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FRONT COVER PHOTOS:

- 1) Top left: The Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon. Julia Gillard MP, with the U.S. Fulbright Scholars and Fulbright Commission Staff. Photo: Auspic, David Foote
- 2) Top right: U.S. Ambassador Jeffrey Bleich launches the Fulbright Professional Scholarship in Non-Profit Leadership, sponsored by the Origin Foundation and the Australian Scholarships Foundation.
- 3) Bottom left: The Presentation Dinner at the Festival Centre in Adelaide. Photo: Ashton Claridge, Flinders University
- 4) Bottom right: President of the Australian Fulbright Alumni Association, Ms Geraldine Chin-Moody and Fulbright Alumnus Ms Janet Flint at the NSW Reception. Photo: Morris McLennan for Morris Images, Sydney

BACK COVER PHOTO:

- 1) Convenor of the 2011 Fulbright Symposium, Professor Baogang He.

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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, about 300,000 talented people worldwide have been recognised as Fulbright Scholars. It is now the largest and one of the 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."

J. William Fulbright

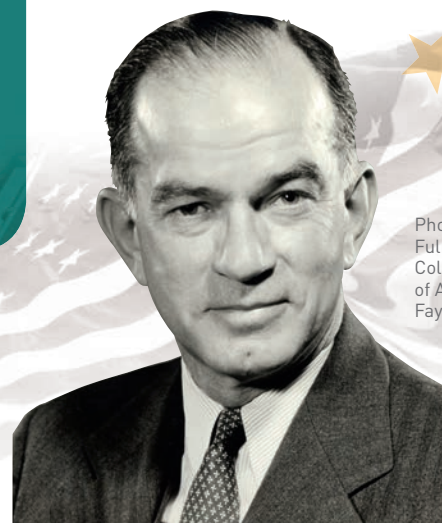


Photo: J. William Fulbright, Special Collections, University of Arkansas Libraries, Fayetteville

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



As an Honorary Co-Chair of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission, I take great pleasure in celebrating another year of achievement and excellence by the Fulbright Program.

The ongoing success of the Fulbright Program is testament to the vision of its founder, the late Senator J. William Fulbright, who rightly grasped the role that cultural exchange and education could play in building a more peaceful and prosperous world.

Indeed since 1949, more than 4,700 alumni have benefited from the Fulbright Program, deepening the already strong relationship between our countries and enriching our respective cultures through the sharing of ideas and values.

The year 2011 was made special for all Australians by the visit to our shores of President Obama and the strengthening of our defence and security relationship as we prepare to meet the challenges and opportunities of the Asian Century.

The last year also saw the passing of a very great Australian, Sir Zelman Cowen, our former Governor General who was also a prominent Fulbright alumnus. All of us associated with the Fulbright movement honour his passing and express our gratitude for his immense contribution to Australian-American relations.

In a spirit of "full faith and confidence" in the profound friendship our two nations share, I thank everyone involved with the Australian-American Fulbright Program and wish this outstanding program every success in 2012 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 Program embodies the shared strength of our two societies freedom of thought and the courage to unleash the power of new ideas.

This joint educational and cultural exchange combines the key ingredients of progress: rigorous thought, good communication, collaboration, and cultural understanding. It is a timeless recipe first cooked up by a freshman senator from Arkansas. He proposed to sell off the swords of war and use those funds to invest in the ploughshares of peace. We have seen the wisdom of that vision in the hundreds of Fulbright scholars who are contributing to understanding and progress around the world. This spirit lives on, particularly in the Australian-American program. Our greatest challenges, including the need for cleaner, sustainable energy are being tackled by U.S. and Australian "Fulbrighters" who continue to break new ground and forge paths in unfamiliar territory.

Thanks to the support of corporate, university and government sponsors, the legacy of the Australian-American Fulbright program continues to grow in its seventh decade. Congratulations to the Commission's Board of Directors and staff for their outstanding administration of the program, and to this year's remarkable scholars who will show once again that our partnership makes anything possible.

It is my honor and pleasure to serve as Co-Chair of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission, and I look forward to celebrating the achievements in store for 2012.

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

Sincerely,
Jeffery Bleich



Board Chair



As the Chair of the Board, I am pleased to report that after a rigorous international search and selection process, the Board appointed Dr Tangerine Holt as the new Executive Director of the Commission. The Board thanks Ms Lyndell Wilson who served as Acting Director for the Commission for her commitment and dedication during this transition period.

On behalf of the Fulbright Commission Board I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Australian and American Governments for funding the Fulbright Program in Australia. I also acknowledge the extensive contribution of our Honorary Co-Chairs – the US Ambassador Mr Jeffrey Bleich and Prime Minister Julia Gillard and their offices for their ongoing support of the Fulbright program.

The expansion of the Fulbright program in Australia is only possible because of the recognition of excellence by our sponsors and donors. These include the ANU College of Business and Economics, ANSTO, BHP Billiton, Telstra, CSIRO, DFAT, DEEWR, Flinders University, state governments, individuals and Australian universities.

In 2011, we welcomed the appointment of the inaugural Fulbright-Finders Distinguished Chair in American Political Science, and other first winners of the Fulbright Nuclear Science and

Technology Scholarship, the Fulbright Northern Territory Scholarship and the Anne Wexler Scholarship which the Commission administers on behalf of the Australian Government.

We have had some changes on the Board this year. At the beginning of 2011 we welcomed Professor Don DeBats, Professor Margaret Gardner AO and Mr Marshall Farrer to the Board and in September, Frank Urbanic, Jr., the newly appointed US Consul General in Melbourne who replaced Michael Thurston. I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to outgoing Board members Michael Thurston and Erin Flaherty for their wisdom, active engagement, and generous contribution to all facets of the Commission.

Finally, 2011 has been a year of change, transformation, success and excitement. This was possible because of the vast support network and outstanding contribution of the Fulbright Alumni, colleagues and the Commission staff, and for this I am thankful.

Professor Steven Schwartz
Chair, Australian-American
Fulbright Commission Board

Executive Director



I accepted the offer to lead the Australian-American Fulbright Commission with great honour and pride in August 2011. The Fulbright Program provides Scholars with exceptional study, research and engagement opportunities across a range of disciplines and opens doors for our Fulbright Alumni.

It was with great pleasure that we welcomed our new sponsors for the Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Advanced Science and Technology sponsored by the Defence, Science and Technology Organisation; and the Fulbright Professional Scholarship in Non-Profit Leadership sponsored by the Origin Foundation and Australian Scholarships Foundation (ASF), both to be awarded in 2013.

Key events in 2011 included:

- » The 2011 Presentation Dinner, co-hosted by Flinders University in March at the Adelaide Festival Centre;
- » The State Receptions hosted by our university partners and in the WA U.S. Consul General – Perth, to celebrate the success of state based Scholars;
- » The 2011 Fulbright Symposium hosted by Deakin University;
- » The Enrichment Program for our U.S. Scholars lead to a warm welcome by the Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon Julia Gillard MP and the U.S. Ambassador Jeffrey Bleich and Mrs Bleich;

- » The U.S. Ambassador and Mrs Bleich hosted the end of year reception which brought together distinguished guests, Board members, Sponsors, selection committee members, Scholars and Alumni.

In October, I visited the U.S. State Department and met with Alumni and key stakeholders of the Commission. It was extremely valuable in for me to gain new insights from a global viewpoint. Since then this has lead to new initiatives.

On the personnel front we farewelled Kate Whitehead, Administrative Assistant in October.

I would like to thank our Chair Professor Steven Schwartz and Board members, Staff, Sponsors, Alumni, Selection Committee members and all of our hosts and co-hosts for their continued commitment and contributions to the Commission. Together we enable the Australian-American Commission to live up to the legacy founded by J.W. Fulbright more than 60 years ago.

Dr Tangerine Holt
Executive Director

Program Report

A central focus of the Fulbright Commission's annual cycle of activities is the management and administration of the Fulbright and Wexler Scholarship Programs. This includes promotion of the Scholarships; administration of the application and selection processes; Scholar support; and coordination of activities and events that enhance the Scholars' Fulbright experience, increasing long-term participation and engagement with the Fulbright Program.

2011 Program highlights:

- » Selection of inaugural Scholars for the Fulbright Flinders University Distinguished Chair; and Fulbright Climate Change and Clean Energy Scholarships;
- » Establishment and launch of the new Fulbright Professional Scholarship in Non-Profit Leadership, sponsored by the Origin Foundation and Australian Scholarships Foundation (ASF);
- » Reception hosted by Ambassador Kim Beazley at his residence in Washington, D.C. in April– attended by a number of Anne Wexler's immediate family to recognise the first Wexler Scholars;
- » U.S. Scholar Enrichment Program in August, including a meeting and photo opportunity with the Hon. Julia Gillard, Prime Minister of Australia;
- » Australian Scholar Orientation Program in March in Adelaide;
- » State receptions in WA, TAS, VIC, NSW and NT to connect Scholars with state-based Fulbright stakeholders, including sponsors and alumni;
- » 26 University presentations conducted, including participation in prestigious scholarships information sessions at UNSW and Monash universities;
- » Four Scholars were awarded the Fulbright Gregory Schwartz Enrichment Grants, which are aimed at assisting Australian Fulbright Postgraduate Scholars to enrich their experience in the United States. They were 2010 Fulbright Australian Scholar, Kathryn Napier, 2009 Fulbright Australian Scholar Camilla Whittington and 2011 Fulbright Scholars Daniel Duke and Benjamin Cheah;
- » 2010 U.S. Scholar Matthew Perez received the Lois Roth Endowment Grant to expand the scope of his Fulbright year at the Australian National University (ANU).

