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The Fulbright Presentation Dinner - Photo: Effy Alexakis, photowrite

Senator Chris Evans, speaking at the dinner - Photo: Effy Alexakis, photowrite

Mrs Harriet Fulbright at the event at the Australian Embassy in Washington in October. Photo Philip Hill

Mr Tom Healy, FFSB Chair, photo: Travis Longmore, U.S. Embassy

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Senator J. William Fulbright

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Since the establishment of the Fulbright Program in 1946, 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



It is almost two decades since the passing of J William Fulbright robbed the world of a great man with a heart for peace and understanding.

Many have served in American public life before and since Senator Fulbright, but few have left a legacy so potent as the scholarships created in his name.

These scholarships recognise excellence, innovation and the translation of new knowledge, at the same time enriching the already strong relationship between United States and its friends, including Australia.

In 2012 I was especially pleased to see the first Climate Change and Clean Energy Scholarships awarded, which I announced with Secretary Clinton in November 2010.

I'm sure these scholarships will help Australia and the United States increase collaboration on clean energy research and to address the challenge of climate change – and they will do so in the spirit of cooperation and foresight that was the hallmark of J William Fulbright's entire life and career.

I thank the entire Fulbright community for its efforts and achievements, and I look forward to the Fulbright program continuing to showcase the very best of the Australia-United States relationship in 2013.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Julia Gillard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line at the end.

The Honourable Julia Gillard MP
Prime Minister of Australia

Honorary Co-Chair U.S. Ambassador to Australia



Congratulations to Fulbright on another successful year. Those of us who work in international relations know that its most critical work is never done by diplomats alone.

Rather, for nations to understand one another and progress together requires the core of what Fulbright does – build myriad people-to-people connections across a broad spectrum of human activity. These personal connections, more than anything else, explain the extraordinarily close relationship that the United States shares with Australia.

During my tenure as Ambassador, I have had the pleasure of meeting Fulbright alumni from all walks of life. They conduct pioneering research, strengthen one another's institutions, and enrich the world's knowledge. Thousands of Australian and American Fulbrighters have formed the networks our countries need to face shared challenges, from health and clean energy to food security and wildlife conservation.

In the words of President Obama, "Our need to vigorously pursue Senator Fulbright's vision has not diminished. Rather, its importance has increased; today's global challenges are increasingly complex, requiring sustained cooperation." The Asia-Pacific region is rapidly becoming the global center of gravity for commerce, economic growth and innovation.

Public perceptions of the U.S. rebalance to this part of the world too often tend to focus only military aspects alone and neglect the much wider engagement. Fulbright's efforts reflect the true range of our engagement. The United States is not only the number one direct financial investor in Australia, our investment in the Fulbright program reflects our faith in Australia's greatest resource – its people.

Fulbright is a gateway to the U.S. higher education system, which offers unparalleled opportunities to conduct research and pursue one's dreams. At the same time, Americans have the chance to expand their own horizons and establish lifelong connections Down Under. Just as it is our goal throughout the region for cooperation and healthy competition to strengthen all nations, Fulbright provides a "win-win" for all nations.

It is been a pleasure to serve as Co-Chair and to support the Fulbright program in Australia. I warmly commend the Commission's work in promoting mutual understanding and prosperity. I look forward to seeing the Fulbright community achieve new heights in 2013.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Jeff Bleich".

Sincerely,
Jeffery Bleich

Board Chair



As Chair of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission Board and VC of Macquarie University, I was delighted to co-host the Presentation Dinner in Sydney in 2012 at the Ivy Room with the Fulbright Commission.

It was an honour to welcome the Minister for Education, Senator the Hon Christopher Evans, to the event, along with Fulbright Alumnus Afghanistan's Ambassador to Australia, HE Nasir Andisha; Mr Jason Hyland, Charge d'Affairs at the U.S. Embassy; and the Hon Gabrielle Upton MP, who represented the NSW Government.

Under the leadership of Dr Tangerine Holt, Executive Director, the successful event set the scene for a year of change, consolidation and transformation for the Australian-American Fulbright Commission. The year has seen the Commission unveil a new brand, review and streamline existing financial processes, overhaul IT infrastructure and update the OH&S procedures for Fulbright Commission staff. New relationships with Alumni came into fruition in 2012, with increased opportunities for engagement and profiling on the new Commission website.

It was especially exciting for the Fulbright Commission Board to welcome the Chair of the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, Mr Tom Healy, to Australia. He met with the Board at the August Board meeting and the Enrichment Dinner, which followed it. He gave us insights into issues facing the Fulbright program worldwide and highlighted some opportunities for increased connections and networks among Fulbright programs.

Later in the year, the Fulbright Commission Board had a strategy meeting in which we reviewed and set the direction for the next three years. The Commission's mission, vision and goals were updated and a strategy for working with our partners.

I would like to express my gratitude to our outgoing Board members, Ms Judy Moon, Dr Ian Thomas and Mr Frank C. Urbancic Jnr from the American side, and Ms Jane Hardy and Mr Colin Walters on the Australian side. We were very pleased to welcome the new members Mr Paul Houge, Ms Mary Burce Warlick, Ms Libby Schick, and Professor Hilary Charlesworth. I would also like to express our sincere appreciation to Mr Patrick Cochran from the U.S. Embassy and Ms Susan Schultz from the U.S. Consulate, Melbourne for representing their government during the year.

