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Prime Minister, the Hon. Kevin Rudd MP, with the U.S. Scholars, at Parliament House. Photo: Howard Moffat, Auspic, courtesy of the Prime Minister's office.

U.S. Fulbright Scholars meet Prime Minister and Ambassador

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A meeting with the Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon. Kevin Rudd MP, and tea with the U.S. Ambassador, Robert McCallum, at the U.S. Embassy, were highlights of the Enrichment Program, held in September this year to welcome the U.S. Scholars to Australia.

Twenty-one U.S. Scholars came to Canberra to attend the annual program hosted by the Fulbright Commission. A mix of newly arrived 2008 Scholars, and late arrivals from 2007 attended.

The Enrichment Program gives the Scholars an introduction to Canberra and Australia, outlines the opportunities and responsibilities of a Fulbright Scholar, and allows them to meet each other and other members of the Fulbright community.

Ambassador McCallum and Mrs Mimi McCallum hosted the Scholars to tea on the first day at the Embassy residence. The Ambassador welcomed the Scholars to Australia and presented them with their Fulbright pins.

The next day featured briefings about the Fulbright experience, administrative necessities, working with the media, the Alumni Association, Scholars' responsibilities and U.S. Embassy support.

A visit to Parliament House followed, to see Question Time in action and meet the Prime Minister. Mr Rudd welcomed the Scholars to Australia and spoke very warmly of the relationship between Australia and the U.S. and the significance of the Fulbright Program.

The annual Enrichment Dinner was held at Old Parliament House, hosted by the Commission and the Australian Fulbright Alumni Association. It introduced Scholars to government representatives, Fulbright Alumni, Fulbright staff and Selection Committee members and gave them the opportunity to share and celebrate their success.

William Rothwell, 2008 U.S. Postgraduate Scholar, said that he found the seminar was both a memorable and an invaluable experience.

"It was a pleasure to meet the other Scholars and discuss the breadth of topics our research encompasses at very different locations around the continent. I very much appreciated the advice we received about how to adjust to Australian life and to make the most of our resources here," William said.



ED's Update

It was a pleasure to work with our newly established U.S. Alumni Chapters on a range of events across America during October.

We look forward to connecting U.S. Alumni with the Australian Consulates and Embassy to keep them informed of Australian events throughout the United States. Australian Scholars have also appreciated being personally welcomed to America and university campuses by Fulbright Alumni.

Our thanks to UC Davis and Purdue University for hosting our Fulbright Seminars and weekends at their beautiful campuses. My thanks also to Australian Consuls, the Hon. John Olsen AO (New York) and Elizabeth Schick (Chicago), Australian

Deputy Chief of Mission, David Stuart, and Mrs Harriet Fulbright for welcoming the Australian Scholars at receptions and dinners.

I am pleased to confirm that the governments of South Australia and New South Wales have matched the local universities' contributions in establishing a Fulbright Scholarship in perpetuity for each state. Local receptions will be held early next year to celebrate these initiatives and call for applications from 2010 onwards. The Commission will be working with local Alumni and companies to raise further contributions towards these scholarships.

In August U.S. Ambassador McCallum launched an appeal to U.S. companies in Australia to establish a Fulbright U.S. Visual & Performing Arts Scholarship to Australia. While we could have picked a better time to launch this appeal, we are grateful for the donations that have been received and we will work to establish this scholarship and fund over the next few years.

I am very excited to report that La Trobe University in partnership with the Fulbright Commission and the National Library has been granted an Australian Research Council (ARC) Linkage Grant to undertake a study of the Fulbright Program and its impact on the cultural and intellectual relationship between Australia and the United States over the past 60 years. Details of the study and its engagement with Alumni will be shared in early 2009.

Our thanks to Leanne Edmonds, who is leaving the Commission to move to Adelaide in December. Leanne's enthusiastic perspective and hard work have greatly contributed to the Commission and our administrative systems and we wish her well.