2011 Fulbright Scholarship applications

In 2011 the Commission received 225 applications for the Australian Fulbright Scholarships, which resulted in 24 Scholarships being awarded.

A total of 179 applications were received for the U.S. Fulbright Scholarships, of which 17 Scholarships were awarded.

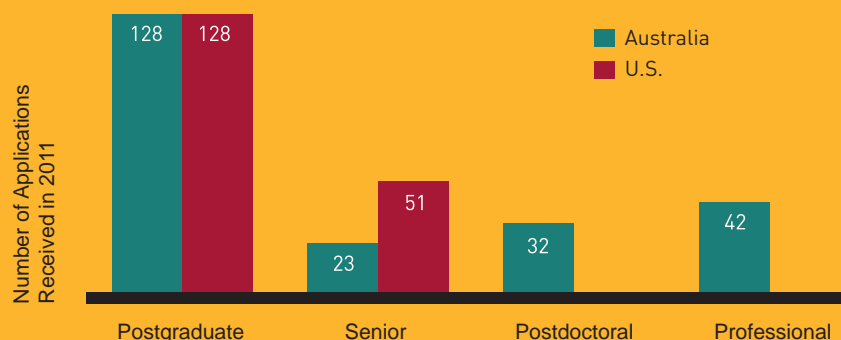
Figure 1 provides a comparative overview of these applications across the various categories of scholarship for Australians and Americans. Although the U.S. program does not offer Postdoctoral or Professional Scholarships, data shows that there is a keen interest at the postgraduate and senior scholar levels from U.S. applicants to engage with Australia;

From an Australian viewpoint, application numbers across all scholarship categories have generally remained stable while the Professional Scholarship category has seen a steady increase this year.

Figure 2 shows 54 per cent of the applications were received from the sciences/medical sciences, law and the arts/humanities academic fields, while Figure 3 shows that 75 per cent of the successful applicants came from the academic

fields of science/medical sciences, law and engineering. Although there is a continued trend towards the sciences, increasingly there is diversity in applications across academic disciplines.

Figure 1 Comparison of Australian and U.S. Application Numbers - 2011



Note: The U.S. program does not offer Postdoctoral or Professional Scholarships.



2011 Fulbright Selection Committees:

The Commission is supported by a number of selection committees, including state, national and scholarship specific committees. The Commission values the professional and academic expertise of these committee members and is grateful for their commitment in ensuring the integrity and rigor of the selection process. See full list of Selection Committee Members below:

National Selection Committee

Australian National Selection Committee

Professor Stephen Buckman (Chair)
Australian National University

Mr Jason Coutts
Department of Education,
Employment & Workplace
Relations

Professor Dennis Foley
University of Newcastle

Ms Heidi Herschede
U.S. Embassy

Professor Carole Kayrooz
The University of Canberra

Mr Peter Naumann
The National Gallery of Australia

US National Selection Committee

Dr Miriam Baltuck (Chair)
Canberra Deep Space
Communication Complex and
NASA Operations

Dr Cameron Gordon
The University of Canberra

Professor Julio Licinio
The Australian National University

Ms Judy Moon
U.S. Embassy

Professor Kim Rubenstein
The Australian National University

Emeritus Professor David Williams AM
The Australian National University

State Selection Committees

Australian Capital Territory Selection Committee

Dr David Gruen (Chair)
Australian Treasury

Ms Lyndell Wilson (Secretary)
Australian-American Fulbright
Commission

Mr John Arnold
Australian Defence Force
Academy

The University of New South Wales

Professor Aidan Byrne
The Australian National University

Ms Louise Douglas
National Museum of Australia

Ms Alessia Mussomeli
U.S. Embassy

Associate Professor Molly Townes O'Brien
The Australian National University

New South Wales Selection Committee

Ms Helen Trinca (Chair)
The Weekend Australian Magazine

Ms Jordi Austin (Secretary)
University of Sydney

Professor Belinda Bennett
The University of Sydney

Scientia Professor Ian Dawes
The University of New South Wales

Dr Maree Delofski
Macquarie University

Professor Dennis Foley
The University of Newcastle

Figure 2 Scholarships awarded by Academic Discipline

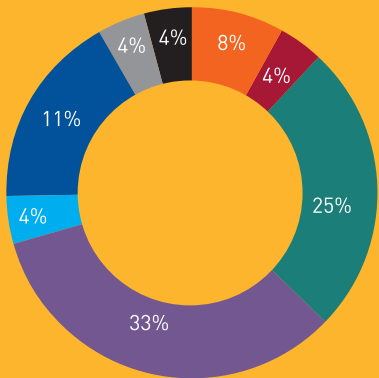
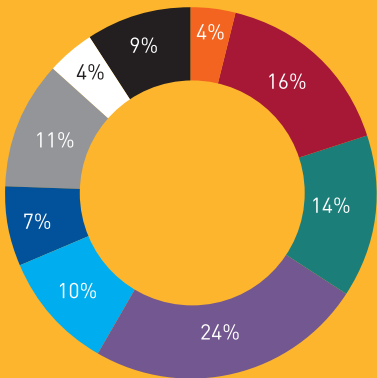


Figure 3 Applications Received by Academic Discipline



Professor Shane Houston
The University of Sydney

Mr Niels Marquardt
US Consulate General - Sydney

Western Australia Selection Committee

Professor E.W. Ted Snell (Chair)
The University of Western Australia

Ms Allison Hymus (Secretary)
Murdoch University

Professor Cassandra Berry
Murdoch University

Professor Brenda Cherednichenko
Edith Cowan University

Professor Chris Doepel
University of Notre Dame

Ms Deborah Leavitt
ABC Radio Perth

Mrs Aleisha Woodward
US Consulate General - Perth

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Griffith University

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Queensland University of Technology

Mr David Fagan
Queensland Newspapers

Professor Adrian Herington
Queensland University of Technology

Professor Geraldine Mackenzie
Bond University

Prof Peter Roennfeldt
Griffith University

Mr Reggie Singh
U.S. Consulate

Professor Zlatko Skrbis
The University of Queensland

Victorian Selection Committee

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Monash University

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The University of Melbourne

Professor Kevin Massey
RMIT University

Ms Beverly Mather-Marcus
US Consulate - Melbourne

Ms Lou Oppenheim
Melbourne Symphony Orchestra

Dr Yin Paradies
The University of Melbourne

Professor Adrienne Stone
The University of Melbourne

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The University of Adelaide

Anne Witt (Secretary)
The University of Adelaide

Associate Professor Kimi Coaldrake
Elder Conservatorium

Professor Andrew Downing
University of South Australia

David Hobbs
Flinders University

Professor Richard Russell
The University of Adelaide

Ms Sandra Winter- Dewhirst
ABC Adelaide

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Department of Premier and Cabinet

Ms Peta Pitchford (Secretary)
University of Tasmania

Mr Nathan Flook
U.S. Consulate General

Professor Simon Foote
Menzies Institute of Research

Professor Paddy Nixon
The University of Tasmania

Dr Rosemary Sandford
University of Tasmania

Professor Marie Sierra
The University of Tasmania

Northern Territory Selection Committee

Professor Sharon Bell (Chair)
Charles Darwin University

Ms Maryanne McKaige (Secretary)
Charles Darwin University

Dr Alan Andersen
CSIRO Tropical Ecosystems Research Centre

Dr Nora Devoe
Department of Business and Employment

Professor Sandra Dunn
Charles Darwin University

Mr Chris Eske
Blackboard Australian NZ

Mr Alan Langworthy
Powercorp

Professor Daniela Stehlik
Charles Darwin University

Other Selection Committees

IS&T Selection Committee

Professor Stephen Buckman (Chair)
ANU

Mr Paul Harris (Acting Chair)
CSIRO/The Australian National University

Mr Jonathan Habjan
United States Embassy

Dr Susan Howitt
The Australian National University

Professor Dharmendra Sharma Dean
University of Canberra

Anne Wexler Selection Committee

Professor Peter Coaldrake (Chair)
Queensland University of Technology

Mr Jason Coutts
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

Professor Don De Bats
Flinders University

Dr John Hart
The Australian National University

Dr Sue Meek
Australian Academy of Science

Associate Professor Brendon O'Connor
The University of Sydney

Fulbright Senior Specialist Program

Dr Miriam Baltuck (Chair)
Canberra Deep Space Communication Complex and NASA Operations/DSTO

Ms Keely Dreghorn
Universities Australia

Ms Di Weddell
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

2011 Fulbright Australian Scholars

SENIOR SCHOLARS



Professor Ross Buckley

Law, UNSW. Research in international finance law, examining potential systemic responses to future financial crises, at Duke University, North Carolina.



