

# The Fulbrighter

A U S T R A L I A

## Welcome to Australia

The U.S. Fulbright Scholars Enrichment Seminar in September provided the opportunity to welcome not only the 2006 U.S. Scholars, but also Robert D. McCallum, Jr. who presented his credentials as the Ambassador of the United States of America to Australia on August 23, 2006.

Ambassador McCallum was previously the Associate Attorney General, the third ranking official at the United States Department of Justice, from July 1, 2003.

We welcome and look forward to working with Ambassador McCallum in his capacity as Honorary Co-Chair of the Fulbright Commission.

Ambassador McCallum and Mrs Mary (Mimi) McCallum hosted the U.S. Scholars at the Embassy residence and presented them with Fulbright pins. In congratulating them Ambassador McCallum highlighted the honour and responsibility of being a Fulbright Scholar and wished them well in their research and study in Australia.

The Enrichment Seminar provided the U.S. Scholars with the opportunity to meet and network with government representatives, Fulbright Alumni, Fulbright staff, Selection Committee members, and each other, over a two-day program. Staff delivered briefings on the Fulbright Program history and its place in the bi-national relationship between Australia and the U.S., as well as the administrative realities of visas and healthcare.

The Scholars also visited Parliament House and viewed the wonder that is question time, along with the Australian National Museum and National Library. A dinner at the National Library, hosted by the Commission and Alumni Association, introduced the Scholars to the wider ACT Fulbright community .

“I did not realise how much I was going to get out of the Seminar – friendships, new contacts, a great perspective on the Fulbright Program and a tour of Canberra.”

“The discussions, both formal and informal, were beneficial on a personal and professional level,” commented Scholars.



2006 U.S. Fulbright Scholars with the new U.S. Ambassador, Robert D. McCallum, Jr. (centre front).

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# Executive Director news



Our congratulations and welcome to Ambassador Robert D. McCallum, Jr. in taking up his post at the U.S. Embassy in August. Amidst his busy introductory schedule the Ambassador has already met many of the Fulbright community in hosting the 2006 U.S. Fulbright Scholars during their Enrichment Seminar; attending a welcome lunch hosted by the Australian National University; and at the Fulbright Dinner hosted by Australian Ambassador, Dennis Richardson in Washington, D.C.

Ambassador McCallum is hosting the annual Fulbright Alumni reception at the Embassy on

the 16 November. We look forward to working with Ambassador McCallum as the Honorary Co-Chair of the Fulbright Commission during his term.

A special thank you to the Australian Ambassador to the U.S., Dennis Richardson and his wife Betty, for hosting a wonderful dinner in Washington D.C. to honour and celebrate the Fulbright Program in Australia. The contribution of the Fulbright Program in building understanding and networks between Australia and the U.S. was clearly evident as the U.S. Alumni shared their Fulbright experiences and ongoing connections with Australia.

We look forward to working with the Australian Mission in the U.S. to maintain and enhance Australian-U.S. linkages developed through the Fulbright Program and keeping U.S. based Fulbright Alumni aware of Australian activities and events in the U.S. My thanks to Australian Consuls General John Olsen in New York and Innes Willox in Los Angeles for their hospitality in welcoming the 2006 Australian Fulbright Scholars to America at the associated receptions.

It has been exciting to see Professor Kenneth Mayer, the inaugural Fulbright Australian National University [ANU] Distinguished Chair in American Political Science, deliver a very successful range of public lectures and

seminars around Australia over the past few months. We look forward to announcing the 2007 / 2008 Distinguished Chair later this year and planning future visits with Australian universities.

Fulbright Scholars and Alumni are regularly recognised for their ongoing professional achievements, but it has undoubtedly been an exceptional year for Terence Tao. Our congratulations to Terry, a Professor at UCLA, who was recognised with the Fields Medal and as a MacArthur Fellow in 2006 (see page 6). I believe he is the youngest Australian to have ever received a Fulbright Award when he headed off to Princeton in 1992 at 16 years of age.

One of the most exciting happenings in the past few months has been the completion of a DVD of Senator Fulbright's life, "J. William Fulbright: The Man, The Mission & The Message". My sincere thanks to Mrs Harriet Fulbright for her commitment in making this happen. We look forward to providing all Australian universities and future Fulbright Scholars with a copy of this DVD (see page 8 for individual purchase details).