On the note of departures, as many of you know, I will be stepping down from the position of Executive Director in December and moving on to other challenges, as yet unknown. It has been my privilege and a pleasure to serve the Fulbright Commission in this position over the past nine years.

I am very proud of the Commission and Program I leave behind that has grown in strength and reputation over the past years. It is hard now to imagine a Fulbright Program that does not include Fulbright Dinners or Enrichment Programs; US events and activities; or state scholarships.

I look forward to hearing of the 60th anniversary celebrations over the next two years that recognise the unique and rich history of the program, while continuing to take the program forward as a key symbol of Australian – U.S. relations.

My sincere thanks to all the Board members, staff, Alumni, Scholars, sponsors, and selection committees that have worked hard and provided such wonderful support to the program during my term. It has been a pleasure working with you.

Farewell and best wishes
Mark Darby Executive Director

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William said that he is positive that the connections he made with the current Scholars and with other Fulbright Alumni at the Enrichment Dinner will enhance both his professional and personal experiences in Australia.

"The highlight of the program, however, was our visit to Parliament House. To see how the Australian Government runs during our visit to Question Time and to have the honour of meeting Kevin Rudd and hear him speak so highly about the Fulbright program and the relationship between our countries is an experience I will never forget," William said.

Maggie O'Haire, a 2008 Postgraduate Scholar at the University of Queensland, agreed that the program had been a highlight of her Fulbright experience so far.

"I have never been amongst so many passionate and intelligent people in one room. I learned a great deal from their experiences, and felt honoured to share mine with them," Maggie said.



LEFT Ambassador McCallum welcomes Scholars and guests to the Enrichment Dinner.
RIGHT Alumni Association members, Kerrie Burmeister, Deborah May and Amelia Simpson at the dinner.



"The most important thing I took away from the program, though, is that I am not alone. I am now a part of the Fulbright community or, more aptly, a part of the Fulbright family."

Abigail Sebaly, also a 2008 Postgraduate Scholar, agreed that the program was invaluable.

"Because much of a Fulbright Scholar's project preparation happens remotely, through countless emails, conferences

calls and overseas mailings, the Enrichment Seminar is a vital opportunity to finally meet fellow Scholars and those at the Australian Fulbright Commission."

"I came away from the program reminded that the Fulbright mission is not only about excelling within one's individual specialisation, but also about making meaningful connections with other people from diverse disciplines."

Australian-American Fulbright events in the U.S.



Australian Scholars with Elizabeth Schick, Australian Consul General to Chicago.

The Australian-American Fulbright Commission teamed up with Australian Education International to hold a series of presentations, seminars, tours and dinners across the U.S. in October for Fulbright Scholars, Alumni, and faculty members and students of University of California, Davis and Purdue University.

The events were held to celebrate and share research and educational networks between Australia and the United States, as well as to welcome the 2008 Fulbright Australian Scholars. They also gave current Scholars and Fulbright Alumni the opportunity to meet and catch up with each other.

UC Davis, located near Sacramento, is one of the top ranked public universities in the United States. With more than 30,000 students, it has a long history of research collaboration with Australia in fields such as agriculture, environmental and veterinary science. The university is hosting this year's Fulbright Western Australia Scholar, Tony Robinson, who is studying viticulture and oenology.

Fulbright Commission Executive Director Mark Darby and Australian Education International Education Counsellor John Hayton met with the UC Davis Chancellor, Larry Vanderhoef, and gave presentations to faculty and students. Fulbright Scholars and Alumni also shared research and personal stories, many of them having developed long-term links between Australia and the U.S.

Highlights of the UC Davis weekend were the tours of the Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science, the UC Davis Arboretum, and the Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts.

The Australian Scholars were also welcomed on the east coast at a reception in New York City hosted by the Australian Consul General, the Hon. John Olsen AO and Mrs Julie Olsen, and at a dinner in Washington DC with Mrs Harriet Fulbright and the Deputy Chief of the Australian Embassy, David Stuart.

