He then attended Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar where he received his M.A.

When Fulbright returned to the United States, he studied law at George Washington University in Washington, DC. During the 1930s, he served in the Justice Department and was an instructor at the George Washington University Law School. In 1936 he returned to Arkansas where he was a lecturer in law and, from 1939 to 1941, President of the University of Arkansas (at that time the youngest university president in the country).

Fulbright entered politics in 1942 and was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, entering Congress in January 1943 and becoming a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee. In September of that year the House adopted the Fulbright Resolution supporting what became the United Nations, and this brought national attention to Fulbright.

In November 1944 he was elected to the U.S. Senate and served there from 1945 through 1974, becoming one of the most influential and best-known members of the Senate. His legislation to establish the Fulbright Program funded by war reparations and foreign loan repayments to the United States was passed through the Senate in 1946.

In 1949, Fulbright became a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. From 1959 to 1974 he served as Chairman, the longest serving Chairman of that Committee in history. After leaving the Senate, he was of counsel to a Washington law firm and remained active in support of the international exchange program that bears his name.

He received numerous awards from governments, universities, and educational organizations around the world for his efforts on behalf of education and international understanding. In 1993 he was presented the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Clinton.

Senator Fulbright died on February 9, 1995 at the age of 89 at his home in Washington, DC.

The Fulbright Program aims “..to bring a little more knowledge, a little more reason, and a little more compassion into world affairs and thereby to increase the chance that nations will learn at last to live in peace”.

Senator J. William Fulbright

Board Report

The Commission's Board has had a several year commitment to a strategic review of all aspects of the Australian Program's organization and operations. With a number of initiatives and improvements implemented in 2003, we believe the Program remains fresh and strongly focused on its Mission as it enters its 55th year.



As commented upon in the Executive Director's message, it is pleasing to report continuous improvement in the networking opportunities for our awardees and alumni, public awareness of the Commission's activities and award winners, and sponsorship and financial management initiatives.

A particularly important project worth highlighting, is an on-line database to effectively network current awardees and 50 years of alumni in Australia and the United States. Beginning in May 2004, they will be able to search and make contacts in their professional field, institution or region.

The Commission was granted tax deductible gift recipient status in 2003 in a most welcome development. Our thanks to all those involved in this application and also to the Australian Government for its support. With donations to the Commission now tax deductible, we will be working with sponsors and supporters to build on this opportunity in 2004.

For the Board and all our supporters it was an honour to have Mrs Harriet Fulbright join us at our 2003 National Awards Dinner. She is a great advocate and it was very fitting that she also attended a special dinner at The University of Adelaide where, in a world first for the Fulbright Program, a new species (discovered by 2002 U.S. Fulbrighter Kris Helgen) was named in its honour.

In a difficult decision, reflecting the need to concentrate funding resources on the Program itself, the Board decided to discontinue the U.S. Educational Advisory Service based at the Commission's office from the end of 2003. We will, of course, continue to work with the U.S. Embassy to promote its educational opportunities. We thank the Educational Adviser, Judy Freudenberger, for her dedicated work over the past five years and wish her well.

There were several changes in the membership of the Commission's Board during 2003. We were pleased to welcome new members Mr Jeff Smith, Chief Information Officer, Telstra; Professor Peter Coaldrake, Vice Chancellor, Queensland University of Technology; and Mr Chris Bennett, Assistant Secretary, America's Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The Advisory Board also welcomed Fulbright alumnus, Professor Ian Goulter, Vice-Chancellor, Charles Sturt University.

The Fulbright Commission gratefully acknowledges the continuing generous support of the U.S. and Australian Governments as well as our corporate, institutional and individual sponsors and supporters, who are highlighted in this Report.

Mark Darby and the enthusiastic staff at the Commission have done fine work and we thank them most sincerely. The Board looks forward to an exciting and productive year in 2004.

David Benn
Chairman



The Year in Review

The Fulbright Program has always provided a rewarding educational and cultural experience for its Scholars. Fulbrighters from 50 years ago to the current day speak enthusiastically of the value of the understanding and relationships they developed in their host country.

In 2003, the Australian-American Fulbright Commission worked on the continuous improvement and enhancement of the award experience. This has involved a range of exciting events in Australia and America, with distinguished alumni and U.S. and Australian Government, business and educational representatives becoming an integral part of the Fulbright experience.

