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The Australian Prime Minister, the Hon. Julia Gillard MP with Dr Tangerine Holt, Executive Director, Fulbright Commission, Ms Lyndell Wilson, Manager Scholarships and Strategic Engagement, Natalie Collins, Program Officer and the Fulbright U.S. Scholars. Photo: Auspic, David Foote

Welcome to Australia: U.S. Scholar Enrichment

Meeting the Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon. Julia Gillard MP; taking morning tea with the U.S. Ambassador Jeffrey and Mrs Bleich; the Enrichment Dinner; and a tour of the Canberra Glassworks were highlights of this year's Enrichment Program for Fulbright U.S. Scholars.

Sixteen 2010 and 2011 Fulbright U.S. Scholars came together and met with Fulbright Commission staff, Alumni and other contacts at the Enrichment Program, which ran at the Brassey Hotel in Canberra from 24-26 August.

The Enrichment Program covered many important aspects of living in Australia, including visa information, Embassy and Commission support and the Alumni Association.

The proceedings commenced with an introduction at the hotel followed by morning tea at the Ambassador's residence at the U.S. Embassy, where the Scholars met U.S. Ambassador Jeffrey and Mrs Bleich.

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New Australian Fulbright Scholarship for the not-for-profit sector

Leaders in the not-for-profit sector will soon be able to apply for a new Fulbright Scholarship, The Fulbright Professional Scholarship in Non-Profit Leadership.

The scholarship was launched by the U.S. Ambassador Jeffrey Bleich on 10 November at the Origin building in Sydney. The new scholarship is a joint initiative of the Fulbright Commission, the Australian Scholarships Foundation (ASF) and Origin Foundation.

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U.S. Ambassador Jeffrey Bleich, launching the scholarship



ED's update

Since coming on board as the Executive Director at the Fulbright Commission in August 2011 I have enjoyed being at the nexus of a vibrant and productive Fulbright community.

The Enrichment Program welcomed an eclectic and impressive group of Scholars who are working on projects ranging from cancer research, economics, glass art, linguistics to harp performance. Highlights of the Program included a welcome by the Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon. Julia Gillard MP and the U.S. Ambassador and his wife, Jeffrey and Rebecca Bleich. Professor

Steven Schwartz was a fabulous MC at the Enrichment Dinner which included distinguished guests from across Australian politics, sponsors, selection committees, Alumni, Fulbright Australian Scholars, family and friends.

My focus has been on getting to know the Commission while reviewing its strategic and operational plans, with an emphasis on engagement and partnerships with key stakeholders, both in Australia and the U.S. The beginning of the selection process of Australian Scholars brought together Commission staff and members of selection committees across Australia to select Australia's talent. I learned new acronyms; met an array of exciting people; attended events such as a reception at the U.S. Embassy for Dr Philippa Kelly's book, U.S. Fulbright Scholar activities including a talk by Matthew Perez and a harp performance by Krysten Keches; working with the successful 2012 Fulbright Symposium host; and meetings with sponsors and scholars. Along with Board member Prof. Don DeBats, I attended the dinner for the Hon. Barack Obama, President of the U.S. The recent launch of the new Fulbright Professional Scholarship in Non-Profit Leadership in partnership with the Australian Scholarship Foundation, funded by the Origin Foundation, reflects the scope of our collaboration through exchange for academic and research purposes to foster learning and leadership.

Travelling across Australia meeting sponsors, applicants, Scholars, Alumni and selection committee members reiterated the tremendous

personal privilege of my role, responsibility and expectations in leading the Commission.

My visit to the United States in October included meetings with colleagues from the State Department, FSB Board Members, the Council for International Exchange of Scholars, the Institute of International Education, the Australian Government, the Lois Roth Foundation, the Victorian Government, NYU, SUNY, our vibrant Scholars and Alumni. These meetings were extremely productive as they provided for insightful discussion around strategic and operational aspects of the Fulbright Program from a global viewpoint.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the Commission's Board of Directors, Alumni, selection committee members across Australia, sponsors, partners and the Commission's staff for their unwavering goodwill, commitment and immense support in achieving the vision and mission of the Fulbright Program.