Discussions were also held in New York and Washington, exploring ways in which the 60th anniversary of the Fulbright Program in Australia might be celebrated in the United States during 2009 / 2010.

The U.S. events wound up in Indiana at the University of Purdue. One of the big ten universities in the Midwest, Purdue is home to around 40,000 students and is known for its agricultural science and engineering, amongst other fields.

The program involved a luncheon with staff hosted by Provost Woodson; presentations to faculty and students; a seminar with Scholars and Alumni; and a dinner with guest speaker Elizabeth Schick, Australian Consul General to Chicago.

Scholars and alumni were also treated to a personal tour of the Purdue Discovery Park, a unique facility on campus that seeks to bring together multidisciplinary research and commercialisation. Current multidisciplinary centres are established in the fields of nanotechnology, biosciences and entrepreneurship.

Impressions from attendees:

"It was an inspiring two days at the University of California, Davis where we shared our experiences as Fulbright Scholars. I was struck by the lasting impact the program has had on individuals' lives. Research collaborations were established and maintained, business connections were made, and friendships were formed.

The Fulbright experience clearly changes lives and I am extremely grateful to have been given the chance to participate."

Pam Cook, U.S. Postgraduate 1977, Co-Chair Australian Fulbright Alumni Association West Coast Chapter

"The Australian-American Fulbright Midwest seminar, held at Purdue University, Indiana during mid-October 2008, was an eclectic, enjoyable and thoroughly interesting event.

The striking thing to me, was the sheer diversity of research interests of the Fulbright Scholars present. There was everything from the science of winemaking to the emergency response management during Hurricane Ike. It was also fascinating to hear how the Fulbright experience had affected the lives of the other Alumni and to compare this with my experiences of being in the U.S. for four years. It gave us a great opportunity to compare the quirks and idiosyncrasies of both American and Australian societies. Overall I felt the session was an important and interesting one, and it reiterated to me the importance of the Fulbright Program.

The day concluded with a dinner with the Australian Consul General to Chicago, Mrs Elizabeth Schick. The dinner was a great opportunity to talk to the other Fulbright Scholars in a less formal context, to form connections and to network. I'm sure the connections and contacts that I made during the day will be fruitful and long-lasting."

Jock McOrist, Australian Postgraduate 2004



Tour of U.C. Davis Arboretum.

Alumni Initiative Grant winners

Professor Grant Garven from Tufts University, Boston; Professor Sharon McKinley from University of Technology, Sydney; and Dr Lincoln Turner from Monash University, Melbourne are the 2008 winners of the Alumni Initiative Grant.

Alumni Initiative Grants assist Fulbright Alumni to continue collaboration and build on relationships with institutions that were initiated during their Fulbright Scholarships.



Professor Grant Garven



Professor Sharon McKinley – Photo: University of Technology, Sydney



Dr Lincoln Turner – Photo: Steve Morton, Monash University

Professor Grant Garven

Professor Grant Garven (United States, Senior Scholar, 1998) recently travelled from Tufts University near Boston, Massachusetts to the University of Tasmania's ARC Centre of Excellence in Ore Deposits (CODES) to continue collaborative research initiated during his work with Professor Ross Large at CODES.

During the visit to the University of Tasmania, Grant managed to meet and discuss additional new collaborations on structural geology with Professor Stephen Cox (ANU) and on marine/environmental geology with Professor John Cann (University of South Australia).

An expert on deep groundwater flow in the earth's crust, Grant's research focus is on using mathematical models that simulate processes of subsurface fluid flow, heat transport, and chemical reactions in porous and fractured rocks.

The trip also gave Grant the opportunity to assess some of the new data collected by researchers at CODES on the geology and chemistry of gold mineralisation in the Bendigo-Ballarat area of Victoria.

The hydrothermal mineralisation in this area is controlled by the severe folding and cracking of the rock, and joint research is underway at both Tufts and CODES now to build mathematical models to understand these processes and conduct numerical experiments for hypothesis testing.

