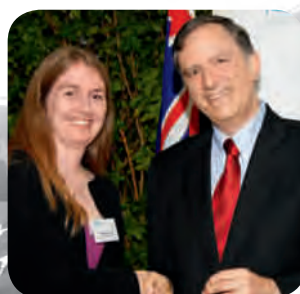


# 2010

## AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN FULBRIGHT COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING THROUGH EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE



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- 1) Fulbright 60th Anniversary Presentation Dinner at the National Gallery of Victoria, photo: Timothy Burgess
- 2) The Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon Julia Gillard and U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton at a press conference at Australia's first carbon neutral office building, the Pixel Building in Melbourne. Photo: Adam Wilson, courtesy of the U.S. Embassy
- 3) U.S. Consul General Dr Ken Chern presents a Fulbright Pin to Dr Giacinta Parish (Aus 1996 Scholar)

### BACK COVER PHOTOS:

- 1) The 2010 60th Anniversary Symposium was opened by the U.S. Ambassador to Australia, Jeffrey Bleich
- 2) Fulbright Commission Board Chair, Mr Tom Pascarella, with Ms Leslie Hyland and new Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of the United States of America, Mr Jason Hyland at the Enrichment Dinner to welcome the U.S. Fulbright Scholars. Photo: Travis Longmore, courtesy of U.S. Embassy.

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## Senator J. William Fulbright

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

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

In November 1944 he was elected to the U.S. Senate and served through to 1974, becoming one of the most influential and best-known members of the Senate. His legislation to establish the Fulbright Program, funded by war reparations and foreign loan repayments to the United States, was passed through the Senate without debate in 1946.

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

In 1963 Walter Lippman wrote of Fulbright: "The role he plays in Washington is an indispensable role. There is no one else who is so powerful and also so wise, and if there were any question of removing him from public life, it would be a national calamity."

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

Senator J. William Fulbright died on 9 February 1995 at the age of 89 at his home in Washington, D.C.

Since the establishment of the Fulbright Program in 1946, more than 300,000 talented people worldwide have been recognised as Fulbright Scholars. It is now one of the largest and most prestigious educational scholarship programs in the world, operating between the United States and more than 155 countries.

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



Photo: J. William Fulbright, Special Collections, University of Arkansas Libraries, Fayetteville

**Mission Statement** The mission of the Fulbright Commission is to promote mutual understanding between Australia and the U.S. through a program of educational and cultural exchange. This is primarily achieved through the administration of Fulbright Scholarships to support the research and study of Australians in the United States and Americans in Australia.



The Fulbright Agreement being signed in Canberra, 26 November 1949 by U.S. Ambassador to Australia, Hon. Pete Jarman and the Australian Minister for External Affairs, Rt. Hon. Dr H.V. Evatt. Image courtesy of the National Archives of Australia: A8139, Item VOLUME 7.

## The Australian-American Fulbright Commission

The treaty which established the Fulbright Program in Australia was signed on 26 November 1949, by the U.S. Ambassador to Australia, the Hon. Pete Jarman, and the Australian Minister for External Affairs, the Rt Hon. Dr H.V. Evatt.

The initial sale of U.S. surplus war materials to Australia provided U.S.\$5.8m, which funded the first 14 years of the program.

Following this, a new agreement was entered into in 1964 by the Australian and U.S. Governments to establish the Australian-American Educational Foundation (later to be known as the Fulbright Commission), funded by both governments. More recently additional funding from corporate sponsors and private donations has helped to expand the program.

Today the Australian-American Fulbright Commission, headquartered in Canberra, continues to be funded by the Australian and U.S. Governments along with a generous group of sponsors, and annually provides up to 50 scholarships for study between Australia and the U.S.

The Prime Minister of Australia and the U.S. Ambassador are the Honorary Co-Chairs of the Commission. Since its establishment the Program has awarded scholarships to almost 4,800 Australians and Americans. A distinguished group of Alumni are an integral part of the Program's rich history and ongoing professional network.



## Honorary Co-Chair Prime Minister of Australia



The Australian-American Fulbright Program continues to be a valuable way of fostering friendship and understanding between Australia and the United States and promoting the exchange of ideas between our two countries.

Since the program commenced in November 1949, alumni have included a Governor-General, politicians, a Nobel Prize winner, judges, musicians, scientists, authors, business leaders and academics. By participating in the program, these men and women have not only been given an opportunity to study abroad but have also, individually and collectively, contributed to the aims of the Fulbright Program. These scholars have, in the words of U.S. Senator J. William Fulbright, brought 'a little more knowledge, a little more reason, and a little more compassion into world affairs'.

In keeping with this vision, it was with great pleasure that I was able to announce new scholarships in the fields of climate change and clean energy with the U.S. Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, during her trip to

Australia this year. These scholarships will promote cooperation and the exchange of ideas between Australia and the United States in these areas where international collaboration is critical.

This year has also seen the conclusion of the 60th anniversary celebrations for the Australian-American Fulbright Program and I congratulate the many businesses and individuals who have supported the program since its inception in November 1949.

I am pleased to serve as an Honorary Co-Chair of the Commission and I look forward to the ongoing success of the Australian-American Fulbright Program in 2011 and beyond.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Julia Gillard".

**The Honourable Julia Gillard MP**  
Prime Minister of Australia



## Honorary Co-Chair U.S. Ambassador to Australia

The Australian-American Fulbright Commission represents the best in the relationship between our two nations: deep friendship, exchange and debate, collaboration and partnership.

The outstanding scholarship of hundreds of "Fulbrighters" across the years is a magnificent testament to the contributions the Fulbright Program has made to Australia and the United States. Senator Fulbright's vision of turning "swords into plowshares" – of using the proceeds from the sale of surplus war property at the end of World War II to fund the "promotion of international good will through the exchange of students in the fields of education, culture, and science" – has no more vivid example of success than its 60 years in Australia.

Secretary Clinton and Prime Minister Gillard's announcement in November of new scholarships in climate change and clean energy is another concrete demonstration of our countries' commitment to Fulbright and our confidence that the Fulbright program

is a leader in supporting cutting edge research on critical issues of international significance. This year's 60th anniversary has provided us opportunities to celebrate the many achievements of both the Scholars and the Commission and to solidify a plan for future development.

I thank the Fulbright's corporate and government sponsors for their ongoing support for scholar exchange. I also congratulate the Board of directors and the staff of the Commission for their excellent stewardship of the program.

I am honored to serve as Co-Chair of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission and know 2011 will bring continued success to this extraordinary collaboration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jeffery Bleich".

Sincerely,  
Jeffery Bleich

## Board Chair Tom Pascarella



The 60th Anniversary year was an active and exciting year for the Australian-American Fulbright Commission - a truly important milestone during which the enduring value of the Program was celebrated, and recognised, through new scholarships and extra funding.

The year ended on a very high note with the announcement in November of new scholarships with a focus on climate change and clean energy research by U.S. Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton and Australian Prime Minister, Julia Gillard.

The newly announced scholarships serve to demonstrate the ongoing strength of the friendship between the U.S. and Australia, and our willingness to work together to tackle critical issues confronting our two countries and the world at large.

More great news came in December 2010, when the Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Jobs and Workplace Relations announced a further \$1 million to support Fulbright scholarships. I would like to thank the Australian Government for renewing this ever important funding commitment.

As part of the celebrations for the 60th Anniversary, and also to recognise the 25th Anniversary of the Australia-United States Ministerial Consultations (AUSMIN), the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) announced in March a second Fulbright Professional Scholarship for one year. This special commemorative Fulbright Anniversary Alliance Scholarship will be awarded in 2011 and is yet another testament to the place of the Fulbright Program in Australia-U.S. relations.

Other inspirational scholarship initiatives we are delighted to mark for 2010 include: the establishment of the Fulbright Northern Territory Scholarship sponsored by the Northern Territory Government, Charles Darwin University and Blackboard; the Fulbright Nuclear Science and Technology Scholarship sponsored by ANSTO; and the Commission also has been selected to administer the Anne Wexler Scholarships, under the Australia Awards banner. The first winners of these scholarships will be announced in 2011. We deeply thank our new sponsors and welcome them to the Fulbright community.

In addition to the core funding from the U.S. and Australian Governments, our valued current Australian sponsors for scholarships

include DEEWR, DFAT, BHP Billiton, Telstra, CSIRO, state government agencies, and universities. We also have many generous private sector donors who also contribute to the program. On behalf of the Board and the Commission, I would like to thank all of our sponsors and donors for contributing to the ongoing success and advancement of this program.

