

The Fulbrighter

A U S T R A L I A

U.S. Fulbright Scholars land in the Capital

Nine newly arrived U.S. Fulbright Scholars descended on Canberra in August for the sixth Enrichment Seminar.

They drove 650 kms from Melbourne, jetted 3930 kms across the desert and hung-up their diving equipment in the Great Barrier Reef to attend the Enrichment Seminar in Canberra.

The Enrichment Seminar for the 2005 U.S. Fulbright Scholars was changed from February to August to bring together the scholars in the earliest part of their Fulbright year. Nine of the twenty U.S. Fulbright Scholars attended the Enrichment Seminar and formed friendships and networks. Further events will welcome other U.S. Fulbright arrivals later in the year and early 2006.

Professor Abbe Smith from Georgetown University, headed to Canberra literally fourteen hours after arriving in Australia. "I was oddly anxious about meeting the other Fulbright Scholars. I was still pinching myself about having been selected; what if it turned out there had been a clerical error and another Smith, a

brilliant scientist, was the intended recipient of my award?

"The Enrichment Seminar was the perfect beginning to my time in Australia. They [Commission staff] made clear what an honour it was to be a Fulbright Scholar and made us all feel special.

I returned to Melbourne invigorated and excited to begin my Fulbright experience down-under."

Per Henningsgaard added, "I was delighted to hear of the variety of projects that were being pursued, as well as the passion that each of my fellow Fulbright Scholars brought to their particular field.

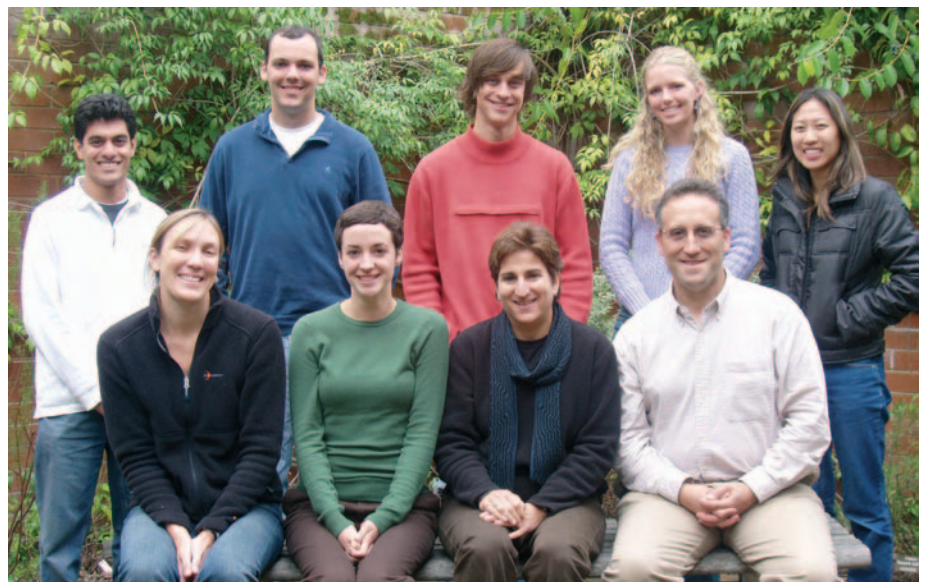
We were honoured at a dinner hosted by the ACT Fulbright Alumni at the Axis Restaurant in the National Museum of Australia and received Fulbright pins from Susan Crystal, Counselor for Public Affairs, U.S. Embassy.

This particularly extravagant feast was, in many ways and for many of the Fulbright Scholars, the crowning event of the Enrichment Seminar... it brought together so many of the involved parties and demonstrated in a grand way the great honour and privilege it is to be a Fulbright Scholar in Australia."

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2005 U.S. Fulbright Scholars; left to right standing: Navin Mahadaven, Christopher McDonald, Per Henningsgaard, Jessica Jarett, Crystal Lui
Left to right seated: Katherine Nesbitt, Elizabeth LaMont, Abbe Smith, Alan Goldstein

ED News



Executive Director, Mark Darby

In a year that will be remembered by many of us for its natural disasters, it will hopefully also be remembered for the support and generosity of the world's response.

Beyond individual contributions, the Fulbright network has also responded. Fulbright Alumni donated to Dr Ranjana Srivastava for her boat appeal in the Maldives (see update page 5); the Indonesian Commission focused on bringing U.S. Senior Scholars to train new staff in the

devastated Aceh region; Commissions and U.S. universities worked with the Institute of International Education (IIE) to re-place and support over 50 international Fulbright Scholars who were based at southern universities in Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas. In these times you appreciate the generosity of the Fulbright network and its message of mutual understanding.