Professor Sharon McKinley

Professor Sharon McKinley (Australian Senior Scholar, 1998), the Professor of Critical Care Nursing in the Faculty of Nursing, Midwifery and Health at the University of Technology, Sydney, will use her grant to return to the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). She plans to enhance the linkages between UTS and UCSF, through joint research and publications, while also increasing opportunities for nursing PhD scholars to gain research training.

Professor McKinley's project will look at strategies to promote early presentation for treatment of heart attacks and will be used to prepare a proposal to the National Institutes of Health for an international multicentre clinical trial that includes study sites in the U.S. and Australia.

Dr Lincoln Turner

Dr Turner (Australian Postdoctoral Scholar, 2005) will use his grant to travel to Washington DC next year to work with Professor Chris Lobb of the University of Maryland and Dr Trey Porto of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). The trip will provide the opportunity for the three researchers to develop collaborative work on magnetic microscopes.

Lincoln says that the assistance of his U.S. collaborators will be vital. Professor Lobb is a world expert on scanning magnetic microscopy, and Dr Porto is similarly expert on the interaction of light and cold atoms.

"You couldn't find two collaborators better suited to the project," Lincoln said. "I'm really looking forward to returning to NIST and UMD in May, catching up with results in the labs and starting work on our joint project. The Alumni Initiative Grant makes it possible to get this exciting collaboration underway."

Applications for the 2009 Alumni Initiative Grant(s) open on 2 February 2009 – details will be available from <http://fulbright.com.au/fulbright-alumni/Alumni-Initiative-grant.html>

Fulbright Alumnus wins SA Engineering Award

Brad Ferguson (Australian Postgraduate Scholar, 2001) has won the 2008 South Australian Young Professional Engineer award. The award is part of the South Australian Engineering Excellence Awards, presented annually to individual South Australian engineers of outstanding achievement by Engineers Australia. Brad is currently the Technical Lead on the Air Warfare Destroyer project with Raytheon Australia Pty Ltd.

New Fellowship for Fulbright Alumni

As announced at the latest Fulbright Association's Global Fulbright Alumni Conference in Beijing, the University of Texas at Austin LBJ School of Public Affairs has created a new fellowship for Fulbright Alumni. People who are admitted to the Master of Global Policy Studies (MGPS), the school's newest degree, are eligible to apply. The fellowship will cover tuition and fees for all four semesters of the degree program.

For more information please visit www.utexas.edu/lbj/fellowships/fulbright.php

Nobel Prizes for two international Alumni

Two Fulbright Alumni, Dr Osamu Shimomura of Japan and Mr Jean-Marie Le Clezio of France, received Nobel Prizes this year.

Dr Shimomura (Fulbright Scholar 1960, to Princeton) was awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry. Mr Le Clezio (Fulbright Scholar 1979, to University of California – Santa Cruz) received the Nobel Prize in Literature.

The awards bring the total of Fulbright Alumni to receive Nobel Prizes to 39.

Symposium promotes health for all



LEFT Minister for Health and Ageing, the Hon. Nicola Roxon MP gives the keynote speech – Photo: courtesy of @PRODUCTION
RIGHT Symposium speakers Carmen Lawrence, Peter Mares, Michael Marmot, David Satcher, Pat Anderson, David Korten

How different sectors of society can work together to improve the health and wellbeing of all members of the community, especially for Indigenous communities, was the focus of this year's Fulbright Symposium.

Flinders University and the Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health jointly hosted the 2008 Fulbright Symposium, *Healthy People, Prosperous Country*, at the National Wine Centre in Adelaide on 10-11 July 2008.

The Symposium asked: *"In a rapidly changing world, how can we make a difference?"*

It set out to:

- >> Show how concerted action across sectors can promote health and wellbeing, and social, ecological and economic prosperity;
- >> Provide examples of success stories from Australia and the USA, including successes in Indigenous communities;
- >> Deepen understanding of the underlying causes of health and ill health, and how inequities act as a barrier to health and wellbeing; and
- >> Provide ideas and strategies to help participants to act to bring about change locally.