The annual Enrichment Seminar in Canberra for U.S. Fulbrighters occurred in February. The two-day program gave the Fulbrighters the chance to meet with the U.S. Ambassador, Thomas Schieffer and the Minister for Education, Science and Training, The Hon Dr Brendan Nelson, and to network with each other and Australian Fulbrighters and alumni.

In May, Australian Fulbrighters attended an Orientation Program and National Awards Dinner in Canberra. It was a rare chance for them to be briefed on the history of the Program by our guest of honour, Mrs Harriet Fulbright. At Parliament House they also met with, and were congratulated by, the Prime Minister of Australia, The Hon John Howard MP.

During September the Australians were welcomed with receptions at Australian Consulates in Chicago, New York and Los Angeles. Our thanks to the Consuls-General and U.S. alumni for their warm welcome. Further strategic alliances will be created when the Australian Commission hosts the first ever reunion dinner of U.S. alumni to Australia. The dinner, to be held in Washington DC on 18 September, will bring together over 200 Americans and Australians to celebrate their Fulbright connections and history.

There was a significant change in our Accumulated Funds in 2003, reflecting a planned increase in the number of awards and a substantial exchange rate variation during the year as the Australian dollar appreciated. However, through the generous contributions of the U.S. and Australian Governments and sponsors our financial position remains strong. We are very grateful to our sponsors and plan on enhancing the variety of awards in the future.

As indicated by this Annual Report and the recent *Fulbrighter* newsletter, considerable work has been done on updating the image and presentation standards of our published material in 2003. My thanks to the Fulbright staff for their hard work towards this and all the other successful activities over the past year.

Mark Darby
Executive Director



(Left to right, back row) Melinda Hunt, Joanna Monaghan and Mark Darby; (front) Judith Gamble and Sandra Lambert.

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Prime Minister of Australia
United States Ambassador to Australia

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U.S. Educational Advisor

Mrs Judy Freudenberger

The Fulbright Program in Australia

The Australian-American Fulbright Commission is governed by a Board of Directors composed of five Australians appointed annually by the Minister for Education, Science and Training under the delegated authority of the Prime Minister, and five Americans appointed by the U.S Ambassador to Australia. The Prime Minister and the Ambassador serve as joint Honorary Co-Chairs of the Commission, while the Board of Directors elects its Chairperson each year from amongst its members. The Fulbright Commission office is based in Canberra and is administered by an Executive Director and four staff.

The Mission of the Fulbright Commission is to further mutual understanding between the peoples of Australia and the United States through educational and cultural exchange. This is primarily achieved through the administering of Fulbright Awards to support research and study of Australians in the United States and Americans in Australia each year.

AUSTRALIA



**Prime Minister of Australia,
The Hon John Howard MP**

The Fulbright Program, through educational exchange, makes a very important contribution to the strong people-to-people links between Australia and the United States. These exchanges are important to the relationship between our two countries and to Australia's academic, scientific and professional development.

Fulbright Awards are very prestigious and are highly regarded by leaders in a wide variety of fields both in Australia and around the world. They have formed the basis of many long-lasting professional collaborations and friendships. I am proud to be an Honorary Co-Chairman of this vital and distinguished Program, which has been established in Australia for over 50 years.

UNITED STATES



**U.S. Ambassador to Australia,
J. Thomas Schieffer**

Of all the things that the United States does in foreign policy, the one that over the years has had the most positive effect, is the Fulbright Program. William Fulbright knew that international education exchange would be the most effective process of humanizing mankind to the point where nations can learn to live in peace.

The Fulbright Program is a success because it attracts the best and the brightest - it is a true pebble in the pond that ripples, and those ripples continue to touch others.

I cannot think of a finer legacy that anyone could have, than that of this great man and the Program that was created in his name. The Fulbright Program, and the effects of this one idea, will live many generations hence. It will continue to contribute to a better and safer world and that is in all our interests.