In Australia, we were pleased to welcome the 2005 U.S. Fulbright Scholars for their Enrichment Seminar, 18-19 August. Previously held in February, this year's Seminar aimed to connect the U.S. Fulbright scholars early in their program.

As always, they are a wonderful group of people from a diverse range of fields. We look forward to introducing them to Alumni and representatives at the host universities over the coming months. Further events will be planned to welcome the remaining U.S. Scholars.

Our thanks to Australian Consuls General John Olsen in Los Angeles and Ken Allen in New York for hosting the annual receptions, to welcome Australian Fulbright Scholars to the United States in September. It was great to share the occasion with U.S. Alumni who flew in, or drove extensive distances to join us. A special thanks

to Jo Lawry, 2003 Australian Fulbright Scholar and jazz singer, who performed at the New York reception.

It was also a pleasure to introduce a large group of Australian Fulbright Scholars, studying in Washington D.C. to the new Australian Ambassador Dennis Richardson.

In July, the Commission hosted the first Fulbright-Hays Seminar Abroad to Australia (see story on page 4). My thanks to John Higley and his faculty at the Australian New Zealand Studies Centre at the University of Texas, Austin for providing a wonderful orientation program for the group and Odyssey Travel in Wollongong for developing and coordinating the amazing four week seminar.

The August Board meeting was held in Brisbane, where we welcomed new board members Earl Irving, U.S. Consul General and Tom Pascarella, Director, Client Management, Bank of America.

We are currently in the final stages of developing a new Fulbright Commission web site which we will officially launch in 2006.

Our thanks for your support in 2005. We look forward to keeping you informed of a wide range of exciting Fulbright activities for 2006.

Sir Ronald Wilson AC KBE CMG QC (1922-2005)



Former High Court judge, Sir Ronald Wilson, will be remembered as a champion of reconciliation and Australia's stolen generation. Sir Ronald passed away in Perth in July after a long illness.

Together with Aboriginal leader Mick Dodson, Sir Ronald led the national inquiry into the forced removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families. Through the inquiry's report, "Bringing Them Home",

Australians learnt the full extent of the forced removals, which until the 1970s tore thousands of Aboriginal children away from their families.

Sir Ronald was born in the West Australian fishing port of Geraldton on August 23, 1922. After serving as a fighter pilot in Britain's Royal Air Force during World War II, he returned to Australia and graduated with a Bachelor of Law degree from the University of Western Australia.

Sir Ronald became a barrister and solicitor in 1951. He was a Fulbright Scholar to the University of Pennsylvania where he completed a Master of Laws in 1957. He had a rapid rise in his legal career becoming Crown Prosecutor for Western Australia in 1959.

He was appointed a Queen's Counsel in 1963 - the youngest-ever in WA. Between 1969 and 1979 he served as WA's Solicitor-General and in 1979 the Fraser federal coalition government made him a High Court judge - a position he held until 1989.

He was Chancellor of Murdoch University, 1980 to 1995; President of the Assembly of the Uniting Church in Australia, 1988 to 1991; President of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (HREOC), 1990-1997 and President of the Australian Council for International Development Aid (ACFID), 1997-2001.

He is survived by Lady Leila Wilson and five children.

Fulbright remembers

[Gerald Ashby](#), 1935 - 2005

1974 Educational Development

[Bruce Alan Bolt](#), 1930 - 2005

1959 Australian Postgraduate

[Cliff Gallagher](#), 1925 - 2005

1955 Australian Postgraduate

[The Hon. Justice Graham Hill](#), 1938 - 2005

1962 Australian Postgraduate

[Kenneth Deakin Rivett](#), 1923 - 2004

1971 Australian Postgraduate

[Robert K. Swanson](#), 1932 - 2005

1954 U.S. Postgraduate



Anthony Joseph Pratt



Sponsors

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.

Peace and Human Rights - a timely debate

The Faculty of Law at the University of Melbourne, hosted the Fulbright Symposium in June, titled "Peace and Human Rights Education".

Recent threats to society have emphasised the importance of promoting peace and human values, particularly in a climate where national security considerations and the war on terror have led some to doubt the utility of human rights in time of national threat.

The Symposium provided a forum for multidisciplinary discussion to identify the best methods to employ in a climate that can sometimes be hostile to human rights claims.

