Queensland welcomes the 2006 Australian Fulbright Scholars

The 2006 Australian Fulbright Scholars were welcomed to Brisbane by Queensland’s Deputy Premier, The Hon Anna Bligh MP for the Fulbright National Awards Dinner on 18th May. The first Fulbright Dinner to be held in Queensland was hosted by Queensland University of Technology (QUT) at their Kelvin Grove Creative Industries Precinct.

In congratulating the Scholars the Deputy Premier stated, “The high academic achievements and leadership qualities in this group will ensure Australia’s participation in education on a global scale. I admire their enthusiasm, leadership and dedication to research in their diverse fields of study”.

The evening was attended by Australian and U.S. Government representatives, sponsors, corporate partners, University Chancellors, Vice-Chancellors and business representatives.

Guests were welcomed with entertainment from QUT performers Avril Huddy and the ‘Big Dress’ and acclaimed singer Kate Miller-Heidke. Also a multi-media presentation of the Fulbright Program’s history and activities, created by QUT’s Graphic Designer Pam Koger, was screened throughout the dinner.

The Fulbright Scholars were presented to Dr William Stanton, Chargé d’Affaires a.i., U.S. Embassy, The Hon Anna Bligh MP, Deputy Premier Queensland, and Paul Kerin, the new National President of the Australian Fulbright (Alumni) Association (see story on page 8).

The twenty-one Fulbright Scholars will study a diverse range of fields while in the United States including: indigenous languages, quantum physics, dance literacy, anti-HIV pharmaceuticals, bushfire research systems, international development, indigenous law, data asset management, sustainable cities, remote mental health services, nursing retention strategies and counter terrorism policy and programs (see page 4).

The dinner was noted as being the last Fulbright event for Dr Stanton prior to his departure to a new posting in Korea.

The Commission has been grateful for his support, especially as Honorary Co-Chair over the past 18 months.

The Commission looks forward to welcoming the 2006 U.S. Fulbright Scholars to Australia from early July [see page 5]. They will be formally recognised at an Enrichment Seminar in Canberra, 14-15 September.
increase in the Australian Government contribution to the Fulbright Program to match the U.S. Government’s contribution. This funding will ensure the Fulbright Program is maintained as a premier scholarship with a wide-range of opportunities for educational exchange.

With regard to awards, the first Fulbright Tasmanian Award generated wide interest at presentations in Hobart during April. We thank the Tasmanian State Government and the University of Tasmania for their initiative and support in establishing this first-ever State sponsored Fulbright Award. The Award will undoubtedly provide positive relations and research links between the U.S. and Tasmania.

In May, Queensland University of Technology hosted a very successful 2006 Fulbright National Awards Dinner in Brisbane. Established in 2001 this event has gone from strength to strength and is recognised as the premier event on the Fulbright calendar. My sincere thanks to the staff and students of QUT’s Creative Industries Precinct for their professionalism, performances and creative input. The performances lent an artistic tone to the evening and set new standards for the continuing Fulbright National Awards Dinner. In addition, I thank Odyssey Travel for their generous support of the dinner.

My thanks to the Fulbright Commission staff for their coordination of several events around the dinner including the Australian Scholar Orientation Program, State Selection Secretaries Seminar, U.S. Scholars Enrichment and support of the Alumni Association national meeting.

The Fulbright Commission welcomes new Board member Elizabeth Schick, Assistant Secretary of the America’s Branch of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, who has recently returned from a posting as Australian Ambassador to Chile. We also welcome Paul Kerin as the newly elected National President of the Australian Fulbright [Alumni] Association. I extend my personal thanks to The Hon. Greg Hunt MP for his initiatives and support for the Association as National President over the past four years.

In the coming months we look forward to the 2006 Fulbright Symposium in Tasmania, 28-29 June, focusing on “Maritime Governance and Security”, and welcoming the 2006 Fulbright-Hays group to Australia.

Our congratulations to Mrs Harriet Fulbright in being recognised with an Honorary Member (AM) in the Order of Australia presented by the Prime Minister in Washington D.C. It was a wonderful recognition of Harriet’s support for the Australian Fulbright Program over a number of years. Many Australian and U.S. Fulbright Scholars along with Alumni attended the reception hosted by the Australian Embassy. We are also very pleased with the Prime Minister’s announcement of a $A200,000 increase in the Australian Government contribution to the Fulbright Program to match the U.S. Government’s contribution.