Please note in your calendar the 2012 Presentation Dinner for Fulbright Australian Scholars will take place at the Ivy Room, ivy in Sydney on Thursday 15 March 2012. This will be followed by receptions to be held in Australian states in April and May and a visit to the United States later in the year.

Best wishes for a happy holiday season and a new year filled with prosperity and peace.

Dr Tangerine Holt
Executive Director

Fulbright Alumni Scholars

The Fulbright Australian Postgraduate Alumni (WG Walker) Scholarship and the U.S. Alumni Postgraduate Scholarship are supported through donations from Fulbright Alumni, and are awarded annually to the highest-ranked postgraduate applicants out of the Australian and U.S. groups respectively.

This year's Alumni Scholarship winners are Australian Mr Gar-Wing Truong, who also won the Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship in Technology and Communications sponsored by Telstra, and American Mr Matthew Hoffman.



Mr Gar-Wing Truong



Mr Matthew Hoffman

Mr Truong is a PhD candidate at the University of Western Australia (UWA). He will depart in January 2012 for his Fulbright at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in Maryland.

Gar-Wing will use his scholarship to further his PhD research in measuring the physical properties of gases using a new optical analysis technique based on laser spectroscopy with Dr Joseph Hodges at NIST. He intends to extend the technique so that it can also measure the temperature of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere with high precision.

"Accurate gas pressure and abundance can already be determined using apparatus available at NIST, whilst high precision temperature measurement techniques have been developed at UWA," Gar-Wing said.

"My Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship presents an opportunity to enhance both experiments and provide me with an invaluable learning experience. This work is of global significance as it might prove useful in validating or refining climate change models."

Mr Matthew Hoffman, a recent graduate in Mechanical Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology in the

United States, arrived in Australia at the end of October.

Through his Fulbright Matthew is working with the School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering at UNSW on a project that aims to improve the efficiency of a new concept for roof-mounted solar energy production.

Working with Dr Gary Rosengarten in the School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering, Matthew will focus on optimising an experimental system's thermal performance.

"Although simple to install, the high cost of photovoltaic (PV) cells is exacerbated by low solar-to-electric conversion efficiencies," Matthew said.

"Concentrating solar thermal power is a more efficient means of converting solar radiation to useful energy but has thus far been limited to utility-scale power generation."

"My Fulbright project will address these issues by developing a technology that combines the benefits of photovoltaic and concentrating solar thermal components in a form that could be adopted building by building."

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New Australian Fulbright Scholarship for the not-for-profit sector

The scholarship is the first of its kind in Australia and will provide Australians working in the NFP sector the opportunity to travel to the U.S. for research or study for three to four months to further their careers.

In launching the scholarship, Ambassador Bleich paid tribute to the value of the NFP sector and also the role of Fulbright in providing opportunities for Scholars to see the world in a different way.

“Not-for-profits are one of the most important parts of any civil society,” Mr Bleich said. “The idea behind the Fulbrights is that one educated person can change the world.”

Chief Executive of ASF, Ms Amy Lyden, said that the new scholarship will enable managers and directors of NFP charitable organisations to enhance and improve their skills.



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

“The Australian NFP (or non-profit) sector touches virtually every Australian, yet few comprehend the scale or significance of the sector,” Ms Lyden said. “This means that improving the sector’s effectiveness in delivering its services represents big gains for the Australian community.”

The Fulbright Commission Executive Director, Dr Tangerine Holt, welcomed ASF and the Origin Foundation as partners.

“We are very pleased to have ASF and the Origin Foundation supporting this important scholarship, and we look forward to receiving the first applications next year,” Dr Holt said.

Mr Sean Barrett, Origin Foundation Head, said that the Foundation had decided to fund scholarships to help

boost the NFP sector through the Australian Scholarships Foundation in 2010. This association led to the funding of the Fulbright Scholarship.