I would like to thank all of our sponsors for their contribution during yet another great year. I would especially like to mention Flinders University for sponsoring two Distinguished Chairs in 2012/13; the University of Tasmania and the Tasmanian Government for renewing a three-year agreement and to Origin Foundation and Australian Scholarships Foundation for sponsoring two professional scholarships in Non-profit leadership for 2013. Thank you all for your support – we value it greatly as it helps us to increase our opportunities for Scholars.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Steven Schwartz".

Professor Steven Schwartz
Chair, Australian-American
Fulbright Commission Board



Executive Director



2012 was a year in which key initiatives, which we had put in place when I commenced with the Commission, came to fruition.

The year began with a refresh of the Fulbright brand, with brighter colours that were in line with the national colours of Australia. The 'new look and feel' was applied to the new website upgrade as well as core Fulbright publications namely the Australian and U.S. Scholar booklets, banners, newsletters, brochures, flyers, Annual Reports.

As part of an integrated infrastructure upgrade at the Commission four key projects were implemented. The new Fulbright website went live in May together with a move to a new Customer Relationship Management system to update records, VOIP system and a hosted solution for the Commission's IT infrastructure.

As part of the transformation, the year has also seen staff changes with new staff coming on board, junior staff as recent university graduates obtained exposure to help put them onto their desired career paths and longer serving staff moving on to other challenges. Former Finance Manager Lesley Piko returned to the Commission in the interim while we appointed Tamara McKee as Finance Manager. By the end of the year the team was back up to full strength as we welcomed Dr Ruth Lee Martin - Manager of Scholarships, Ms Nicole Healy - Executive Assistant and Office Manager, Mr Pablo Jimenez - Partnerships Coordinator and Ms Li-er Kendall - Program Coordinator.

All of this has taken place in the background of our very busy and productive calendar of the selection of our Scholars, social events to introduce them to their communities, promotional activities, thirty-four university presentations across Australia, and a visit to the United States resulting in increased Alumni and partner engagement.

A highlight was Mr Tom Healy's visit across Australia where we met with many partners, Alumni, Scholars in collaboration with the U.S. embassy and consulates. The implementation of our Alumni Engagement strategy and the Fulbright Alumni Outreach Project initiative in partnership with the Australian Alumni Fulbright Association sponsored by the U.S. Embassy resulted in an enhanced Alumni website, profiles, brochures, video interviews and most of all enhanced engagement with all Alumni across Australia and the U.S.

I would like to thank our Chair Professor Steven Schwartz and all our Board members, colleagues from the U.S. Embassy and Consulate, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Institute of International Education, and Council for International Exchange of Scholars; Staff, Sponsors, Alumni, Honorary State Secretariats, Selection Committee members; and all of our hosts and co-hosts of events.

We greatly appreciate your partnership, continued commitment and contributions to the Australian-American Fulbright Commission. We look forward to continuing our journey with all of you in 2013.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tangerine Holt".

Dr Tangerine Holt
Executive Director

Program Report

The Australian-American Fulbright Commission goals and objectives are to create positive and productive partnerships with a growing pool of stakeholders; to strengthen the profile and awareness of the Australian-American Fulbright program and its impact on the bilateral relationship in a globalised context; to ensure a well-funded, viable, effective and efficient Commission; and to engage all alumni in promoting and supporting the Commission's missions and goals. In keeping with this, 2012 was a busy year for the Australian-American Fulbright Commission program with a focus on community outreach and engagement across a wide variety of sectors.

Our State Secretariats are closely involved in the promotion and recruitment of Postgraduates and Postdoctoral applications across Australia. We are in regular communication with them and this includes pre-review and post-review meetings, along with various planning meetings.

Dr Holt implemented an extensive program of activities that promoted Fulbright Scholarships to almost all of Australia's academic community, and also drew attention to the Professional Scholarships on offer thus expanding and diversifying the potential pool of Fulbright applicants. This complemented the annual round of activities associated with the management of the Fulbright and Wexler Scholarships.

One of our strengths lies in the rigour applied to the selection process through the work of our thirteen selection committees. Participants on these committees are chosen from a broad and diverse section of professionals, senior government officials, and the academic community. These highly qualified people give their time generously as volunteers in the selection process.

2012 saw the establishment of Professional and Senior Scholar Committees which added to our existing State and Territory Committees for both postgraduate and postdoctoral applications. After assessment of applications it is now standard practice to interview all short-listed candidates. These committees then make recommendations to our National Selection Committees (U.S. and AUS).

The Fulbright Commission is always seeking ways of improving the Fulbright experience for students and scholars. This is done by encouraging an atmosphere of self-reflection on best practice, and includes implementing new strategies, where appropriate, from feedback gathered from Fulbright participants.

Fulbright Applications

The Commission received a total of **248 applications** for the 2013 Fulbright Scholarships.

This comprised 114 x Postgraduate; 52 x Postdoctoral; 49 x Professional and 33 x Senior Scholar applications. There was an increase in applications numbers across the Postdoctoral Scholarship (13%), the Professional Scholarship category (63%) and the Senior Scholarships (23%) over 2012.

A total of 26 Scholarships were awarded across all fields.