2003 Fulbright Scholars

Australia

Name	Field of Study	Host Institution
Postgraduate		
Ms Symone Bates	Asian Studies/Law	Harvard University
Mr Rod Eastwood (WG Walker Award)	Environmental Science	Harvard University
Mr Timothy Hopper	Medical Physics	University of Pennsylvania
Ms Joanne Lawry	Jazz Studies	New York State University
Ms Jessica Mar (BHP Billiton Award)	Mathematics/Statistics	Harvard University
Mr Robert Morgan	Music Composition	University of Indiana
Mr Yin Carl Paradies (ATSIC Award)	Epidemiology	University of California, Berkeley
Mr Andrew Robbie (Pratt Award)	Music Linguistics	Harvard University
Mr Danny Rosen	Law	New York University
Mr Christopher Ryan (Clough Award)	Environmental Engineering	University of Texas, Austin
Mr Nicholas Southwood	Political Science	Princeton University
Mr Elya Tager	Environmental Policy	Columbia University
Mr Joseph Tesvic (AT Kearney Award)	Business Management	Harvard University
Ms Alison Vivian	Indigenous Law	University of Arizona
Mr Robin Yates	Veterinary Science	Cornell University
Postdoctoral Fellow		
Dr Philip Munday	Marine Ecology	University of California, Los Angeles
Senior Scholars		
Professor David Kinley	International Law	American University
Professor Gail Risbridger	Reproduction	Columbia University
Professionals		
Dr Neil Ackland	Economics	Georgetown University
Dr Iain Butterworth	Community Psychology	University of California, Berkeley
Mr Daniel Flitton (DFAT Award)	International Relations	Georgetown University
Mrs Judith Brockhurst-Leacock (ANTA)	Health Care	LA Harbour College
Dr Angelo Tsirbas	Ophthalmology	Columbia University
Fulbright New Century Scholar		
Dr David Brown	Political Science	University of Madison
Fulbright American Studies Institutes		
Ms Clare Corbould	Institute: Civilization of the U.S.	New York University

United States

Postgraduate		
Mr Robert Accordino	Psychology	University of Queensland
Mr James Bird	Oceanography	James Cook University
Mr Michael Boyle	International Relations	Australian National University
Ms Beth Covitt	Environmental Science	Griffith University
Mr Robert Dunn	Ecology/Biology	Macquarie University
Mr George 'Mark' Freeman	Biology/Economics	University of Queensland
Mr Randin Graves	Ethno-musicology	Charles Darwin University
Mr Jonathan Miller	Coastal Engineering	University of Queensland
Mr Melvin Rader	Agriculture	University of Sydney
Mr Ian Schmutte	Economics	University of Sydney
Ms Carolyn Schwarz	Anthropology	Charles Darwin University
Ms Sara Stevens	Music Education	University of Sydney
Mr Paul Tinerella	Entomology	Australian Museum Centre
Ms Belinda Waltman	Human Biology	University of Adelaide
Mr Michael Zalich	Environmental Science	University of Western Australia
Senior Scholars		
Dr John Buck	Engineering	University of Sydney
Dr Scott Caroll	Biology	University of Queensland
Dr Carole Fink	History	University of New South Wales
Dr Jawaid Haider	Architecture	University of Adelaide
Dr Debra Moser	Nursing	University of Western Sydney
Dr David Sedlak	Water Chemistry	University of New South Wales
Dr David Schlosberg	Political Science	Australian National University
Senior Specialists		
Professor Peter D'Agostino	Communications	University of Western Australia
Professor Lawrence Gostin	Public Health/Law	La Trobe University
Professor Esther Lardent	Public Administration/Law	Victorian Law Foundation
Dr Melvyn Muchnik	Communications/Journalism	University of South Australia
Professor Kathy Peiss	U.S. Studies/History	University of Sydney
Professor William Pinar	Education	Charles Sturt University
Dr Katherine Williams	Environmental Science	MIT



"I am so grateful for this experience and have learned an incredible amount about Australian culture, biological research, and myself in these past few months. Whether I am putting wallabies on the treadmill during the week or exploring Southern Australia on the weekends, I constantly find myself thinking, "Thank You, Fulbright."

Profiles of Representative Fulbright Scholars

Belinda Waltman

2003/2004 U.S. Fulbright Postgraduate

Belinda Waltman graduated from Brown University, Rhode Island, where she majored in Human Biology focusing on exercise physiology and reproductive biology. As a Fulbright Scholar, Belinda is conducting research at The University of Adelaide on the metabolic costs of pregnancy in both mammals and marsupials.

What brought her to Australia are the large, hopping marsupials, specifically kangaroos and wallabies, which can move at fast speeds and carry heavy "loads" with remarkable energetic efficiency. Consequently, they can carry their pouch young for almost no additional metabolic cost, resulting in a "free ride" for their joeys. This is in great contrast to most other pregnant animals, including humans. Belinda is specifically investigating the difference between an "artificial" load used in previous laboratory techniques and the "natural" load of a joey. The long-term application of this study is to better understand the way the female body adapts to the biomechanical stresses of pregnancy.