The Symposium drew around 220 people, who came from a wide range of fields to work together on the issues. Participants included policy makers, academics, community members and professional health experts,

Emerging Leaders Program

One of the features of the Symposium was an emerging leaders program, which aimed to give added inspiration and motivation to future leaders.

One of the thirty participants, Katherine Biedrzycki, said that her experience with the Fulbright Emerging Leaders Program was motivating and thought provoking.

"The opportunity to discuss and build upon the main Symposium sessions, through meeting like-minded and enthusiastic colleagues, and by working with more experienced facilitators and public health leaders, was a rare opportunity. The group engaged in lively debate around relevant issues and considered what it means to be emerging leaders!"

"The main benefit of being involved with the program was being given a forum to work with other young professionals, from a range of disciplines, who I would not normally have the opportunity to work closely with. I felt enthused about my future in public health and took away some new directions and ideas to work on as an individual and in ongoing collaboration with the program participants."

who came from the United Kingdom and the United States as well as Australia.

Minister for Health and Ageing, the Hon. Nicola Roxon MP gave the opening address, re-affirming the Government's commitment to addressing Indigenous health issues by announcing the formation of a National Indigenous Health Equality Council that will focus on improving Indigenous health. In particular, the council will look for ways "to close the terrible 17 year life-expectancy gap" between Indigenous and other Australians.

Presentations at the symposium focused on how action could be achieved in terms of health and wellbeing, equity, social inclusion, creating prosperous societies, Indigenous health and what happens in emergency situations. Success stories of where change had been achieved were also featured.

Key speakers included: Professor Sir Michael Marmot, Director, International Institute for Society and Health and MRC Research Professor of Epidemiology and Public Health, University College London; Dr David Korten, from People Centred Development Forum, in the U.S; Professor Sue Richardson from the National Institute for Labour Studies, Flinders University; Professor Dennis Foley, University of Newcastle; Dr Carmen Lawrence, Professorial Fellow, University of Western Australia and former Premier of Western Australia; Professor Jennie Popay, Professor of Sociology and Public Health, Institute for Health Research, Lancaster University; and Dr David Satcher, Director, Center of Excellence on Health Disparities, Morehouse School of Medicine, Atlanta, Georgia and the 16th Surgeon General of the USA.

The Symposium also included a panel discussion recorded live by ABC Radio National and moderated by Peter Meres on "Health, Hope & Happiness: Creating Prosperous Societies", which was broadcast in August.

The event was sponsored by the Australian-American Fulbright Commission, Flinders University, the Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health, the Australian Government, Department of Health and Ageing, and the Government of South Australia, SA Health.

Fulbright Symposium

The aim of the annual Fulbright Symposium, 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.

Hosting rights for the annual symposium are awarded by the Australian-American Fulbright Commission following a national competition.

FURTHER INFORMATION www.fulbright.com.au/events/fulbright_symposium.htm

Chloe Hooper: an author's journey



Postgraduate alumni (WG Walker) Scholarship 1997 from the University of Melbourne to Columbia University

Receiving a Fulbright Scholarship changed the course of my life: I went to New York in July 1997 and entered the Masters of Fine Arts program in Writing at Columbia University.

For a 23-year-old aspiring writer it was an amazing experience living in a city with such a rich literary history and culture. I was working on a novel, which was also to be

my Master's thesis, and doing coursework largely in American literature. Growing up in Australia, I hadn't been exposed to the American canon and now I was reading widely not only fiction and poetry, but also narrative nonfiction.

Looking back, this had a profound effect on me. Students had the option of taking classes in other departments and I began taking classes in nonfiction writing at Columbia's famous Journalism School. Here I read reportage and other journalistic work that really stunned me with its creativity, intelligence and relevance. In the United States there are such wonderful venues for nonfiction writing such as *Harpers*, *The Atlantic* and *The New Yorker* (where I worked as an intern in the fiction department during the Monica Lewinsky scandal, which gave the job a bad name or certain cachet depending on your point of view...)