“Increasingly the not-for-profit sector is being asked to deliver more in terms of social impact and performance. This is not necessarily accompanied by more resources. Our Foundation seeks to be a catalyst for change. We hope the existence of these Origin Foundation-funded Fulbright Scholarships will be a symbol of the essential contribution of the sector to our society,” Mr Barrett said.

The agreement has been signed between the parties for five years and will run from 2013 – 2017.

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A visit to Question Time followed later that day and the Scholars had a behind-the-scenes tour of Parliament House, during which they met the Prime Minister who congratulated them and welcomed them to Australia.

On the evening of August 25 the Enrichment Dinner was held at a Canberra restaurant, the Boat House by the Lake. The Scholars were introduced to representatives from the Australian and U.S. Governments and the Australian Opposition, sponsors, the Australian Fulbright Alumni Association, the Fulbright Commission Board, and universities.

Dinner attendees included: Senator the Hon. Don Farrell, Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Urban Water, Ambassador Jeffrey Bleich, United States of America and his wife Mrs Rebecca Bleich; and Senator Cory Bernardi, Senator for South Australia, representing the Opposition.

Fulbright U.S. Scholar Ms Krysten Keches delighted the dinner guests with a harp performance, playing Claude Debussy’s First Arabesque.

Fellow U.S. Scholar, Mr Lee Pearson, gave a very witty and entertaining speech, responding on behalf of the Fulbright U.S. Scholars.

On the final morning of the program the group went to the Canberra Glassworks for a tour with Ms Ann Jakle, Chief Executive Officer, Canberra Glassworks and took part in a glass art activity.



Fulbright Alumnus Ambassador to Australia

The new Ambassador for the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to Australia, His Excellency Mr Nasir Ahmad Andisha, took up his appointment in Australia in August.

Ambassador Andisha, who is a career diplomat, was most recently Director General of America and Australia Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kabul, Afghanistan. He undertook a Fulbright Scholarship from 2007-2009 at the George H.W. Bush School of Government and Public Services, Texas, USA. He is also a graduate of Texas A&M University.

Ambassador Andisha currently is the youngest Ambassador in the Afghan Foreign Service. He is married and has one child.



Ms Krysten Keches, 2010 Fulbright U.S. Scholar



Professor Steven Schwartz, Fulbright Commission Board Chair, was the MC for the event



Fulbright Alumni Dr Malcolm Beazley AM and the Hon. Justice Robert Nicholson AO at the dinner

Photos: Travis Longmore, U.S. Embassy

Current Scholar stories

Postcard from Baltimore

Benjamin Cheah, 2011 Fulbright NSW Scholar

In July I began my fellowship in the Department of Biostatistics at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

I am working with Ciprian Crainiceanu, a biostatistician specialising in 'high-dimensional datasets' such as the many 'photographs' captured during an MRI scan.

My time spent in Baltimore has mainly involved learning and applying these techniques to high-dimensional data I collected from people suffering from motor neuron disease (MND; Lou Gehrig's disease or ALS in the United States).

I enjoy working in an environment that fosters a style of thinking different to that which typically occurs in the MND research community. There have also been many opportunities to network with experts within and outside my field of work. I have attended the International Congress for Neuroinformatics in Boston, which was essentially a crash course in research strategies not familiar to most MND scientists. Before the end of the year I will also be attending a meeting for the American ALS clinical trials consortium in Florida, and the largest neuroscience conference in the world in Washington, DC.



I love these benches (pictured) scattered throughout Baltimore. It's not because of their bold and perceptibly ironic message, but because this sentiment really resonates with my impression of this city. Crime and poverty are endemic in Baltimore. However, this city is also filled with thousands of talented individuals dedicated to improving the wellbeing of Baltimoreans, as well as humanity. Indeed, my host school's tagline is 'Saving lives, millions at a time'. It is this optimism and enthusiasm that I choose to embrace during my stay in this East Coast city.