Secretary Rice visits down-under

On 16th March U.S. Secretary of State, Condoleezza Rice, held a public discussion with students at the University of Sydney. Several Australian and American Fulbright Scholars attended the occasion. The event was an open forum with students posing questions directly to Secretary Rice.

Topics discussed included the conditions of democracy to end the global war on terror, U.S. financial input to combat global poverty and relations with Australia.

Secretary Rice said, “...having a good and faithful friend like Australia makes a big difference. We have a free trade agreement that will benefit both economies. We enjoy the exchange of peoples. And so our exchange of people is also a great benefit”.

Clinton awarded Fulbright Prize

The 2005 Fulbright Prize from the U.S. Fulbright [Alumni] Association was awarded to William Jefferson Clinton, 42nd President of the United States of America, for his bold, enlightened initiatives to counteract poverty, ignorance, and the racial, ethnic, and religious prejudices that are barriers to peace and justice throughout the world.

The Fulbright Prize recognises President Clinton’s vision of empathy, cooperation, and dialogue in the service of humanity.

Clinton said of his former boss, Senator J. William Fulbright; “[Fulbright] essentially thought that a country had to have a military but there were limits to what you could achieve militarily. And he believed that over the long run the gains achieved through reasonable conversation...are those that are more lasting”.

McCann at Clinton Foundation

A week after graduating from Columbia Law School, David McCann began work at the William J Clinton Foundation in Harlem, New York. David worked as an Associate to the Chief Justice of Australia, Murray Gleeson, at the High Court of Australia in Canberra before heading to the U.S. as a Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar in 2005.

At Columbia, David undertook Masters study in constitutional rights, social change lawyering, international economics, and human rights.

At the Foundation, David will work as a policy associate under Ira Magaziner, presently the director of the multi-billion dollar Clinton HIV/AIDS Initiative, developing a major new initiative, which will be announced shortly.

Through this 8-12 month experience David hopes to gain knowledge and skills in policy development, communications strategy and political advising to apply on his return to Australia.
On 15th May at the Australian Embassy in Washington DC, The Hon John Howard MP, Prime Minister of Australia and Honorary Co-Chair of the Fulbright Commission presented Mrs Harriet Fulbright with an Honorary Member (AM) in the Order of Australia.

The Award was in recognition of Harriet’s service to educational and cultural exchange between Australia and the United States, through the Fulbright Program.

Prime Minister Howard stated; “Mrs Fulbright, widow of the late Senator Fulbright has committed herself to promoting the program that bears her husband’s name and vision – to promote mutual education exchange and understanding throughout the world. Through this commitment she has built a connection with Australia and the Fulbright Program”.

At a glittering reception, hosted by the Australian Ambassador Dennis Richardson, over 200 guests witnessed the investiture of Mrs Fulbright. Guests included current Australian and U.S. Fulbright Scholars, Alumni and representatives of the U.S. Department of State and Australian Government.

Howard added; “An outstanding teacher herself, she has tirelessly promoted the benefits of educational exchange throughout the world – most especially between Australia and the United States. The Fulbrights have been great contributors to the people-to-people links between our two countries and the Program has been an outstanding success for Australia.

I warmly congratulate Harriet on her award.”

At the reception Harriet Fulbright spoke of her experiences with Australia. “I have always thought that awards of this magnitude were given for acts of great courage or brilliant discoveries. For this reason, I feel even more humble because my relationship with Australia and its countrymen has been so easy and natural, and more often than not I was merely following their lead in what we accomplished together.”

On her last visit to Australia Harriet spent a week with Claire Smith, an archaeologist at Flinders University and 1999 Australian Fulbright Scholar, visiting a remote Indigenous community and sacred sites. “A well-known basket weaver took us to the sacred lands, which was a truly memorable experience.”

Harriet now works with Claire as an Honorary Chair of the World Archaeology Conference to help put together an endowment for indigenous people.

Harriet added, “I must offer my sincerest gratitude to both Prime Minister Howard and President Bush for their solid support of the Fulbright Program. They understand the vital importance of our countries’ close collaboration in so many educational and scientific arenas”.

Prime Minister of Australia, The Hon John Howard MP acknowledging Mrs Harriet Fulbright

Prime Minister of Australia, The Hon John Howard MP presents Mrs Harriet Fulbright with the AM

Mrs Harriet Fulbright and 2005 Australian Fulbright Scholar, Eliza Matthews.