I graduated in March 2001 and the following year my first novel, *A Child's Book of True Crime*, was published internationally.

When I returned to Australia it seemed to me there were amazing stories about this country that people weren't telling with

the originality and energy of their U.S. counterparts. I wanted to take what I had learnt in the United States and apply it to writing about issues and events that would tell us what kind of country Australia is in the early twenty-first century.

In early 2005 I happened to meet the Brisbane criminal lawyer, Andrew Boe. He was representing the Aboriginal community of Palm Island in the inquest into the death in custody of a local man called Cameron Doomadgee.

On 19 November 2004, Doomadgee had been arrested for swearing at a white policeman, Senior Sergeant Hurley, and was dead within 40 minutes with injuries as if he'd been in a plane crash.

The story got under my skin: I wanted to know what had happened, and I followed the inquest and subsequent manslaughter trial of Senior Sergeant Hurley which I detail in *The Tall Man: Death and Life on Palm Island*.

The book came out in Australia in July. It will be published in the United States in April 2009, and one of the unpredictable circles of life will be briefly completed.

Taking care of your heart



Dr Steven Pantilat, 2007 U.S. Senior Scholar, UCSF School of Medicine to The University of Sydney

My goal was to learn about how palliative care was organized and practiced in Australia and to establish a research project to assess the palliative care needs of people with heart failure.

Palliative care is a more established and integrated field in Australia than in the U.S. and I thought I could learn a great deal about how best to organize and deliver palliative care in the U.S. from seeing how things are done in Australia.

It was a revelation to see how the integrated systems in Australia served patients in the ideal way by providing necessary services

when and where the patient needed it, not based on location, institution, insurance, or ability to pay.

It was also interesting to see that palliative care was provided to patients regardless of prognosis and that many patients continued to receive curative care while receiving palliative care, a situation that is uncommon in the U.S. but is the ideal for patients.

I worked closely with Paul Glare, MD at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. Along with visits to several other palliative care services across Australia and attendance at several professional meetings, I gained a thorough understanding of the overall healthcare system in Australia and achieved my goal of learning about how palliative care is organized and provided.

I also worked closely with Trish Davidson, PhD to develop a palliative care research project at St. Vincent's Hospital in Sydney. We are currently completing the ethics application for this project and hope to begin enrolling patients this year.

I wrote several book chapters, including one on treatment of shortness of breath for people with lung disease that was a direct result of my Fulbright Scholarship. The chapter was published in a journal edited by Dr. David Currow, a colleague I met in Australia and the Director of

Cancer Australia. I also prepared several manuscripts and am in the process of completing these and submitting them for publication, including one on my experiences in Australia and the lessons I learned about palliative care there.

My Fulbright experience opened my eyes to the value and richness of international work in palliative care. I saw extremely high quality clinical care and research in Australia and beyond and was able to meet with colleagues from Australia and the world, who are doing very creative, innovative, and important work in palliative care.

I have been home nearly four months and have settled back into work and life in San Francisco but my time in Australia and my experience as a Fulbright Scholar still resonate deeply. I am continually reflecting about what I learned about how palliative care is organized in Australia and what I can do to extend that model to the U.S.

I find myself thinking a great deal about Australia—the wonderful, outgoing colleagues and friends I made; the magnificent beaches and wildlife; and the more relaxed lifestyle. I have taken a part of Australia home with me and know that my Fulbright experience will forever influence my life and work.

Preparing for hurricanes and other emergencies



Chris Ainsworth from Adelaide is currently in the U.S. on a Fulbright Professional Vocational Education and Training Scholarship, sponsored by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, studying emergency management.

He was in Dallas between early July and October and is now in the City of Austin.