My thanks to our sponsors, Board, alumni, Fulbright staff and selection committees for their contribution to a very successful 2006 for the Fulbright Program in Australia.

**Mark Darby**

## New faces at the Fulbright Commission

The Fulbright Commission welcomes three new Board members:

Mr Allaster Cox, Assistant Secretary of the new U.S. Branch in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, previously on secondment at the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and before that the Australian High Commissioner in Brunei and Deputy High Commissioner in Kuala Lumpur;

Mrs Erin Flaherty, a Company Director and lawyer from Sydney who worked for Petroleum companies Parker & Parsley and Bridge Oil; and law firms Baker & McKenzie (Sydney) and Parker & Parker (Perth); and

Mr Scott Weinhold, Counsellor for Public Affairs at the U.S. Embassy who has arrived in Australia after four years in Ulan Bator, at the U.S. Mission in Mongolia.

We also welcome two new staff - Debbie Jones in a new Administrative Assistant position and Leigh Watson, who takes over as Communications Manager from Heather Rietdyk, who has moved back to Sydney.

Our thanks to Heather for all her hard work over the past two years in establishing the Communications position at Fulbright and for providing a professional update to our website, publications and events.

Debbie Jones has ten years experience as a communications intelligence operator with the Royal Australian Navy, and three years experience working for a global defence company. She previously worked as the Office Manager for The Group of Eight universities and as Administrative Officer in the International Office at Charles Sturt University.

Leigh Watson was previously the Special Events Coordinator and Senior Marketing Officer at BusinessACT coordinating the Chief Minister's Export Awards. She has a BA in Professional Writing from the University of Canberra and a Graduate Diploma in Asian Studies. She has worked for a range of not-for-profit organisations on public relations and event management and held the positions of International Marketing Officer, Australian Catholic University and Marketing Officer, International Office, University of Canberra.



Debbie Jones | Administrative Assistant



Leigh Watson | Communications Manager

# Ambassador honours Fulbright



U.S. Ambassador to Australia, Robert D. McCallum, Jr., Mrs Harriet Fulbright and Australian Ambassador to the U.S., Dennis Richardson.

In honour and celebration of the Fulbright Program in Australia the Australian Ambassador to the United States, Dennis Richardson hosted a special dinner at his residence in Washington DC on the 3 October. Honoured guests included Mrs Harriet Fulbright, the U.S. Ambassador to Australia, Robert McCallum, distinguished U.S. Alumni, current Australian Scholars to the United States, plus U.S. Government and Australian Embassy representatives.

In welcoming the guests, Ambassador Richardson highlighted the importance of the Fulbright Program and the bi-national links and understanding it has built between Australia and the U.S. He noted Australia's commitment to the program as demonstrated at the Embassy reception in May 2006 where Prime Minister John Howard announced a \$A200,000 annual increase in the Australian Government funding for the Program and invested Mrs Harriet Fulbright as an Honorary Member of the Order of Australia. Ambassador Richardson also congratulated Mrs Fulbright and thanked her for her support of the Australian Fulbright Program.

The U.S. Alumni introduced themselves, indicating what an impact the Fulbright experience had had on their lives and careers and the ongoing links they have with Australia. Alumni attending included Ambassador Tom Pickering (former Senior Vice-President International, Boeing); Professor Sandra Newman, Director of the Institute for Policy Studies, Johns Hopkins University; Robin Prichard, a professional dancer / choreographer and Assistant Professor at Smith College; and



**Washington D.C. Dinner**  
From left to right: Robin Prichard, U.S. Fulbright alumna; Joe Hlubucek, Education Consul, Australian Embassy; Kris Helgen, U.S. Fulbright alumna and partner Lauren Helgen.

Kris Helgen from the Smithsonian Institute (the first Fulbright Scholar to name a new species in honour of Fulbright).

Annual receptions with Australian Consulates welcoming the Australian Scholars to the United States were also held in New York City and Los Angeles in October. Australian Scholars and U.S. Alumni from the north east and wider afield came to New York on the 5 October to be welcomed by Consul General, John Olsen, and hear a brilliant classical guitar performance from Aleksandr Tsiboulski, the 2005 Fulbright Pratt Scholar in Visual and Performing Arts.

The new Australian Consul General to Los Angeles, Mr Innes Willox, welcomed Scholars and Alumni to a reception at the University of Southern California on the 12 October.