Professor Hylton Menz

Medical science, La Trobe University's Musculoskeletal Research Centre. Research into foot pain, including risk factors, impacts on physical functioning and the development of symptoms in other body regions, at the Institute for Aging Research, Harvard University.

PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARS



Dr Sharon Davis

Engineering, Murray-Darling Basin Authority. Research into water management in collaboration with the Harvard Water Initiative, at Harvard University.

PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARS



Mr Fergus Hanson

Fulbright Anniversary Alliance Scholarship sponsored by DFAT

Political Science, Lowy Institute for International Policy. Research into innovations used by the State Department, such as digital diplomacy and opinion polling, with a view to adopting these in Australia, at Georgetown University.



Ms Libby Maynard

Fulbright Professional Business/ Industry (Coral Sea) Scholar

Business Admin, Julian Midwinter & Ass. researching measurement and evaluation of community legal services for women experiencing family breakdown and violence, at George Mason University.

"It was a very enriching experience for our whole family. We celebrated Halloween and Thanksgiving enthusiastically with some American families and seeing this through the eyes of our children and their schools made it really come to life. Living in Virginia in a semi-rural setting in the Fall was an absolute treat. Our girls loved catching the yellow school bus to the local elementary school each day and they have developed a great sense of independence as a result.

On a professional note I was struck by the generosity both in terms of time and information of the Executive Directors of the organisations I interviewed and academics from a range of institutions. There was a genuine interest in my research project and a desire to assist. There was an exchange of information and ideas in both directions. I have gained some terrific insights and have developed a framework which I hope will benefit both the access to justice and domestic violence sectors here in Australia and in the US."



Dr Timothy McEvoy

Fulbright Professional Australia -U.S. Alliance Studies Scholarship sponsored by DFAT

Assess the desire for greater mutual recognition and enforcement of judgments expressed in the Australia-US Free Trade Agreement, at University of Virginia and Georgetown University.

"My engagement with the State Department, the Department of Justice, the Congress and the legal profession on the issue of US judgment recognition law and policy was fascinating. There is a lot happening in this area, and some significant disagreements between the main players. Importantly, there are some useful insights for Australia to be gained from what is happening in the US. I am particularly appreciative of the support and encouragement provided to me by the law faculties at Virginia and at Georgetown, as well as by officers of DFAT in both Canberra and Washington DC, and officers of the Attorney-General's Department in Canberra."



Mr Damien Pearce

Fulbright Professional Scholar in Vocational Education and Training (VET) sponsored by DEEWR

Education, Australian Federal Police College. Undertaking a comparative analysis of police education and training strategies used in Australia and the U.S. at Federal and State levels, host John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York



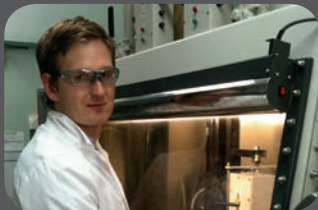
Dr Clare Sullivan

Fulbright South Australia Scholar

Law, The University of Adelaide. Research into the digital identity that people use for transactions online, its legal nature and how it can be protected, at George Washington University.

2011 Fulbright Australian Scholars

POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLARS



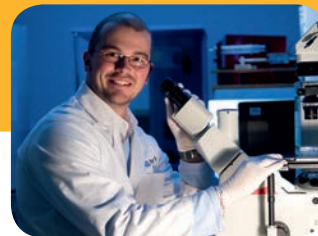
Dr Jacek Jasieniak
Chemistry, CSIRO.

Dr Jacek Jasieniak, a post-doctoral fellow at the CSIRO, is currently spending 12 months at the University of California Santa Barbara seeking to develop efficient, printable solar cells.

Such technologies have the potential to not only drastically reduce the cost of solar generated power, but also open the doorway to a variety of building or product integrated photovoltaics, such as semi-transparent windows. Jacek's research discoveries will contribute to CSIRO's efforts to develop new kinds of flexible solar cells and lighting systems through their Future Manufacturing National Research Flagship.

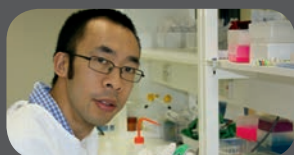
"Santa Barbara is one of the most beautiful towns I have ever seen. Within this paradise I have had the great privilege to work within the

laboratory of Nobel Laureate Prof. Alan Heeger at the University of California Santa Barbara (UCSB). To date, my work here has been focused on understanding interfaces between metal oxides and organic semiconductors. I am pleased to say that the intellectual and cultural environment of UCSB has enabled me to significantly progress in this area, as well as provide the necessary challenges for me to grow both personally and professionally."



Dr David Nisbet
Fulbright Victoria Scholar Biological Sciences, Monash University/ANU. Augmenting current research into ways to help damaged brain and spinal cord tissues to regenerate, using polymer nanofibres as a scaffold for stem cells, at the University of California, Berkeley.

POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARS



Dr Steven Tong
Fulbright NT Scholar

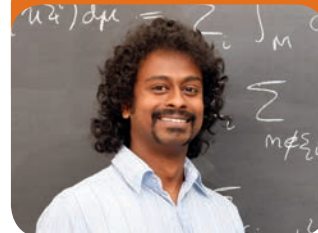
Medical Sciences, Royal Darwin Hospital, Menzies School of Health Research. Investigate heart valve infections due to the bacterium *Staphylococcus aureus*; and extend knowledge of one peculiar NT strain, at Duke University.

Steven Tong has investigated the virulence of a particular strain of *Staphylococcus aureus* from northern Australia in a mouse skin infection model. He has also been involved in a number of other studies to better understand the epidemiology of *S. aureus* infections, particularly in heart valve infections. His family has found Chapel Hill to be a delightful place to live with great schools and wonderful neighbourhood and church communities.



Dr Natasha Wiggins
Fulbright Tasmania Scholar

Biological Sciences, University of Tasmania. Research plant-herbivore ecology between the pygmy rabbit and sagebrush foliage, at Boise State University, Idaho and Washington State University.



Mr Lashi Bandara
Mathematics, ANU. Further current PhD studies in mathematics, combining two areas known as differential geometry and harmonic analysis, at Stanford University and the University of Missouri.

INTERNATIONAL FULBRIGHT SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AWARD



Mr Gus Schrader
Mathematics, The University of Melbourne. Studying mathematical structures that appear in mathematical physics, especially in relation to an area known as the Geometric Langlands program, host University of California Berkeley.



Ms Laura Williams
Ecology, Monash University. PhD research and coursework in ecology, studying plant community dynamics and the role of evolutionary history in structuring plant communities, at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.



Ms Tarah Barzanji
Public Administration, Monitor Group. Master of Public Policy, specialising in non-profit management and social policy implementation, at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

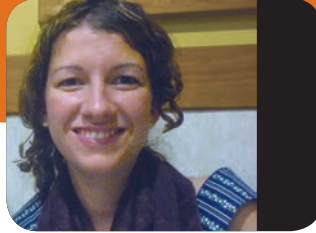


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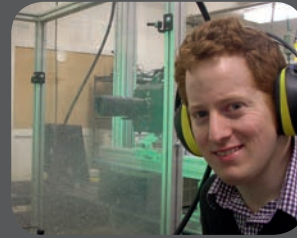
Mr Benjamin Cheah
Fulbright NSW Scholar

Biological sciences, University of NSW. Statistical research with relevance to motor neurone disease in the hope of furthering our understanding of this complex disease, at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. *Gregory Schwartz Enrichment Grant*



Ms Julia Mansour

Law, High Court of Australia. Studying human rights law, with a focus on domestic violence and women's rights in the context of sustainable development, at Columbia Law School.



Mr Daniel Duke

Fulbright Nuclear Science and Technology Scholar sponsored by ANSTO
Gregory Schwartz Enrichment Grant

Engineering, Monash University. Research into the formation of sprays, using U.S. developed Synchrotron X-Ray techniques in combination with methods from his PhD, at Argonne National Laboratory, Illinois.

Daniel is currently working with the fuel spray research team at Argonne National Lab, developing new Synchrotron X-ray experiments to better understand the complex behaviour of sprays for a wide range of applications.



Ms Angelina Hurley

Fulbright Indigenous Scholar sponsored by DEEWR
Writing for Film and TV, University of Technology Sydney. Study and research to gain further experience and skill in comedy writing for film and television, host Tisch School of Arts, NYU.

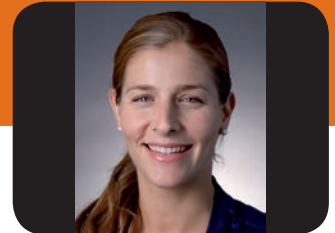
"My first semester at NYU and in New York City has been an amazing and overwhelming experience.

It has given me access to the serious side of the comedy writing industry and provided me with the opportunity to experience and work with a caliber of professionals in the comedy field ie lecturers, writers and performers of which one can only dream and hope to be a permanent part of."



Mr Stephen McAnearney

Electrical Engineering, University of Western Australia. Work on the development of small scale medically implantable devices for cancer detection and monitoring, host Columbia University.



Ms Anna Rakoczy

Fulbright Western Australia Scholar
Law, University of Western Australia. Research in the area of welfare reform and capacity building with a view to creating sustainable employment outcomes for Indigenous people through the Australian Employment Covenant, at Berkeley Law School.