Australian Government increases Fulbright funding

At the Washington DC reception the Prime Minister, John Howard also announced an increase in Australian Government contributions to the Fulbright Program by $A200,000 per year.

In making the announcement the Prime Minister commented, “...the ties created by the Australia–United States Fulbright Program are indicative of the great friendship between our two countries. I am proud to be an Honorary Co-Chair of such a distinguished program.

Fulbright Scholars are internationally recognised as leaders in their fields, reflecting the academic merit and excellence for which the program is renowned”.

The additional funding increases the Australian Government contribution to match the U.S. Government support for the Australian Fulbright Program.

“The Board of the Commission is committed to using the additional funding to increase the number of Fulbright Awards available to Australians and to maintaining the value of existing Fulbright Awards,” commented Professor Peter Coaldrake, Chair of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission.
2006 Australian Fulbright Scholars

POSTGRADUATES

MATTHEW BELLOUSOFF
Chemistry and Immunology, Monash University
Undertaking research towards a PhD, investigating the efficacy of new anti-HIV pharmaceuticals at UC, San Diego for 12 months from August 2006.

LAURA BROOKS
Engineering Award sponsored by Clough Ltd
Mechanical Engineering, University of Adelaide
Undertaking research towards a PhD in determining seabed properties and how they affect the transmission of sound in the ocean at UC, San Diego for 12 months from August 2006.

NATALIE EBENREUTER
Visual & Performing Arts Award sponsored by Anthony Joseph Pratt
Multimedia Design/Dance, Swinburne University
Undertaking research towards a PhD on the development of a prototype application to assist dancers and choreographers to read, write and interpret dance movements at Ohio State University for 12 months from September 2006.

JESSICA EVANS
Law, Murdoch University
Undertaking a LLM at Columbia University for 12 months from August 2006, specialising in human rights and constitutional law, incorporating an internship with a non-governmental human rights group.

MICHAEL FRASER
Physics, ANU (PhD) and Griffith University
Undertaking research towards a PhD in the nanoscale structure of multilayered thin films at Lawrence Berkeley National Lab, UC, Berkeley for 4 months from August 2006.

SAMIA GOUDIE
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Award sponsored by Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination (OIPC)
Social Ecology, Southern Cross University and University of Western Sydney
Undertaking study towards a PhD, focusing on resilience and the recovery from inter-generational trauma through a First Nation Peoples and Indigenous Australian perspective at University of Arizona and New York University for 12 months from July 2006.

JACKLYN HARTLEY
Alumni (WG Walker) Award
Indigenous Law, University of NSW
Undertaking a LLM in Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy to research international human rights law and models of Indigenous governance at University of Arizona for 12 months from July 2006.

PAUL HUBBARD
International Relations, University of Tasmania
Undertaking a Masters in International Relations with a geographic focus on China and East Asia, studying links between transparency and development at Syracuse University for 12 months from August 2006.

AVIN MATHEW
Technology and Communication Award sponsored by Telstra Corp
Software Engineering, QUT (PhD) and University of QLD
Undertaking research towards a PhD on the design of an asset management data warehouse to assist strategic planning and management of data at University of Cincinnati, Ohio for 12 months from September 2006.

SOPHIE NICHOLLS
Linguistics, University of New England and University of Newcastle
Undertaking research towards her PhD into linguistic aspects of cooperative discourse in Indigenous languages at University of New Mexico and UC, Santa Barbara for 12 months from August 2006.

CLARE O'NEIL
Public Policy, Monash University
Undertaking a Masters in Public Policy, researching innovative environments in government and solutions to systemic poverty at Harvard University for 12 months from August 2006.

LISA RICHARDSON
Clinical Psychology, Murdoch University
Undertaking research towards a PhD into telepsychology services as an innovative solution to geographic obstacles of remote mental health service delivery at University of Hawaii for 12 months from January 2007.

LUKE RYVES
Science and Engineering Award sponsored by BHP Billiton
Physics, University of Sydney
Undertaking research towards a PhD looking at the material strengthening mechanisms associated with the nanoscale structure of multilayered thin films at Lawrence Berkeley National Lab, UC, Berkeley for 12 months from October 2006.

POSTDOCTORAL AWARD

DR ROSALIND HEARDER
History, ANU, University of Melbourne and University of NSW
Conducting a comparative historical study of Australian and American ex-Ex East Prisoners in the decades after World War II at University of Wisconsin for 12 months from July 2006.