I would also like to express our gratitude to all of the friends and colleagues of Fulbright who support us in many other ways, including serving on selection committees and Alumni Chapters, and the Commission staff for their contributions to the Fulbright Program in 2010. In particular I would like to thank Lyndell Wilson, who has so capably stepped into the position of Acting Executive Director following the departure of Dr Joe Hlubucek in September.

I would also like to express my great appreciation to three board members who left us at the end of December. I would like to especially thank Paula Latos-Valier, who was on the board for the past eight years; Paula has been an inspiration with her enormous enthusiasm for the Fulbright Program, people and purpose. The other two members I would like to thank are Professor John Yovich AM, who served on the board for the past two years, and Ms Kate Duff, who joined us in 2009 and resigned in April 2010. The board also welcomed in 2010 Ms Jane Hardy, from DFAT, who replaced Kate Duff. Their dedication, numerous contributions and passion for Fulbright is appreciated by the staff, Scholars and the Fulbright community.

The end of 2010 completed my term as Chair and board member of the Fulbright Commission Board. It has been a great privilege and honour to serve such a respected bi-national, and global institution. I would like to thank all of you who have worked with me over the past five years while on the board, especially my fellow board members and the dedicated Fulbright team in Canberra. I am proud to hand over to Professor Steven Schwartz as the incoming Chair and I know the future years for Fulbright will be bright with new initiatives, energetic Scholars and passionate supporters, as has been its great tradition.

**Tom Pascarella**  
Chair, Australian-American Fulbright  
Commission, Board

## Executive Director Lyndell Wilson



The strength of the Fulbright Program comes from its people, and it was wonderful to see this reflected through so many events and announcements in this 60th Anniversary year.

In March we co-hosted the 60th Anniversary Fulbright Presentation Dinner at the magnificent National Gallery of Victoria. We were delighted to have the new U.S. Ambassador, Mr Jeffrey Bleich, speaking at the event and taking part in the presentations. It was a very well attended and enjoyable event and was a major highlight for the year.

As part of the 60th Anniversary celebrations pre-2001 Scholars were presented with Fulbright Pins. Pin presentations took place at receptions in Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and NSW in the first half of the year, and in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago, New York and Washington D.C. in October. I would like to thank all of the hosts and Fulbright representatives for their role in these events, we greatly appreciate your support.

The 2010 Fulbright 60th Anniversary Symposium, *Sustaining Societies in the Tropical World*, was hosted in August by James Cook University (JCU) in Cairns. More than 220 delegates attended the Symposium to address issues such as extreme poverty, public health, social disadvantage, political instability and poverty levels in tropical nations. I would like to congratulate James Cook University on the success of the symposium.

Also in August we held the Enrichment Program to welcome the U.S. Scholars to Australia. Sixteen U.S. Scholars from 2009 and 2010 attended the Program. The Enrichment Dinner was held at the Boat House by the Lake in Canberra and was an opportunity to welcome the recently arrived Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy, Mr Jason Hyland.

The end of year Fulbright reception, hosted by the U.S. Ambassador, Jeffrey Bleich, at his residence in Canberra in November, was a great finish to the year. We are most grateful to the Ambassador for hosting us for this successful event.

We had some very exciting news in 2010 with scholars being selected to participate in two highly competitive international Fulbright Scholarship programs. We welcomed the first ever Fulbright mtvU Award recipient to Australia, and secondly, we were delighted with the announcement that for the first time, two Australian students were awarded the prestigious International Fulbright Science and Technology Award in the U.S. commencing in 2011.

There were a number of staff changes in 2010. Firstly, we farewelled Lesley Piko, Finance Manager in January and welcomed Jenny Street to that position in March. In May, Kate Whitehead joined us as Administrative Assistant. Natalie Collins and Kate Lyall were appointed as Program Officers in June to meet the growing/changing program administration requirements.

I would like to express my appreciation to all of the people who contribute to the success of the program – the sponsors, donors, selection committees, Fulbright Alumni, the Board and particularly the Fulbright Commission staff. Special thanks must go to Tom Pascarella who leaves us as Board Chair. Tom's contributions to the Program throughout his term as Board Chair and Board member have been greatly appreciated.

2010 Commission highlights:

- » Fulbright Northern Territory Scholarship launched
- » Fulbright ANSTO Scholarship established
- » Fulbright Anniversary Alliance Scholarship announced
- » Anne Wexler Scholarships established
- » Fulbright Flinders University Distinguished Chair established and promoted
- » Funding announcement for new scholarships in Climate Change and Clean Energy
- » 60th Anniversary Fulbright Presentation Dinner at the National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
- » 60th Anniversary Fulbright Symposium hosted by James Cook University
- » \$1m in extra funding announced by DEEWR

**Lyndell Wilson**  
Acting Executive Director





**The success of the Fulbright Scholarship Program** is the focus of the Commission and includes the following core activities: establishment and promotion of new scholarships; selection and management of Scholars; and Scholar enrichment activities. 2010 was an exciting year with the establishment and promotion of a number of new scholarships and increased participation in Fulbright non-core programs.

## New Scholarships

- » Establishment of the Fulbright Scholarship in Nuclear Science and Technology sponsored by the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO).
- » Establishment of the Fulbright Northern Territory Scholarship sponsored by Charles Darwin University, Blackboard and the Northern Territory Government.
- » The Fulbright Anniversary Alliance Scholarship (for 2011 only) sponsored by DFAT to commemorate both the 60th Anniversary of the Fulbright Program and the 25th Anniversary of AUSMIN.
- » Initial development of the Fulbright Scholarships in Climate Change and Clean Energy

## Other Programs

2010 saw Fulbright Scholars selected for a range of non-core Fulbright Awards including:

- » Two Australian postgraduates were among 43 candidates selected to participate in the International Fulbright Science and Technology Award to undertake PhDs in the U.S.
- » The first U.S. recipient of the mtvU Award arrived in Australia in July. The mtvU Scholarship was established in 2007 to promote “the power of music” as a global force for mutual understanding. Only four Scholarships were awarded globally in 2010.
- » Administering/supporting the first Australian Scholar since 2005 to participate in the Scholar-in-Residence (SIR) program, which provides the opportunity for an Australian academic to teach at a

U.S. community or liberal arts college to help expand their international perspective and understanding.

The Anne Wexler Scholarships in Public Policy were established and were successful in attracting a strong field of applicants. The selection process for this scholarships saw the introduction of Skype interviews for all candidates to ensure parity in the selection process for both U.S. and Australian applicants.

## Selection of Scholars

A number of changes to the application and selection processes were implemented in 2010. Firstly, the Commission adopted the U.S. online application system for all applications. This paperless approach to the application and selection process was complemented by the Distributor system, providing for secure web-based access to applications by Australian based selection committees.

Several new selection committees were established to support the new scholarships:

- » Northern Territory Selection Committee (7 members)
- » Anne Wexler Selection Committee (7 members)
- » International Science and Technology Award Selection Committee (5 members)

Together with the membership of these new committees, the Commission welcomed 12 new members to the State and National Selection Committees.

We are grateful for the commitment and dedication of the 80 plus selection committee

members, including the 7 State Secretaries whose professional and academic expertise contributes to the integrity of the Commission's selection processes.

## Scholar enrichment activities

A focus of the Fulbright Program is to add value and enhance the Scholars' Fulbright experience. This was achieved through a number of Scholar enrichment activities, including:

- » The Orientation Program for the Australian Scholars (March, Melbourne)
- » Enrichment Program for U.S. Scholars (August, Canberra)
- » Receptions for Scholars in QLD, SA, WA and NSW
- » U.S. Scholar evaluation and review session (March, Melbourne). This included a breakfast meeting with 16 U.S. Scholars and the Australian Scholars
- » Enrichment Programs in the U.S. coordinated by the CIES and IIE.

## 2010 Program highlights:

- » New Scholarships announced in Climate Change and Clean Energy
- » Promotion and selection of inaugural Fulbright Northern Territory and ANSTO Scholarships; Anniversary Alliance Scholarship; Wexler Scholarships
- » Establishment of selection committees to support the new scholarships
- » Implementation of online applications and application distribution implemented
- » New Program Officer positions created to support the Program Manager

# 2010 Fulbright Australian Scholars

## SENIOR SCHOLARS



**Associate Professor  
Graham Edgar**

*Fulbright Tasmania Scholar*

Marine Ecology. The University of Tasmania. Research on the effectiveness of marine protected areas as a tool for biodiversity conservation at NatureServe in Rosslyn, Virginia.