I have also met many Australian and non-Australia Fulbright scholars, including one in my department! I am also enjoying the daily intercultural exchange that is integral to my studies and social life. Differences between Australian and American slang often arise in conversation.

I am currently volunteering at the Charm City Clinic, a student-run service that assists Baltimoreans to access free health insurance.

Although completely naive to soccer, I have joined the 'Statistical Ninjas' soccer team, consisting of other biostatisticians - we are

playing against other hospital teams. Lastly, I am also training intensely for the Baltimore half-marathon coming up in mid-October.

Newsflash: Ben Cheah has just been awarded a Fulbright Gregory Schwartz Enrichment Grant, sponsored by Professor Steven and Mrs Claire Schwartz. A Fulbright Gregory Schwartz Enrichment Grant has also been awarded to Mr Daniel Duke, Fulbright Scholar in Nuclear Science and Technology, sponsored by ANSTO.

Managing water use in the energy sector



Dr Nicole Carter

Dr Nicole Carter, 2011 Fulbright U.S. Senior Scholar

For my Fulbright research, I am looking at water use by the energy sector in Australia. This is a fascinating time to be in Canberra working on this topic because of Australia's recent drought and the deliberations over climate change policy.

The drought illustrated the dependence of the energy sector and electricity prices on availability and access to water. Shifts in the energy sector resulting from market conditions, technologic advancements, and government policies can alter how much, where, and how Australia's energy sector uses water in the extraction of fuels and generation of electricity. My research question is: Have national and state investment in water reforms resulted in Australia being able to responsibly, fairly, and efficiently meet and manage the water demands of a changing energy sector?

This research may be particularly relevant for understanding how climate change abatement and carbon offset efforts may affect Australia's surface water and groundwater supplies. ANU's Fenner School of Environment and Society provides an ideal venue for accessing academics and government experts. Trips to South Australia and Victoria in September also provided opportunities for obtaining state and industry perspectives.

In the United States, federal and state energy policies and energy markets currently are a significant driver of change in water resource use at the local and state level. The Fulbright experience is letting me share this U.S. experience with Australians. It also will allow me to return to the United States with a comparison of how water governance shapes the two nations' capacities to address rapidly changing water demands and uses by economically significant industries. It is estimated that the energy sector currently is the fastest growing water demand in the United States; its water consumption now exceeds municipal water consumption.

Alumni stories



Professor Ross Fitzgerald and the cover of one of his books

My name is Ross...

Emeritus Professor Ross Andrew Fitzgerald, 1968 Fulbright Australian Postgraduate Scholar

When I received the Fulbright, I was tutoring in history for Professor Geoffrey Bolton at the University of Western Australia. I was extremely pleased that I could engage in postgraduate studies at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio under Professor Antony de Crespigny who had previously taught me politics at Monash University.

Through my Fulbright I completed a course-work MA in Political Science and Political Theory at Case Western Reserve University, which well prepared me to write my PhD thesis on 'Human Needs and Politics'. I gained my PhD in Political Theory from the University of New South Wales.

It was in Cleveland, Ohio that I realised I had a severe problem with alcoholism and other drug addiction. This led me to make contact with Alcoholics Anonymous, which has been the single most important factor in my life. Indeed, had I not stopped drinking and using other drugs at 24, I most probably would not have made 25!

On Australia Day this year I was 41 years sober, and since I stopped drinking I have published 35 books.

Also my life experiences help me in my current, long-term positions as a member of the NSW State Parole Authority, of the Administrative Decisions Tribunal, and of the NSW Government's Expert Advisory Group on Alcohol and Other Drugs. As well as appearing on radio and TV as a political and social commentator, I am also a columnist for *The Weekend Australian* and a regular reviewer for the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Weekend Australian*.

After returning to Australia and gaining my PhD, I worked for 25 years at Griffith

University in Brisbane where I am now an Emeritus Professor of History & Politics.