Chris reported from Dallas, where he has been in the thick of planning for emergency management around two hurricanes, Gustav and Ike:

“My Fulbright experience started in July and quickly provided a small insight into large scale disaster management when Hurricane Gustav made landfall on September 1st along the Louisiana coast. The City of Dallas responded to the call to shelter 1600 Louisiana evacuees in two shelters. The 24/7 shelter operation lasted six long days and tested the resourcefulness of the City to respond to such events. Gustav damage estimates exceeded \$15 billion.

No sooner was the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) cleaned up after Gustav when preparations commenced for the impact of Hurricane Ike onto the Texas coast. The magnitude of Ike was impressive, with tropical force winds extending 445 km and hurricane winds extending 180 km from the eye, making Ike the most massive Atlantic hurricane ever recorded and the second largest storm surge hurricane seen in the past 40 years. Though Ike made landfall on September 13th as a strong Category 2 hurricane, the storm surge was equivalent to a Category 4 hurricane.

Preparations for Ike commenced on September 8th some five days before the

expected landfall, and were massive by Australian standards.

Integrating into a tightly knit team of professionals is difficult at the best of times. When the OEM Director, Mr Kenny Shaw, allocated command positions, my skills, knowledge, expertise and training were put to the acid test. My training allowed me the opportunity to take on the role of Planning Section Chief of a Type 2 Incident Management Team for the shelter operations, which meant spending several days working on 12/7 shifts, in a facility that was located two floors underground.

The opportunity to work interactively with a team of highly skilled professionals is what I came to experience. Ike certainly provided that opportunity. Ike is the largest natural disaster in U.S. history. Damage is estimated at \$31.5 billion to the seaside communities, but the real cost of Ike is yet to be realised.

It is hard to believe that I have been here in Dallas for just fourteen weeks. I’m wondering what exciting weather this country has in store for me over the next few months.”



The Body Project in performance.

The Body Project

Leslie Jacobson, Senior Scholar 2007, visited Flinders University in Australia from February–July 2008. During her stay, she directed a theatre production called the Body Project, featuring acting students from the Flinders University Drama Centre.

The Body Project was written by Leslie Jacobson and her colleague Vanessa Thomas. The production explores notions of beauty and power in contemporary society. The students played a range of roles of different ages, ethnicities and dress sizes.

Leslie said that she made some minor alterations in the script, with input from the cast, to make it more relevant to Australian society.

“It was gratifying to see how strongly the play spoke to people from another culture and continent,” she said.

“The entire experience was enormously rewarding to me—the actors were extremely well-trained and disciplined; the faculty and staff at Flinders were supportive and helpful to me artistically, as well as practically; and audience response was gratifyingly positive.”

“Coming towards the end of my five months in Australia, it became a rich culmination of my Fulbright experience. After seeing the work of other writers and theatre artists, and making real connections with the arts and intellectual communities in Adelaide, I was able to share my own work with these new friends and colleagues.”



Laureate Professor Graham Goodwin - Photo: Newcastle Herald

International award for Fulbright Alumnus

An Australian Fulbright Alumnus, Laureate Professor Graham Goodwin, received the prestigious Quazza Medal in July this year.

The Quazza medal is only presented once every three years by the International Federation of Automatic Control (IFAC) and it is their highest technical award.

Laureate Professor Goodwin was a Fulbright Senior Scholar in Electrical Engineering in 1978 to Harvard University. His expertise is in the general area of control and automation of complex systems and he is recognised as one of the world’s top 100 engineers.

Laureate Professor Goodwin currently leads the University of Newcastle’s Australian Research Council (ARC) Centre for Excellence and Priority Research Centre for Complex Dynamic Systems and Control.

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2009 Fulbright Presentation Dinner

To congratulate and recognise the 2009 Australian Fulbright Scholars

TIME: 6.30pm, Thursday 12 March 2009

PLACE: Moorilla, Hobart, Tasmania

HOSTS: Moorilla and the University of Tasmania

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