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U.S. Consul General Dr Ken Chern presents a Fulbright Pin to Dr Giacinta Parish, 1996 Fulbright Scholar

Receptions bring Fulbright Scholars and Alumni together

We look forward to the annual Fulbright State receptions around Australia, and plan to include all States and Territories with events at least every couple years.

They are designed as events in conjunction with scholarship promotions and other events for new Australian and American Scholars to meet with our Alumni and colleagues such as university hosts, sponsors, Fulbright Board and Selection Committee members, government and other community contacts. An important feature of the events in this 60th anniversary year has been the recognition of our Alumni from before 2001 with the presentation of Fulbright Pins, which had been introduced in 2001.

We reported previously on the earlier NT and QLD receptions in Darwin and Brisbane, which have now been followed by State Receptions in NSW, SA and WA. The NSW event was hosted by U.S. Consul General - Sydney, Mrs Judith Fergin at her residence on March 30. Mrs Fergin commented on the great number of distinguished Alumni, and then invited the NSW Scholars and visiting U.S. Scholars to outline their projects. Fulbright Pins were presented to 26 Alumni and we also heard from a recent Alumnus, Dr Vanessa Hayes, and 1972 Alumnus Judge Kevin O'Connor AM, about their Fulbright Scholarships.

The University of Adelaide hosted a splendid reception in a marquee in the university grounds on April 20, with Professor Michael Brooks,

Acting Vice-Chancellor, representing the university on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor Professor James McWha. The Fulbright SA Scholars and U.S. Scholar Chelsea Lane Miller outlined their projects, and Ms Anita Doll, from the U.S. Embassy in Canberra, presented Fulbright Pins to 13 Alumni. We then heard about Fulbright experiences from 2002 Alumnus Simon Blewett and 1961 Alumnus Dr Ron Kimber.

U.S. Consul General - Perth Dr Ken Chern hosted the WA Reception at his residence for a large group of Alumni and guests on April 23. We heard from the three new Fulbright WA Scholars, which was followed by a presentation of Fulbright Pins to 20 Alumni, and then 2004 Alumnus Dr Andrea Ang and 1992 Alumnus The Hon Robert Nicholson AO spoke about their time in the U.S. Highlights of the evening were a classical guitar recital by 1997 Alumnus Dr Jonathan Paget and a brass ensemble led by 2010 Fulbright WA Scholar Sam Nester on trumpet – undeterred by the flying musical scores!

The Sydney and Perth events were sadly occasions to farewell Judith Fergin and Ken Chern, both of whom have been strong supporters for Fulbright, as chair and members of their state selection committees, and for hosting Fulbright events and involving Alumni in other activities. They will be missed and we hope to remain engaged with them after their return to the U.S. *See more pictures of the receptions on page 3.*

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ED's Update

Following the enjoyable 60th Anniversary Presentation Dinner in March, the next highlight of our year is the selection of the US Scholars, and we are looking forward to welcoming 20 impressive US Fulbright Scholars to Australia from July.

Their interesting projects and backgrounds are profiled in this newsletter and more fully on our website. We hope that many of them will be able to join us in Canberra for the Enrichment Program and Dinner on 26 August.

Our U.S. Scholars include the recipients of two of our newer scholarships. We look forward to welcoming the inaugural Fulbright ANU College of Business and

Economics Scholar, Lee Pearson, who will be studying the economics of trade in commodities for twelve months at the College. Dustin Garrick, from the University of Arizona has been awarded the Fulbright CSIRO Scholarship for research into policy responses to freshwater crises at CSIRO, Australia's largest scientific research organisation.

Dustin, as the highest ranked U.S. Postgraduate Scholar to Australia is also recognised as the U.S. Alumni Scholar for 2010. The Fulbright Postgraduate Alumni (W G Walker) Scholarship for 2010 has two winners, the equally top-ranked Australian Postgraduate Scholars, Sarah Holland-Batt and Matthew Lee.

We are also excited to welcome our first Fulbright mtvU Scholar, Akesha Horton, who has been selected from about seventy applicants for one of the four or five scholarships offered globally this year by the U.S. Department of State. Akesha will be coming to the University of Technology Sydney to work with Sydney teenagers on how hip hop and digital technology contribute to global culture.

The 60th anniversary year activities have included the launch of a number of new scholarships for Australian and American scholars and you are encouraged to check our website for opportunities and to help publicise them. For Australian scholars they include a Fulbright Scholarship in Nuclear Science & Technology, sponsored by The Australian Nuclear Science & Technology Organisation; and the Fulbright Northern Territory Scholarship, sponsored by Charles Darwin University, the Northern Territory Government

and Blackboard Asia Pacific. For both American and Australian applicants the Commission is administering the prestigious new Master's Scholarships in Australian-American Public Policy Studies, the Anne Wexler Scholarships, established by the Australian Prime Minister and funded by the Australian Department of Education, Employment & Workplace Relations.