Mr Matthew Thompson
Fulbright Queensland Scholar

Psychology, The University of Queensland. Research into human matching of crime-scene fingerprints, including accuracy, psychological factors and ways to maximise the reliability of fingerprint evidence, at the University of California, Los Angeles.



Mr Gar-Wing Truong

Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar in Technology and Communications sponsored by Telstra, WG Walker Scholar
Physics, University of Western Australia. Research in high-sensitivity and accurate measurements of gas properties, at the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Maryland.



Mr Kelly Tsang

Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar in Science and Engineering sponsored by BHP Billiton
Engineering, Monash University. Extending PhD research in tissue engineering to create light degradable hydrogels for reconstruction of biological tissues, host Brigham and Women's Hospital - Harvard Medical School.



Mr Daniel Wodak

Philosophy, The University of Sydney. Undertake PhD research in philosophy, specialising in moral philosophy, host Princeton University.

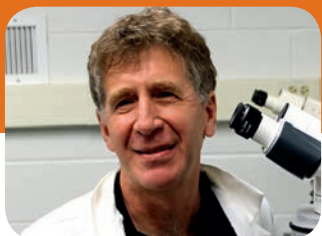
2011 Fulbright U.S. Scholars

FULBRIGHT FLINDERS UNIVERSITY DISTINGUISHED CHAIR IN AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE



Professor Howard Schweber
Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Research the ways in which foundational concepts of representative government have shaped the development of Australian constitutional and political culture, at Flinders University

SENIOR SCHOLARS



Professor Timothy Bralower
Earth Science, Pennsylvania State University. To set up a joint U.S.-Australian project to address ocean acidification and the larger issue of climate change, with UNSW.



Professor Virginia Carrieri-Kohlman
Medical science, UC-San Francisco. Testing an online management intervention for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and other lung diseases in Australia, at UTS.



Dr Nicole Carter
Engineering, Congressional Research Service. Research into the role of government policies in shaping the energy sector's water use in Australia, at ANU.



Professor Thomas Hangartner
Engineering, Wright State University. Development and implementation of an accurate computer model of bone to evaluate the effect of aromatase inhibitors on bone strength in individual patients, with The University of Melbourne.



Mr Curt Tofteland
Theater, Shakespeare Behind Bars. Researching the impact that art, theatre and the works of William Shakespeare have on changing the behaviour of convicted criminals, with the University of Queensland.

"I feel exceedingly blessed to have been awarded the opportunity by the Australian-American Fulbright Commission to live and work in Australia. Prior to my arrival, I had great expectations for my Fulbright Senior Scholar experience. Now, at the conclusion of my time in Australia, I can report that those great expectations pale at my real life experiences. The Australian people, animals, birds, insects, vegetation, water, and topography will live deeply within my being

for the remainder of my time on this earth. I will miss many things about my Australian sojourn but none more than the haunting song of the magpie who awoke us each morning with his melody of thanks to the new day. Through his song, I came to know the ancestors who patiently wait on the other side of the veil between life and afterlife for humankind to return to the respect our mother earth deserves."

POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARS



Mr Marvin Alfaro
2011 Fulbright CSIRO
Postgraduate Scholar

"Working with internationally renowned Australian scientists at the Climate Change Research Centre, at UNSW in Sydney and CSIRO Wealth from Oceans Flagship in Tasmania, I've been given numerous resources and opportunities to enrich my Antarctic project proposal and cultural experience. I have experienced differences in project management and employee relations between academia and government employment. Working at UNSW and CSIRO has also given me the chance to experience life in

both Australia's largest city and that of Australia's lovely island state of Tasmania.

January 5th 2012 I departed Hobart, Tasmania as part of the physical oceanography CTD team onboard the Aurora Australis, with scientists from CSIRO and the Australian Antarctic Division. Our destination was Commonwealth Bay, Antarctica with a final destination of Fremantle, Australia. Our main focus was to study the waters immediately surrounding the continent of

Antarctica, as well as a cross-section of the great Southern Ocean. The other focus is historical, which made this Antarctic voyage particularly special.

One hundred years ago, a party led by Douglas Mawson set up a base and built huts in Antarctica, which still stand today at Commonwealth Bay. By this visit we commemorated the centenary of an enterprise that began Australia's engagement with Antarctica, which is still very active today."



Mr Nicholas Apollo
Biomedical Engineering, Chemistry, University of Pittsburgh. Improving quality of life for the blind community through bionic eye implants and addressing accessibility issues, with Bionic Vision Australia.



Mr Stephen Aro
Chemistry, Carnegie Mellon University. Evaluation of silica-coated iron oxide particles as MRI contrast agents to increase the uses of MRI, at the University of Western Australia.



Ms Emily Baldock
2011 Fulbright ANU College of Business and Economics Postgraduate Scholar
Accounting and International Business, University of Louisville. To undertake a comparative analysis of accounting and auditing standards used in Australia and the United States to detect and prevent fraud in each country's public companies, at ANU.



Ms Margit Bowler
Linguistics, Reed College. Research the syntax and semantics of the Australian Indigenous language Warlpiri with respect to quantifiers, which are words such as "each" and "all", at ANU.



Ms Jennifer DeBerardinis
Biology, Philosophy, Smith College, MA. Research in philosophy of science and dialetheism, which suggests contradictions can be true, at the Universities of Sydney and Melbourne.



Ms Kerry Drury
Biology, Biochemistry, Premed, College of the Holy Cross. Research the role of specific cell adhesion molecules in cancer cell proliferation, in order to begin to develop novel treatments and techniques to combat the disease, with the Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research in Melbourne.



Ms Molly Gabbard
Fine Arts, Indiana University. Undertake research into the use of animals in Australian Indigenous art, endangered Australian wildlife, and study woodcarving, at Gray Street Workshop in Adelaide.

"I am a month into my scholarship and finding Adelaide and the arts community here very willing and helpful to give me the best leads for my research. Currently I feel my topics and work are very independent of each other. Over the next few months my goal is to create a cohesive line that draws my research directly into the work I create."

POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARS



Mr Jonathan Gelber

Biology, Molecular Biology, Pomona College. Research on the pathogenic biofilm of *Vibrio cholerae*, to assess what factors drive the Vc biofilm's virulence and its resistance to immune systems, at UNSW and Sydney Institute of Marine Science.



Mr Matthew Hoffman

2011 Fulbright U.S. Alumni Scholar

Mechanical Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology. Conducting

research on a novel type of solar energy collector at the UNSW in Sydney. Optimizing the heat transfer characteristics of hybrid roof-mounted collectors is an important step towards making solar energy a more efficient and cost-effective energy solution worldwide.

"Although I am less than three months into my Fulbright Scholarship, I can already say that it is proving to be an amazing learning experience. Inside the lab,

I recently completed a set of laser-based experiments aimed at understanding heat loss mechanisms from solar concentrators. Having completed this initial project, I am now moving on to design a test facility for high temperature roof-top concentrators. Outside of the lab, I have enjoyed exploring the diverse landscapes of this beautiful country. From runs along the coast to canyoning in the Blue Mountains, there has been no shortage of things to do on the weekends!"

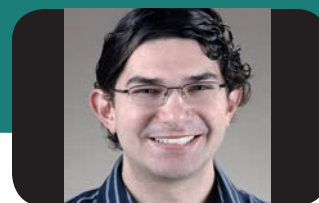


Ms Kristen Lear

Zoology, Ohio Wesleyan University.

"Study population trends and breeding ecology of the Critically Endangered Southern Bent-wing Bat through the development of an automated counting system to monitor the population at Naracoorte Caves National Park, hosted by the University of Melbourne and the South Australian Department of Environment and Natural Resources."

"The Fulbright program has given me a wonderful opportunity to pursue my passion for bats while learning about and exploring a new country. I have had time to not only conduct my research, but also to travel and see what Australia has to offer. To me, that is one aspect of the Fulbright program that makes it so unique and so successful."



Mr Steven Lombardo

Pharmaceutical Chemistry, University of Toledo. Evaluation of novel flavonoids for the treatment of anxiety, and promotion of mental illness as a medical issue, with the University of Sydney and Black Dog Institute.

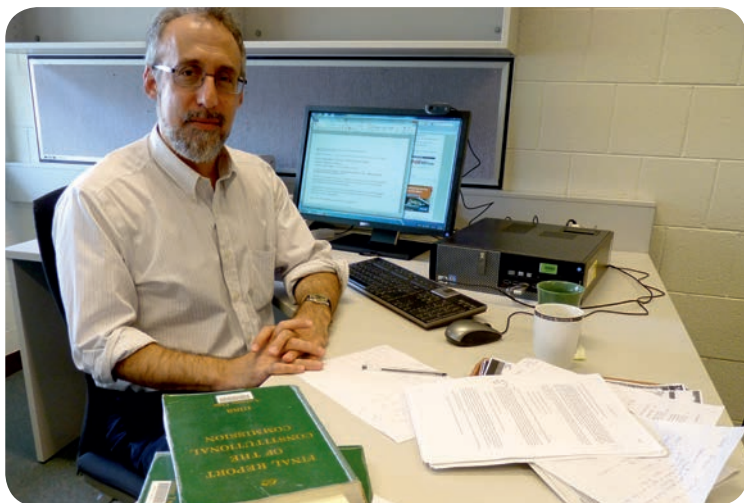
2011 Fulbright Senior Specialist Program

In 2011 three U.S. specialists took part in the Fulbright Senior Specialist Program (FSSP). The FSSP is an ongoing program which aims to provide support to Australian higher education institutions through the exchange of expertise and the building of collaboration linkages with U.S. specialists from academia and other professional spheres. The specialists visit their host institutions in Australia for a period of two to six weeks, during which they collaborate on a range of matters, which can include curriculum and faculty development, institutional planning, delivering lectures, participating in or leading seminars or workshops, and a host of other activities relating to an overarching program specific to the specialists' fields of expertise.