The Fulbright Public Lecture, "Balancing National Security and Human Rights", was attended by over 250 people, as keynote speakers Professor George Williams, UNSW and Chair of the Victorian Committee on a Bill of Rights and Professor Dinah Shelton, Professor of Law and Patricia Roberts-Harris, Research Professor of Law and leading human rights academic from George Washington University, debated whether the quest for security in the current global political climate has gone too far, and whether human rights and fundamental freedoms are being sacrificed in the war on terror.

Other highlights included:

Opening speech by U.S. Fulbright Senior Specialist, Professor Hurst Hannum, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University.

Involvement of education policymakers through a DEST forum on peace and human rights.

A workshop on collaborative learning for 70 educators and professional education sectors.

A roundtable for the Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture.

Fulbright speakers Doug Ford and Deena Hurwitz co-ordinated a Master of Laws course on "Human Rights and NGO Advocacy".

[Full transcripts and information at www.law.unimelb.edu.au/cccs/fulbright]



Symposium Co-Convenors: Ms Melissa Conley Tyler, Senior Fellow & Dr Carolyn Evans, Deputy Director, Centre for Comparative Constitutional Studies, University of Melbourne



Professor George Williams and Professor Dinah Shelton

An excerpt from *Balancing National Security and Human Rights: Lessons from Australia*, Prof. Williams at the Fulbright Public Lecture.

I want to start with an important caveat: any attempt to 'balance' national security and human rights is hampered by the fact that we do not possess knowledge of the threat that Australia actually faces.

Australia has little history of enacting laws aimed at terrorism. In fact, before September 2001, only the Northern Territory had such a law.

The way that Australia has dealt with the issues of law and policy raised by the 'war of terror' suggests two important lessons.

First, Australian political institutions can play an important role in achieving the right balance between national security and human rights.

We did not end up with [the] original Bills because they sparked a well-organised campaign lead by a range of community and legal groups and individuals. Their concerns fed into the robust scrutiny provided by the two parliamentary committees that examined the Bills and produced bi-partisan reports recommending substantial changes.

The bottom line is that, without this parliamentary process, the outcome would have been far worse.

Indeed, even Prime Minister, John Howard was moved to say in his National Press Club Address on the first anniversary of the September 11 attack that 'through the great parliamentary processes that this country has I believe that we have got the balance right'.

[Second] is the capacity of our political institutions to protect human rights at a time that community fear of a terrorist attack is limited, and indeed is insufficient.

Even though our political system has many strengths, it also has a key weakness. That is, Parliament often does not proceed from an understanding of human rights principles, in part because human rights can lack



Mark Darby, U.S. Fulbright Senior Specialist, Professor Hurst Hannum

legitimacy in political debate. Put simply, our political process will sometimes fail to protect human rights because human rights lack real political force. When they are needed most, they can be absent from debate.

Unlike every other democratic nation, Australia must search for answers to fundamental questions about civil liberties and national security without the benefit of a Bill of Rights. [A] Bill of Rights can remind governments and communities of a society's basic values and of the principles that might otherwise be compromised at a time of grief and fear.

In Australia, there can occasionally be a role for judges in assessing new terrorism laws, but this is usually at the margins of the debate, such as where constitutional provisions are relevant to human rights enforcement or in the interpretation of legislation.

Even in the absence of a Bill of Rights, parliamentarians and parliamentary committees played a crucial role in tempering some of the worst excesses of the Government's proposed response to September 11.

Unfortunately, the capacity of our political system to protect rights is about to be lessened and our lack of a Bill of Rights further exposed [when] the federal Government [take] control of the Senate.

Unless courageous individuals within the governing parties take a stand, Australia will be vulnerable to the sort of laws that were rejected in the months after the September 11 attack.

2006 Fulbright Symposium

The School of Government, University of Tasmania will host the 2006 Fulbright Symposium in Hobart, 28-29 June on "Maritime Governance and Security".

Fulbright-Hays: Developing curriculum

From 27th June -29th July the Fulbright Commission hosted the first Fulbright-Hays Seminar Abroad Program.

The program, funded by the U.S. Department of Education, provides short-term study and travel seminars for U.S. educators for the purpose of improving their understanding and knowledge of the peoples and cultures of other countries.

For sixteen American secondary school teachers and college professors the program began with a two-day orientation program at the Australian and New Zealand Studies Centre at the University of Texas, Austin before they headed down-under. Odyssey Travel (a not-for profit educational travel company formed in association with Australian universities) coordinated the four-week program that took the group to Sydney, Canberra, Alice Springs, Darwin, and Cairns.