My published books range from three histories of Queensland to three major political biographies to four comic novels (most recently the co-authored *Fools' Paradise: Life In An Altered State* - PressOn/Arcadia: Melbourne). I also recently published a memoir - *My Name Is Ross: An Alcoholic's Journey* (New South Books: Sydney).

I have also published a book of poems *The Eyes Of Angels*, and recently co-authored a biography of *Austen Tayshus: Merchant Of Menace* (Hale & Iremonger: Sydney).

Apart from Alcoholics Anonymous whose meetings each week I still regularly attend in Sydney where we now live, the greatest influences on my life are my wife of 35 years, Lyndal Moor, and our 29 year old daughter Emily Fitzgerald, who lives and works in New York. As well as being extremely beautiful, Lyndal is a person with a wicked sense of humour, yet who always tells the truth and does not take me too seriously!

If I could pass on a phrase of knowledge to future Fulbright Scholars, it might be that often one's greatest weakness can, with love and help, be converted into one's greatest strength and that, with persistence, in life much can be achieved.



Mrs Rebecca Bleich, U.S. Ambassador Jeffrey Bleich and Dr Philippa Kelly at a reception celebrating Philippa's book at the U.S. Ambassador's Residence, Canberra in August.

Philippa and the King

Dr Philippa Kelly, 1989 Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholar

I was twenty-six when I won my Fulbright Postdoctoral Fellowship. I had submitted my PhD thesis without formal supervision, as my supervisor had retired and moved to the Gold Coast two years into my PhD process, so I felt equal measures of thrill and incredulity at the exciting news from the Fulbright Commission.

Two of the important influences in my PhD thesis were critics named James Calderwood and Wolfgang Iser, and it

seemed natural to apply to take my award at The University of California Irvine. But, the closer I got to leaving, the more I felt that my work with both metadrama (Calderwood's specialty) and reader response theory (Iser's field) had come to its own natural conclusion. I was increasingly inspired by the work of Stephen Greenblatt, who was bringing together anthropology, psychological theory and literary criticism in groundbreaking ways. So I wrote to him with a work sample, and asked whether he would be prepared to have me at UC Berkeley. He wrote back 'yes, of course', and Fulbright allowed me to make the change.

I went to the USA with my expectations wide-open. Berkeley was a natural fit for me, with its intellectual excitement and its free, open spirit.

Almost 20 years after I'd finished my Fulbright Scholarship, I ended up back in Berkeley for good. I'd taken a Rockefeller Fellowship to Bellagio, Italy, and had some sabbatical which was tacked onto the end of it by stopping in Berkeley. I met the composer, Paul Dresher (who, it turned out, had also been a Fulbrighter). His wife had died of cancer the year before, leaving Paul and a child named Cole. The three of us literally fell in love with each other and a sea-change in our lives seemed to come about quite naturally. From the moment I met this boy, indeed, I never doubted that I would marry his father!

I moved to Berkeley and UNSW invited me to stay on as a Visiting Research Fellow (which I still am). Now I do many different things. I work as resident dramaturg for the California Shakespeare Theater; I teach for UC Berkeley's OLLI program; I work with the Saudi Arabian Ministry with the goal of advancing the role of women in the higher education sector; I work each year for the Endeavour Foundation run by DEEWR, selecting merit-based scholarship applicants to come in and out of Australia; and I publish books and papers.

My latest book is a monograph called *The King and I*, in Continuum's Shakespeare Now! series. It is a meditation on Australian culture through the prism of King Lear, with my own life as a path that guides the reader through the book. So, as you can see, Stephen Greenblatt remains, to this day, the most important influence on my intellectual life. And my emotional life – as a wife and mother – can also indirectly be attributed to my Fulbright Scholarship, as it was in Berkeley that I made a home twenty years later.

I can't finish this self-summary without reference to my beloved brother, John Kelly, who died last December in a mountain-climbing accident. No one in my life has ever believed in me more than has my brother John – not because of who I am, but because of who he was.