The following U.S. specialists took part in the FSSP in 2011:

Specialist	Primary Host Institution	Additional Hosts	Specific Program Description	Study Field
Professor William Chafe, Duke University	Monash University	University of Sydney (USyd), University of Western Sydney (UWS)	Race and ethnicity in America	General U.S. Studies
Professor George DeGraffenreid, California State University	University of Melbourne	USyd, RMIT, University of Adelaide, ANU, UWS	Pre-service primary music: towards effective models	Education
Professor Jeffery Weindenhamer, Ashland University	Charles Sturt University	CSIRO	Plant rhizosphere interactions and the development of improved analytical systems for evaluation of bioactive compounds in the soil rhizosphere	Agriculture

Fulbright Flinders University Distinguished Chair – Professor Howard Schweber



Howard Schweber, a Professor of Political Science and Legal Studies and affiliate faculty member of the Law School at University of Wisconsin-Madison, is the 2011-2012 Flinders University Fulbright Distinguished Chair in American Political Science. Professor Schweber is a scholar of American law and legal history, constitutional and legal philosophy, and democratic theory. He is the author of four books, most recently *Democracy and Authenticity* (Cambridge 2011).

He arrived in Australia in January 2012 to study the ways in which foundational concepts of representation appear in the particular context of Australian constitutional politics.

It is commonplace to observe that there are elements of similarity and difference between the Australian and American systems of institutional design, but Professor Schweber is working to develop an analysis that looks more deeply at the conceptual underpinning to show that both similarities and differences may be overstated.

“Our understanding of Australian constitutionalism and Australian politics has long since moved past the old description of a hybrid of British and American practices,” says Schweber.

“In recent years scholars have clearly recognized the fact that Australia has its own distinctive political culture, and its own particular understandings of basic categories of democratic politics.”

“The purpose of this comparative analysis is to get at deeper concepts of representation, one of the most discussed but least analysed ideas in the pantheon of democratic principles.”

Professor Schweber arrived in Australia after a six-month stint at Nazarbayev University in Astana, Kazakhstan, a new university for which the University of Wisconsin is an international partner.

During his stay here Schweber hopes to establish contacts with Australian researchers that will lead to future collaborations. “The University of Wisconsin has enormous resources and is looking to use those resources to make connections around the globe with an ever-growing network of researchers and institutions. I would like to see a connection between Flinders University and Wisconsin, specifically, as well as working toward greater international cooperation,” Professor Schweber said.

“Flinders is an exciting place to be – its programs are relatively new, and it is the only Australian university with a dedicated department of American Studies. I can see great possibilities for students spending time at Wisconsin to further their research and gain additional training, and certainly there is great interest among American students in coming to Australia.”

While at Flinders, Professor Schweber will also be working with advanced students to help promote an active research culture in relatively new programs. In addition, he will be giving presentations at universities around Australia, and hopes to meet with researchers and political and judicial figures from across the intellectual and political spectrum.

Fulbright Flinders Distinguished Chair in American Political Science

The international Distinguished Chair Program is viewed as among the most prestigious appointments in the Fulbright Scholar Program. The Australian Distinguished Chair in American Political Science is being hosted from 2011 to 2015 by Flinders University.

Established in 2005, this scholarship is for a leading U.S. professor to conduct collaborative research at the host institution along with some guest lectures at advanced undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

This position is intended to increase awareness of the study of American politics and government in Australia, and promote comparative and collaborative research in political science between Australia and the United States.

A national speaking tour to visit interstate universities is thus a key part of this Distinguished Chair program, along with research and periodic lectures at Flinders University in the 2011-2012 academic year.



Mr Colin Walters from the Fulbright Commission Board, U.S. Ambassador Bleich, Minister Warren Snowdon, Chief Defence Scientist Professor Robert Clark and Chief of the Defence Force, General David Hurley, AC, DSC at the launch of the new Distinguished Chair. Photo: Adam Wilson, U.S. Embassy, Canberra



Prof. Steven Schwartz (Australian-American Fulbright Commission), Ms Amy Lyden (Australian Scholarships Foundation), Prof. Murray Wells (Australian Scholarships Foundation), U.S. Ambassador Jeffrey Bleich, Dr Tangerine Holt (Australian-American Fulbright Commission), Mr Kevin McCann (Chairman of Origin and Origin Foundation Director), Mr Paul Murnane (Australian Scholarships Foundation)

New sponsored Fulbright Scholarships

The Australian-American Fulbright Commission welcomed the establishment of two new sponsored scholarships in 2011. Winners of both scholarships will commence in 2013.

The first scholarship launched was a new Distinguished Chair in Advanced Science and Technology sponsored by the Australian Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO). The Chair will bring an eminent U.S. scientist to Australia to DSTO, or another research institution linked to DSTO, for up to five months. It was launched on 25 May 2011 at Parliament House in Canberra by the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel, Warren Snowdon.

The second scholarship launched in 2011, the Fulbright Professional Scholarship in Non-Profit Leadership, is aimed at managers in the non-profit sector. It was launched by the U.S. Ambassador, Jeffrey Bleich, on 10 November 2011 at the Origin building in Sydney. The new scholarship is a joint initiative of the Fulbright Commission, the Origin Foundation and the Australian Scholarships Foundation (ASF).

Anne Wexler Scholarships

The inaugural Anne Wexler Scholarships were presented at the Australian Embassy in Washington on 18 April 2011 by the Chair of the Anne Wexler Scholarship Board, the Australian Ambassador to the U.S., the Hon. Kim Beazley.

Ms Caroline Adler, the Anne Wexler Australian Scholar, is a Master's student in Public Policy at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. Caroline's Master's research explores innovative workforce development policy interventions for low-income communities. Her goal is to develop social enterprise solutions to help urban Australians who experience long-term poverty to gain work skills and achieve increased economic opportunities.

Caroline got her first taste for working in social enterprise as a board member of a Melbourne-based housing service that established a social enterprise cleaning service to provide employment and training opportunities for its formerly homeless tenants. While in the U.S., Caroline has consulted to the award-winning workforce-training program for at risk youth, Year Up. Caroline was formerly the Manager/Principal Lawyer at the PILCH

Homeless Persons' Legal Clinic and before that was a commercial lawyer at Allens Arthur Robinson. She has also volunteered her skills on non-profit boards and at community legal services in Melbourne, and has been awarded the Australia Awards 'Australian Leadership Award'.

Ms Katherine Thurber, a 2011 graduate of Harvard University, is the Anne Wexler U.S. winner. Katherine has a major in Psychology and Global Health and is undertaking a Master of Philosophy at the ANU Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health. Through her scholarship she is studying nutrition among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

She plans to use this research as the basis for further studies of nutrition among populations within the United States, such as Native Americans and the Inuit. Katherine has won other awards and prizes, including a David Roux Global Health Travel Award and a Herchel Smith Harvard Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship. Katherine gained experience with malnutrition through three trips to Rukungiri, Uganda, where she worked with fellow Harvard students to establish a sustainable malnutrition treatment program.



Australian Ambassador, The Hon. Kim Beazley, with the Anne Wexler Scholars, Caroline Adler, left, and Katherine Thurber, right. The Scholars were presented with their certificates and a special ceremonial plate by Australian glass artist Peter Crisp.

Katherine is using the Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children (LSIC) dataset to examine how birthweight, breastfeeding habits, and early nutrition affect longitudinal trends in children's height and weight. She presented her initial findings at the "Growing Up in Australia and Footprints in Time: The LSAC and LSIC Research Conference" in November, and plans to do fieldwork in an Indigenous community in the Kimberley in 2012.

The Anne Wexler Scholarships were created in August 2009 to recognise the contribution made by the late Anne Wexler to relations between Australia and the U.S. As an Australian Government funded Australia Award, the Anne Wexler Scholarships are funded through the Australian Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) and are administered by the Fulbright Commission.



This once abandoned 160 year old brewery at 405 East Oliver Street has been transformed into a "live-work" gallery and studio facility by an artist-owned corporation

2011 Fulbright Alumni Initiative Grant winner

U.S. artist and educator Professor Timothy Nohe (Fulbright U.S. Senior Scholar 2006) was awarded the 2011 Fulbright Alumni Initiative Grant. Through this grant he has been able to extend his existing collaboration with La Trobe University based sound and media artist Dr Norie Neumark (Director, Centre for Creative Arts, La Trobe University).