The seminar, titled, "Australia - New Country, Old History", focused on the social history of Australia. The group received presentations from Australian teachers, university researchers and faculty, national parks and museum staff. Fulbright Scholar, Metta Young, introduced the group to her workplace at the Desert People's Cooperative Research Centre in Alice Springs and Fulbright Alumnus, Yin Paradies gave a presentation on Indigenous Health in Darwin.

The U.S. Consul General, Steven Smith, hosted the Fulbright-Hays group to a reception in Sydney with the NSW Alumni Chapter.

The primary outcome of the Seminar is for participants to develop a curriculum project to integrate their experience into their classrooms in the United States.



Vincent Forrester, Park Guide (front right) at the Alice Springs Desert Park, NT talks to the Fulbright-Hays Group

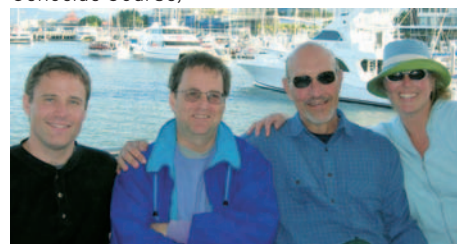
The curriculum projects included:

Survey of Australian Literature: A Search for Australian Identity - including poetry, short fiction, and novels written by Australians, themed: the effect of landscape on literature.

Tall Poppy Syndrome - Bentham's Utilitarianism in Australia - to study utilitarianism as a form of traditional ethical theory and political philosophy.

Australian Media and Indigenous Affairs - exploring Indigenous media content and public opinion.

Comparative Genocide - a comparative analysis of genocides directed against indigenous peoples from invading European settlers in Australia and the United States. (A web-site resource tool for Terrorism and Genocide Course)



Scott Campbell, Nicholas Maraventano, Samuel Caruso and Arami Bolick, Cairns, QLD

All the projects will be placed on the Fulbright Commission web site in November, to be promoted and accessible to all American teachers interested in sharing Australia with their U.S. classrooms.

Participant comments included:

"You've given me the chance of a lifetime... I now truly understand what the Aboriginal paintings are about and how literally and spiritually the landscapes are an integral element of the stories."

"Australia is a place that [once] piqued my curiosity, but [has] now won my heart."

"It was a lifetime of wonder and awe in a months time. I won't know how this experience has changed me for a few months."



Deborah Webster, at the Sydney Opera House, NSW

"After introducing my ninth-graders to Australia and Australian students their age, I have planned a presentation with Australian rock music, folk music from the nineteenth century and aboriginal music. This Fulbright experience has given me the knowledge of Australia to keep coming back. Everyday was new and exciting and great fun to anticipate."

"I have gained a greater understanding of a fascinating country which I'll share with my classroom for many years to come."



Fulbright-Hays Seminar Abroad group at Uluru (Ayers Rock), North Territory
Standing, left to right: Study Leader, Ted Edwards, Arami Bolick, Carol Julian, Thomas O'Neill, Nicholas Maraventano, Amy Craig-Salmon, Allan Cooper, Cheryl Conover, Dayna Drake, Yanmin Yu, Scott Campbell, Shayne Galloway, Samuel Caruso
Front row, left to right: Maureen Spaight, Marjorie Morgan, Deborah Webster, Site Co-ordinator: Martin Ludgate, Mellanie Clay

The 2006 Australian Fulbright-Hays Seminar, 14 June - 16 July

"Australia's Environment: Australia - an ancient, delicate and unique environment"

Where are they now?

Joan Ophel (Mahoney), 1955 U.S. Fulbright Scholar

Joan Ophel recently discovered the photo below of the 1955 Fulbright scholars on the SS Orcades as they arrived in Australia on 1st October 1955, after a three week voyage. Joan recalls, "...the harbour, the red roofs were an outstanding sight as we sailed into Sydney harbour, but Sydney seemed a little 'old fashioned'".

On arrival the group stayed in Bayswater Rd, Kings Cross for five days where they were briefed by the 1954 Fulbright Scholars.

Joan moved to University House where she studied economics at Canberra University College, part of the University of Melbourne.

"I remember walking from University House to Civic; I walked through three paddocks to get there. Australia was an exciting place to visit; I'll never forget the excitement of attending the 1956 Olympics in Melbourne."