For Postgraduate Scholarships the Commission received 114 applications from Australian's with eight grants being awarded. These Scholarships were awarded in the areas of Science, Medical and Health Sciences, Music, Law, and Political Science.

A total of 134 applications were received for the Postdoctoral Scholarships, Professional Scholarships, and Senior Scholarships with 18 Scholarships being awarded.

There were six Postdoctoral Scholarships awarded, and these were in the disciplines of Science, Medical Science, Engineering, and Business.

Three Senior Scholarships were awarded in the areas of Science, and Medical Science.

Nine Professional Scholarships were awarded in the areas of Medical Science, Architecture & Urban Planning, the Non-Profit Sector, Business, and Education.

Program Highlights included:

The Australian Scholar Orientation Program which took place at the Grace Hotel, Sydney on 14 – 16 March 2012. It began in the evening with a welcome delivered by Dr Holt and an informal dinner where everybody had the chance to meet each other.

The following morning several information sessions were held that including an overview of the Fulbright program and a comprehensive information session to provide new Scholars with guidance on how to make the most of their Fulbright experience. A highlight for the scholars was meeting the Fulbright Commission Board along with key people from the Australian Fulbright Alumni Association.

A formal Presentation Dinner at the Ivy Room in Sydney's CBD completed the program. Responses from participants were extremely positive and show the value of these programs to new Fulbright Scholars.

Outreach was a theme for 2012 and the Fulbright Commission put considerable effort into engaging university communities to participate more fully in our program.

Presentations on Fulbright Scholarships were undertaken across 34 out of 39 Australian universities. Fulbright Alumni were featured in these presentations to share their personal knowledge and experiences with the Fulbright program with potential candidates.

Universities with multiple campuses were encouraged to promote the Fulbright program through video conferencing.

The building of partnerships according to the bi-national nature of the Commission was a prime focus fostering sponsorship in 2012 and beyond.

The Commission's Scholarship rounds were advertised in a wide variety of major newspapers and higher education newsletters throughout Australia. Finally, Dr Holt and other Commission staff visited each of the Selection Committees to discuss processes and issues of importance.

Feedback from the committees has shown that they found this greatly supported and encouraged the work that they are doing.

State Receptions were sponsored and hosted in Tasmania by the Tasmanian Government; by Charles Darwin University in the Northern Territory; by Bond University in Queensland; the University of Melbourne in Victoria; the University of Adelaide in South Australia; and Murdoch University in Western Australia.

These State Receptions were an opportunity to network and build relationships and they included members of the academic community, Sponsors, Board Members, current Fulbright Scholarship holders, and Alumni.

The Fulbright 2012 Fulbright Enrichment Program for visiting U.S. Scholars took place between 22 and 24 August 2012 at University House at the Australian National University. This program provided new scholars with guidance on a range of issues including networking and working with the media to make the most of the opportunities available through the Fulbright experience.

A highlight of the Enrichment Program was morning tea at the U.S. Ambassador's Residence with U.S. Ambassador, Jeffrey Bleich and Mrs Rebecca Bleich, there to greet the Scholars.

After lunch several information sessions followed, and later in the day Scholars were given an opportunity to meet some of Australia's Parliamentarians at Parliament House along with Mr Tom Healy, Chair of the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

The next day began with a morning of information for the new Scholars, and after lunch the Scholars visited some of Canberra's favourite national institutions.

The Program finished with the Enrichment Dinner and keynote addresses provided by distinguished guests, Mr Jason Hyland, Deputy Chief of Mission from the U.S. Embassy in Australia, and Mr Tom Healy.

A reception was held at the U.S. Embassy in early December hosted by Ambassador Bleich and his wife to bring the Fulbright community together to celebrate the year that was. It also welcomed new staff to the Australian-American Fulbright Commission.



The Fulbright U.S. Scholars meet Senator Chris Evans.
(front row second from left) and Mr Tom Healy (front row left)

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2012 Fulbright and Anne Wexler Australian Scholars

Senior Scholar



Dr Richard Collins

Fulbright Scholar in Nuclear Science and Technology sponsored by ANSTO

University of New South Wales, Environmental Sciences. To build skills in computational modelling to help make the uranium mining industry more efficient, at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.

Senior Scholar



Professor Michael Douglas

Fulbright Northern Territory Scholar sponsored by the NT Government, Charles Darwin University (CDU) and Blackboard

CDU, Environmental Sciences. Collaborate with world-leading U.S. researchers to establish a shared understanding of integrated catchment management between Australia and the U.S. and develop a new research framework for river and coastal management in northern Australia, at University of Maryland and Oregon State University.

Senior Scholar



Professor Alex Loukas

Fulbright Senior Scholar

James Cook University, Medical Sciences. To further a research collaboration into antigens that could potentially be used for a hookworm vaccine, at University of California – Irvine.

Senior Scholar



Professor Martin Thoms

Fulbright Senior Scholar

University of New England, Environmental Sciences. To examine the resilience of river ecosystems in relation to climate change, together with world-leading scientists from the U.S. Geological Survey, at Winona State University.

Professional Scholar



Dr Richard Adams

Fulbright Professional Scholar

Richard went to Yale University and examined ideas of moral autonomy in Australian legislation and military doctrine. The research challenged typical assumptions that soldiers should close their minds to the *jus ad bellum* thinking which contextualises individual martial acts and informs the moral commitment of soldiers to serve at all.