**Professor Carolyn Evans**

Law. Melbourne Law School. Researching the role of consent in limiting religious freedom at Washington College of Law at American University and Emory University.



**Professor Yogesan  
Kanagasingam**

Medical Informatics/ Ophthalmology. The Australian e-Health Research Centre at the CSIRO. Research at Stanford University School of Medicine to develop and validate a new "non-invasive" imaging system for telemedicine-based screening of newborn babies for sight threatening conditions such as Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP).



**Professor Robert Park**

Plant Pathology. The University of Sydney. Research on the genetic basis of resistance to the fungal disease stem rust in wheat, barley and oats at the Cereal Disease Laboratory, St Paul, USDA - US Department of Agriculture.

## PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARS



**Dr James Curran**

*Fulbright Professional Scholar in Australia-U.S. Alliance Studies sponsored by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade*

History. The University of Sydney. Research on the history of Australian/American relations, 1969-1983, Georgetown University, Washington.



**Mr Simon Gamble**

*Fulbright Tasmania Scholar*  
Natural Resource Management. Hydro Tasmania. Studying the integration of renewable energy technology in modern power systems, to support the development of a renewable energy power system and research facility for the Bass Strait Islands, with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Colorado.



**A/Prof Mary Haines**

Health Services. Sax Institute in NSW and the University of Sydney. Research on the effectiveness of health care reforms at the Veterans Health Administration, the UCLA School of Public Health and the RAND Corporation in Los Angeles.



**Mr Mark Harris**

*Fulbright Professional Scholar in Vocational Education and Training (VET) sponsored by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR)*

Human Resource Management. Queensland Department of Education and Training. Examining vocational education and training to help improve VET workforce development with the State University of New York in Oswego.



**A/Prof Steven Lapidge**

*Fulbright Professional Business/Industry (Coral Sea) Scholar*

Zoology. Invasive Animals CRC, University of Canberra. Furthering his research into using sodium nitrite, a food preservative, as a humane pesticide for feral pigs and other species, USDA National Wildlife Research Centre, Colorado.

## SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE



**Dr Hilary Hughes**

*Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence*

Education. Queensland University of Technology. Developing an inclusive informed learning approach for student academic success in culturally diverse contexts at the University of Colorado, Denver, Metropolitan State College, Denver, and Community College, Denver.

## POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLARS



**Dr Elgene Lim**

*Fulbright Victoria Scholar*

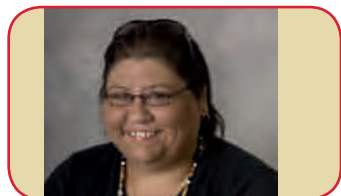
Oncology. The Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre and the Walter & Eliza Hall Institute, Melbourne. Research on novel ways to treat breast cancer, particularly sub-types resistant to conventional therapies, at the Dana Faber Cancer Institute and Harvard University.



**Dr Shevarl MacNamara**

Mathematics. The University of Queensland. The Application of mathematical and computational principles to biology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Department of Mathematics.

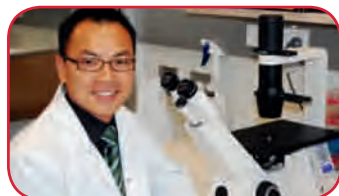
## POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARS



**Ms Tammy Russell**

*Fulbright Indigenous Scholar sponsored by DEEWR*

Human geography. Macquarie University. A review of self-determination and human rights, using case studies such as the development of health centres in the United States and Australia at the University of Arizona.



**Dr James Chong**

*Fulbright NSW Scholar*

Cardiology. Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute, Sydney. Investigating possible new therapies for heart failure using stem cells at the University of Washington, Seattle.



**Ms Krista Clews De Castella**

Psychology. Australian National University. Exploring the way fears and false beliefs in students lead to negative self-fulfilling prophecies and educational inequalities, at Stanford University.



**Mr Craig Costello**

*Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar in Technology and Communications, sponsored by Telstra*

Mathematics. Queensland University of Technology. Research into new techniques for security on computer and telecommunications devices at the University of California Irvine. (Fulbright Gregory Schwartz Enrichment Grant)



**Ms Sarah Holland-Batt**

*Fulbright Postgraduate Alumni (WG Walker) Scholar*

Poetry. Queensland University of Technology. A Master of Fine Arts in poetry, focusing on Dante's account of Paolo and Francesca in the Inferno, at New York University



**Ms Elizabeth Jens**

*Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar in Science and Engineering, sponsored by BHP Billiton*

Engineering and Science. LEK Consulting. A one-year Masters by coursework in aeronautical and astronautical engineering at Stanford University.



**Dr Cameron Keating**

Medicine. St Vincent's Hospital. Research on novel techniques for peripheral nerve repair at the Plastic Surgery Research Laboratory in Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School. (Fulbright Gregory Schwartz Enrichment Grant)



**Mr Steven Kenway**

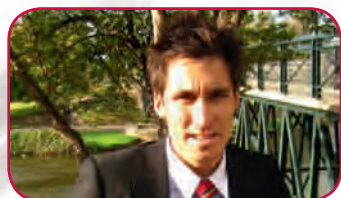
*Fulbright Queensland Scholar*

Natural Resource Management. University of Queensland and the Urban Water Security Research Alliance. Research on linkages between water use, energy and greenhouse gases at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratories and the University of California Berkeley. (Fulbright Gregory Schwartz Enrichment Grant)



**Ms Angela Langdon**

Maths/Neuroscience. University of New South Wales. Developing a mathematical model of the brain that can give insight into brain function at the Centre for Neural Science, New York University.



**Mr Matthew Lee**

*Fulbright Postgraduate Alumni (WG Walker) Scholar*

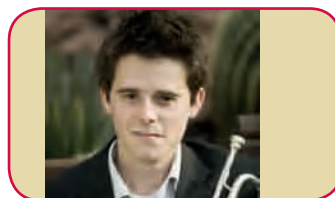
Law. The South Australian Crown Solicitor's Office and the University of Adelaide Law School. American approaches to water law, natural resources regulation and international environmental law, at Harvard University.



**Ms Kathryn Napier**

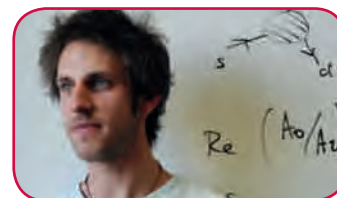
*Fulbright Western Australia Scholar*

Biomedical Sciences. Murdoch University. Research on the relationship between birds and mistletoes in Western Australia, at the University of Wyoming.



**Mr Sam Nester**

Music. The Western Australian Academy of the Performing Arts. A Master of Music in Classical Trumpet at the Manhattan School of Music, New York.



**Mr Lewis Tunstall**

*Fulbright South Australia Scholar*

Physics. The University of Adelaide. Research aiming to provide a solution to one of the outstanding problems within the Standard Model of particle physics at the University of California, Berkeley.





Associate Professor Mary Haines



Mark Harris

## Mary Haines Fulbright Professional Scholar

**"Healthcare leaders in Australia and the U.S. need a credible evidence base to draw upon as they reform our health systems to improve care."**

Associate Professor Haines, based at the Sax Institute and University of Sydney, spent four months at the Veterans Health Administration (VA), University of Los Angeles California (UCLA) and RAND corporation in Los Angeles (July – October 2010), working with international leaders in the design, implementation and evaluation of interventions to improve the quality of healthcare.

"Over this period I worked with my Fulbright mentors on my Australian National Health and Medical Research Council funded studies. This involved the design of tools and methods for my studies that are evaluating ways to embed evidence based care in the Australian health system," A/Professor Haines said.

Mary also collaborated on existing VA and RAND projects focused on: evaluating large-scale system redesign of the primary care system; identifying features of rigorous studies of quality improvement; and analyses of existing data on the performance of their hospitals.

"My U.S. based flagship project is titled 'healthcare reform jackpot'. It is an analysis of hospital data to identify those that have achieved the 'jackpot', namely high quality of care and positive patient experience of care."

The results of this study will directly inform the design of the VA healthcare system and also will be applicable to the Australian and other healthcare systems.

Mary used her Fulbright opportunity to promote U.S.-Australian linkage and exchange in healthcare research.

"My Fulbright experience has enabled me to develop i) deeper relationships with U.S. leaders in health care evaluation and ii) a nuanced and sophisticated understanding of the richness of American culture and values."

"For me these four months are like the pebble that was cast into a pond and the benefits of my Fulbright will be like the ripples that emanate over the coming years."