Our 60th anniversary year events have continued with Fulbright State Receptions in Brisbane, Sydney, Adelaide and Perth, following an earlier reception in Darwin to launch the Fulbright NT Scholarship, and of course the Presentation Dinner in Melbourne. It was very pleasing to recognise and reconnect with many of our earlier Alumni on these occasions, and there are photos and details in this newsletter.

We now look forward to the Fulbright Anniversary Symposium to be hosted by James Cook University at Cairns on 19-20 August on *Sustainable Societies in the Tropical World*.

We are also about to start planning our Alumni events for the U.S. in October and look forward to arranging a number of seminars and receptions to renew relations with our U.S. colleagues. It is an important part of our annual program, particularly in our 60th anniversary year which we launched in Washington DC in October 2009.

Joe Hlubucek
Executive Director

From the AFAA President

Geraldine Chin Moody was elected the President of the Australian Fulbright Alumni Association at the Annual General Meeting in March 2010.

This year has been a fantastic opportunity for us to reflect on all the achievements and friendships that have been made in the 60 years since the first Fulbright Scholarship was awarded in Australia.

I was one of the 2001 Scholars who participated in the first annual induction and official award ceremony where we were presented with a Fulbright Pin. It has given me great pleasure to see us officially provide Fulbright Pins to members of the Australian Fulbright Alumni Association who received their Fulbright Scholarship prior to 2001 at functions around the country to celebrate our 60th anniversary.

The Australian Fulbright Alumni Association has also been coordinating presentations by alumni to promote the Fulbright Scholarship within our broader networks and community, such as the recent presentation by Arlie Loughnan and Bernie Harrison at the University of Sydney.

We are aiming to have 60 Alumni make presentations around the country at schools, universities, workplaces and community groups to help us strengthen the profile of the Fulbright Scholarship – if you have ideas about a presentation to share the Fulbright story by yourself or a fellow Alumni member, please contact your Alumni State Chapter (www.fulbright.com.au/fulbright-alumni/StateChapterContacts.html). If you would like to submit an Alumni Update to share your Fulbright Story on our website, please send it to CommsManager@fulbright.com.au

We are also focused on continuing to make our US Scholars feel very welcome by



meeting them on arrival and organizing events for them to meet Fulbright Alumni and introduce them to relevant contacts in their local communities. If you are interested in helping to organise welcome functions or show a U.S. Scholar around your city, please also get in touch with your Alumni State Chapter.

The AFAA looks forward to your participation in alumni activities in 2010 and beyond. To find out more information about the AFAA, please visit www.fulbright.com.au/fulbright-alumni/afa.html

Pictures from the Fulbright State Reception

NSW



Fulbright Alumni with Mrs Fergin, Board Members Mr Tom Pascarella [Chair] and Ms Paula Latos-Valier, and Commission Executive Director, Dr Joe Hlubucek



2008 U.S. Scholar, Ms Stesha Doku



2010 Australian Scholar Dr James Chong



ANU Distinguished Chair, Professor Diana Dwyre speaks at the reception

SA

Fulbright Scholars and Alumni outside the University of Adelaide



Dr Hlubucek and Professor Brooks unveil the University of Adelaide Fulbright Honour Board.



Ms Anita Doll presents a pin to Dr Costas Pelekani.



1961 Alumnus Dr Ron Kimber with Mrs Janice Kimber and 1959 Alumnus Dr Malcolm Thompson

WA



1992 Alumnus The Hon Robert Nicholson AO speaking at the reception



1951 Australian Scholar, Dr Harold Clough receives a pin from Dr Ken Chern



2010 Fulbright Scholar Professor Yogesan Kanagasigam



2004 Alumnus Dr Andrea Ang describes her Fulbright experience



1997 Alumnus Dr Jonathan Paget entertains the guests

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 Akeshia 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, Cornell University Medical College. Teaching, supervising graduate students, and conducting research in memory and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder at the Macquarie Centre for Cognitive Science, Macquarie University.



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 (UNSW).



Professor Erik Sotka

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

Postgraduate Scholars



Ms Marissa Brookes

Political Science, Northwestern University, Illinois. Examine 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, Brisbane.



Ms Alice Lu

Medical Science. Cornell University. Exploring the factors that regulate CD8 T cell effector function during the elimination of influenza virus from an infected host, at The University of Melbourne.



Mr Matthew Perez

Sculpture. Rhode Island School of Design in Providence. Study 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 UNSW.



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.