SENIOR SCHOLAR AWARDS

PROF. PETER NEWMAN
Environmental Sustainability, Murdoch University and University of WA
Undertaking research into sustainability innovations in cities, regions and states at University of Virginia, Charlottesville for 4 months from September 2006.

ASSOC. PROF. CATHERINE TURNER
Population Health, University of QLD, Flinders University and Deakin University
Researching the efficacy of new anti-HIV pharmaceuticals at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Institute for 4 months from July 2006.

ASSOC. PROF. DAVID WHITEMAN
Epidemiology, Queensland Institute of Medical Research and University of QLD
Researching the efficacy of new anti-HIV pharmaceuticals at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Institute for 4 months from July 2006.

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

DR MARK BROPHY
Vocational Education & Training (VET) Award sponsored by Dept. of Education, Science & Training
Undertaking a Masters in International Relations with a geographic focus on China and East Asia, studying links between transparency and development at Syracuse University for 12 months from September 2006.

BRETTE FREUDENBERG
Business/Industry Coral Sea Award
Taxation Law, Griffith University, QUT and University of NSW
Undertaking research into the proliferation of new business forms in the U.S. to determine the key drivers for their proliferation, and their key characteristics at University of Illinois for 4 months from December 2006.

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2006 American Fulbright Scholars

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DEVON BIGGERSTAFF
Physics, University of Puget Sound
Researching optical methods for characterising entangled photon states useful in experimental quantum information for 12 months from July 2006 at the University of Queensland.

JESSICA BOYNTON
Linguistics, East Michigan University
Conducting linguistic fieldwork to document Tjupany, an Indigenous language of the Western Desert region of Australia for 12 months from February 2007 at the University of Western Australia.

LAURA KAT BURMEISTER
Anthropology, University of Connecticut
Conducting research towards a PhD on understanding how Aboriginal youth’s increased exposure to formal education is affecting egalitarian sharing practices for 12 months from July 2006 at Charles Darwin University.

LINDSAY CHURA
Biology, Mt Holyoke College
Investigating the underlying mechanisms of the relationship between obesity and female fertility for 12 months from August 2006 at the University of Adelaide.

MICHAEL DECEGLIE
Physics, Dickinson College
Enrolled in a Masters of Physics researching nanocrystal conducting polymers and their application to solar cells for 12 months from July 2006 at the University of Queensland.

LAURA GREISMAN
Pharmacology, Cornell University
Researching the evolution, toxicology and health significance of toxic venomous fish for 12 months from July 2006 at the University of Melbourne.

SARA HUGHES
Biology, Michigan State University
Undertaking research at the Centre for Comparative Water Policies and Laws to examine the socio-political aspects for water management in Australia for 12 months from March 2007 at the University of South Australia.

RUSSELL JOHNSON
Biology, St Olaf College
Investigating the metabolic pathways in the apicoplast of the parasite Plasmodium falciparum, the human infecting species of Malaria for 12 months from July 2006 at the University of Melbourne.

AMOS JONES
Law, Harvard Law School
Conducting comparative research encompassing law and politics, with a focus on religion for 12 months from September 2006 at the University of Melbourne.

JODY KELMAN
Political Science, Harvard University
Enrolling in a Masters in International Studies focusing on investigating attitudes towards asylum seekers for 12 months from June 2007 at the University of Sydney.

JONATHAN KOBIRNSKI
Law, Yale University
Conducting research in the field of comparative legal studies analysing the difference in criminal sentencing methods in the U.S. and Australia for 12 months from September 2006 at La Trobe University.

KATE MURRAY
Law, Yale University
Conducting comparative research towards a PhD, investigating social conflict in Australian huntsman spiders.

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Biology, Mt Holyoke College
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JEANETTE SIMMONDS
History, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Conducting an historical study of Australian biological Nitrogen Fixation research, focusing on the symbiosis between legumes and soil bacteria for 12 months from September 2006 at the University of Queensland.

ERIC YIP
Behavioural Ecology, Cornell University
Conducting research towards a PhD, investigating the metabolic pathways in the apicoplast of the parasite Plasmodium falciparum, the human infecting species of Malaria for 12 months from July 2006 at the University of Melbourne.