## Mark Harris Fulbright Professional Scholar in Vocational Education & Training

sponsored by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

**"The learner and faculty staff were always at the forefront of their critical thinking and decision-making. They challenged my thinking to go beyond current career possibilities and to conceptualise a different future. A future that is vastly different than the one I may have considered possible a year ago."**

Mark Harris is a Senior Strategy Officer with the Queensland Department of Education and Training, Queensland VET Development Centre in South Brisbane. He left Australia in late July 2010 to work with leading academics, researchers and educational administrators at his host organisation, The State University of New York (SUNY) at Oswego, New York.

The purpose of his three and a half month research project was to examine the nexus between a strategic approach to faculty workforce development, an ageing faculty

workforce and a quality educational experience for learners.

Mark was able to visit and undertake research at six Community Colleges and two technology colleges.

Throughout these visits Mark had the opportunity to interview and meet some of the most respected and dedicated educational professionals in the SUNY community college system.

Mark said he found that a lot of the insights he gained into educational reforms were profound and innovative. He will use his research findings to offer a framework into how to enhance workforce development for faculty staff and address issues of an ageing faculty workforce and quality education in Australia.

"Beyond the professional Fulbright transformation, into a deeper personal connection of my journey, I will always cherish the picturesque places, the wonderful people, and the culture of New York State, and of course, the hospitality and food was amazing," Mark said.



Beth Jens with flight instructor Sue Ballew (centre) and Judy Johnson (right)



Professor Mark Gould, fellow student Andrew Garcia and Sam Nester

## Beth Jens Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar in Science and Engineering

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**"I am very excited to be able to actively contribute to current space exploration efforts. This is the type of research that I have always dreamed of. I want to make the most of all of these phenomenal opportunities whilst I am in the U.S."**

Beth Jens, an Associate with L.E.K. Consulting is studying a Masters of Aeronautics and Astronautics at Stanford University. She is working with the propulsion group at Stanford University, led by Professor Brian Cantwell.

At Stanford she is working at the cutting edge of rocket production, in particular the design of more efficient and environmentally friendly rockets.

"My research centres on a unique form of hybrid rocket propulsion that utilises paraffin wax as a fuel. Such rockets are predicted to help reduce the environmental impacts of rocketry," Beth said.

The propulsion group had made the discovery that paraffin wax, when used as fuel, improves rocket performance substantially. Beth is working with the group, assisting with experiments to demonstrate the new technology.

Over the summer quarter Beth is planning to spend time at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, where she will be working within their propulsion group, and hopes to be assisting with work on the next Mars Rover to be launched later this year.

Beth has also found that the Fulbright offers opportunities beyond her research, with life in the San Francisco Bay area being busy and very exciting. She has flown a Cessna for the first time and had the privilege of watching the sun set over the San Francisco bay from the cockpit.

She has become involved with an educational program called Young Astronauts, which is organised by a group of Stanford Aeronautics and Astronautics students, and she hopes to implement a similar program for young people in Australia when she returns.

"Holding a Fulbright Scholarship has helped to give me credibility, particularly when contacting other researchers for the first time. I had the incredible fortune to speak with Australian Astronaut Dr Andy Thomas last week, after I emailed him telling him that I was in the U.S. on a Fulbright Scholarship."

## Sam Nester Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar

**"The Manhattan School of Music boasts some of the finest students and teachers in faculties worldwide. It has produced endless professionals that hold positions in major orchestras, conservatories, chamber ensembles, new music ensembles as well as soloists and research musicologists around the world."**

Sam Nester, a graduate of the Western Australian Academy of the Performing Arts, Edith Cowan University, went to the Manhattan School of Music, New York, in August to undertake a Master of Music in Classical Trumpet.

"Through my current studies I am working on creating performance projects that work across media to be brought to Australia, with musicians and film artists from the United States and beyond to travel and share their knowledge and cultural experiences," Sam said.

"I have met many musicians through my studies at the Manhattan School of Music with whom I am currently working and planning future

exchanges. In addition to the relationship I now have with my professor, Mark Gould, I have created collaborations within the institution, and plan on furthering that with work beyond my studies here in the U.S."

As part of an outreach program at the Manhattan School of Music, Sam has volunteered his time to teach young trumpet students at the Promise Academy in Harlem. This Charter school, in which education is free, aims to ensure all students have the opportunity of graduating with the ability of attaining college degrees, and is part of a wider project designed to combat the rate of crime and homelessness in the area.

He has also begun to play concerts with musicians who have been living and working in New York for decades.

"Hearing their experiences with characters as big as Leonard Bernstein and Miles Davis has been a constant inspiration and an experience that can only be met here in one of the world's most iconic cities for the Arts," Sam said.



# 2010 Fulbright U.S. Scholars

## FULBRIGHT ANU DISTINGUISHED CHAIR

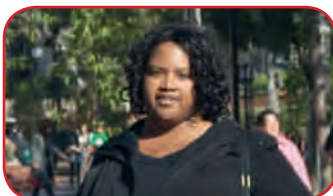


**Professor Ric Uslaner**

Political Science, University of Maryland. Research into issues of trust and ethnicity in populations, testing his argument in Australia that residential segregation is what drives down trust and altruism, at ANU.



## FULBRIGHT MTVU SCHOLAR



**Ms Akesha Horton**

Education, Michigan State University. Research into how hip hop and digital media are able to help Australian young people to develop as socially conscious global citizens, at the University of Technology Sydney.

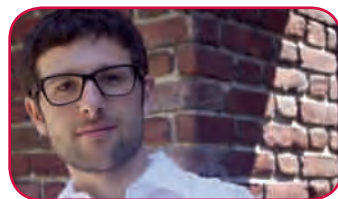


## SENIOR SCHOLARS



**Professor Sasha Barab**

Education, Indiana University, Bloomington. Researching how children use videogames as a storytelling medium and how they work as an educational tool in Australian children through the existing users of the educational videogame *Quest Atlantis*, at Murdoch University.



**Dr Adam Brown**

Psychology, New York University School of Medicine. Researching ways to increase the efficacy of treatments for Post-traumatic Stress Disorder at the University of New South Wales and Macquarie Centre for Cognitive Science.



**Professor Timothy Hanks**

Chemistry, Furman University. The development of new materials for bio-medical applications, in particular to improve the interface between biological cells and electronic devices, at the University of Wollongong.



**Professor Leonard Bickman**

Psychology, Vanderbilt University. Researching the effectiveness of Internet delivery of mental health services, at the University of Queensland.



**Professor Jennifer Curtis**

Chemical Engineering, University of Florida. Research aiming to improve simulations of particle flows for industrial processes, at the University of New South Wales.



**Professor Erik Sotka**

Biology, College of Charleston. Research into the effects of warming seas on marine ecosystems, in particular seaweed-herbivore interactions, at the University of New South Wales.

## POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARS



**Ms Marissa Brookes**

Political Science, Northwestern University, Illinois. Examining the causes of success and failure in transnational alliances led by Australian trade unions, at The University of Sydney.



**Dr Dustin Garrick**

*Fulbright CSIRO and U.S. Alumni Scholar*

Geography, University of Arizona. Evaluating policy responses to freshwater scarcity crises by examining the use of market institutions to reallocate water for environmental recovery, CSIRO, Water for a Healthy Country Flagship, Adelaide.



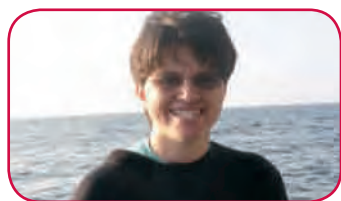
**Ms Alice Lu**

Medical Science, Cornell University. Exploring the structural basis of CD8+ T cell receptor diversity mounted in response to the influenza virus, at the University of Melbourne.



**Mr Matthew Perez**

Sculpture, Rhode Island School of Design in Providence. Studying the annealing factors of "shape induced stress", a symptom of complex and intricate glass sculptures, to improve the rate of successful casting for glass artists, at the ANU School of Art.



**Ms Sarah Fann**

Marine Biology and Statistics, University of North Carolina Wilmington. Research into ocean depth and other factors that affect the diversity and abundance of fish species across multiple coral reef systems, James Cook University.



**Ms Aisha Harun**

Public Health, Johns Hopkins University, Maryland. Research to gain a greater understanding of the interaction between multiculturalism and health outcomes in Australia, University of Sydney's School of Public Health.



**Ms Lindsey Murphy**

Biology, Pepperdine University. Examining the relationship between diseases such as cancer and muscular dystrophy and genetic defects that disrupt normal cell processes and result in dysfunction of characteristic cell surface features called caveolae, University of Queensland.