The Commission is grateful to Ambassador Richardson, the Consulates and the Australian Education International staff for their support in making the Australian Fulbright Scholars welcome and building the network with U.S. Fulbright Alumni.

To engage with the U.S. Alumni network of over 2,000 Americans who have researched or studied in Australia as Fulbright Scholars, the Commission and the Australian Fulbright Alumni Association (AFA) are exploring the potential to establish a U.S. Alumni Chapter.

Executive Director of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission, Mark Darby, said that such a Chapter would assist to develop further networking opportunities in the U. S. and allow Fulbright Alumni to remain informed and engaged with Australian activities in the U.S.

"We also look forward to working with the Australian Mission in the U.S. to keep in touch with U.S. Fulbright Alumni who have ongoing connections and interest in Australia," he said.



**New York Reception**  
2005 Fulbright Scholar in Visual and Performing Arts, Aleksandr Tsiboulski.

# 'Maritime' Symposium



Left to right: Professor Douglas Stewart, Professor Daryl Le Grew, Vice Chancellor, University of Tasmania, Earl Irving, U.S. Consul-General, Melbourne, and Professor Bill Tow.

In June, the University of Tasmania's School of Government hosted this year's annual Fulbright Symposium in Hobart on the topic of *Maritime Governance and Security*, with a focus on Asia and the South Pacific.

The aim of the annual Symposia, sponsored by the Australian-American Fulbright Commission, is to publicly demonstrate the Commission's mission of "promoting mutual understanding between the peoples of the United States and

Australia through educational and cultural exchange". Topics are of bi-national interest between Australia and the United States and engage leading speakers from both countries.

This symposium's American speakers included Professor Douglas Stewart from the Dickinson College and U.S. Army War College, Pennsylvania and Professor Richard Hildreth, Director of the University of Oregon Ocean and Coastal Law Centre.

Australian presenters included: Professor Bill Tow from ANU; Dr Rod Lyon and Dr Carl Ungerer from the University of Queensland; Dr Sam

Bateman, University of Wollongong; Professor Bruce Mapstone, University of Tasmania; and Mr Tony Mulder, Commander, Tasmanian Police.

Delegates attended such sessions as Maritime Law and Governance, the Marine Environment, and Terrorism and Counter-terrorism.

Mr Earl Irving, U.S. Consul General, Melbourne and Professor Daryl Le Grew, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Tasmania welcomed delegates.

In launching the Symposium Mr Irving outlined the importance of relations between Australia and the U.S. plus the strong maritime links, pointing out that "... in many ways, the Australian-American friendship was actually founded by maritime relations," he said.

"American seafarers are quite familiar with this part of the world and have a long history in Australian waters. In fact, my own Consulate in Melbourne and including Tasmania was established more than 154 years ago to provide consular assistance to American sailors and merchant marines," continued Mr Irving.

"The Australian-American Fulbright Commission is a living example of our ongoing partnership. With quiet individual diplomacy and friendship, Fulbright Scholars further both Australia's and America's interests. Tasmania is setting the bar high by developing the first ever state award with its commitment to the Tasmanian Fulbright Award and hosting the 2006 Fulbright Symposium," said Mr Irving.

Program and abstracts - [www.utas.edu.au/government/Fulbright2006/index.html](http://www.utas.edu.au/government/Fulbright2006/index.html)

The 2007 Symposium is being hosted by the University of Western Australia on *Muslim Citizens in the West: Promoting Social Inclusion* 8-10 August, 2007.

## U.S. educators explore Australia

For the second consecutive year, Australia hosted a Fulbright-Hays Seminar Abroad Program in June and July. Titled *Australia – an ancient, delicate and unique environment*, the seminar focussed on the environmental history of Australia in a cultural and social context.

Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, this program provides short-term study and travel seminars for U.S. educators to improve their understanding and knowledge of other countries. The individual awards include a round-trip airfare, room and board, tuition, and program-related travel within Australia.

Participants develop a curriculum project to integrate their experience into their U.S. classrooms.

The 2006 seminar participants spent five weeks in various locations throughout Australia including Canberra, Alice Springs, Kakadu and the Great Barrier Reef, exploring how physical isolation has affected the Australian environment, Aboriginal society, and modern Australian society and culture.