The research, will richly inform Richard's work with the Australian Defence College and the Centre for Defence Leadership and Ethics. More broadly, and significantly, the ideas generated will impact upon the ethical lessons to be learned from more than a decade of military engagement in the Middle East.

Richard found his time at Yale to be professionally enriching and personally exhilarating. As a Visiting Fellow to the Global Justice Program he was deeply impressed by the quality of philosophical analysis into ideas of justice and public policy. Besides its theoretical quality, the program's work is rightly celebrated for its practical relevance.

Professional Scholar



Dr Anthony Bell

Fulbright Professional Business/Industry (Coral Sea) Scholar

Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Medical Sciences. Researching Emergency Department (ED) management to create an evidence based workforce decision support tool to help improve performance management, at Harvard University.

Professional Scholar



Mr Andrew Blyth

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

hartley blyth and associates, Energy Policy. To conduct research into market and policy incentives that will actively drive private sector investment in sustainable energy development to reduce energy poverty levels, at University of Texas-Austin.

Professional Scholar



Dr Caroline Smith

Fulbright Professional Scholar in Vocational Education and Training sponsored by DIISRTE

Skills Australia, Business Administration. To examine the role of regional partnerships for vocational education and training and workforce development, at Rutgers University, New Jersey.

2012 FULBRIGHT AND ANNE WEXLER AUSTRALIAN SCHOLARS (CONTINUED)

Postdoctoral Scholar



Dr Sue Baker

Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholar

University of Tasmania, Environmental Sciences. Sue collaborated with the University of Washington and the Washington Department of Natural Resources. Working in both the forest and the entomology laboratory, Sue assessed the benefits of modern 'retention forestry' logging methods for native plant and beetle biodiversity.

Postdoctoral Scholar



Dr Michael Findlay

Fulbright Victoria Scholar sponsored by the Victorian Government and universities

Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne, Medical Sciences. To go to Stanford University to examine, for the first time, gene expression profiles of individual stem cells during tissue engineered breast reconstruction, providing the foundation for human trials.

Postdoctoral Scholar



Dr Mark McHenry

Fulbright WA Scholar sponsored by the WA Government and universities

Murdoch University, Physics. To go to Sandia National Laboratories to conduct research into waste energy, carbon, and water systems for inland industrial process mitigation.

Postdoctoral Scholar



Dr Peter Nugus

Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholar

UNSW, Sociology. To go to University of California-Los Angeles (UCLA) and University of California-San Francisco to undertake a cross-disciplinary, qualitative research project to evaluate an internationally unique policy experiment by the State of California to enhance the coordination, or "integration", of health care for older persons.

Postdoctoral Scholar



Dr Stephanie Reuter Lange

Fulbright South Australia Scholar sponsored by the SA Government and universities

UniSA, Medical Sciences. To go to the State University of New York to undertake workshops and research in computational modelling with a view to improving the treatment of infectious diseases.

Postdoctoral Scholar



Dr Jessica Walker

Fulbright Tasmania Scholar sponsored by the Tasmanian Government and UTAS.

Dr Jessica Walker has been in the US since September 2012 at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. During that time Dr Walker has been involved in the testing of an experimental tidal turbine in a 116 m long towing tank, developed a numerical model to predict tidal turbine performance and designed a prototype facility to grow biofouling on different samples. She has built strong ties with colleagues at USNA, and will continue to collaborate with them on return to Australia in September 2013.

International Science and Technology Scholar



Ms Amanda Franklin

International Fulbright Science & Technology Scholar

The University of Melbourne, Zoology.

To undertake PhD research in animal behaviour at Tufts University. In particular, she will research visual signalling during courtship in mantis shrimp.

Since starting my PhD I have been very busy with background research, fieldwork and Fulbright events (a Gateway program in Jackson, Mississippi and the S&T Fall conference in Orlando, Florida). I have already been to the Smithsonian Research Station in Belize to perform some exploratory research and visited a laboratory in Amherst, Massachusetts to make some valuable professional contacts. Over the next few months, I will present research at the AAAS conference in Boston, visit the Smithsonian Research Station in Fort Pierce, visit more laboratories working on mantis shrimp and return to Belize to perform research.



Mr Richard Blackwell

Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar

ANU School of Art, Visual Arts. To undertake Masters research in Fine Art, with innovative use of print media. Richard makes intricate objects out of printed materials that reflect a landscape or architecture, at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

2012 FULBRIGHT AND ANNE WEXLER AUSTRALIAN SCHOLARS (CONTINUED)

Postgraduate Scholar



Ms Laura Crommelin

Fulbright NSW Scholar sponsored by the NSW Government and NSW universities

UNSW, Urban Studies. To undertake research at the University of Michigan into the relationship between image, identity and urban change in Detroit.

Postgraduate Scholar



Dr Kathryn Field

Fulbright Alumni (WG Walker) Scholar

The Royal Melbourne Hospital, Public Health. To undertake a Masters of Public Health at Harvard University focusing on biostatistics, clinical epidemiology, health services research, research design and data analysis.

Gregory Schwartz Enrichment Award recipient.