Timothy and Norie are developing an artists' research and exchange network linking La Trobe University and the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC). Their goal is to cross-pollinate and present American and Australian artists working in extremely diverse urban and rural communities through residency exchanges, collaborations and exhibitions.

With the help of the FAIG they are building a network infrastructure, with a focus on developing artists' studios and residency support in Baltimore and Victoria. Timothy visited Australia in August 2011 with visits to Bendigo and meetings with Norie in Melbourne. In June and July 2012 Timothy will return to Australia to continue development of network links to: the Centre for Creative Arts at La Trobe University; La Trobe University Museum of Art (LUMA) on the Bundoora campus; the Visual Arts Centre, La Trobe University, Bendigo; and Punctum, Castlemaine.

Both Timothy and Norie are seeking further funds to support the project and are continuing to organise artists' exchanges.

Timothy and Norie plan to exhibit artworks in 2015 at the Center for Art, Design and Visual Culture (CADVC) at UMBC and the La Trobe University Museum of Art (LUMA).

Report on the Fulbright History project



Dr Alice Garner interviewing a Fulbright Alumnus from 1970, novelist Arnold Zable.

Report by Dr Alice Garner, Australian Research Council (ARC) Linkage Postdoctoral Research Fellow (Industry), La Trobe University (with Professors Diane Kirkby, Dennis Altman and David Walker)

In 2009, a group of historians from La Trobe and Deakin Universities began exploring the history of the Australian-American Fulbright exchange since 1949. It has been quite an adventure, and we still have some discoveries awaiting us. We have been making our way carefully through many thousands of documents held in the National Archives of Australia, most of which were, until now, labelled 'Not Yet Examined', as well as records in the United States Department of State archives, and university special collections and archives in Australia and the U.S. This has enabled us to fill some gaps in the Fulbright Commission's records, correct names and identify forgotten scholars. We have also found some collections of correspondence and unpublished manuscripts that discuss in fascinating detail the exchange experience in the earlier decades of the program.

We have had the pleasure of travelling to all Australian states to conduct in-depth interviews with Fulbright alumni in many fields, and across all decades, with the support of our project partner, the National Library of Australia's (NLA) Oral History Unit. We have also been locating and listening to pre-existing interviews in the NLA and other institutional oral history collections, and reading biographical and autobiographical material. About 175 Australian and 140 American alumni from across the decades completed our online surveys, for which we are very grateful.

What is most striking is the diversity of scholars' experiences across

many different fields, career stages and institutions, over six decades. Writing a history that embraces this diversity is the challenge that faces us! But there are certain threads that have emerged as particularly fascinating, including: the program's encouragement and nurturing of new research fields from its earliest days through till now; the challenge for scholars and administrators in navigating between two (or more) quite different academic cultures; the way changing social and political landscapes in both countries have affected both the program and scholars' experiences at various times (for example the McCarthy era; Civil Rights and indigenous rights movements; immigration reform efforts; the Vietnam War; the women's movement; and periods of financial crisis); a growing Australian awareness of educational exchange as a fundamental element of cultural diplomacy; and, last but not least, the personal transformations that the exchange experience has wrought in many scholars' lives. We have presented papers at conferences on aspects of this rich history in Melbourne, Perth, Adelaide, Launceston, and Vienna, Austria. In June 2011, while visiting Washington, D.C. for archival research, Alice Garner had the pleasure of lunching with Mrs Harriet Fulbright who was very interested in the project.

As the Australian Research Council funding comes to a close later in 2012, this is the year for weaving the many rich threads of this history together into final, written form. We will also be exploring other avenues for telling the story of the program - perhaps in the form of a podcast or radio documentary drawing on selected interviews. In the meantime, the researchers would like to thank all those alumni who have given time to the project along the way, as interviewees, survey respondents and encouraging voices.

Fulbright Commission events in 2011

Orientation Program

Twenty-six Fulbright Australian Scholars were announced at the annual Presentation Dinner, which was held this year in Adelaide on Thursday 10 March 2011 at the Adelaide Festival Centre.

About 280 guests attended the event, which was co-hosted by Flinders University. Guests included His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR, Governor of South Australia, state government representatives, sponsors and donors, Fulbright Scholars and Alumni, Vice-Chancellors and other representatives from several universities, and family and friends of the new Fulbright Scholars.

The dinner was a highlight of the Orientation Program, which was held at the Rendezvous Allegra hotel in Adelaide. Through the program, the Scholars were introduced to the Fulbright Program, the Fulbright Board and Alumni executives, and the administration aspects of Fulbright Scholarships.

2011 Fulbright State Receptions

In May, the Fulbright Commission partnered with universities and U.S. Consuls to present the Fulbright Australian and U.S. Scholars to their local Fulbright communities at the annual state receptions.

The Vice-Chancellor of UNSW, Professor Fred Hilmer, hosted the first reception on 12 May. The reception in Victoria followed on 19 May, hosted by Fulbright Commission Board member and Vice-Chancellor of RMIT Professor Margaret Gardner, AO, who is also a Fulbright Alumnus. Western Australia's reception was held on 24 May hosted by the U.S. Consul General, Perth, Ms Aleisha Woodward. Charles Darwin University held a reception honouring the inaugural Fulbright NT Scholar, Dr Steven Tong, on 26 May. The final reception for the year was held in Tasmania and hosted by Professor Rathjen, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Tasmania, on 31 May, in the University Staff Club at the Sandy Bay Campus.



Enrichment program

The Fulbright U.S. Scholars met with the Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon. Julia Gillard MP, the U.S. Ambassador, Jeffrey Bleich and his wife for tea, and had a tour of the Canberra Glassworks as part of the annual enrichment program held in Canberra from 24-26 August. The program gave the Scholars an introduction to Australia and the Fulbright Program, visa information, Embassy and Commission support and the Alumni Association.

The Enrichment Dinner was held at the Boat House by the Lake in Canberra and was attended by about 100 people, including two parliamentarians, Fulbright Commission Board members, Selection Committee members, sponsors and Fulbright Alumni. The parliamentarians were Senator the Hon. Don Farrell, Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Urban Water, and Senator Cory Bernardi, Senator for South Australia. Fulbright U.S. Scholar Krysten Keches delighted the guests with a harp performance and fellow U.S. Scholar Lee Pearson spoke on behalf of the Scholars.

Annual Fulbright Reception

The U.S. Ambassador, Jeffrey Bleich, hosted the Annual Fulbright Reception at his residence on 1 December 2011. About 80 people attended, including Fulbright sponsors, Scholars, Alumni, Selection Committee and Board members. It was a very successful event and the Fulbright Commission Board and staff are most grateful to the Ambassador for hosting the event.



Fulbright Symposium examines Australian, U.S. and Chinese relations

The 2011 Fulbright Symposium was hosted by Deakin University at the Sofitel in Melbourne on 11-12 August 2011. The topic was *'Australia-U.S. Relations and the Rise of China: From Bilateralism to Trilateralism?'* and about 150 people attended.

Deakin University's Vice-Chancellor, Professor Jane den Hollander, and the Acting Executive Director of the Fulbright Commission, Ms Lyndell Wilson, gave the welcoming addresses.

The Symposium covered trilateral relations, Australian, Chinese and American perspectives of the relationship, military, security, and space aspects, and also included perspectives from Japan, South-East Asia, and Taiwan.

Highlights included a speech by former Australian Foreign Minister the Hon. Gareth Evans; Professor Geoffrey Garrett, director of the United States Studies Centre at the University of Sydney, discussing the highly complementary but often-overlooked trilateral relationship between U.S. investment, the Australian resource industry, and the Chinese market; and Tsinghua University's Professor Zhao Kejin outlining the different Chinese schools of thought that are currently debating China's strategic options in the Asia-Pacific region. Professor Lowell Dittmer, Editor of *Asian Survey*, University of California, Berkeley, discussed the trilateral relationship in terms of a love affair between the three countries, with current relations resembling a happy ménage à trois that could potentially become a fraught love triangle, with Australia being courted by both the U.S. and China.

The Symposium featured two public lectures, the first by Professor Hugh White from ANU and the second by Professor Gilbert Rozman of Princeton University.

The 20 Symposium speakers came from Australia, the United States, and China. In closing the Symposium, specialist on China Professor Colin Mackerras of Griffith University, declared it had been a success.

Professor Baogang He, the organiser of the event, is now editing a special issue for *Asian Survey* and a book on the topic.