Dr Iain Butterworth

2003/2004 Australian Fulbright Professional

“By looking at how the evolution of the nation state and the emergence of a global world contrast with local attempts to find solutions, students have been able to gain a deeper insight into the different ways that planning takes place. I have greatly enjoyed sharing my Australian perspectives and skills as a community psychologist”.

The potential for Healthy Cities programs to demonstrate progress in better connecting people with their local communities and significant places, is the current focus of study for Dr Iain Butterworth at the School of Public Health at the University of California, Berkeley. Iain holds a doctorate in community psychology from Victoria University, Melbourne, and will return to the Victorian Department of Human Services to help develop their municipal public health planning policy.

“My Fulbright experience is extremely enriching”, says Iain. “I am learning a lot about the enormous complexity of the United States, and the many worlds that co-exist within it. Also, about my role as a global citizen and the unique perspective that Australia has provided to my outlook”.



“The ability to work closely with Australian whale researchers and to analyse the remarkable number of high-quality song recordings they have made is an amazing step forward for my research”.



Professor John Buck

2003/2004 U.S. Fulbright Senior Scholar

“Finding the key to understanding the structure of ‘whale songs’ is an important step towards understanding the common faculties of mammalian brains for processing acoustic communication”, says Professor John Buck, from the School for Marine Science and Technology at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth.

John is spending six months researching with colleagues at Australia’s Defence Science and Technology Organisation and The University of Sydney. An important part of his studies in Australia is to provide analytical tools with which to study the structure of the songs. This involves combining his knowledge of electrical engineering with animal behaviour research in order to develop computer algorithms which describe the structure, and measure the rate of change, of individual humpback whale songs.

“Animal communication is an emotionally loaded research topic, and whale song specially so”, says John. “Differing models have been put forward to explain the sequences of whale songs, with recent work finding individual songs made up of themes which can in turn be broken down into phrases and units”.

Alison Vivian

2003/2004 Australian Fulbright Postgraduate

The opportunity to influence the framing of policy on laws affecting indigenous people has led Alison Vivian to the Saguaro desert in Tucson to undertake a Master of Laws at the University of Arizona. After graduating with Honors from Murdoch University in Perth (where she was awarded the Sir Ronald Wilson Prize in Law), Alison's Fulbright Award is enabling her to utilise the unique program at Arizona which includes comparative and indigenous law taught by many of the most distinguished scholars in the field.

"The University of Arizona program provides an opportunity for deep and critical analysis of the challenges confronting lawyers and policy-makers in law reform which affects indigenous people. Such analysis will help to develop and enhance policy debate in Australia and illuminate the legal principles which other jurisdictions apply in their consideration of indigenous issues".

"The issue of native title rights and reconciliation between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians has significant currency in Australia. It is a very important but contentious issue of public debate in forming public policy".





“My research will enhance the process of combining decades of Australian and American research into hydraulic modeling techniques that have previously been developed separately. I am excited at the opportunity to pursue this work and represent Australia and its research bodies in the manner they deserve”.

Chris Ryan

**2003/2004 Australian Fulbright Postgraduate in Engineering
sponsored by Clough Ltd**

Working with the leading developers of hydrologic components for the world’s most widely used system is a dream come true for Chris Ryan. Based at the Center for Research in Water Resources at the University of Texas at Austin, Chris is completing research towards his PhD from the University of Wollongong. His work focuses on the use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to greatly increase the accuracy of flood modeling and prediction.

“The Fulbright Award has given me an unparalleled opportunity to interact with the leading researchers in my field. Undoubtedly, my research has greatly benefited from this exposure. I am also able to contribute an Australian perspective and alternative expertise to several of the projects at the Center. This two-way exchange of ideas is the embodiment of the Fulbright mission, and I am honoured to be part of it”.