Postgraduate Scholar



Mr Reuben Finighan

Fulbright Climate Change and Clean Energy Scholar sponsored by the Australian and U.S. Governments

The Climate Group in Melbourne, Public Policy. To undertake research at Harvard for a Masters in Public Policy, specialising in energy and climate policy, with key research interests being accelerating energy technology innovation, in the context of issues such as climate change.

Postgraduate Scholar



Dr Claire Gordon

Fulbright Northern Territory Scholar sponsored by the NT Government, Charles Darwin University & Blackboard (Australia)

Royal Darwin Hospital, Medical Sciences. To undertake a Masters in Biomedical Informatics at Columbia University through two research projects that encompass the fields of virology and viral immunity.

Gregory Schwartz Enrichment Award recipient.

Postgraduate Scholar



Dr Hamish Graham

Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar

Alice Springs Hospital, Public Health. To undertake a Masters of Public Health at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, focussing on health policy measures to reduce childhood malnutrition.

Postgraduate Scholar



Mr Dominick Ng

Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar

The University of Sydney, Computer Science. To go to UC Berkeley to undertake research that aims to improve the way that computers interpret and understand human languages.

Postgraduate Scholar



Ms Katherine Truss

Fulbright Queensland Scholar sponsored by the Qld Government and Qld based universities

Redeemer Lutheran College, Education. To undertake Master's research focusing on developmental psychology, risk and resilience to improve her ability to meet the needs of her students and to allow her to develop programs to enhance skills of Queensland's teachers.

Postgraduate Scholar



Mr Adam Webster

Fulbright South Australia Scholar sponsored by the SA Government and SA based universities

The University of Adelaide, Law. To undertake research at the University of Colorado and the University of Arizona, examining the history of interstate water disputes in the U.S. with a view to determining how the legal solutions developed there may assist in the resolution of similar disputes in Australia.

Gregory Schwartz Enrichment Awards were also presented to Fulbright Scholars from 2011, Ms Anna Rakoczy and Mr Matthew Thompson.

Postgraduate Scholar



Ms Celia Winnett

Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar

After one semester of studies at Columbia Law School, I already feel I have deepened my understanding of US constitutional law and civil rights to a level beyond what I imagined I would learn when I commenced my Fulbright program.

My courses on American legal history following the Constitution's ratification, and the US's court structure and political process, have highlighted to me the core values shared by our two legal systems and made me reflect on specific areas of Australian constitutional law that can usefully be informed by the American experience. Outside the classroom, I have kept busy by singing in the Young New Yorkers' Chorus Women's Ensemble, getting involved in Columbia Law School's Civil Rights Law Society, and enjoying the art, theatre, music and dance performances that vibrant New York City has to offer.

Anne Wexler Scholar



Ms Eleanor Wood

Anne Wexler Australian Scholar

Eleanor is a renewable energy engineer undertaking the Master of Public Policy program at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

Her studies are focussed on how governments use different regulatory instruments to shape electricity markets and energy systems. Her research project will analyse the economic efficiency of different regulations and market structures for increasing renewable energy use and driving other sustainable energy outcomes.

2012 Fulbright U.S. Scholars

Senior Scholar



Professor Burdett Loomis
Fulbright Flinders University Distinguished Chair in American Political Science

Political Science, University of Kansas. Research into lobbying and its impact in Australia, which will provide a basis for comparative work, at Flinders University.

Senior Scholar



Professor Malcolm Feeley
Political Science, University of California. Research into privatisation in the criminal justice system in Australia, at Flinders University.

Senior Scholar



Professor Christopher B. Barrett
Economics, Cornell University. Research into the effects of global food markets on poverty and food insecurity in the world at, Monash University.

Senior Scholar



Dr Charles Meneveau
Since initiating his visit in September 2012, Prof. Charles Meneveau and his host at the University of Melbourne, Prof. Ivan Marusic, have been pouring over Melbourne University wind tunnel data on turbulent boundary layers.

They found that in the so-called inertial layer, high order moments of velocity fluctuations display a logarithmic dependence on distance to the surface that bounds the flow. This novel result sheds new light onto the dynamics of coherent structures in turbulence. It is likely to help in developing new models for applications as diverse as predicting wind farm efficiency, vehicle and airplane drag reduction, and dispersion of contaminants in the atmosphere. The results of this research have been submitted for publication to the discipline's pre-eminent journal, the Journal of Fluid Mechanics.

Senior Scholar



Professor Mari Ostendorf
Engineering, University of Washington. Integration of prosody (pitch and timing modulation) with syntax for spoken language processing, at Macquarie University.

Senior Scholar



Dr Christopher Roberts
Music. To integrate two hundred songs he documented from the Wopkaimin people in the remote Star Mountains of Papua New Guinea, into an exhibit and research project at the South Australian Museum.

Senior Scholar



Professor S. Mark Tompkins
Biological Sciences, University of Georgia. Collaborative development of therapeutic drugs for Hendra and Nipah viruses, with CSIRO's Australian Animal Health Laboratory.

Postgraduate Scholar



Ms Hannah Barrett
Psychology, University of Massachusetts. To undertake research in psychology looking at overcoming the stigmatizing effects of hearing loss at the ANU for 12 months.