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SENIOR SCHOLAR AWARDS

ASSOC. PROF. JAMES BEVER
Biological Sciences, Indiana University
Researching soil micro-organisms as determinates of terrestrial plant community dynamics and restoration for 6 months from January 2007 at CSIRO, Canberra.

PROF. DANIELLE CONWAY-JONES
Law, University of Hawaii
Lecturing/research on intellectual property law regimes and rights of Indigenous Peoples in traditional knowledge, cultural expression and genetic resources for 6 months from January 2007 at La Trobe University.

ASSOC. PROF. JEFFREY LANTIS
Political Science, College of Wooster
Conducting research on Australian debates over the ratification of international treaties for 5 months from January 2007 at the University of New South Wales.

ASSOC. PROF. TIMOTHY NOHE
Art, University of Maryland
Lecturing/research in sound design and installation art resulting in publication of a sound installation and audio DVD for 6 months from July 2006 at the University of Wollongong.

ASSOC. PROF. GERALYN SCHULZ
Medical Science, George Washington University
Conducting research to compare techniques of lingual movement (bio) feedback in remediating speech problems following neurological damage for 5 months from April 2007 at the University of Queensland.

PROF. WENDY WOODSON
Dance / Theatre, Amherst College
Creating a new performance work entitled “Cross Continental” that relates to concepts, experiences and images of reconciliation, mediation and migration for 5 months from February 2007 at Victorian College of the Arts.
Johnathon Schmuck mixes geology in glass

Johnathon is a born and bred California native, but was taken by the Australian landscape and art scene on arrival for his Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship in 1997.

“I spent every moment when I was growing up immersed in the California landscape and at UC Santa Cruz, I ambled over to the Earth Sciences Department and ended up studying geology.”

Through his field trips and studies Johnathon was moved by the remarkable visual language of geology, with geological maps, cross sections, thin sections of rocks, mineral specimens and startling patterns over large expanses of the landscape. He then began an exploration into the language of art.

“Art took me away from science. With some hesitant steps, I began to draw and paint and take ceramics classes. Looking for a more direct medium, I ambled my way to San Jose State University to study glassblowing in 1988. I found it a remarkable transition, from studying obsidian and volcanic glass flows to being right there next to a furnace full of molten glass. I immediately fell in love with this material.”

Johnathon pursued glassmaking for a decade with a desire to integrate the landscape into his art, and at this time he received a Fulbright Scholarship to study at the Glass Workshop at the ANU Canberra School of Art, with Stephen Procter and Jane Bruce.

Whilst in Australia, Johnathon was asked to work with Klaus Moje, as he developed a glass technique in which they blew glass that had previously been kilnformed—a revolutionary idea. This process presented an opportunity for making a body of work referencing the geological realm, thus finally combining Johnathon’s two disciplines of study into an aesthetic mission.

“With the help of Klaus, Scott Chaseling, Kirstie Rea, and Stephen’s guidance, I embarked upon a journey into my past. Suddenly I craved everything geological, and would peruse the library for hours, mining for visual references to geology—it was a very satisfying time.”

“With many many ideas, it took a while to narrow down the design for my work, but I finally decided on the Unconformity, based on the juxtaposition of two differing rock types. I gave the pieces riotous colors and bold graphics, kept the forms as recognizable vessels, and had an exhibition at the Beaver Galleries in Canberra in fulfillment of my Master’s degree.”

Johnathon went on to spend three months in Auckland, New Zealand, working on a commission, and getting back in tune with volcanism and faulting and then onto the Himalayas and the Portland Vase. Once back in California, he set up a studio.

“I came to realize the importance of a horizontal element, to offset and balance the verticality of a blown piece of glass. These flatter works led to an unraveling of the blown Roll Up form, and a return to (almost) the two dimensional format of painting. And I began making non-functional glass skateboard decks with graffiti writing on them, as I seek the essence of my home now, Santa Cruz.”

Tasmania creates first State Fulbright Award

In February, Tasmanian Minister for Economic Development, Lara Giddings MHA and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Tasmania, Professor Daryl Le Grew, announced their joint support in establishing a Fulbright Tasmanian Award.

In launching the Award U.S. Consul General to Melbourne, Mr Earl Irving highlighted the Awards importance as the first state-based Fulbright Award to be established in the fifty-six year history of the Fulbright Program in Australia.

“I congratulate the Tasmanian Government and the University of Tasmania for their initiative. This Award demonstrates Tasmania’s vision for the future through the support of research and development, and the development of long-term international relations.”