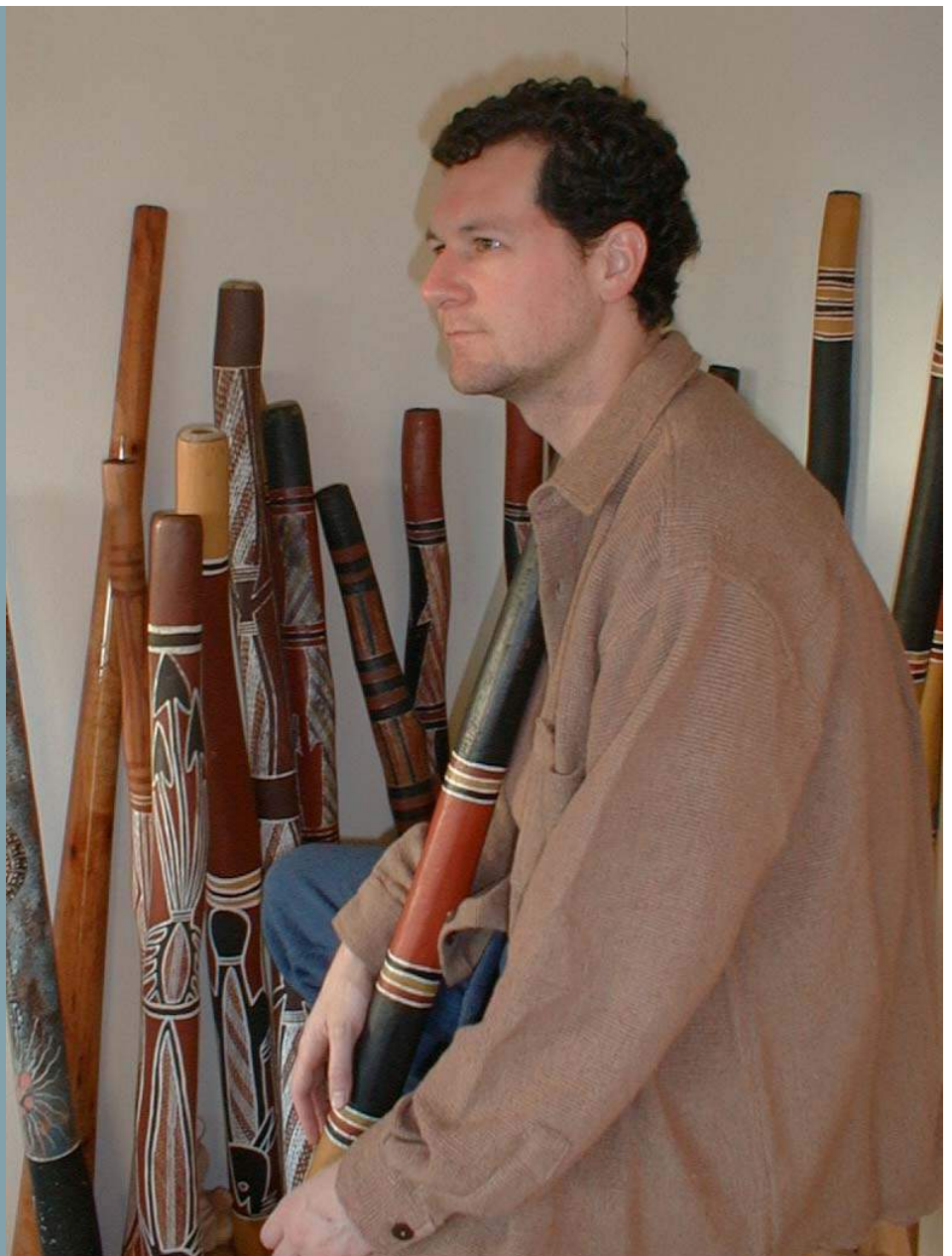
Randin Graves

2003/2004 U.S. Fulbright Postgraduate

The Australian Aboriginal musical instrument known as the didgeridoo has been growing in popularity around the world for many years, but without much grounding in its cultural background. Modern life threatens to dilute traditional practices in Arnhem Land, Northern Territory, the home of the instrument. Through his Fulbright Award, Randin is spending a year on the remote Gove Peninsula, Northern Territory, researching the didgeridoo's role in traditional Yolngu culture.

“I will seek to document the specificity of different clans’ usage of the didgeridoo, tracing stories of its origins and the corresponding variations in craftsmanship and performance styles”, says Randin. The result will be a Masters thesis in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies at Charles Darwin University. “I will produce transcriptions and translations of Aboriginal stories, along with commentary to tie it all together which will provide valuable background for the growing number of worldwide didgeridoo enthusiasts”.

“After over 10 years working with the didgeridoo and developing a reputation as a teacher and performer of the instrument in the U.S., I’m so thankful to have the opportunity of a whole year to deepen my existing relationships with Aboriginal People. I’m sure this will vastly increase my ability to share the instrument’s background around the world, and more importantly to help arrange opportunities for Yolngu to share it directly with the world for themselves”.