More than just a tour, the seminar enabled participants to gain first hand experience of Australian culture through home stays, school visits in urban and rural areas, and time with local aboriginal communities. The program also allowed participants to fulfil their own research agendas and areas of interest.

While Uluru and Kakadu were undoubtedly highlights of the tour, participants generally found a lot to be impressed about:

*"A highlight to me was seeing the depth and variety of the environment of Australia. The experience was extremely enlightening and beneficial. It will impact my students and my teaching for the rest of my teaching career."*

**Cindy Jessup**

*"The opportunity to touch and experience the weather, the forests, deserts, reefs, tropics, the birds and animals, to see the stars, sunrise and sunset at Uluru, to see and experience Aboriginal art and culture and some understanding of this unique culture."*

**Joann Trygestad**

*"The inner country of Australia is beautiful and definitely unique ... Uluru and Kata Tjuta is truly unique to Australia and shows how old the continent is."*

**Bridget Federspiel**

*"It was, and I am sure will always be, one of the highlights of my teaching career! You have elevated and celebrated us as teachers and truly honoured our profession. I will never be able to adequately thank you for giving me this incredible gift of a lifetime."*

**Vicki O'Neal**

Participants' projects are available on the Fulbright website: [www.fulbright.com.au](http://www.fulbright.com.au)



2006 Fulbright-Hays participants at Uluru on 4<sup>th</sup> July.

# Fulbright ANU Distinguished Chair



Professor Kenneth Mayer, 2006 Fulbright ANU Distinguished Chair.

Professor Kenneth Mayer from the University of Wisconsin is the inaugural Fulbright Australian National University (ANU) Distinguished Chair in American Political Science. This new Fulbright Award is a result of cooperation between the Australian National University, the U.S. Department of State and the Australian-American Fulbright Commission.

The aim of the award is to bring a noted U.S. Scholar in political science to Australia each year to undertake research, build collaborative links and share their knowledge through a range of speaking events around Australia. The intention is to increase awareness of the study of American politics and government in Australia and promote collaborative and comparative research in political science between the two countries.

There are currently only 31 Fulbright Distinguished Chair positions in the world, with this position being the first offered in Australia and the East Asia Pacific Region. ANU is hosting the Chair for the first five years after which it will be open to other Australian universities.

Professor Mayer, a leading American political scientist with a background in campaign finance, legislative behaviour and executive power, won the 2002 Neustadt Award from the American Political Science Association for his book *With the Stroke of a Pen: Executive Orders and Presidential Power*. A Yale University

graduate, Professor Mayer is also a member of the Editorial Board of the *American Political Science Review* and has won a number of outstanding teaching awards at the University of Wisconsin.

A highlight of the appointment has been a national speaking tour with Professor Mayer visiting major Australian universities and giving public lectures and seminars in Hobart, Adelaide, Perth, Brisbane, Melbourne, Canberra and Sydney during September and October. Professor Mayer focussed on two major topics for the tour – Electoral Integrity and Executive Power – both drawing strong comparisons and differences between the Australian and U.S. systems.

While in the position Professor Mayer is also undertaking research on two specific collaborative programs which take advantage of similarities between Australia and the U.S. One is a comparative study of election financing and the other, a longer-term study that will compare executive leadership by presidents and prime ministers.

“My projects have the potential to foster long-term, ongoing collaboration between American and Australian political scientists,” explained Professor Mayer.

“They raise issues central to democratic representation and government accountability,” he said.

The Fulbright ANU Distinguished Chair is affiliated with the School of Social Sciences in the ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences which supports a strong American studies program, offering undergraduate courses in American politics and government, American political history, American political thought, and an internship program in the U.S. Congress.

ANU Vice-Chancellor Professor Ian Chubb said the appointment was testament to the role ANU plays on the world stage.

“This new Fulbright award fulfils all of the intentions for international understanding formulated 60 years ago by Senator Fulbright,” Professor Chubb said.

To honour and welcome Professor Mayer to the University, the Vice-Chancellor hosted a lunch which was also attended by the Ambassador, Robert McCallum, and representatives of the ANU faculty - many of whom are also Fulbright alumni.

## Topics of Professor Mayer's presentations have included:

### *The Integrity of American Elections*

The 2000 presidential election is widely considered an administrative disaster. It prompted major reforms and new laws on voter registration, voting technology and election administration. This talk focused on the history of the U.S. election system (including its adoption of the Australian ballot), its challenges and its recent reforms.