After completing her Fulbright year, Joan returned to the U.S. with fellow 1955 Fulbright scholar Judy McCullough via Europe.

In Canberra, Joan met Australian, Trevor Ophel, whom she married in Boston in 1958, after he completed his PhD in Nuclear Physics at ANU. After Trevor finished his postdoc at Harvard they returned to Australia with their first born child.

"I came back to Canberra which only had a population of 30,000 people and moved into the house where I still live today. It was a cultural shock...I had no idea what a 'block buster' was until the cold winters of Canberra settled in, I quickly learnt that the 'block buster' was used to chop wood."

Joan worked for the Fulbright Foundation on her return to Australia, with Executive Officer, Geoffrey Rossiter. She had four more children and completed a Diploma of Education and Librarianship. She was a Teacher Librarian at Merici College (formerly known as Braddon Catholic Girls High) for 20 years before retiring.



1955 U.S. Fulbright scholars arriving in Sydney on the SS Orcades, photo courtesy of Joan Ophel (Mahoney) seated third from the left.

As featured in the April edition of The Fulbrighter, an update on Dr Ranjana Srivastava's boat appeal.

Dr Srivastava was the 2004 Fulbright Postgraduate W.G. Walker Alumni Scholar, she headed to the Maldives island of Buruni as a volunteer doctor following the devastation caused by the tsunami. Through her international connections Ranjana began a "boat appeal" to fund a boat that would be used to provide medical supplies and transport. Ranjana raised just under USD \$20,000 within six weeks.

"I saw much suffering and realised quickly that one large obstacle to adequate health care was the lack of a dedicated boat," said Ranjana.

At the boat launch on June 8 2005, the Minister for Atolls Development, Abdullah Hameed said,

"This is the first time ever that an individual has shown the initiative to present such a large gift to a community. For this, we must express our extreme gratitude to her friends and colleagues who have formed the supportive international group that made her dream possible. Such people are a gift to us all".



Dr Ranjana Srivastava with the new Buruni Island boat

And from Ranjana: "Thank you for being here to witness the culmination of a dream. Most of the donors have never visited this beautiful country but their exemplary support highlights their goodwill and demonstrates that we are indeed living in a global village".

Update: In the first three months of operation, the boat has run every second day, ferrying passengers to two local hospitals. The two communities of Vilufushi and Buruni who now live on Buruni Island are sharing the resource and the boat is operating profitably.



Milkay Mununggurr opening the first copy of his CD, while yidaki player Nicky Ganbirr Yunupingu and producer Randin Graves look on.

Communicating globally with a didgeridoo

Randy Graves was a 2003 U.S. Fulbright Postgraduate scholar who travelled to Yirrkala in Arnhem Land to study the globalisation and commercialisation of the didgeridoo.

Yirrkala is a small Aboriginal community on the north-eastern tip of the Northern Territory, approximately 700 kms east of Darwin. The area is managed by the traditional owners, the Yolngu.

"My Fulbright project aimed to open communication between Yolngu and worldwide didjeridu players," Randy explains "As my fellowship was finishing, the assistant coordinator/didjeridu manager of the Yirrkala art centre was leaving. It was obvious for me to fill the job. I'm clearly more useful continuing the work here than going back to the USA to talk about it."

In April, Graves was granted permanent residency in Australia, and will continue to work and live in the Aboriginal community of Yirrkala, as Assistant Coordinator at the Buku-Larrnggay Mulka arts centre.

Buku-Larrnggay means the feeling on your face as it is struck by the first rays of the sun - indicating that the Indigenous people are in the most easterly place in the Top End of Australia. Mulka is a sacred but public ceremony. It also means to hold or protect.

Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Art Centre has a long and proud history as one of Australia's premier art centres and Indigenous culture strongholds. The artists of the Centre have established a worldwide reputation for excellence, having won many of Australia's major Indigenous art prizes.

The Centre is known worldwide as a premier source of the best and most authentic yidaki (didjeridus).

In September, Randy worked with Milkayngur, [pictured above] ceremonial player and original member of Yothu Yindi Milkayngur to produce an instrumental CD, 'Hard Tongue Didgeridoo'.

For more information on Randin's work visit www.yirrkala.com

Spelling Bee dream comes true

When Carmel Dean received her Fulbright Scholarship she felt she could realise her dream of working on Broadway.

"I was in shock! Then amazed, excited and over the moon...finding out I had won a Fulbright meant that I could realise my dream."