Postgraduate Scholar



Mr Emmet Cleary
Engineering, CALTECH. Research on a technique that burns fuels with lower emissions of pollutants, known as moderate or intense low-oxygen dilution (MILD) combustion, at the University of Adelaide.

2012 FULBRIGHT U.S. SCHOLARS (CONTINUED)

Postgraduate Scholar



Mr Israel Del Toro
2012 Fulbright CSIRO Postgraduate Scholar

Ecology, University of Massachusetts Amherst. Research into how assemblages of ants vary along environmental gradients in the seasonal tropics of Northern Australia, and how dominant and abundant species may respond to climate change, with CSIRO Climate Adaptation Flagship, for a year.

Postgraduate Scholar



Ms Sytske Hillenius
Arts Management and Music, College of Charleston. Research will focus on Celtic musical traditions and their influence on Tasmanian music as well as the multicultural influences on the traditions from the many immigrants to Tasmania, at The University of Melbourne.

Postgraduate Scholar



Mr Steven Limpert
Fulbright Alumni and Climate Change Scholar

Electrical engineering, Arizona State University. Conduct research in the area of high efficiency, hot carrier and nanostructured solar cells, at UNSW.

Postgraduate Scholar



Mr Mark O'Donnell
Fulbright ANU College of Business and Economics Scholar

MBA, University of Chicago. Mark will study how effective Infrastructure Australia has been in attracting private sector investment in Australian infrastructure with a view to applying the best practice methods in the United States, at the ANU College of Business and Economics.

Postgraduate Scholar



Ms Cecilia Prator
Biology, Occidental College. To explore the venom of understudied spiders, scorpions and centipedes, for compounds known as peptides, which could possibly be used to make environmentally friendly insecticides, at the University of Queensland.

Postgraduate Scholar



Ms Samantha Shockley
Chemistry, Biochemistry and Biology, University of Chicago. To contribute to the development of new, concise and laboratory-based syntheses of Australian marine natural products that could prove useful in the development of new drugs, at the ANU.

Anne Wexler Scholar



Mr Jeremy Gahm
Anne Wexler U.S. Scholar
Finance, University of South Carolina. Research exploring possible ways for different stakeholders to improve capital markets and/or to increase the capital available to entrepreneurs.

Fulbright Senior Specialist Program (FSSP)

Specialist	Host institution(s)	Discipline	Program description	Program commences
Mr Arn Aprill , Chicago Arts Partnership in Education	University of Tasmania	Education	Improving and sustaining quality arts education partnerships	26 June
Professor Robert Warner , University of California – Santa Barbara	University of Technology, Sydney and James Cook University	Environmental Science	Collaboration on the design, evaluation and monitoring of marine protected areas.	30 June
Dr Jean Harvey-Berino , University of Vermont	University of Newcastle	Public/Global Health	Developing web-based lifestyle programs for healthy body weight	19 August
Professor Christopher Layne , Texas A&M University	University of Melbourne	Political Science	Scholarship on the Australia-U.S. partnership in the face of a rising China	TBA

The Fulbright Flinders University Distinguished Chairs

In 2012/13 Flinders University sponsored two Fulbright Flinders University Distinguished Chairs in American Political Science—Professor Malcolm Feeley and Professor Burdett Loomis.

Professor Malcolm Feeley

Malcolm Feeley, Professor in the Jurisprudence and Social Policy Program in the School of Law at the University of California at Berkeley, is the 2012-13 Flinders University Fulbright Distinguished Chair in American Political Science. Professor Feeley has written extensively in constitutional law and politics, and the American criminal justice system. The author or editor of more than a dozen books, his most recent books are (with Rubin) *Federalism: Political identity and Tragic Compromise* (Michigan 2008), and (with Halliday and Karpik) *Fates of Political Liberalism in the British Post-Colony* (Cambridge 2012).

He arrived in Adelaide in late July 2012 for a five month stay to study privatization of prisons in Australia and to explore Australian federalism. Both issues are salient in the United States and as well Europe, and he wanted an Australian perspective on each. Australia has the highest proportion of offenders held in private prisons of any jurisdiction in the world, and there is something of a consensus that they work adequately if not better. In contrast in the United States, prison privatization remains a bitterly controversial issue, and most students of prisons conclude that they perform poorly. And elsewhere, they remain even more controversial.

In Israel, for instance, a 2010 ruling by the Supreme Court held that private prisons violated constitutional principles and could not be established. During his stay in Australia, Professor Feeley visited a number of prisons, and interviewed a great many prison officials and public officials about the nature and operations of both public and private prisons. This work will become a major section in his current book project, *Entrepreneurs of Punishment*.

In a 2008 book on federalism, Feeley and his co-author Edward Rubin developed a theory for the origins and operations of federalism, argued that federal systems are inherently unstable absent some very special conditions, and then went on to maintain that the United States for all practical purposes is no longer a federal system. Professor Feeley presented his thesis in some of his Fulbright lectures and concluded with raising questions about Australian federalism. The responses to his talks were varied and subsequent discussion robust.

During his stay in Australia, Feeley gave Fulbright presentations in Adelaide, Canberra, Perth, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Hobart. On these trips he also pursued his interest in prison administration and private prisons, by speaking with prison officials, scholars, and visiting some prisons.