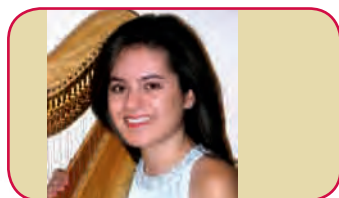
**Ms Rachel Smith**

Biological Sciences, Northwestern University. Exploring the role of multiple human stressors in influencing distributions of non-indigenous and native invertebrate animal species in Australia's coastal estuaries through her Fulbright at the University of New South Wales.



**Mr Hyatt Frobose**

Agriculture, Kansas State University. Research into the effects of immunocastration on swine behaviour and productivity and also an evaluation of the purchasing preferences and knowledge of agricultural production among Australian consumers, at The University of Melbourne.



**Ms Krysten Keches**

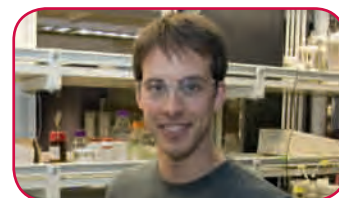
Music performance – harp, Harvard University. Study for a Graduate Diploma in Music Performance, designed specifically for students who want to focus on practical training and solo performance at the Canberra School of Music, ANU.



**Mr Lee Pearson**

*Fulbright ANU College of Business and Economics Scholar*

Economics, At-Large Washington. Examining the world trade in agricultural commodities, economic benefits and possible environmental impacts through undertaking a case study of Australia's import restrictions on U.S. apples, at the ANU College of Business and Economics.



**Mr Matthew Traylor**

Engineering, U.C. Berkeley. Development of an inexpensive, biologically based method to degrade the widespread and toxic pollutant DDT to replace current costly remediation strategies, at the University of Queensland.



Akesha Horton



Dr Dustin Garrick

## Akesha Horton mtvU Scholar

"Little is currently known about how youth in urban settings understand their lived experiences in a world that has become increasingly transnational due to digital technologies."

Akesha Horton, a doctoral candidate in Teacher Education at Michigan State University, came to the University of Technology, Sydney in October 2010.

She is researching how students in urban settings learn to think and act as global citizens through using and engaging with Internet communication technologies as well as socially conscious hip-hop.

Akesha said that there is growing interest among policymakers and educators in how youth make sense of the "glocal" (a combination of the words global and local).

"Hip-hop is a global phenomenon that urban youth in most areas around the world have been proven (in academic research) to consume in large quantities on a daily basis."

Akesha is also volunteering through two dynamic community centres based in Western Sydney.

The first is the Information and Cultural Exchange which sponsors a range of art and/or technology based community projects aimed at community development and cohesiveness. The second is the Street University, which hosts a large array of hip-hop based programming, including classes in break dancing, graffiti art, and Mcing.

Akesha has found that her Scholarship has given her unique opportunities.

"The first week I was here, I was able to catch up with artist Morganics. He is a phenomenal hip-hop artist, activist and educator. He invited me to the set of a movie he is directing 'Survival Tactics'."

"I was able to watch a few scenes as they were being filmed. This film will be Australia's first feature-length film on hip-hop! They put me in the movie."

"I play (ironically) a community worker who is encouraging an artist to apply for a prestigious fellowship. I had to memorise a paragraph. After nine takes we nailed it. It was fun."

Akesha's blog can be found at:  
<http://fulbright.mtvu.com/author/ahorton/>

## Dr Dustin Garrick Fulbright CSIRO Postgraduate and U.S. Alumni Scholar

"The U.S. confronts growing challenges to meet the water needs of cities and agriculture while sustaining the freshwater environment. Australia has led the world in responding to such challenges, and the Western U.S. is watching closely to learn lessons about effective public policy approaches for allocating scarce and variable water resources."

Dr Dustin Garrick, a graduate of the University of Arizona, is spending a year with the CSIRO Water for a Healthy Country Flagship in Adelaide. While in Australia he is developing and testing a research framework to evaluate the design and performance of policy innovations to balance the demands of water for people and ecosystems in the context of freshwater scarcity and climate variability.

"Not only are water researchers from the U.S. keenly observing and examining Australia's experiments with water science and policy reform, Australia has been eager to share its lessons with the rest of the world," Dustin said.

Dustin's research fits within this wider push to promote mutual learning and exchange lessons learned about effective policy responses to freshwater scarcity.

"My comparative research aims to generate evidence and insights for Australians and Americans about factors enabling and constraining effective water policy," Dustin said.

Dustin has had several invitations to speak and write articles about lessons from the U.S. The Western U.S. experiences a number of defining challenges shared by Australia – aridity, variability, over-allocation (where demand exceeds supply), and an increasing commitment to return rivers to sustainable levels of extraction.

His Fulbright has also helped Dustin to establish several enduring linkages, and he is developing an agenda for collaborative research with Australian colleagues which will create more opportunities for mutual learning and systematic comparisons.





Professor Barab with Clifton Biendurru



Sarah Fann snorkelling

## Professor Sasha Barab Fulbright Senior Scholar

"There are many lessons that can be learnt from Australian Aboriginal culture and we are creating a game in which players can unlock some of these lessons and share them with others."

Professor Sasha Barab, Professor and Director in Learning Sciences at Indiana University - Bloomington came to Murdoch University in Australia in August 2010 for six months.

Sasha's expertise is in the design of socially-responsive video games, which both entertain and provide an opportunity to learn.

"The games are designed to help players understand issues the world over, and reflect on what the in-game meanings and experiences can teach them about their real-world lives," Sasha said.

During his Fulbright, Sasha collaborated with Associate Professor in instructional technology Paul Newhouse, at Edith Cowan University, to train teachers and work with them to implement his Quest Atlantis project in their classrooms. He also extended this work to develop a game incorporating aspects of Australian Aboriginal

culture called the Red Thread. His collaborators in this project were theatre scholar at Murdoch University, Associate Professor Peter Wright, and aboriginal artist Clifton Biendurru.

The game they are producing is a socially conscious videogame that brings together the arts, storytelling, politics, social policy, healthcare, anthropology, social networking, game design, and museum curation to form a new genre of socially-conscious play. The pilot version of the multiuser video game will be available for download in May to play on a desktop computer.

Sasha said that the Fulbright experience and the work involved with developing the game have changed him in profound ways.

"I connected with people I never would have met and even had experiences that I wouldn't have necessarily had without them - visiting the U.S. Ambassador or the Canning Stock Route Exhibit at the Museum of Australia, from which most of my work was born. But, most important was the doors it opened in me as I literally have begun to see life in a different form."

## Sarah L. Fann Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar

"As U.S. fisheries are burdened by the Gulf of Mexico oil spill, growing seafood demand, and poor historical management of some species, marine protected areas are emerging as a possible solution to common fisheries problems."

Sarah Fann, who is a recent graduate in science at the University of North Carolina Wilmington, is carrying out research in marine ecology at James Cook University (JCU) in Townsville for a year.

"My research centres on understanding which environmental variables most affect fish diversity and abundance on protected and unprotected coral reefs," Sarah said.

"Communities worldwide depend on fish products as a source of protein, income, and even medicine. As global fish communities are threatened by climate change, overpopulation and other environmental stresses, understanding the tools to protect fishes for future generations is vital."

"Tropical north Queensland is the best place to assess the successes and pitfalls of marine protected areas (MPAs), as they have the oldest

established MPAs along one of the most diverse ecosystems in the world - the Great Barrier Reef."

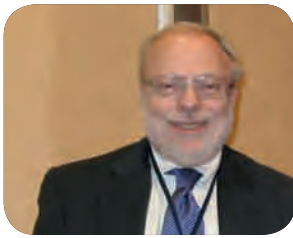
As the United States begins to establish national networks of MPAs, Sarah's experience in Australia will be shared with marine biologists to help improve MPAs in the U.S.

"While in Australia I hope to better understand the ecological effects of MPAs on fish diversity and abundance, as well as develop tools to understand these complex communities."

Sarah said that the Fulbright program has given her numerous opportunities to network through conferences and other events. It has been an invaluable base through which to expand her explorations of Australian culture.

Sarah said that since she arrived in Australia she has had some interesting experiences.

"I'll never forget the first time I heard a kookaburra. I was so alarmed that I jumped a few feet into the air. There happened to be an Australian family near me at the time, who kindly pointed out the uniquely shaped but harmless bird just as it began to call again."



## Fulbright ANU Distinguished Chair Professor Ric Uslaner

Ric Uslaner, Professor of Government and Politics at the University of Maryland and Senior Research Fellow at the Center for American Law and Political Science at the Southwest University of Political Science and Law, Chongqing, China, was the Fulbright Distinguished Chair in American Political Science at the Australian National University from August-December 2010.