Program Report

The promotion, selection and administration of the annual Fulbright Awards is the primary activity of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission. In 2003, the Commission granted 21 Awards to Americans (15 Postgraduate Students and six Senior Scholars) and 23 to Australians (15 Postgraduates, two Senior Scholars, one Postdoctoral Fellow and five Professionals).

During 2003, three new Fulbright initiatives were successfully continued:



U.S. Ambassador, Thomas Sheiffer with the 2003 U.S. Fulbright Scholars.

U.S. Senior Specialists Program

The U.S. Senior Specialists Program was piloted in Australia in 2002 and it is now an integral part of the Commission's agenda. The Program supports Australian institutions in hosting U.S. Specialists for two-to-six week visits. It is designed to encourage Australian and United States professionals to collaborate on curriculum and faculty development, institutional planning and a variety of other activities. Seven U.S. Senior Specialists were selected to visit Australia in 2003. They represented a wide range of academic fields and U.S. universities and visited a variety of Australian institutions, government agencies and departments during their Program (see the list of recipients under 2003 U.S. Fulbrighters).

New Century Scholar Program

In 2003, Dr David Brown from the School of Politics and International Studies, Murdoch University, was the second Australian selected for the distinguished Fulbright New Century Scholar Program. Established in 2001, the Program brings together the leading researchers in the world to focus on a global issue. The 2003 topic was "Addressing Sectarian, Ethnic and Cultural Conflict Within and Across National Borders". Dr Brown's research focused on the impact of governments' national identity strategies upon ethnic conflict and the ways ethnic conflict may be reduced through policies aimed at strengthening civic nationalism.

American Studies Institutes

Fulbright American Studies Institutes are six-week academic programs for multinational groups of university faculty from outside the United States. Institutes are held at university campuses throughout the U.S. and focus on a particular theme or topic in American studies. Established as a Fulbright Award in 2001, these Institutes have provided opportunities for Australian academics in the fields of constitutional law, literature and history to expand their teaching programs and American Studies curriculums.

For the third consecutive year two distinctive events were successfully held in 2003 as part of the Commission's aim of enriching its scholarship experience.

U.S. Enrichment Seminar—27-28 February

Each year, the Enrichment Seminar brings to Canberra all the current-year U.S. Fulbright recipients. The Seminar provides them with social and professional networking opportunities; a national profile of the Program; the support of the Australian and American Governments; and an introduction to the Fulbright community in Australia including Board members, Fulbright staff and alumni. Activities during their visit included a cocktail reception at the U.S. Embassy hosted by U.S. Ambassador Thomas Schieffer; morning tea and a tour of Parliament House hosted by the Minister for Education, Science and Training, The Hon Dr Brendan Nelson, and dinner hosted by the ACT Alumni Chapter. Once again the Program was a success and greatly appreciated by all U.S. Fulbrighters.

Orientation Program & National Awards Dinner—23 May

The third National Orientation Program for Australian Fulbrighters in Canberra provided the 2003 Scholars with the opportunity to meet other current Australian and U.S. Fulbrighters, Board members, Fulbright staff and alumni. It provided the Scholars with a background on the Program, addressed their administration questions and assisted them in preparing for, and gaining the most from, their Fulbright experience.

The National Awards Dinner was held for the second time at the Great Hall in Parliament House, greatly adding to the prestige of the Fulbright Awards. The Australian Scholars received their Fulbright pin and a certificate from guest speaker Mrs Harriet Fulbright and U.S. Ambassador Thomas Schieffer. Fulbright Scholars Mr Nicholas Southwood (Postgraduate) and Professor Gail Risbridger (Senior Scholar) gave a vote of thanks to the Australian and U.S. Governments, sponsors, selectors and the Commission.

State Secretaries also combined the National Awards Dinner with their annual Seminar in Canberra. Their commitment and support in coordinating the regional selection process for the Postgraduate Student and Postdoctoral Fellow Awards is greatly appreciated and it was a pleasure to give them the opportunity to attend the Dinner and meet the Fulbrighters they helped to select.

U.S. Senior Scholar Forum—17 October

With the support of the U.S. Embassy's Office of Public Affairs, the Fulbright Commission held a one-day forum for U.S. Senior Scholars currently completing their Fulbright Program in Australia. Participating Scholars included Dr Jawaid Haider, The Pennsylvania State University; Dr David Schlosberg, Northern Arizona University; and Dr David Sedlak, University of California, Berkeley.