Scholar arrivals and departures since August 2011

Fulbright U.S. Scholar arrivals in Australia

Mr Curtis Tofteland, Mr Steven Lombardo, Ms Kristen Lear, Dr Nicole Carter, Mr Stephen Aro, Mr Jonathan Gelber, Mr Nicholas Apollo, Mr Matthew Hoffman

Fulbright Australian Scholar departures to the U.S.

Ms Angelina Hurley, Ms Tarah Barzanji, Dr Clare Sullivan, Mr Stephen McAnearney, Mr Fergus Hanson, Mr Daniel Wodak, Ms Elizabeth Maynard, Dr Timothy McEvoy, Professor Ross Buckley, Mr Kelly Tsang, Dr Sharon Davis and Mr Lashi Bandara

2011 Senior Specialists

The Fulbright U.S. Senior Specialist Program supports Australian educational institutions to bring U.S. Senior Specialists to Australia for periods of two to six weeks are shown in the table (right).

The award provides an international airfare and a U.S. \$200 per day honorarium. It encourages collaboration with United States faculties and professionals on curriculum and faculty development, institutional planning and a variety of other activities.

Applications from Australian universities for 2013 Senior Specialists will open in July 2012 and close mid-October 2012.

Primary Host Institution	Specialist	Additional Hosts, if any	Program description	Study Field
Monash University	Professor William Chafe, Duke University	USyd, UWS	Race and ethnicity in America	General U.S. Studies
The University of Melbourne	TBA		Policy and Practice in Early Childhood and Higher Education	Education
The University of Melbourne	Professor George DeGraffenreid, California State University	USyd, RMIT, Uni Adelaide, ANU, UWS	Pre-service Primary Music: towards effective models	Education
Monash University	Professor Barry Feld, University of Minnesota Law School	La Trobe	Assessment of Australia's Childrens Courts	Law
Charles Sturt University	Professor Jeffery Weindenhamer, Ashland University	CSIRO	Plant rhizosphere interactions and the development of improved analytical systems for evaluation of bioactive compounds in the soil rhizosphere.	Agriculture

Fulbright remembers



Jock Pirie Herbert 1977 Fulbright Australian Scholar - Educational Development

Jock was the son of a naval officer. This meant that every two years his family moved. He grew up in many locations around Australia and the world but eventually Melbourne became home. The dominant part of his education took place at Melbourne Grammar School.

Immediately on leaving school he joined the A.I.F. during World War II, serving in New Guinea for three years. When he returned in 1945 he commenced an Arts Degree at Melbourne University. School teaching became his lifelong career, initially at Trinity Grammar School and later at Yarra Valley Grammar School. After being acting head of the latter school he was appointed headmaster of Scotch College, Launceston, Tasmania where he stayed for six years.

He was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship and went to the U.S. in 1977 for three months to study school evaluation. He had become interested in this topic when a group of American educators came to Australia in 1976.

After returning to Australia he became Executive Officer of the National School Evaluation Committee and travelled all over Australia in this capacity.

After ten years he retired from working life, enjoying his retirement with family, friends, travel and his church activities. In recent years his health declined and he died on 8 May 2011 aged 86 years. He is survived by his wife, six children and thirteen grandchildren. It was a long life, well lived.

Ms Katherine Cudlipp, 1964 Fulbright U.S. Postgraduate Scholar, in mathematics to the University of Sydney, died July 28.

Professor David Noel Ferguson Dunbar, originally from New Zealand. 1952 Fulbright Australian Senior Scholar, in Physics from the University of Melbourne to California Institute of Technology, died 9 May.

Emeritus Professor Trevor Langford-Smith, 1976 Fulbright Australian Senior Scholar, in Geology/Geography, from the University of Sydney to the University of Arizona, died 28 August.

Dr Peter Loveday AM, 1964 Fulbright Australian Senior Scholar, in Political Science, from the University of Sydney to Yale, died 20 August.