While at the ANU, he extended his research on how residential segregation leads people to have less trust in others. Professor Uslaner is completing a book, *Segregation and Mistrust*, under advance contract to Cambridge University Press, in which he argues that segregation, rather than diversity, leads to less trust. He has already found support for this argument from the United States, the UK, and Sweden and will also analyse data on Canada. While at the ANU he obtained data from the Scanlon Foundation 2007 survey, and data on segregation and diversity from Macquarie University and the Australian Bureau of Statistics respectively. His findings indicate strong support for his thesis in Australia as well.

"Australia faces the same issues of diversity as do other Western countries," Uslaner argues. "But it is important to recognise how immigration is a threat to social solidarity. Some put the blame on immigrants, but the real story is that the isolation of immigrants and other minorities from the majority of the population is the source of low trust. When people live apart from each other, they develop a stronger sense of in-group identity and fewer ties to people of different background."

Uslaner spoke on this topic across Australia - at seminars at Griffith University (where he was the inaugural speaker at the Inaugural Colloquium for Research

Higher Degree Students at the Griffith Institute for Social and Behavioural Research, Griffith University), Macquarie University, the University of Melbourne, the University of Technology Sydney, Murdoch University, and the NATSEM Seminar at the University of Canberra. He also gave a radio interview for ABC Radio National's Life Matters. He also met with Professor Kim Rubenstein of the ANU School of Law and government officials, including Paul Ronalds of the Prime Minister's Office, to discuss issues of diversity, segregation and trust.

Uslaner also established longer-term working relationships with Australian colleagues at Griffith University and the University of Canberra, where he will be involved in collaborative research on immigration, social capital, and wellbeing, and with a colleague at Queensland Institute of Technology on issues of people's perceptions of inequality. He also will be a continuing participant in the new Transnational Research Institute on Corruption at ANU under the direction of Adam Graycar, Dean of the Research School of Social Sciences.

He also planned joint work with Bora Konra of ANU on trust in Turkey and with Helen Taylor of ANU on how segregation shapes attitudes toward Muslims in Northern Ireland. Konra is an ANU Ph.D. who has been teaching at ANU but will return to Turkey. Taylor is a Ph.D. student at ANU.

## The Fulbright Australian National University (ANU) Distinguished Chair in American Political Science

was established in collaboration with ANU, the Fulbright Commission and the U.S. Department of State in 2005. The Scholarship brought a noted U.S. scholar in political science to Australia each year over five years to undertake research, build collaborative links and share their knowledge through a range of speaking events around Australia. The inaugural Fulbright ANU Distinguished Chair was Professor Kenneth Mayer, from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Dr Patricia Sykes, an Associate Professor in the Department of Government at American University, Washington, D.C. was the 2007/08 Fulbright ANU Distinguished Chair. Professor James Lingle, an Associate Professor in the Department of Government at Georgetown University, Washington D.C. was the 2008 Distinguished Chair. Professor Diana Dwyre, Professor of political science at California State University, Chico was the 2009-2010 Distinguished Chair. Professor Uslaner was the final holder of the ANU Distinguished Chair.

## The Fulbright Flinders University Distinguished Chair in American Political Science

For the years 2011 - 2015, the Distinguished Chair in American Political Science will be hosted by Flinders University in Adelaide. The Fulbright Flinders University Distinguished Chair will provide a key researcher with the opportunity to undertake a four to five month program of collaborative research into key political issues and related studies of importance to both Australia and the United States. The first Distinguished Chair at Flinders will be awarded in 2011.





The 2010 Fulbright Australian Scholars with Professor Glyn Davis, VC University of Melbourne (11th from left), Ambassador Jeffrey Bleich (13th from left), Dr Joe Hlubucek, Executive Director, Fulbright Commission (centre) and Mr Tom Pascarella, Chair, Fulbright Commission (13th from right). Presentation dinner photos: Timothy Burgess

## 2010 Fulbright Presentation Dinner

The 60th Anniversary Fulbright Presentation Dinner was held in Melbourne on Thursday 18 March 2010 at the magnificent National Gallery of Victoria.

About 300 people came to see the presentation for 25 Fulbright Australian Scholars, and included representatives of the Australian and U.S. Governments, sponsors, university Vice-Chancellors, Fulbright Board members, Alumni and Scholars and their guests.

The Vice-Chancellor and President of the University of Melbourne, Professor Glyn Davis, co-hosted the event with the Fulbright Commission.

The Ambassador of the United States of America, Jeffrey Bleich, gave the keynote speech. He later presented the Scholars with their certificates, signed by himself and the then Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon. Kevin Rudd, as the two honorary Co-Chairs of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission.

Tom Pascarella, Chair of the Fulbright Commission Board, presented the Scholars with letters signed by the Prime Minister, and Dr Tony Worby, National President of the Australian Fulbright Alumni Association, presented them with Fulbright pins.

American-born Fulbright Alumnus Dr Donna Coleman (U.S. Senior Scholar, 1992) performed two piano pieces: *Lullaby, from Tribute to Foster* by Percy Aldridge Grainger and *Le banjo, Grotesque Fantasia (esquisse amèricaine)* by Louis Moreau Gottschalk. Dr Coleman is Coordinator of Postgraduate Studies (Southbank) at the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music, University of Melbourne and is an internationally recognised and awarded pianist.

The winner of the 2010 Fulbright Victoria Scholarship, Dr Elgene Lim, spoke on behalf of the Scholars.



US Ambassador, Jeffrey Bleich, speaking at the dinner



Dr Donna Coleman performing at the dinner



Professor Bill Laurance, Tropical Biology, JCU



LEFT: Dr Gomolemo Tangane,  
Queensland Health



Professor Sandra Harding,  
Vice-Chancellor of James Cook  
University

## Tropical thinking: the Fulbright 60th Anniversary Symposium

This year's 2010 Fulbright 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Symposium hosted by James Cook University (JCU) on 19 and 20 August 2010 at the Hilton Hotel in Cairns had a distinctly tropical flavour.

Within the overall theme of *Sustaining Societies in the Tropical World*, the Symposium addressed what the United States and Australia can do, separately and together, to tackle some of the key challenges facing nations in the tropical regions.

Two days, three keynote addresses, four themes, six panels, 12 posters, 138 presentations and more than 220 delegates were a testament to the success of the event.

Professor Sandra Harding, Vice-Chancellor of James Cook University, said the Symposium brought together high-calibre researchers to share and challenge ideas about the tropics.

"Some of the world's poorest countries are located in the tropical zone, and sustainable development is the key to the challenges those nations face," Professor Harding said.

"It's also clear that the tropics are home to a great deal of distinguished scholarship. We heard of an impressive range of innovative endeavours to build a brighter future for this populous and growing zone."

Symposium co-convenor Professor Paul Gadek said the symposium was structured to maximise the exchange of ideas and real-world solutions to pressing problems.

"Aside from the keynote addresses, presentations were limited to five to ten minutes – a format that was sometimes challenging, but which allowed us to canvass a vast range of ideas."

"Importantly, it also enabled us to bring together experts from a broad range of disciplines. Many of the challenges facing the peoples of the tropics require a cross-disciplinary approach and this was a valuable opportunity to discuss how the various disciplines can develop a common language and pursue shared goals."

The Symposium was opened by the U.S. Ambassador to Australia, Jeffrey Bleich, and featured keynote addresses by Dr Michael Birt, Arizona State University (Sustaining health, at a cost we can afford), Dr Paul Zorner, Hawaii Bio Energy (Building a green economy in the tropics) and Professor Jeffrey Sachs, Columbia University (Sustainable Development and the Millennium Development Goals).

Delegates focused on the critical areas of tropical health and medicine, environmental sustainability, economic and political development, and strengthening communities.

"In terms of fresh ideas, new collaborations and novel approaches to old challenges, we expect to see myriad outcomes from this Symposium," Professor Gadek said.

A report on the 2010 Fulbright 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Symposium can be found at [www.jcu.edu.au/fulbrightsymposium](http://www.jcu.edu.au/fulbrightsymposium)

### The Fulbright Symposium

The aim of the annual 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 binational 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. Applications to host the 2012 Symposium close on 31 July 2011.

# New Fulbright Scholarships and Announcements

## Scholarships in climate change

In recognition of the 60th Anniversary of the Australian-American Fulbright Program, the Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon. Julia Gillard and U.S. Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton announced new Fulbright Scholarships in the field of Climate Change and Clean Energy at a meeting in Melbourne on November 7, 2010.