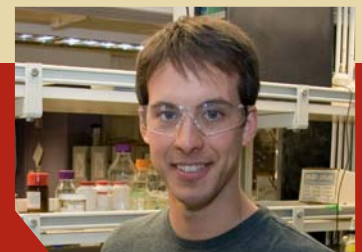
Ms Krysten Keches

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.

Alumni Scholarship winners

Supported by Australian and U.S. Alumni and awarded to the top postgraduate Australian and U.S. applicants.



Sarah Holland-Batt at the Presentation Dinner in March
Photo: Tim Burgess

Poet in motion

Words and the magic they can create in poetry is the focus of 2010 Fulbright Australian (WG Walker) Alumni Scholar Sarah Holland-Batt.

Sarah is a poet, critic and lecturer in poetry at the Queensland University of Technology and she is already a published author in

the field of poetry. She will study for a Master of Fine Arts in poetry at New York University, through her Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship.

Sarah will spend two years writing a book-length sequence of lyric poems, *Quartet*. She will rework Dante's account of Paolo and Francesca in the Inferno into a series of interwoven dramatic monologues. Through this project Sarah intends to explore one of the lyric poem's most haunting effects: its ability to transcend time and to call up an endlessly recurring present.

Sarah is passionate about writing poetry and sharing it with students, readers and other writers.

"Nothing sustains me more than being in contact with other writers and their work; that contact is what allows my writing and poetics to evolve, change and mature. I am

fortunate to be able to make my vocation my career, and am profoundly grateful that Australian universities now offer academic positions to writers to teach," Sarah says.

In the U.S. she will be supervised by Anne Carson, a T.S. Eliot Prize-winning poet with an international reputation. Anne Carson has been a key influence on Sarah's work for years.

"The possibility of being mentored by a poet of Carson's calibre is an extraordinary opportunity, and one which is, given the close relationship between her poetry and my own, immeasurably important to the development of my work."

In addition to her Fulbright Scholarship, Sarah Holland-Batt is currently in Rome on an Australia Council for the Arts Literature Residency. She will be heading to the U.S. in August.



Coming to grips with the water crisis

Solicitor with the South Australian Crown Solicitor's Office and a tutor at the University of Adelaide Law School, Matthew Lee, Australian (WG Walker) Alumni Scholar, will go to Harvard Law School in August for a year to study water law.

"Australia's water crisis is now at a critical point where our environment and population are at serious risk as our river systems run dry. As a young, reflective and enthusiastic South Australian, I intend to search abroad for effective and sustainable solutions to what is one of my generation's most significant environmental, legal and policy issues" Matthew says.

Matthew's program of study is aimed at considering both how Australian disputes over water rights might be more effectively addressed and resolved, and what inter-jurisdictional links can be established between Australia and the United States to form global approaches to the many water

crises that are currently occurring around the world.

"My primary interest is to investigate American approaches to water law by studying courses on water rights and water dispute resolution, property law, natural resources law and governance, climate change law, public law, international environmental law and economics, trade law, indigenous water law and comparative constitutional law."

Matthew said that his experience at the South Australian Crown Solicitor's Office has made him aware of the urgent need for South Australia to look to both America and other countries for alternative approaches to natural water disputes (particularly given current political threats of High Court litigation).

Having already worked on High Court and Federal Court litigation concerning natural water resources with the South Australian Solicitor-General and Crown Solicitor, the Harvard LL.M. degree will allow Matthew to extend his knowledge in this field by engaging in a number of specific courses under the guidance of world experts. Whilst undertaking his studies at Harvard Law School, Matthew also hopes to widen his perspective on water regulation and water dispute management by engaging in interdisciplinary water research at the Harvard University Water Security Initiative.



Testing policy responses to water crises

Water issues are also the subject of Fulbright CSIRO and U.S. Alumni Scholar, Dustin Garrick's project.

Dustin will join the CSIRO Water for a Healthy Country Flagship in Brisbane in August for a year studying the effectiveness of policy responses to freshwater scarcity crises.

"Sustained drought conditions place Australia and the Western U.S. at the leading edge of a global water scarcity crisis. Rising consumptive demands and shifting values have intensified competition among the freshwater needs of people and ecosystems. Water stress elevates the governance challenge of allocating scarce water across competing social, economic and ecological

values at multiple scales," Dustin says.

The study will evaluate the effectiveness of policy responses to freshwater scarcity crises by examining the use of market institutions to reallocate water for environmental recovery.

"Southeast Australia and the Western U.S. have pioneered the use of water markets to reconcile ecological health and human well-being; the approach has received international attention as a potential model of governance reform in an era of water sustainability."

"I will extend an evaluation framework developed and tested by my dissertation research to measure and explain the performance of market-based environmental water recovery efforts in the Western U.S. and Australia."