American Studies Symposium—5 December

The Commission also assisted the Office of Public Affairs to coordinate a one-day Symposium for academics involved in teaching American Studies in Australia. Keynote speaker was Fulbright alumnus Professor Robert Allen from the University of North Carolina.

Fulbright Selections 2003 / 2004

Competition for Australian and American Fulbright Awards for 2003 / 2004 remained strong with high quality applications across a wide range of fields. Australians were able to apply in Postgraduate Student, Postdoctoral Fellow, Professional or Senior Scholar categories, while U.S. applicants applied for Postgraduate Student and Senior Scholar Awards.

Australian State Selection Committees met in late September / early October to assess and interview applicants, and offers for 2004 Australian Fulbright Awards were made in December.

Financial Statements

Income and expenditure statement for the year ending 31 December 2003

	2003	2002
INCOME		
Australian Government Funding	562,411	561,306
United States Government Funding	1,200,711	1,249,156
Sponsorship	221,424	234,373
	1,984,546	2,044,835
Other Sources	12,376	18,739
Interest	56,277	68,272
	68,653	87,011
TOTAL INCOME	2,053,199	2,131,846
EXPENDITURE		
Program Costs	1,645,436	1,817,400
(less Program Returns)	- 139,743	-198,184
Administration Expenses	481,201	464,360
Non Program Costs	194,846	139,921
Exchange Rate Loss	155,175	33,769
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	2,336,915	2,257,266
OPERATING SURPLUS / DEFICIT	- 283,716	-125,420
Accumulated Funds	182,691	295,954
Transfer (to) from Reserves	45,639	12,157
Balance for year taken to current year accumulated funds	- 55,386	182,691

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2003

	2003	2002
ASSETS		
Cash at Bank and in Hand	344,207	48,975
Funds on Deposit	873,445	1,918,435
Receivables	313,412	329,241
Other Current Assets	11,466	16,574
TOTAL ASSETS	1,542,530	2,313,225
LIABILITIES		
Provision for Unpaid Program Costs	476,040	672,896
Provision for Staff Entitlements	31,910	15,866
Payables	615,659	921,826
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,123,609	1,610,588
NET ASSETS	418,921	702,637
Represented by:		
RESERVES	474,307	519,946
Current year accumulated fund	- 55,368	182,691
TOTAL EQUITY	418,921	702,637

The summarised accounts are extracted from the Commission's full accounts on which the auditors (PwC) have given an un-qualified report.

The full report is available upon request.

The primary funding for the Fulbright Program in Australia is provided by the Australian and United States Governments. This core funding is complemented by the generous support of a select group of companies, organisations and government agencies.

Australian National Training Authority (ANTA)

ANTA is an Australian Government statutory authority that provides a national focus for vocational education and training (VET). They have sponsored a Fulbright Professional Award in VET since 1995.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC)

ATSIC is an independent statutory authority established by the Australian Government to provide a national policymaking and service delivery agency for Indigenous people. ATSIC has supported a Fulbright Postgraduate Award for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders since 1993.

A.T. Kearney

A.T. Kearney is an international management consulting and executive search firm, established in Chicago and now with an Australian base of over 200 staff. The Fulbright A.T. Kearney Award in Business Administration was established in 2001.

BHP Billiton

BHP Billiton is the world's largest diversified resources company, formed through a merger between BHP, one of Australia's oldest and largest companies and Billiton, one of the world's premier mining companies. The Fulbright BHP Billiton Award in Engineering and Science was established in 2000.

Clough Ltd

Clough is a diversified public company providing project development service to leading international clients in oil and gas, petrochemicals, mining and minerals, infrastructure, manufacturing and property industries. Board Member Harold Clough was a Fulbright Postgraduate student in mechanical engineering at the University of California, Berkeley. The Fulbright Clough Award in Engineering has existed since 1994.

Coral Sea 50th Anniversary Endowment Fund

The Coral Sea Endowment Fund was originally established in 1992 by the Coral Sea Commemorative Council to recognise the 50th anniversary of the Battle of the Coral Sea. This fund, managed by the Commission, supports a Fulbright Professional Business / Industry Award focusing on an issue of relevance to Australia and the United States.

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

To recognise the 50th Anniversary of the ANZUS Treaty during 2001, the Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs, The Hon Alexander Downer MP announced the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's support for a Fulbright Professional Award in Australia-United States Alliance Studies. This Award has been offered in 2002, 2003 and 2004 and encourages new and active research and discussion on issues affecting Australia and the United States.