Professor Robert B. Rhode, 1961 Fulbright U.S. Senior Scholar, in Languages and Literature, from University of Colorado to the University of New South Wales, died 11 October.

Dr Richard H Tedford, 1953 Fulbright U.S. Postgraduate Scholar, in Palaeontology, from University of California – Berkeley to the University of Adelaide, died 15 July.

Professor Ian Frederick Harvey Wilson, 1959 Fulbright Australian Postgraduate Scholar, Political Science, from the University of Melbourne to Columbia University. Ian died 7 May.

Mr Walter A. Yuhl Jr, 1963 Fulbright U.S. Scholar, Teacher Exchange, died 18 June.

2011 Fulbright Symposium



Acting Executive Director of the Fulbright Commission, Ms Lyndell Wilson speaking at the Fulbright Symposium. Professor Baogang He, organiser of the symposium is on the left and Professor Geoffrey Stokes, Associate Dean (Research), School of International and Political Studies, Deakin University is in the centre.

Australia, U.S. and China relations under the spotlight

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

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

The 20 Symposium speakers came from Australia, the United States and China.

Professor Hugh White, Professor of Strategic Studies and Head of the Strategic & Defence Studies Centre, The Australian National University, gave the keynote speech on Australia-U.S. relations and the future of American primacy.

Presentations focussed on trilateral relations, Australian views of the relationship, and Chinese perspectives.

Highlights included: former Australian Foreign Minister Gareth Evans recounting his experiences in negotiating with former Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs, Qian Qichen, and views on promoting universal values when engaging with China; 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.

The second day focussed on American perspectives; military, security, and space aspects of the trilateral relationship; and also perspectives from Japan, South-East Asia, and Taiwan. 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.

Professor Gilbert Rozman, Musgrave Professor of Sociology, Princeton University, warned of an "identity gap" between China and the U.S., which could lead to serious tensions. Chad Ohlandt, from the RAND Corporation USA, examined cooperation and competition in space, and pointed out that military control of all aspects of China's space programme makes cooperation difficult because national security concerns are always an issue for China, even in seemingly commercial or civil areas of space development.

Professor Malcolm Cook, Dean of the School of International Studies, Flinders University, argued that from the Japanese perspective Australia's position in relation to the U.S. and China looks extremely comfortable and free from many of the worries that are currently facing the Japanese.

In closing the Symposium, specialist on China Professor Colin Mackerras of Griffith University, declared it had been a success.

Public Lectures

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 first public lecture took place Wednesday evening, 10 August. Professor Hugh White gave a presentation at Asialink titled "Choosing Sides: Shaping Our Relationship in the Asian Century".

About 280 people attended this talk. Attendees ranged from academics from Australia, China, and the U.S., students from high school to postgraduate level (including international students), interested members of the Asialink community and the general public.

Professor White made the case that our region is transforming in a way that will lead to greater strategic competition between China and the United States, and in this environment it is essential that Australian policymakers take active steps to consider a future in which U.S. hegemony may no longer prevail in Asia.

On the evening of Thursday August 11, Professor Gilbert Rozman addressed the Australian Institute of International Affairs with the second lecture, "China's Grand Strategy – Past, Present and Future". About 80 people attended this event.

In outlining the prospects for peace and security in the region and for resolving tensions between the U.S. and China, Professor Rozman brought to bear his formidable understanding of China's internal debates as well as his astute analytical abilities honed over decades of research into social and political issues in the North-East Asia region.

2012 Fulbright Symposium

The 2012 Fulbright Symposium will be hosted by the University of South Australia with the topic 'Securing Our Cyber Future'. The Symposium will be held mid year in Adelaide. It will stimulate enhanced research, policy and operational collaboration in cyber security between Australia and the USA.

The Fulbrighter is the newsletter of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission. We welcome your stories, photographs and comments. If you would like to contribute to the newsletter, please contact:

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2012 FULBRIGHT PRESENTATION DINNER

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