### *Who runs the Country? - Executive Power in U.S. and Australian Government*

Where does the executive power come from? How is excessive use of this power checked? What can Australia and the United States learn from each other?

This talk discussed the development of presidential power in the U.S., and addressed concerns that recent presidents and prime ministers have pushed too far.

See the Fulbright website for a link to Professor Mayer's papers:  
[www.fulbright.com.au](http://www.fulbright.com.au)



U.S. Ambassador to Australia, Robert McCallum, Jr.; Fulbright ANU Distinguished Chair, Professor Kenneth Mayer; and ANU Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ian Chubb AO.

# Professor Terence Tao – the Mozart of Maths

The media and maths fans clamoured to meet Professor Terence Tao in August at the 25th International Congress of Mathematicians in Madrid when he became one of the youngest, and the first Australian, to win the prestigious Fields Medal, the equivalent of the Nobel Prize in maths.

For a boy from Adelaide, who went to America on a Fulbright Scholarship at the tender age of 16, it has been a somewhat “surreal” year. Just one month after winning the Fields Medal, Terry also won a US\$500,000 MacArthur Fellow grant, awarded to talented individuals with exceptional creativity and promise for future important advances.

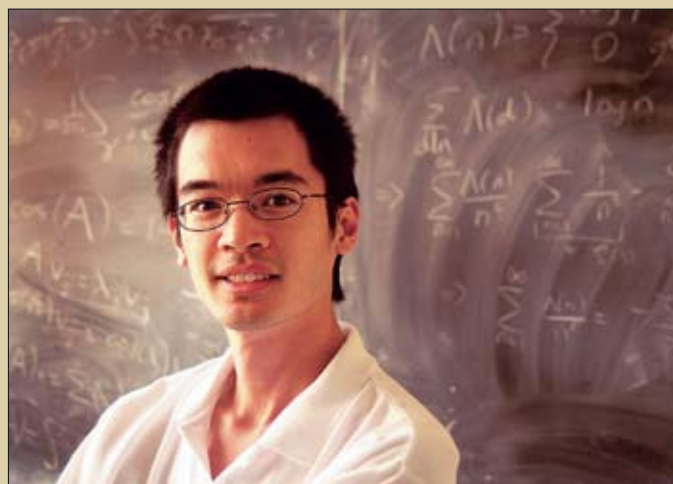
Gathering awards is not a new experience for Terry who won medals at the International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) at the ages of 10, 11, and again at 12. The average age of students at the Olympiads is 19! He was the second Australian ever to win a medal at the event and remains the youngest gold medallist in the tournament’s history.

In 1992 at just 16 years of age Terry – already with a Bachelor of Science Degree with First Class Honours and a University Medal from Flinders University under his belt – became the

youngest ever Australian Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar. Through his Fulbright Terry headed to Princeton University to complete a PhD in pure mathematics just four years later. He then took up a position at UCLA where he was appointed a full Professor in 2000 at the age of 25.

Now, at the age of just 31, Terry has achieved significant milestones in mathematical academe. He has published hundreds of articles, delivered numerous guest lectures, and also held various positions including as Assistant Professor and Visiting Fellow at universities in the U.S. and in Australia. So, it is not lightly that his peers have hailed Terence Tao as a mathematical genius, nor that his colleagues call him the “Mozart of Maths”.

An article in New Scientist writes of his ability: “Such is Tao’s reputation that mathematicians now compete to interest him in their problems, and he is becoming a kind of ‘Mr Fix-it’ for frustrated researchers. If you are stuck on a



Professor Terence Tao (Photo courtesy of UCLA).

problem, one way out is to interest Terence Tao.”

Following a flurry of international recognition and travel, including to Australia as guest speaker at the Australian Mathematical Society’s 50th Anniversary conference in Sydney, Terry is keen to use his notoriety to promote maths and maths education, to encourage other young people to get excited about this field. He is also looking forward to returning to the loves in his life – spending time with his wife and three year old son in Los Angeles and – maths: teaching and supervising students at UCLA, while researching new maths problems.

## Fulbright remembers



Author Colin Thiele (Photo courtesy of the Lutheran Church of Australia).