The funding of \$450,000 for these scholarships will come from both the U.S. and Australian Governments.

The new Fulbright Scholarships will be part of a major collaboration between the two countries to tackle climate change, and will allow up to four Fulbright Scholars a year for the next three years to undertake research and/or study in the partner country.

The first scholarships will be awarded in 2012.

## Additional Funding for the Fulbright Program

In December 2010 the Minister for Tertiary Education, Senator Chris Evans, announced \$1 million (\$200,000 per year) in additional funding from the Australian Government over the next five years until 2016.

## Special Commemorative Anniversary Alliance Scholarship

On 18 March 2010 the Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Hon. Steven Smith MP, announced a one-off Anniversary Alliance Scholarship to commemorate significant milestones in Australia's bilateral relationship with the United States celebrated in 2010, namely the 60th anniversary of the establishment of the Australian-American Fulbright

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Nick Otter the CEO of Global Carbon Capture and Storage Institute, the Australian Prime Minister, the Hon Julia Gillard, Grocon CEO Daniel Grollo and Wayne Kemp, district General Manager of Honeywell, Ms Lyndell Wilson A/g Executive Director, Fulbright Commission, U.S. Ambassador Jeffrey Bleich, Australian Ambassador to the U.S. The Hon Kim Beazley and Michael Thurston, U.S. Consul General Melbourne at the announcement. Photo: Adam Wilson, courtesy of the U.S. Embassy.



Program and the 25th anniversary of the Australia-U.S. Ministerial Consultations (AUSMIN). This special Anniversary Alliance Scholarship aims to contribute in a practical way to contemporary Australian scholarship on the Alliance and issues of relevance to it.

## Fulbright Scholarship for the Northern Territory

The Fulbright Northern Territory Scholarship was established in February, funded jointly for three years by Charles Darwin University, the Northern Territory Government and corporate sponsor Blackboard.

The scholarship was launched at a reception at Charles Darwin University on 16 February 2010.

The scholarship will be valued at up to \$46,000 for projects of special interest to the Northern Territory. The first winner will be announced in March 2011.

## Fulbright Scholarship in Nuclear Science and Technology

A Fulbright Scholarship in Nuclear Science and Technology was established in March 2010, sponsored by the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO). It promotes Australian-American research collaboration and training into the applications of nuclear science and technology, such as materials, health, climate change, mining and engineering.

The scholarship, valued at \$40,000, supports a Professional or Senior Scholar for up to six months research or study in the U.S.

## Anne Wexler Scholarships

In early 2010, the Australian-American Fulbright Commission was selected to administer a major new scholarship program in honour of Mrs Anne Wexler AO, a successful Washington D.C. U.S. lobbyist, who had a long interest in Australia.

The Anne Wexler Scholarships are part of the Australian Government's Australia Awards and funded by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR).

Two Anne Wexler Scholarships will be awarded each year: one for an Australian scholar and one for an American scholar, for study or research in the partner country towards a Masters degree for up to two years. They are valued at up to \$140,000 each to attract outstanding candidates.

The Wexler scholarships will be awarded from 2011, for research into topics which reflect Mrs Wexler's interests and matters of binational interest, such as public policy projects in key areas of health, sustainability, energy, climate change, regional security, political science and history, or government relations.



# Events and Alumni Achievements

## Annual receptions

Receptions were held around Australia and in the U.S. in 2010, bringing together Fulbright Scholars with Alumni, university hosts, Fulbright Board and selection committee members, government and other community contacts.

The presentation of Fulbright Pins to pre-2001 Fulbright Alumni in celebration of the 60th Anniversary started in October 2009 in the U.S., and continued through 2010 at Australian state receptions and U.S. receptions.

## Australian state receptions

The 2010 Australian state receptions started in Queensland on 25 March 2010, hosted by the University of Queensland. Professor Michael Keniger, Acting Vice-Chancellor of the University of Queensland, opened the event at Customs House in Brisbane.

The NSW event was hosted by the U.S. Consul General, Judith Fergin, at her residence in Sydney on 30 March 2010.

In South Australia, the University of Adelaide hosted a reception in a marquee on the university grounds, with Professor Michael Brooks, Acting Vice-Chancellor, representing the university on 20 April 2010.

The receptions in Australia wound up with the WA reception, hosted by the U.S. Consul General, Dr Ken Chern, at his residence in Perth on 23 April 2010.

## October Fulbright events in the U.S.

Five Fulbright receptions were held across the U.S. in October 2010. These events were generously hosted by Australian Consul Generals and the Embassy in Washington D.C.

The first event was held in San Francisco on 14 October, hosted by Mr Nigel Warren, the Australian Consul General, San Francisco and Senior Trade Commissioner, at his residence. The Commission was represented by Professor Diana Dwyre, 2009 ANU Distinguished Chair.

The Los Angeles reception followed on 16 October, hosted by Mr Chris De Cure OAM, Australian Consul General, Los Angeles at his residence. Fulbright Commission Board Member Ms Judy Moon represented the Fulbright Commission.

The third event was held in Chicago on 19 October, hosted by Mrs Elizabeth Schick, the Australian Consul General, Chicago at her residence. Mrs Schick, a former member of the Fulbright Commission Board, also represented the Fulbright Commission.

The fourth event was held in New York on Thursday 21 October and hosted by Mr Phillip Scanlan AM, the Australian Consul General, New York, at the Consulate. The Commission was represented by Mr Robert Accordini, a Fulbright Alumnus (U.S. 2003).

The fifth reception was held on Tuesday 26 October in Washington D.C., co-hosted by Mr Justin McPhillips, Consul General at the Australian



Embassy, and the Fulbright Commission. The Commission was represented by Mr Mark Darby, former Executive Director of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission.

## End of year reception

The annual reception to thank the supporters of the Fulbright Program was held on 18 November 2010, hosted by the U.S. Ambassador, Jeffrey Bleich, at his residence in Canberra. The event was attended by about 80 people including Fulbright sponsors, Scholars, Alumni, Selection Committee and Board members.

## Fulbright Alumni and Scholar achievements

### Alumni Initiative Grant winner – Professor Robert Allen

The Fulbright Alumni Initiative Grant (FAIG) winner for 2010 was Professor Robert Allen (U.S. 1996) from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Through his FAIG, Professor Allen spent four weeks working with colleagues at the University of Sydney's American Studies Program in August and September, developing a multi-strand collaboration with the American Studies Department at the University of North Carolina.

His project involved a distance-learning teaching collaboration; development of a digital teaching/curriculum/research platform; and discussion of digital humanities research collaboration.



Dr Andrea Ang (Aus 2004) at the Western Australian Reception



Current Australian Scholar Dr James Chong at the NSW reception.



LEFT: Dr Harold Clough (Aus, 1951) receives a Fulbright Pin from U.S. Consul General, Dr Ken Chern

Fulbright Commission Board member Ms Judy Moon, current Australian Scholars Professor Mary Haines and Jeremy Wykes with Mr Chris De Cure at the reception in Los Angeles



Australian Consul-General, Ms Libby Schick presenting a pin to Carolyn Wrobel (U.S. 1999) in Chicago.



Associate Professor John Minns.



Rory Telemeco with a gator lizard



Professor Peter Shergold AC



Dr Ian MacLeod at the Getty Museum.

### Top teaching award for Fulbright Alumnus

A/Prof John Minns (Aus Scholar-in-Residence, 2005) was presented with the 2010 Prime Minister's Award for Australian University Teaching, in November.

The Prime Minister's Award is the top award in the Australian Learning and Teaching Council's national awards and is worth \$50,000.

Professor Minns is a senior lecturer at ANU in the field of international political economy and international relations. The award recognises his creative and interesting teaching methods.

### New Fellowship for Alumnus

Rory Telemeco (U.S. 2007) has won an EPA STAR Fellowship (run through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency) to complete his PhD research. Rory came to Australia in 2007 through his Fulbright Scholarship to study three-lined skink, a strongly striped, egg-laying lizard, at the University of Sydney. The EPA Star Fellowships are highly prestigious and competitive.

### New Chancellor of University of Western Sydney

Professor Peter Shergold AC (Aus, 1984) has been appointed as the new Chancellor of the University of Western Sydney, from January 2011.

Peter's distinguished career in the Australian Public Service included the position of Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet from 2003-08. He was made a member of the Order of Australia in 1996 and a Companion of the Order of Australia in 2007.