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At Flinders, he organized a workshop for advanced graduate students who were writing their dissertations, and made several presentations to honors students in American Studies. The workshop focused on development of clarifying the central arguments in the theses, and the writing of an article-length paper suitable for publication.



These experiences brought him to close contact with graduate students in several disciplines. "The students," he reported, "were fantastic, well trained and well-positioned to complete excellent projects. The workshop was a wonderful way for me to gain exposure to current scholarly work of both faculty and students at Flinders."

During their time in Australia, Feeley's wife, Rivka Amado, a well-known performer of Sephardic songs in Ladino (the Judeo-Spanish language of medieval Spain) gave in concerts in Adelaide and Melbourne.

Although Feeley has some former students and colleagues at universities around Australia, and one of his former Berkeley students, Jeffrey Bleich, is the current U.S. Ambassador to Australia, this was his first trip to Australia. "I knew about Australia in general," he said, "but I did not have any preconceived notions about the country. However, what I found was stunning. I now understand why my old friend Peter Grabowsky moved to Australia years ago, after we completed our post-docs together to pursue his (very successful) career here. Had I known what he did then, I might have joined him."

Professor Burdett Loomis

Professor Burdett Loomis, Professor with the Department of Political Science at the University of Kansas, will come to Flinders University in Adelaide for five months to work on a project researching lobbying and its impact in Australia, which will provide a basis for comparative work.

His research project for the Fulbright Chair tenure will first seek to understand the overall scope and nature of the Australian lobbying industry; this will include how the national government and the individual states/territories seek to regulate lobbying. The second, related research strand will address how lobbying affects agendas and policy outcomes.

He will use a multi-dimensional approach (available data, interviews, surveys) to construct a detailed picture of the Australian sector of organized interests and their attendant lobbying. The differences between the American separation-of-powers government and the Australian parliamentary system will likely yield notable differences in how groups and lobbyists are arrayed to affect public policies



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"As I begin my five-month stay at Flinders University, I look forward to working with a wide range of Australian scholars to address specific issues of lobbying in a comparative context, as well as exploring broader issues of governability and Western-style democracies," Professor Loomis said.

"As populations age and social obligations grow, nations must address the size and scope of government, all within the structural framework of governments and institutions. That Australia and the United States are similar, yet not at all the same, provides a rich opportunity to examine democratic practices in a highly uncertain era."

Fulbright Events

left to right: 1) Fulbright Scholar Ms Laura Crommelin speaks at the dinner. 2) CSIRO Fulbright Scholar Israel Del Toro with representatives from CSIRO, Dr Miriam Baltuck, Dr Joanne Daly, Ms Kathy Dunn, and Fulbright U.S. Scholar Professor S. Mark Tomkins at the Enrichment Dinner. Photo: Travis Longmore, U.S. Embassy. 3) Ambassador Jeffrey Bleich speaks at the reception.



Dr Tangerine Holt at Georgetown

Fulbright Alumni representatives at the dinner

Fulbright U.S. Scholar Samantha Shockley receives her award from Mr Jason Hyland and Mr Tom Healy.

Fulbright Presentation Dinner 2012

The Fulbright Presentation Dinner for the Fulbright and Anne Wexler Australian Scholars was held at the Ivy Room, ivy, in George Street in Sydney.

The very successful event was co-hosted by Fulbright Commission Board Chair Professor Steven Schwartz, VC and President of Macquarie University.

About 290 guests attended the event.

Special guests included Senator Chris Evans, Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Science and Research; Mr Jason Hyland, Chargé D'Affaires, U.S. Embassy; Ms Gabrielle Upton, Parliamentary Secretary for Tertiary Education and Skills, NSW Government; and Fulbright Alumnus Afghanistan's Ambassador to Australia, HE Nasir Andisha. They were joined by sponsors and donors, Fulbright Scholars and Alumni, Vice-Chancellors and other representatives from several universities, selection committee members and family and friends of the new Fulbright Scholars.

At the end of the evening, Fulbright Alumnus Mr Jonathan Paget gave a guitar performance.

The Fulbright Presentation Dinner was one of the features of the annual Orientation Program, held each year to induct new Fulbright Scholars into the Fulbright Program. This year for the first time the Anne Wexler Scholar was involved in this process.

Fulbright receptions in Australia

The first state reception for 2012 was hosted by Charles Darwin University in the Northern Territory on April 4, at The Colonnade, at the University. The event was hosted by Professor Barney Glover and a group of Fulbright contacts came along to meet the Fulbright NT Scholars, Professor Michael Gordon and Dr Claire Gordon.

The Queensland reception was held on April 19 at the Cecil & Ida Green University Club & Restaurant, Bond University, Gold Coast. It was hosted by the VC of Bond University, Professor Tim Brailsford.

The Victorian State reception was hosted on April 24 at The South Dining Room at University House at the Woodward, Carlton, hosted by Professor Glyn Davis, VC of the University of Melbourne.

On May 8 the State Reception was held in South Australia, at the Ingkarni Wardli hosted by The University of Adelaide.

The WA reception was held on May 10, and was hosted by Fulbright Alumnus Professor Richard Higgott, VC of Murdoch University.

Fulbright Commission visit to the U.S.

Fulbright Commission Executive Director, Dr Tangerine Holt, visited the United States in October, to bring Fulbright Scholars and Alumni together in several cities, and meet with colleagues in the U.S. Government.