### Colin Thiele (1920 – 2006) – renowned Australian author passes away

Well remembered for his popular children’s books, especially *Storm Boy*, Colin Thiele was also a prolific writer of poetry and non-fiction books. What is less well-known is that Colin

was also a Fulbright scholar, receiving an award for Educational Development in 1958. Beyond his writing, Colin also had a successful teaching career eventually becoming the Principal of Wattle Park Teachers’ College in South Australia.

As well as *Storm Boy*, which was made into a popular film in the mid-1970s, Colin penned 100 books altogether including other popular children’s books such as *The Fire in the Stone*, *Magpie Island*, *The Sun on the Stubble*, and *The Hammerhead Light* – all set around the South Australian countryside and coastal areas where he lived.

He found time to write hundreds of ABC radio programs including plays, talks, verse and children’s features and also put together large non-fiction works such as a complete history of education in South Australia, and a massive biography on the painter Hans Heysen.

Colin received much recognition for his work including being made a Companion of the Order of Australia for his services to literature and education in 1958 and an honorary doctorate from the University of South Australia in 1999. He also won dozens of literary prizes – the first

in 1944 as a 24-year old – including a Miles Franklin Award and several Children’s Book of the Year awards.

Colin was generally considered a nice guy, cheerful and full of fun, who “never lost his temper” and an inspiration to those he taught. His own biography was written in 2004 by Stephany Steggal who said his work would live on. There can be no argument there.

### We also remember:

**Professor John Duffie** (1925 - 2006) U.S. Senior Scholar 1964 and 1976, Solar Engineering

**Professor Milton Sims** (1927-2006) Australian Postgraduate Scholar 1960, Dentistry

**Professor Renfrey Potts** (1925-2005) Australian Senior Scholar 1954, Applied Mathematics

**Bob Swanson** (1915-2006) U.S. Postgraduate Scholar 1954, Political Science

**Emeritus Professor Clifton Ellyett** (1915-2006) Australian Senior Scholar 1975, Physics

## In the news



**Geraldine Chin**

**Australian Postgraduate Scholar 2001 (Harvard)**

Geraldine Chin received the Panasonic Young Women's Award in the 2006 Telstra NSW Business Awards in September in recognition of her achievements in business at the ASX and Mallesons Stephen Jaques. As a member of the Group Executive Committee at the ASX in her role of General Manager of People and Development, she was involved in driving cultural change at the ASX and developing programs to lift staff engagement. A lawyer by training, Geraldine has implemented new performance and reward programs, developed an employment value proposition and implemented restructuring of the ASX following the merger with the Sydney Futures Exchange. Geraldine is Chair of the NSW Fulbright Alumni Chapter.

**Stuart Dempster**

**U.S. Senior Scholar 1973 (Uni of Melb)**

In October, musicians paid tribute to respected trombonist and experimental music man Stuart Dempster in honour of his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday at a gala event in Seattle - Dempster Diving: A Sonic Extravaganza. They came to celebrate a musical experimenter who for nearly four decades has combined seriousness and fun to produce unique and new sounds. Stuart studied the didgeridoo in Australia with native players on a Fulbright scholarship and was responsible for popularising the instrument in the U.S.

**Joy McEntee**

**Fulbright American Studies Institute 2003**

In July Joy McEntee won a Carrick Institute Citation for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning. The citation is for "... modelling an infectious enthusiasm for learning and teaching as stimulating and emotionally rewarding experiences, inspiring both learners and teachers over a 10-year period". The 'Carrick Citations' are granted to people who have made a significant contribution to the quality of student learning in a specific area of responsibility over a sustained period.

## MUHAMMAD YUNUS

Bangladeshi economist Muhammad Yunus, an alumnus of the Fulbright Program, won the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize, sharing the honour with the Grameen Bank which he developed in 1976 to help people in desperate poverty break their vicious cycle and achieve independence.

As founder of the Grameen Movement, Professor Muhammad Yunus is a revolutionary. His ideas couple capitalism with social responsibility and have changed the face of rural economic and social development forever.

Professor Yunus is responsible for many innovative programs benefiting the rural poor. In 1974, he pioneered the idea of Gram Sarker (village government) as a form of local government based on the participation of rural people. This concept proved successful and was adopted by the Bangladeshi government in 1980. In 1978, he received the President's award for Tebhaga Khamar (a system of cooperative three-share farming), which the Bangladeshi government adopted as the Packaged Input Program in 1977.