Dean spent six months studying musical direction at Arizona State University, before heading to New York University where she received a Masters in Musical Theatre Writing. She is now working as the Associate Conductor on the "25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee", a Broadway show that has won two Tony Awards in 2005.

"NYU had access to prominent writers, directors and actors from the industry. Specifically, I was lucky enough to meet the legendary Tony Award-winning composer William Finn."

Dean talks about her Fulbright experience:



Carmel Dean and William Finn, New York

The Fulbright name [brand], does it help?

"Academically and financially it helped a great deal – because I had the initial Fulbright award, I was able to secure additional funding from both institutions I attended.

Institutions and companies I've been involved with are just as eager to advertise the fact that they have "a Fulbright Scholar" among them. The Fulbright carries a great deal of weight and I have seen proof that it truly is an internationally recognised credit."

Has the Fulbright Award made a difference?

"My life has changed immeasurably since I received the Fulbright. I am working in New York City as the Vocal Arranger and Associate Conductor of a Broadway musical...every day I get to live out my dream! I'm able to 'dream bigger [and] do bigger'! Having worked at the internationally recognised pinnacle of my field will hopefully stand me in very good stead when I return home to share my experiences and knowledge with the Australian musical theatre industry."

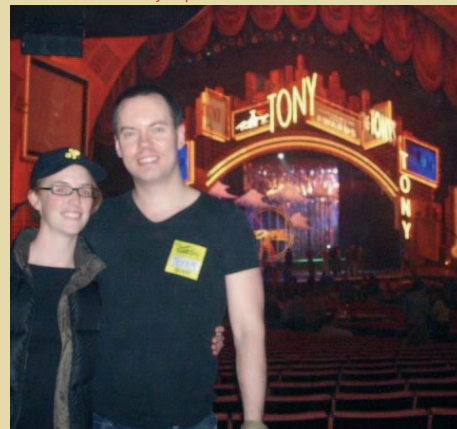
Who has been your greatest influence?

"I would say William Finn (composer/lyricist on Spelling Bee and NYU composer/teacher). He has opened so many doors to me professionally, and introduced me to so many other great contacts."

One thought you would pass on to future Fulbright Scholars?

"Don't be afraid to ASK for what you want (especially in America!). Having the Fulbright is a great achievement, and a symbol of your talent, enthusiasm and work ethic...people will credit you for having the confidence to be forthcoming and ambitious in your aspirations."

Dean has worked on other Broadway orchestras including: *The Boy from Oz*, *Gypsy*, *Cabaret*, and *Les Misérables*. Other credits: *Belle Époque* (Lincoln Center), *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* (Barrington Stage), *William Finn's Elegies* (Lincoln Center and The Canon Theatre in Los Angeles), *Chicago (Hong Kong)* and the *2000 Olympic Games (Australia)*.



Carmel Dean and choreographer, Dan Knechtges at the rehearsal for the Tony Awards inside Radio City Music Hall

Welcome to America

The 2005 Australian Fulbright Scholars were welcomed to America by the Australian Ambassador, Consuls General and U.S. Fulbright Alumni during September.

The Australian Consul to Los Angeles, John Olsen, hosted scholars based in south western U.S., Andrew Wroe (Loma Linda University), Leah Curtis (USC) and Metta Young (University of Arizona). Local U.S. Scholars, Professor Jack Judy from UCLA and Surya Singh from Stanford University (due to depart to Australia later this year), were also recognised.

Australian Ambassador, Dennis Richardson



(Left to right) Mrs Julie Olsen and Australian Consul, John Olsen, Metta Young, Mark Darby, Leah Curtis, Andrew Wroe and Fiona Morris (AEI)



Australian Ambassador, Denis Richardson, A0 (second from right) with Mark Darby, Prof. Alessandro Frino, Lincoln Turner and Olivia Coldrey welcomed Lincoln Turner (National Institute of Science & Technology), Professor Alex Frino (Commodities Futures Trading Commission) and Olivia Coldrey (NYU) to Washington D.C. He discussed their projects and explored the potential impacts of their studies and value to Australia. Eliza Matthews (George Washington University) and Dr Brendon O'Connor (Georgetown University) will join them later this year to make up the largest group of Fulbright Scholars in the Washington D.C. area for many years.

The New York Reception was hosted by Consul General Ken Allen - welcoming twelve Australian scholars from the East Coast and Midwest. They were joined by U.S. Alumni, from 1953 to 2004 and recent Fulbright-Hays Seminar Abroad participants.