Anthony Joseph Pratt

The Fulbright Postgraduate Award in the Visual and Performing Arts has been supported by Anthony Joseph Pratt since 1996. It has provided the opportunity for many young distinguished Australian artists and musicians to study in unique institutions throughout the United States.

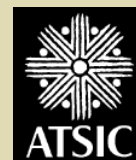
Martin C and Faye Cousens Carroll Travelling Fellowships

The Lois Roth Endowment, in conjunction with the Commission, jointly funds the Martin C. and Faye Cousens Carroll Travelling Fellowships. The Fellowships provide up to \$A1,500 travel grants for U.S. Fulbright Postgraduate research-oriented students to extend their work over a wider geographic base in Australia.

Australian Universities

Australian universities support the state selection process for Australian applicants and waive the tuition fees for visiting U.S. Postgraduates. The universities representing the Fulbright program in each State are the University of Tasmania, Monash University, The University of Sydney, Murdoch University, The University of Adelaide and Griffith University.

Sponsors



Fulbright Events

At a number of events held throughout the year, Fulbright Award sponsors were presented with certificates signed by Honorary Co-Chairs, Prime Minister of Australia, The Hon John Howard MP and U.S. Ambassador, Thomas Schieffer. The certificates thanked the sponsors for their “..contribution in advancing educational and cultural relations between Australia and the United States through the sponsorship of a Fulbright Award”.

Australian Fulbrighters were welcomed to the U.S., with a range of receptions hosted by Australian Consulates in Chicago, New York and Los Angeles.

“The Fulbright Program is an important part of the strong relationship between



U.S. Ambassador Thomas Schieffer with Vocational Education and Training Director, Mrs Margo Couldry.

Australia and the United States”, stated Australian Consul General to Chicago, Mr Ron Harvey.



(from left) Commission Chairman Mr David Benn BHP Billiton's Melinda Buckland (Manager, Social Responsibility) and Professor Bob Watts.

The receptions also enabled the Commission to thank the various U.S. universities and organisations who are currently hosting Australian Fulbrighters. U.S. alumni who studied in Australia also attended the receptions and enjoyed meeting the Australian Fulbrighters and consular representatives.

The Commission annually supports a Fulbright Symposium which focuses on a topic of current bi-national interest between Australia and the United States and engages leading

speakers from both countries. This is facilitated by a \$20,000 grant (awarded through open competition) to an Australian institution to host the Symposium.

Our congratulations to Griffith University for the very successful 2003 Fulbright Symposium "Are We All American's Now – Culture, Policy and Law" which focussed on issues such as anti-Americanism and Americanization. We look forward to the topical 2004 Symposium “Civil-Military Cooperation and the War on Terror” hosted by the University of Queensland, 5-7 July, 2004.

Australian Consul General to Chicago, Ron Harvey (centre) with US Fulbrighters Joseph Altepeter (far left), and Sabra Thorner (far right) and Australian Fulbrighters Robert Griffin Morgan and Melissah Rowe.



Australian Fulbright (Alumni) Association

The Australian Fulbright Association continued to provide valuable support to the Commission and Program during 2003. State Chapters coordinated a range of functions and events for members and visiting American Fulbrighters throughout the year.

The Association's Annual General Meeting was held in Canberra on 29 May, following the National Awards Dinner at the Parliament House in Canberra. Mr Greg Hunt, MP, Federal member for Flinders (VIC) was re-elected as the National Association President. Our particular thanks to Greg for his guidance and support in the Commission's application for deductible gift recipient status.

In cooperation with the Association, the Commission offered discounted membership to Fulbright Scholars in 2003. A substantial number of members took up this offer and we look forward to working with them and involving them in the Association in the future.

The Commission thanks the Association's Committee and members for their ongoing support and commitment to the Fulbright Program.



U.S. Ambassador
Thomas Schieffer (right)
with Alumni Association
Vice-President Professor
Bob Crompton, (left) and
Australian Fulbright
Alumna Monique
di Mattina

The WG Walker Scholarship Fund, which carries the name of the Association's foundation President, was established to contribute to the annual sponsorship of a Fulbright Postgraduate Award. The prestigious WG Walker Award goes to the highest ranked Australian postgraduate applicant. As a result of the generous support of alumni members, this fund is now well established with over \$180,000 in assets.

2003 WG Walker
Award recipient
Rodney Eastwood, with
some of the butterfly
collections at Harvard
University.



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