The study will expand cultural ties between the U.S. and Australia through comparative research into the relationship between water policy design and performance. The findings will generate policy-relevant lessons about the application of water markets and associated institutional reforms to water scarcity challenges in diverse cultural settings.



Getting to the heart of trust

Fulbright ANU Distinguished Chair in American Political Science

Trust and how it develops in multicultural societies is the subject that Ric Uslaner, Professor of Government and Politics at the University of Maryland will be researching in Australia later this year.

Ric is the 2010 Fulbright Australian National University Distinguished Chair, and he will arrive in September this year and stay for four months.

“Some political leaders and academics have argued that trust is lower in a diverse society-and there are also fewer acts of altruism that benefit people who are different from yourself,” Ric says.

“They argue that people feel uncomfortable in trusting people who are different from themselves. However, this argument confuses diversity with residential segregation.

“When people live apart from those of other backgrounds, they won’t develop the sorts of close ties that can lead to greater trust in people who are different from themselves. Even if they live in integrated communities, they must have frequent and close interactions with people of different backgrounds for trust to flourish,” Ric said.

Ric’s research on the subject will be compared with his work done in the U.S. and the United Kingdom to date, and for Canada and Sweden as part of his book in progress.

“As with Britain and Canada, multiculturalism (diversity) has been a critical issue in Australia. So there is a long-standing concern for trust and other forms of social capital among both academics and policy-makers.”

Ric will interact with Australian scholars and work with them to test his argument in Australia.

Ric is the fifth Fulbright ANU Distinguished Chair.

From 2011 the Distinguished Chair in American Political Science will be hosted by Flinders University in South Australia.



Evaluating the economics of apples

Inaugural Fulbright ANU Scholar in Business and Economics

How agricultural produce moves around the world through trade and the benefits and risks that this may pose is the subject of Inaugural Fulbright ANU Scholar in Business and Economics, Lee Pearson.

The Commission welcomes the sponsorship from the College of Business and Economics and the Dean, Professor Keith Houghton, at the Australian National University.

Through his Fulbright Lee will spend a year from April 2011 at the ANU College of Business and Economics examining Australia’s biosecurity policy with a case study on import restrictions on U.S. apples.

“With the exchange of agricultural commodities from one region of the world to another, non-native pests and diseases can easily spread to areas without natural controls. Alien invasive species can have devastating environmental and economic consequences,” Lee says.

“The potential for serious issues is heightened in ecologically important areas. With its prominent world economic position and plethora of unique flora and fauna, Australia is an obvious location to study the balance between biosecurity concerns leading to trade barriers and economic drivers for open markets.”

Lee will apply a form of modelling at the intersection of biology and economics (bio-economics) to study the dynamics of foreign species incursion to a new environment. Through this study he aims to develop a clearer characterisation of the spread of foreign diseases, and thus, will produce a more accurate economic cost of invasive spread.



The positive global force of hip-hop

Fulbright mtvU Scholar

How Australian young people become members of the global community through the influence hip hop music and use of digital technology will be the focus of Fulbright mtvU Scholar Akesha Horton’s research.

Akesha will be coming to the University of Technology in Sydney in August 2010 for a year through her Fulbright Scholarship.

The mtvU awards were established in 2007 to promote “the power of music” as a global force for mutual understanding. Winners of these awards conduct research in a range of countries for an academic year on projects of their own design, around an aspect of international musical culture. They share their experiences during their Fulbright year via video reports, blogs and podcasts.

About five of these scholarships are awarded each year worldwide and Akesha is the first to come to Australia.

During her early studies she found that hip-hop artists promote socially responsible messages such as staying away from drugs or nonviolence.

She said that Australian-inspired hip-hop yielded some of the most dynamic prose, which in turn inspired her to conduct research on the uses of Australian hip-hop for social justice goals.

Her study will look at how hip hop and the Internet are able to help Australian young people to develop as socially conscious global citizens.

The findings from the study will be presented to youth and hip-hop artists in Australia, and communicated through Fulbright-mtvU and an online community which will continue her work beyond the Fulbright program.

Events & dates for 2010

16-19 August 2010

Timothy Nohe installation - Botany Bay surround sound and photographic work, Hazelhurst Gallery and Art Centre, Sutherland Shire in Sydney

19-20 August 2010

Fulbright Anniversary Symposium Cairns, Northern Queensland

26 August 2010

Enrichment dinner for U.S. Scholars. The Boat House, Canberra.

31 August 2010

Australian Scholarship applications close

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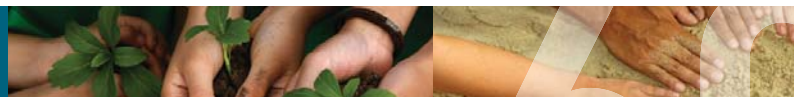
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