### New positions for Professor Coaldrake

Two-time Fulbright Scholar Professor Peter Coaldrake (1980 and 2001) has taken up two Chair positions - the Queensland Heritage Council and the Governing Board for the OECD's Programme on Institutional Management in Higher Education (IMHE). The Queensland Heritage Council oversees the protection and preservation of places of heritage value. The IMHE focuses on higher education in a global context, providing strategic analysis, leadership advice and reform in the higher education sector.

Professor Coaldrake is the Vice-Chancellor of Queensland University of Technology and was Chair of the Fulbright Commission Board from 2005 - 2007. Professor Coaldrake was also awarded an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in the 2011 Australia Day Honours list.

### Scholar appointed as Dean of Law School

2010 Fulbright Scholar Professor Carolyn Evans was appointed Dean of the University of Melbourne School of Law from February 2011. Professor Evans was a Senior Scholar in 2010 and went to Washington College of Law at American University and Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia in 2010. She has also held a Rhodes Scholarship.

### Australia's richest biography award

Professor Brian Matthews (Aus, Scholar-in-Residence, 1985) won the \$20,000 National Biography Award in May 2010 for his biography, *Manning Clark: a life*. Professor Manning Clark was the author of the six-volume

*A History of Australia*. Professor Matthews extensively used Manning Clark's diaries to build a complex insight into this famous and controversial intellectual.

### Getty award for Alumnus

Dr Ian D. MacLeod, (Aus, 1993) Executive Director, Collections Management and Conservation, Western Australian Museum, has been awarded a Getty Scholar in Residence and will be based in Los Angeles at the Getty Conservation Institute from January 24 to May 24, 2011.

### Fulbright Alumni among Honours lists

The achievements of a number of Fulbright Alumni were recognised in the Australia Day and Queen's Birthday Honours lists in 2010.

#### Australia Day Honours

- » Prof. Jennifer Marshall Graves AO
- » Prof. Byron Barnard Lamont AM
- » Mr Ezekiel Solomon AM
- » Mr Donald Knowles Richardson OAM
- » Professor Andrew Damien Short OAM

#### Queens Birthday Honours

- » Professor Michael McRobbie AO
- » Emeritus Professor Laurence Basil Geffen AM
- » Professor Yiu-Wing Mai AM
- » Associate Professor Harry George Mond AM

#### Australian Public Service Medal

- » Mr Barry Keith Sterland PSM



# Financial Review

## Finance Report

The summarised Financial Statements are extracted from the Commission's complete Financial Statements, for which RSM Bird Cameron gave an unqualified audit report. A complete set of the Audited Financial Statements are available upon request.

The financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared to satisfy the financial report preparation requirements of the Manual for (Fulbright) Binational Commissions and Foundations and the applicable Australian Accounting Standards and Australian Accounting Interpretations.

There have been no events since the balance sheet date which would require revision of the amounts included in the financial statements. In particular, we have no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities.

## Overview

For the year ending 31 December 2010, the Commission reported a surplus due to donations, additional scholarships and investments. The donations are invested so that the earnings can be used to support the Coral Sea Fulbright Professional Scholarship, the Australian Alumni (WG Walker) Scholarship, and the Fulbright Queensland, South Australia, New South Wales, Western Australia and Victoria State Scholarships. Additional revenue in 2010 has resulted from the Commission commencing management of the Anne Wexler Scholarship. This income is recorded in 2010, however the Scholarship has been established in perpetuity.

The investments are shown at a fair market value and 2010 saw a small recovery overall after the earlier substantial fall in value due to the downturn in the global financial markets. The board and management have transferred the management of these investments to Perpetual.

The Commission receives annually over A\$1m of in-kind support from U.S. and Australian universities, the Australian and U.S. governments, organisations and individuals, which is not recognised in this finance report.

# Financial Statements

## Income Statement for year ended 31 December 2010

	2010 \$	2009 \$
<b>Funding for ordinary activities</b>		
Australian Government	849 414	841 080
United States Government	920 000	1 191 428
Scholarship sponsorships	325 860	283 572
Donations	61 179	68 111
<b>Total funding</b>	<b>2 156 453</b>	<b>2 384 190</b>
<b>Other revenue</b>		
Income from investments	382 423	549 266
Interest earned	22 342	15 492
Other income	537 558	45 141
<b>Total other revenue</b>	<b>942 323</b>	<b>609 899</b>
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>3 098 776</b>	<b>2 994 089</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Program expenses	1 403 798	1 410 284
Non-program expenses	209 651	233 860
Administration	593 356	583 913
Investment fees	34 490	30 431
Foreign exchange losses	33 178	52 199
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>2 274 473</b>	<b>2 310 687</b>
<b>Operating surplus</b>	<b>824 303</b>	<b>683 402</b>
Accumulated fund previous year	3 698 087	3 014 685
Transfer (to) from reserves	0	0
<b>Balance for year taken to accumulated fund</b>	<b>4 522 390</b>	<b>3 698 087</b>

## Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2010

	2010 \$	2009 \$
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash	825 399	542 007
Receivables	69 298	74 601
Other Current assets	20 138	40 729
	<b>914 835</b>	<b>657 337</b>
<b>Investments held at market value</b>	<b>9 843 086</b>	<b>4 388 229</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>10 757 921</b>	<b>5 045 566</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Provisions	42 124	36 927
Creditors	545 185	407 057
Wexler Scholarship Funds	4 700 000	
Unpaid program costs	558 888	514 161
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>5 846 197</b>	<b>958 145</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>4 911 724</b>	<b>4 087 421</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Reserves	389 334	389 334
Accumulated funds	4 522 390	3 698 087
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>4 911 724</b>	<b>4 087 421</b>

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

These partnerships support more scholarships and also develop a wider Fulbright network committed to excellence and international exchange.

## CORPORATE

[BHP Billiton](#) is the world's largest diversified resources company. The Fulbright BHP Billiton Scholarship in Engineering and Science was established in 2000.

[Telstra](#) is Australia's leading telecommunications and information services company. The Fulbright Telstra Postgraduate Scholarship in Technology and Communication was initiated in 2005 to support innovation in technology and communications.

## UNIVERSITIES

[The Australian National University \(ANU\)](#) has supported the Fulbright ANU Distinguished Chair in American Political Science since 2006.

[The Fulbright ANU College of Business and Economics Postgraduate Scholarship](#) provides the opportunity for American graduates in the field of business or economics to undertake 8-12 months postgraduate research with ANU College of Business and Economics. The first Scholarship was awarded in 2010.

## GOVERNMENT

[The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations](#) sponsored both the 2010 Professional Scholar in Vocational Education and Training Scholarship and the 2010 Fulbright Indigenous Scholarship.

[The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade](#) established the Fulbright Professional Scholarship in Australia-United States Alliance Studies in 2001 to recognise the 50th Anniversary of the ANZUS Treaty. In 2010, DFAT announced a one-off second scholarship for 2011, to celebrate the 60th Anniversary and the 25th Anniversary of AUSMIN.

[The Fulbright CSIRO Postgraduate Scholarship](#) enables American Scholars to undertake 8-12 months postgraduate research with Australia's major science research organisation, CSIRO, from 2009.

[The Fulbright Scholarship in Nuclear Science and Technology](#), sponsored by the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation, is for Australian Scholars to carry out research or study in the U.S. in the field of nuclear science or technology, from 2011.

## FULBRIGHT STATE AND TERRITORY SCHOLARSHIPS

[Fulbright State and Territory Scholarships](#) have been established for New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria, Western Australia and the Northern Territory.

These state scholarships are supported by their state governments, universities and companies. Their aim is to encourage and profile research relevant to that state; and assist the building of international research links between the state and U.S. researchers and institutions.

## FULBRIGHT ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIPS

[The Australian Alumni \(WG Walker\) Scholarship](#) was established in 1993 through generous contributions from Australian Fulbright Alumni to annually support a scholarship for the highest-ranked Australian Fulbright Postgraduate.

[The U.S. Alumni Scholarship](#) was established in 2006 through generous contributions from U.S. Fulbright Alumni to annually support a scholarship for the highest-ranked American Fulbright Postgraduate.

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[The Coral Sea Scholarship](#) was established by the U.S. Ambassador, Mel Sembler, and U.S. companies in 1992 in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of the Coral Sea, to support a Fulbright Professional Scholarship focusing on a business/industry topic of relevance to Australia and the United States.

[Fulbright Gregory Schwartz Enrichment Grants](#) were established in 2006 by Claire and Steven Schwartz, in memory of their son Gregory Schwartz, to assist Australian Fulbright Postgraduate Scholars to enrich their experience in the U.S.

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