1) Fulbright Australian Scholar Mr Lashi Bandara with Fulbright Alumnus, Ms Roberta Shepherd and Fulbright U.S. Scholar Krysten Keches. Photo: Morris McLennan for Morris Images, Sydney. 2) Professor Steven Schwartz, at the Fulbright Presentation Dinner in Adelaide. Photo: Ashton Claridge, Flinders University 3) Ms Krysten Keches, 2010 Fulbright U.S. Scholar. Photo: U.S. Embassy, Travis Longmore 4) Fulbright Commission Board Chair, Professor Steven Schwartz, Ambassador Jeffrey Bleich and Mrs Claire Schwartz at the Ambassador's reception. Photo: Courtesy of the U.S. Embassy, Travis Longmore 5) Fulbright Alumni Dr Malcolm Beazley AM and the Hon. Justice Robert Nicholson AO at the Enrichment Dinner. Photo: U.S. Embassy, Travis Longmore 6) Professor Hon Gareth Evans AO QC spoke at the Fulbright Symposium. 7) Fulbright Alumnus Dr Joanne Daly with Ambassador Jeffrey Bleich at the Embassy Reception. Photo: U.S. Embassy, Travis Longmore

Alumni and Scholar achievements



Dr William Atchley (Fulbright U.S. Scholar 1969), the William Neal Reynolds Distinguished Professor of Genetics in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at North Carolina State University, was awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine in February 2011. This award is granted by the Governor of North Carolina to recognise a record of extraordinary service to the State. This is the highest award the Governor can give a civilian. Additionally, in May of 2011 Atchley was awarded the Alexander Qualls Holliday Medal for Excellence by the North Carolina State University Board of Governors. This medal is the highest award that the Board of Governors can give a faculty member

Professor Brenda Cherednichenko (Fulbright Australian Scholar 2008), from Edith Cowan University in WA, was appointed Pro Vice-Chancellor of the Faculty of Arts at Deakin University. She took up the appointment in December 2011.

In September 2011, **Professor Stephen Hopper** (Fulbright Australian Scholar 1989) was appointed as Winthrop Professor of Biodiversity at the University of Western Australia, a position that he will take up in October 2012. He will step down from his position as Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens in Kew, UK to take up the appointment.

Dr Richard A Higgott (Fulbright Australia Scholar 1981) was appointed as Vice-Chancellor of Murdoch University in June 2011. He took up the position in August. Richard was previously Professor of International Political Economy and Pro Vice-Chancellor for Research at the University of Warwick in the U.K. He has also held professorial appointments at the University of Western Australia, the Australian National University and the University of Manchester.

James Cook University's **Professor Peter Leggat** (Fulbright Australia Scholar 2002) received two awards in recognition of his contributions to public health and tropical medicine in the latter half of 2011. He was awarded a Fellowship Through Distinction by the Faculty of Public Health of the Royal College of Physicians of the United Kingdom, and an Honorary Fellowship from the Australasian College of Tropical Medicine. The public health fellowship was presented on 4 July 2011 in Birmingham and the tropical medicine honorary fellowship was presented on 16 July 2011 in Cairns.

Dr David Nisbet (Fulbright Australia Scholar 2011) won the Bethlehem Griffiths Research Foundation 2011 Young Researcher of the Year Award in August. David won the award for his work on developing novel supportive scaffolds to reconstruct brain tissue damaged by neurological disease.

Professor Sharyn Pearce (Fulbright Australia Scholar 1981) was awarded a University Teaching Award for Teaching Excellence – 2011 Humanities and the Arts from the Australian Learning and Teaching Council in August. Sharyn is Head of Creative Industries Faculty, School of Media, Entertainment, Creative Arts, Creative Writing and Literary Studies at QUT.

Professor William Tierney (Fulbright U.S. Scholar 2000), a Professor in Education with the University of Southern California (USC), was voted as President-Elect of the American Educational Research Association in April 2011. Professor Tierney is an expert in the study of higher education and directs the USC Center for Higher Education Policy Analysis. His term will begin in April 2012.

Australia Day Honours

Professor Peter Coaldrake, AO (Fulbright Australia Scholar 1980 and 2001)

Dr Spencer James Routh, OAM (Fulbright Australia Scholar 1965)

Professor Hatem Salem AM, MD, FRACP, FRCPA (Fulbright Australia Scholar 1982)

Queen's Birthday Honours

Mr Richard Kenzie, QC, AM (Fulbright Australia Scholar 1971)

Mr Robert John McLean, AM (Fulbright Australia Scholar 1968)

Associate Professor Bruce Atkinson Marshall, AM (Fulbright Australia Scholar 1980)

Professor Malcolm Douglas Smith, AM (Fulbright Australia Scholar 1988)

1) Dr Richard A Higgott 2) Professor Peter Coaldrake, AO 3) Professor Sharyn Pearce
4) Professor William Tierney 5) Professor Peter Leggat 6) Professor Brenda Cherednichenko

Financial Review

The unqualified audit report from Synergy Group Australia noted below is a special purpose financial report which meets 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, there are neither plans nor intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities noted in the financial report.

As a result of donations, additional scholarships and reduced expenditure, the Commission reported a surplus for the year ending 31 December 2011.

The donations are invested so that the earnings are utilised to support the Coral Sea Fulbright Professional, the Australian Alumni (WG Walker), and the Fulbright Queensland, South Australia, New South Wales, Western Australia and Victoria State Scholarships respectively. The investments are shown at a fair market value. In 2011 due to the challenging economic environment there was a small reduction in the overall value of the Invested Funds. The management of these Investments is with Perpetual.

In addition to funding, 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.





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Independent audit report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of the Australian American Fulbright Commission, which comprises the balance sheet as at 31 December 2011, the statement of comprehensive income, and cash flow statement for the year then, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the statement by members of the finance committee.

Board Members' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Board members are responsible for the preparation of the financial report, and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1, is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Manual for Binational Commissions and Foundations and is appropriate to meet the needs of members. The Board Members' responsibility also includes such internal control as the Board determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessments of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Board, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional accounting bodies.

Audit opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Australian American Fulbright Commission as of 31 December 2011 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

Basis of Accounting

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the Australian American Fulbright Commission to meet the requirements of the Manual for Binational Commissions and Foundations. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Holmes".

Stephen Holmes

Registered Company Auditor Date: 16 February 2012
Canberra, ACT



THE AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN FULBRIGHT COMMISSION
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For year ended 31 December 2011

	Note	2011 \$	2010 \$
Revenue			
<i>Funding for ordinary activities</i>	1(d)		
Australian Government		866,948	849,414
United States Government		756,409	920,000
Scholarship sponsorships		411,946	325,860
Donations		8,170	61,179
		2,043,473	2,156,453
<i>Other revenue</i>			
Interest earned		28,526	22,342
Income from Investments		333,157	382,423
Other income	1(l)	37,672	5,237,558
		399,354	5,642,323
Total revenue		2,442,828	7,798,776
Expenses			
<i>Program expenses</i>			
United States Fulbright		542,789	622,497
Australian Fulbright		730,079	782,785
Additional awards		236,183	29,950
		1,509,051	1,435,232
Program returns		(60,866)	(31,434)
		1,448,185	1,403,798
<i>Non-program expenses</i>		231,792	209,651
<i>Administration</i>		583,112	593,356
<i>Other expenses</i>			
Investment Fees & Expenses		4,325	34,490
Foreign exchange losses (net)	1(b)	1,843	33,178
		6,168	67,668
Total expenses		2,269,257	2,274,473
Operating surplus		173,571	5,524,303
Transfer to Reserves		(70,000)	(4,700,000)
Total Comprehensive Income		103,571	824,303

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

THE AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN FULBRIGHT
COMMISSION BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 December 2011

	Note	2011 \$	2010 \$
Assets			
Cash	1(i),2	673,420	825,399
Receivables	1(e),4	89,589	69,298
Other current assets	5	37,974	20,138
		800,983	914,835
Investments			
Investments held at market value	1(j),3	10,338,131	9,843,086
Total assets		11,139,114	10,757,921
Liabilities			
Provision for employee benefits	1(h)	62,570	42,124
Creditors	1(f)	750,550	545,185
Provision for unpaid program costs	1(g)	540,700	558,888
Total liabilities		1,353,820	1,146,197
Net assets		9,785,294	9,611,724
Equity			
Reserves	6	5,159,334	5,089,334
Accumulated funds		4,625,960	4,522,390
Total Equity		9,785,294	9,611,724

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

THE AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN FULBRIGHT
COMMISSION CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For year ended 31 December 2011

	Note	2011 \$	2010 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Scholarship funding from Sponsors and Governments		1,878,945	7,404,194
Payments to suppliers		(1,859,830)	(2,130,194)
Interest received		25,748	22,342
Other revenue		54,301	90,430
Net cash inflows from operating activities	9	99,164	5,386,772
Cash flow from Investing activities			
Purchase of investments		(244,835)	(5,103,380)
Net cash from investing activities		(244,835)	(5,103,380)
Net increase (decrease) in cash held		(145,671)	283,392
Cash at the beginning of the financial year		825,399	542,007
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash		(6,308)	-
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	2	673,420	825,399

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



THE AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN FULBRIGHT COMMISSION NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For year ended 31 December 2011

Note 1. Summary of significant accounting policies

The financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared to satisfy the financial report preparation requirements of the Manual for Binational Commissions and Foundations. The directors have determined that the organisation is not a reporting entity.

Basis of preparation

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Manual for Binational Commissions and Foundations, and the following applicable Australian Accounting Standards and Accounting Interpretations:

AASB 108: Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors

AASB 110: Events after the Balance Sheet Date

AASB 1031: Materiality

No other Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

Reporting Basis and Conventions

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs modified by the revaluation of selected non-current assets, and financial assets and financial liabilities for which the fair value basis of accounting has been applied.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the organisation in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

a. Income tax

The Australian American Fulbright Commission is exempt from income tax.

b. Foreign currency transactions

i. Functional and presentation currency

The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is the organisation's functional and presentation currency.

ii. Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rate used in the annual budget. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the income statement.

c. Acquisition of assets

In order to be consistent with the Manual for Binational Commissions and Foundations item 402.2, non-current assets purchased from 1993 onwards are expensed in the year of purchase.