Australian Fulbright Scholar and jazz singer, Jo Lawry performed with her husband Mike Stewart and pianist, Frank Kimbrough.



Back row: Lincoln Turner, Roland Snooks, David McCann, Martin Soh, James Cowling, Mitchell Lawrence, Mark Darby, Olivia Coldrey, Ruth Lim and Prof. Alessandro Frino
Front row: Jo Lawry, Joshua Cantone, Andrea Yi-Ling Ang, Tse-Hui Teh and David Ziegler

In the news

Harriet Mayer Fulbright

Harriet Fulbright was selected for the 2005 Cassandra Pyle Award for leadership and collaboration in International Educational Exchange at the NASFA Conference. NASFA: Association of International Educators is a member organization promoting international education and providing professional development opportunities to the field. (International Educator, July + August 2005)



Professor Alan Atkinson [pictured above] 1991 Australian Senior Scholar

ARC Professorial Fellow in history at the University of New England, Alan Atkinson, has won the Ernest Scott Prize 2005 for his analysis of the cultural climate that fostered the development of democracy in 19th-century Australia. The Ernest Scott Prize is the most important prize in Australia and New Zealand for a newly published history. Professor Atkinson is now at work on the third and final volume of the history. This is Professor Atkinson's second Ernest Scott Prize; his first, in 1989, was for "Camden: Farm and Village Life in Early New South Wales". (Campus Review, August 17, 2005)

Professor John Braithwaite

1979 Australian Postdoctoral Scholar

Professor Braithwaite has won the highest award in the international study of criminology, the Prix Emile Durkeim, presented at the World Congress of Criminology in the U.S. in August. Professor Braithwaite is the first Australian to win the award. He won the award based on his revolutionary ideas on criminal justice reform – restorative justice focuses on repairing that harm caused following a crime through a series of face-to-face conferences between victims, offenders and community members. (The Australian, September 14, 2005)

Mr Harold Clough

1951 Australian Postgraduate Scholar Clough was awarded the Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop Asia Medal in June 2005. As Director of Clough Ltd, and a close partner of the Fulbright Commission through the Fulbright Award in Engineering sponsored by Clough Ltd, Clough was awarded the medal for his leading role in establishing the modern Australia-Asia relationship, especially the relationship between Australia and Indonesia. (Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering, No 157, June 2005)

Professor Barry Conyngham 1981 Australian Senior Scholar

Distinguished Australian composer Barry Conyngham has joined James Cook University as Acting Executive Dean of the Faculty of Law, Business and Creative Arts. Professor Conyngham has maintained a successful academic career for over 25 years and was the first musician to take the Chair of Australian studies at Harvard. He has received numerous grants, prizes and awards for composition and in 1997 his contribution to music was recognised when he became a Member of the Order of Australia. (Author: Leonie Johnson, Townsville Bulletin, March 2, 2005)

Professor Hans Freeman

1952 Australian Postgraduate Scholar

Professor Hans Freeman has been awarded an A.M. in the Queen's birthday honours, for his contribution to science and scientific research in the field of bio-inorganic chemistry, particularly through the establishment and development of the discipline of crystallography in Australia.

Professor Ian Harper

1987 Australian Postdoctoral Scholar

The Prime Minister, John Howard, and the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations, Kevin Andrews, announced [13 October, 2005] the Government has chosen Professor Ian Harper to be the first chairman of the Australian Fair Pay Commission (AFPC). Professor Harper is Executive Director of the Centre for Business and Public Policy at the Melbourne Business School. Prior to his current position, Professor Harper was Professor of Monetary and Financial Economics at the University of Melbourne and previously held positions at the Australian National University and Princeton University. (www.mediacentre.dewr.gov.au)

Professor Prasad Gogineni

2002 U.S. Senior Scholar

Professor Gogineni will serve as director of a new \$19 million Centre for Remote Sensing of Ice Sheets (CReSIS) within the University of Kansas' newly established Science and Technology Centre. Prof Gogineni conducted research at the University of Tasmania Antarctic Cooperative Research Centre in Hobart with Dr. Victoria Lytle on his Fulbright scholarship in 2002.