A Fulbright Scholar at Vanderbilt University, Professor Yunus received his PhD in Economics in 1969. Later that year, he became an assistant professor of Economics at Middle Tennessee State University, before returning to Bangladesh where he joined the Economics Department at Chittagong University.

Yunus has also served on many committees and commissions dealing with education, population, health, disaster prevention, banking, and development programs.

From the Grameen website:

[www.grameen-info.org/index.html](http://www.grameen-info.org/index.html)



**Professor Graham Oppy**

**Australian Postgraduate Scholar 1987 (Princeton)**

Professor Oppy published a book in September *Arguing about Gods* (Cambridge University Press 2006) where he examines contemporary arguments for and against the existence of God. In the book he concludes that none of these arguments are persuasive enough to change the minds of those participants on the question of the existence of God. The book follows on from his earlier publication *Philosophical Perspectives on Infinity* (Cambridge University Press 2006) in which he explores philosophical questions about infinity. Graham completed his PhD at Princeton in 1990 on *Attitude Problems: Semantics for Propositional Attitude Ascriptions*.

**Professor Louise Ryan**

**Australian Postgraduate Scholar 1979 (Harvard)**

Professor Louise Ryan has taken up the Chairmanship of the Department of Biostatistics at the Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH). Professor Ryan, who holds a PhD in statistics from Harvard University, joined the HSPH faculty in 1985. Her research focuses on statistical methods related to environmental risk assessment for cancer, developmental, and reproductive outcomes.

**Aleksandr Tsiboulski**

**Australian Postgraduate Scholar 2005 (UT, Austin)**

Not only did Aleksandr Tsiboulski win first prize in the D'Addario Classical Guitar Competition in July in New Milford, Connecticut, but he also won first prize in the St Joseph International Guitar Competition in Missouri in May and 3rd prize in the GFA International Convention competition. Aleksandr is a recipient of the Fulbright Postgraduate Award in Visual and Performing Arts sponsored by Anthony Joseph Pratt. He is currently undertaking a Masters of Music at the University of Texas, Austin. Aleksandr also gave a guitar performance at a Fulbright reception in New York in October to welcome Australian Fulbright Scholars to the U.S.

**Dr John Turner**

**Australian Postdoctoral Scholar 1982 (Caltech)**

Dr John Turner has taken up a position at Statewide Superannuation Trust, establishing a fund for commercialising technologies in partnership with research organisations such as universities. Until recently he was CEO of Flinders Technologies Pty Ltd a joint venture between Flinders University in South Australia and a venture capital company. This position, combined with Dr Turner's experience as a Fulbright scholar at the California Institute of Technology, led him to the realisation that Australia needed to create national wealth from research. This new position will allow him to lead the development of commercially relevant research.

# Fulbright: The Man, The Mission & The Message

This 60-minute DVD biography about Senator Fulbright and his work was produced for the J. William and Harriet Fulbright Centre. It uses footage and interviews with the Senator and other leading political figures in the U.S. to explore Fulbright's work on international affairs.

Narrated by Garrick Utley, it is a wonderful record of Senator Fulbright's life and the context for the Fulbright Program. (Garrick is an American TV journalist and was the anchor of *NBC Nightly News* in the 1980's).

Senator J William Fulbright was a man whose political and intellectual influence helped define the United Nations, establish the Fulbright Program, and shape U.S. foreign policy. Fulbright received numerous awards for his efforts on behalf of education and international understanding. His legacy lives on today in more than 150 countries where the Fulbright program allows scholars to broaden their knowledge while also promoting a better understanding of the world.

The DVD is available for \$US25 including postage. For purchase details visit the Fulbright website: [www.fulbright.com.au](http://www.fulbright.com.au)



## Events and Dates for 2007

### March / April

State Receptions will be held in March and April to recognise the 2007 Australian Fulbright Scholars in each state. More details in the next edition of *The Fulbrighter*.

### May

Thursday 24th May, Brisbane  
Fulbright National Awards Dinner  
Customs House, hosted by University of Queensland  
Mark this date in your diary!

### August

Wednesday 8th August - Friday 10 August  
Fulbright Symposium  
University of Western Australia  
Topic: Muslim Citizens in the West: Promoting Social Inclusion  
More details in the next edition of *The Fulbrighter*.

The Fulbrighter is the newsletter of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission. Contributions and comments are welcome. For more information or to make a contribution or suggestion, please contact:

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