In 2011 the Commission obtained an independent valuation of the strata title building units it owns and occupies. The valuation was between \$790,000 and \$835,000.

d. Revenue recognition

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Amounts disclosed as revenue are net of returns, trade allowances and duties and taxes paid.

Sponsorship revenue is recognised when the sponsor makes specific commitments based upon contractual agreements.

Government contributions are recognised upon confirmation of the funding commitment.

e. Receivables

All receivables are recognised initially at fair value less provision for doubtful debts. All receivables are due for settlement no more than 30 days from the date of recognition. This applies for corporate sponsors, and at the date of recognition for funds due from the Australian Government or its agencies.

f. Program provisions

These amounts represent a provision for expenditure of funds received by the Commission prior to the end of the financial year which have not been settled. The amounts are unsecured.

g. Program commitment liability

The Commission records commitments of scholarship expenditures at such time as the Commission makes specific commitments. Thus, scholarships are recorded as expenses and liabilities when they are awarded. The liability is recorded as the total cost of each scholarship, including such future payments as return travel, at the time the scholarship is awarded.

h. Employee benefits

i. Wages and salaries and annual leave

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary entitlements, and annual leave expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are recognised in the provision for employee benefits in respect of employees' services up to the reporting date and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when liabilities are settled. Employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated cash outflows to be made.

ii. Long service leave

The liability for long service leave is recognised in the provision for employee benefits and is measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting date on national government bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible, the estimated cash outflows.

iii. Employee benefit on-costs

Employee benefit on-costs are recognised and included in employee benefit liabilities and costs when the employee benefits to which they relate are recognised as liabilities.

i. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

j. Investments

The Commission classifies its investments as financial assets at market value. Realised and unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in the market value of the investments are included in the income statement in the period for which they arise.

k. Rounding of amounts

The Commission applies the Class Order 98/100, issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, relating to the "rounding-off" of amounts in the financial report. Amounts in the financial report have been rounded off in accordance with the Class Order to the nearest dollar.

l. Prior period error

In 2010 the Commission received funds from the Australian Government to manage the Anne Wexler Scholarship. The capital element of the funds received, \$4.7m, was incorrectly recorded as a liability rather than other income. This had the impact of understating net assets and total equity at 31 December 2010 of \$4.7m. These 2011 financial statements show the corrected 2010 comparative figures which have been adjusted to correctly record the receipt of funds as income in 2010. The Commission has chosen to transfer the funds to a separate equity reserve which is reflected in Note 6 to these financial statements.



THE AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN FULBRIGHT COMMISSION
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For year ended 31 December 2011

Note 2. Current assets – Cash

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
Cash		
Operating cheque account	151,344	125,635
Fund bank account	5,980	5,520
At call bank account	94,413	171,513
Volatility deposit	53,545	52,006
USD account	187,858	470,725
Balances as per statement of cash flows	673,420	825,399

The above figures are reconciled to cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows.

Note 3. Current assets –Investments

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
Investments		
Australian Alumni (WG Walker) Fund	296,299	354,437
AFAA Fund	44,419	-
ANU CBE Fund	283,158	303,095
Clean Energy Fund	313,628	-
Coral Sea Fund	345,089	389,510
Fulbright Reserve Fund	486,483	451,464
NSW Fund	508,101	521,927
Queensland Fund	419,215	433,145
SA Fund	472,831	487,164
US Alumni Fund	18,745	19,344
VET Scholarship	105,178	-
Victoria Fund	549,442	577,808
WA Fund	888,901	914,367
Wexler Scholarship	5,606,642	5,390,825
	10,338,131	9,843,086

Anne Wexler Scholarship Funds

The Commission recognises that the base funding of \$4.7 million for this scholarship is to be maintained in perpetuity, the Commission is to manage the scholarship from the investment income generated.

Note 4. Current assets – Receivables

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
Other receivables		
Funds receivable	66,474	68,615
Other debtors	23,115	683
	89,589	69,298

Note 5. Current assets – Other

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
		
GST refundable from ATO	11,445	4,008
Prepayments	26,529	16,130
	37,974	20,138

Note 6. Reserves and Accumulated Funds

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
(a) Reserves		
Asset replacement reserve	139,630	69,630
Wexler reserve	4,700,000	4,700,000
Working capital reserve	239,704	239,704
General reserve	80,000	80,000
	5,159,334	5,089,334

Movements in Reserves

Asset replacement reserve

Balance 1 January	69,630	69,630
Amount set aside for equipment	70,000	-
Amount spent on equipment	-	-
Balance 31 December	139,630	69,630

Wexler reserve

Balance 1 January	4,700,000	-
Amount set aside for Wexler Scholarships	-	4,700,000
Balance 31 December	4,700,000	4,700,000

Working capital reserve

Balance 1 January	239,704	239,704
Amount set aside for capital preservation	-	-
Balance at 31 December	239,704	239,704

General reserve

Balance 1 January	80,000	80,000
Transfer from general reserve	-	-
Balance 31 December	80,000	80,000

b. Nature and purpose of reserves

i. Asset replacement reserve

The asset replacement reserve is used to set aside increments to cover proposed future costs and is added to and expended as required.

ii. Wexler reserve

The Wexler reserve is used to set aside funds as a contingency to recognise that the Funds for this scholarship are to be maintained in perpetuity and cannot be utilised by the Commission for operating activities. The Commission is to manage the Scholarship from the investment income generated.

iii. Working capital reserve

The working capital reserve is used to set aside funds as a contingency to keep the Commission running for a period of six months to cover commitments in the event of the Commission winding-up.

iv. General reserve

The general reserve is to set aside funds for non-operating expenses to cover major office infrastructure and other program costs as needed.



THE AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN FULBRIGHT COMMISSION
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For year ended 31 December 2011

Note 7. Board attendance

There were four Board meetings held in 2011. The numbers of meetings attended by each member serving in 2011 are as follows:

Board member	Number of meetings invited to attend	Number of meetings attended
Mrs Erin Flaherty	4	4
Prof Don Debats	4	4
Ms Judy Moon	4	4
Mr Marshall Farrer	4	4
Professor Steven Schwartz	4	4
Mr Ian Thomas	4	0
Mr Michael Thurston	3	1
Mr Frank Urbancic	1	1
Mr Colin Walters	4	3
Ms Jane Hardy	4	2
Professor Margaret Gardner	4	2

Note 8. Auditors remuneration

During the year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by the auditor of the organisation, and its related practices:

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
Auditor	9,000	12,250

Note 9. Reconciliation of operating surplus from ordinary activities to net cash flow from operating activities

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
Profit for the year	103,571	824,303
Change in operating assets and liabilities		
(Increase)/Decrease in receivables	(38,127)	25,894
Increase/(Decrease) in non-program payables/other creditors	(530)	5,197
Increase/(Decrease) in provisions	(209,603)	4,882,704
Net exchange differences	(6,356)	-
Unrealised loss/(Gain)	250,209	(351,327)
Net cash inflows from operating activities	99,164	5,386,771

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Board has determined that the organisation is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 of the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Finance Committee the financial report as set out on pages 1 to 5:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission as at 31 December 2011 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Australian-American Fulbright Commission will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Finance Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:


.....
Professor Steven Schwartz
Chair


.....
Ms Judy Moon
Treasurer

Canberra
16 / 02 / 2012

Sponsors and partners

The Australian and United States Governments provide the core funding for the Australian Fulbright Program. This funding is complemented by the support of a generous group of companies, organisations, individuals and government agencies. In addition, the Fulbright Commission administers the Anne Wexler Scholarships, funded by the Australian Government.

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 Communications was initiated in 2005.

UNIVERSITIES

The **Distinguished Chair in American Political Science** will be hosted by Flinders University in Adelaide from 2011 to 2015. It will allow a key U.S. researcher to undertake a 4-5 month program in Australia.

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 the ANU College of Business and Economics.

GOVERNMENT

The **Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations** sponsored both the 2011 Professional Scholar in Vocational Education and Training and the 2011 Fulbright Indigenous Scholar.

Anne Wexler Scholarships

The Anne Wexler Scholarships were first announced in August 2009 by the Australian Government to recognise the contribution the late Anne Wexler has made to fostering relations between Australia and the United States. As an Australian Government funded Australia Award, the Anne Wexler Scholarships are funded through the Australian Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations and are administered by the Australian-American Fulbright Commission.

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. DFAT sponsored a second Professional Scholarship in 2011 to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Fulbright Program, 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, Northern Territory, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia.

These scholarships are supported by their state and territory 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 jurisdiction 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 to annually support a scholarship for the highest ranked American Fulbright Postgraduate.

ADDITIONAL FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS

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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The Australian-American Fulbright Commission would like to thank the following individuals for their donations. These contributions are vital for the ongoing success of our scholarships and Alumni-related activities.

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