Professor Bevyn Jarrott [pictured above]

1976 Australian Senior Scholar

Professor Bevyn Jarrott is working on a new therapy to treat neuropathic pain in accident and burns victims as well as cancer patients and 'shingles' in the elderly. (The Florey, Issue Nineteen, Spring 2005)

Michael Kearney

2001 Australian Postgraduate Scholar

Kearney travelled with an unusual cargo of Bynoe gecko's from Sydney to Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon. Here in the research lab of Keller Autumn, Kearney discovered 'this line of female geckos doesn't need sex or a male to reproduce and, contrary to expectations, these "Wonder Woman" geckos can run farther and faster than their sexually reproducing relatives.' Autumn commented, "the traditional theory is that when a species gives up sex and reproduces through cloning, the offspring will have reduced performance". The research findings are published in the journal Physiological and Biochemical Zoology (Vol. 78, 3, May/June 2005) by Michael Kearney, Rebecca Wahl and Keller Autumn.

Judith Levine

1999 Australian Postgraduate Scholar

Judith Levine has become an associate for White and Case in the firm's international arbitration group in New York. Levine completed a Masters Degree at NYU after graduating from UNSW. Levine returned to Australia to work as an associate to the High Court Justice Michael McHugh and in the office of former Attorney-General Daryl Williams. In 2003, while working at the International Court of Justice in The Hague, Levine decided to pursue her dream as an international lawyer. (Author: Michael Cameron, The Australian July 1, 2005)

Kim Rubenstein

1991 Australian Postgraduate Scholar and 2002 Senior Scholar

Kim Rubenstein has been appointed Professor and Director of the Centre for International and Public Law (CIPL) at ANU. Kim is a graduate of the University of Melbourne and Harvard Law School. Her graduate work at Harvard was supported by the Sir Robert Menzies Scholarship, a Fulbright postgraduate award, and a Queen Elizabeth Jubilee Trust award. Kim will start at CIPL in early 2006.

David Schlosberg

2003 U.S. Senior Scholar

Associate Professor David Schlosberg has edited a second edition of his book "Debating the earth: The Environmental Politics Reader" with John Dryzek of ANU. David researched at ANU, defining Environmental and Ecological Justice.

Professor Margaret Thornton

1979 Australian Postgraduate Scholar

Professor Margaret Thornton has been appointed to the Richard McGarvie Chair of Socio-Legal Studies to honour former Chancellor, the Hon Mr Richard McGarvie AC, at La Trobe University. Thornton is a University Medallist in law from UNSW and also holds degrees from University of Sydney and Yale. (La Trobe University Bulletin, September 2005)

Jonathon Wald

2000 U.S. Postgraduate Scholar

Jonathan Wald's short film "What grown-ups know" (highlighted in April edition of The Fulbrighter) has won the Best Foreign Film Award and the Best Overall Performance Award (for Stephen James King's performance as Roy) at the Gotham City Film Festival.



AFA treasure makes way for new treasurer



The Hon. Greg Hunt MP and AFA President, thanks outgoing AFA Treasurer Howard Bradbury and welcomes Robert Niven, Parliament House

After fifteen years, a Fulbright treasure, Howard Bradbury has retired as Treasurer for the AFA. In 1965, as an Australian Fulbright Senior Scholar, Howard went to Cornell University as a Visiting Professor.

At the AFA's inception in 1989, Howard was elected Treasurer, and is one of its founding members. During his tenure Howard has given generously of his time and skills to deliver a profitable Association through the administration of endowments, donations and membership. He will continue to be involved as an active member of the AFA ACT Chapter, but will devote more time to his philanthropic work in co-ordination of the Asia Pacific Food Analysis Network (APFAN) at ANU School of Biology and Zoology. Taking Howard's place is Dr Robert Niven, 2002 Australian Postgraduate. Robert is a senior lecturer at the School of Aerospace, Civil and Mechanical Engineering, University College, UNSW at the Australian Defence Force Academy in Canberra.

Events / Dates

November

Wednesday 2nd November

U.S. Alumnus, Professor Tim Berra will present: Chasing Nurseryfish and Avoiding Crocodiles in Northern Australia at 10:30 am at the Robertson Seminar Room, Research School of Biological Sciences, Building 46, Sullivan's Creek Road at ANU.

February

26th Feb - 3rd March, Sydney

East-Asia Pacific Regional Fulbright Conference The EAP Regional Conference is held every two years and brings together executive directors, foreign services officers and program managers from Fulbright offices in the EAP region. Alumni are invited to participate.

Monday 27th February, Sydney

Official Opening of the EAP Regional Conference American Club 77 MacQuarie Street, Sydney (Alumni members are invited to attend, invitations will be sent at a later date)

May

Thursday 18th May, Brisbane

Fulbright National Awards Dinner (Mark this date in your diary!)

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