Ms Giddings added, “This award will assist in building long-term linkages between Tasmania and the United States in the mutually beneficial areas of research and development. It’s about recognising and encouraging the substantial talent we have in the State and building international partnerships”.

Professor Le Grew said the award will bring lasting outcomes for Tasmania. “Fulbright Awards are internationally recognised and certainly ‘open doors’ in the United States. Tasmanians have won Fulbright Awards in the past, but this initiative of the Fulbright Tasmanian Award ensures greater opportunities for Tasmanians. We are pleased to partner with the Tasmanian Government in establishing this award and we will seek donations to ensure its endowment for the future.”

The Fulbright Tasmanian Award is open to Tasmanian residents to undertake 3-12 months research or study in the United States. Projects undertaken will add-value and contribute to Tasmania’s economic development and further research opportunities.

Applications are now open in all award categories; including professional, senior scholar, postdoctoral and postgraduates. The inaugural Fulbright Tasmanian Scholar will commence a program of study or research from mid 2007.
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Anthony Joseph Pratt

Applications are now open for the 2007 Fulbright Symposium.

The Fulbright Commission annually provides a grant of $A30,000 to support an Australian institution hosting a conference on a topic of binational relevance to Australia and the United States.

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The award provides an international airfare and $US200 per day honorarium and encourages collaboration with United States faculty and professionals on curriculum and faculty development, research and a variety of other activities.

Applications close on 13 October 2006

For information and application forms visit: www.fulbright.com.au

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New AFA National President

After four years as National President of the Association, The Hon Greg Hunt MP stepped down at the recent Fulbright Alumni Association Annual General Meeting. Greg provided positive guidance and support during this period, assisting the Commission to gain tax deductibility and promoting the Association to new Fulbright Scholars. We look forward to formally thanking Greg at the National Alumni reception in Canberra later in the year.

Paul Kerin, Professorial Fellow in Business Strategy at the Melbourne Business School (MBS), has been elected as the new National President. A graduate of the University of Adelaide with a Masters and Bachelor (Hons) Economics, Paul won a Fulbright Scholarship to Harvard University in 1986 where he undertook a PhD in Business Economics. Paul was also the George Dively Research Fellow in the Centre for Business & Government at Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government.

As the former Managing Director of AT Kearney (Australia and New Zealand), Paul’s career included strategy development and implementation, mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance, corporate governance and microeconomics. He consulted across a wide range of industries, including private equity, retailing, consumer goods, telecommunications, transport, financial services and led client engagements in Europe, North America and the Asia Pacific.

Paul teaches in the areas of business strategy, economics and finance. He writes a weekly column for Business Review Weekly (BRW), focusing on corporate governance, business strategy and business-government relations. He chairs the board of Prahran Market – Melbourne’s home of fine foods – and has just joined the board of Children’s Protection Society Inc., which is dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect. “My time as a Fulbright Scholar almost 20 years ago was truly life-changing. I feel honoured and delighted to now have the opportunity to work with such a terrific team and in such a worthy cause,” Paul commented.

Alumni fund Jacklyn Hartley to research Indigenous Law

Through the generous donations of the Fulbright Alumni, Jacklyn Hartley has won the 2006 Fulbright Postgraduate (WG Walker) Award to undertake a Master of Laws in Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy at the Rogers College of Law, University of Arizona, Tucson.

The prestigious Alumni (WG Walker) Award goes to the highest ranked Postgraduate Scholar and is funded through donations from Australian Fulbright Alumni and friends of the Fulbright Program.

Jacklyn is an Arts/Law graduate from the University of New South Wales (UNSW) who received first class honours and the University Medal in history. She currently teaches Public Law and Australian Environmental History at the University of New South Wales and has practised as a solicitor at Freehills.

“It is a great honour to receive the Fulbright Alumni (WG Walker) Award and I appreciate the support and recognition from the Fulbright Alumni.”

Through her Award, Jacklyn will examine the status of Indigenous self-determination in international law and practice and analyse how these perspectives can assist the recognition of Indigenous self-determination in Australia.

“I anticipate examining not only the success stories, but the difficulties, challenges and limitations which have been encountered in the United States. It is hoped I will foster further cross-cultural exchange on these issues and contribute to the development of law and policies which support the recognition of Indigenous rights in Australia.”

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