A series of Roundtables was held to increase the Commission's engagement with them. A series of new initiatives will follow as a result of these discussions.

The trip started out in New York, with presentations at SUNY and Columbia Universities, a meeting with colleagues at the Institute of International Education (IIE) and a Fulbright Roundtable was held at NYU followed by a reception.

A round table for Alumni and a reception were hosted by the Embassy of Australia, in Washington DC. Mrs Harriet Fulbright attended the reception.

Dr Holt then went to the little apple "Manhattan, Kansas, Kansas State University to meet President Kirk Shulz, his leadership team, faculty and students.

Top: Dr Jayne Godfrey from the ANU College of Business and Economics with her sponsored Scholars, Mr Mark O'Donnell and Ms Emily Baldock. Bottom: Fulbright Scholars with Dr Tangerine Holt and Mrs Harriet Fulbright at the reception in Washington. Photo: Philip Hill.



Dr Holt gave presentations at the University of Chicago and the University of Illinois (Chicago). Mr Roger Price, Australian Consul-General, Chicago, hosted both an Alumni Roundtable and a Reception later that day.

The next day, Tuesday, Dr Holt went to San Francisco, where she presented to students at UCSF on Halloween. A Roundtable for Fulbright Alumni and Scholars followed at UCSF, and an informal dinner with Alumni.

The trip finished with a stop in LA on Thursday 1 November. Dr Holt gave a presentation at UCLA, followed by a Fulbright Alumni and Scholars Roundtable and a drinks event with the LA Chapter of the Fulbright Association, where she was greeted by the international Fulbright community.

End of year reception

The end of year reception was held on 30 November at the residence of Ambassador Jeffrey Bleich and Mrs Rebecca Bleich. About 70 people attended and they included Fulbright Commission Board, Staff and Alumni, Government contacts and sponsors, Fulbright selection committee members, Fulbright Scholars and other Fulbright Friends. The new Fulbright Commission team was introduced at the event.

Fulbright history update

The ARC funded history project of the Australian-American Fulbright Program commenced in 2009 and is now drawing to a close. The researchers have completed their research and interviews in 2012 and are writing up the history of the program into a monograph, which they expect will be published in the near future.

In the course of writing up the fascinating, multi-layered history of the Australian-US Fulbright program since its post-war beginnings, it has become apparent to the researchers that a standard monograph alone will not do justice to the rich range of sources available. These include oral history interviews, radio archives and news footage, documentaries made by or featuring scholars, music composed and/or performed, travel blogs and digital storytelling.

They have recommended that an interactive website should be created, which will highlight aspects of the Fulbright program's history and scholars' experiences. The website will feature a timeline, using excerpts from interviews and other audiovisual materials, photographs, scanned archival documents, explanatory texts and more, to expand on key moments in the program's evolution over more than sixty years. The creation of this is being explored.

Professor Diane Kirkby and Dr Garner are also working on several other journal articles and conference presentations in 2013, including two papers on women Fulbrighters at the International Federation for Research in Women's History in the United Kingdom.

While they are no longer conducting interviews they are always interested to hear from any alumni or scholars who have stories to tell or reflections to offer by email (a.garner@latrobe.edu.au) or old-fashioned surface mail c/ Historical and Cultural Studies, La Trobe University, VIC 3086

Alice Garner,
La Trobe University

Left: Dr Christopher Roberts playing at the Enrichment Dinner. Right: Fulbright Flinders Distinguished Chair Malcolm Feeley, with Professor Don De Bats, Mr Tom Healy, Professor Michael Barber and Dr Tangerine Holt. Bottom: Fulbright Alumni Mrs Susanita Dudley and Dr Earl Dudley at the Matthew Perez exhibition.



FAIG Winner – Associate Professor John Foster



Through the Fulbright Alumni Initiative Grant (FAIG) A/Professor Foster was able to return to the McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh, and build on the linkages that were formed during his 2009 Fulbright Australian Senior Scholarship. A/Professor Foster is based at the School of Biotechnology and Biomolecular Sciences at the University of New South Wales (UNSW).

A/Professor Foster's Fulbright Scholarship project had investigated the innovative coalescence of novel Australian and American technologies. This involved combining a laser activated, thin film surgical adhesive developed by A/Professor Foster, with a wound healing biomaterial developed by Prof. Badylak at the McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine in Pittsburgh. Together these technologies can provide a means of sutureless sealing of wounds that lead to enhanced tissue regeneration.

In the US during his Fulbright, A/Professor Foster had explored various techniques for combining the technologies, with designs to suit a variety of clinical scenarios.

Through the FAIG, A/Professor Foster was able to train his U.S. counterparts on utilizing the laser irradiation process as well as adapt the novel combined technology to focus on enhancing the wound-healing processes in brain surgery. The FAIG helped A/Prof. Foster to consolidate the relationship with his host institution. A doctoral student accompanied A/Professor Foster.

A/Professor Foster said that the Fulbright influence has extended beyond the initial Scholarship project and that now a number of students and junior researchers have benefitted from an exchange. The project established by the Fulbright has grown and is a major focus of his group's research at UNSW.

The FAIG provides \$10,000 to support an Australian-American Fulbright Alumnus to develop innovative projects that will foster institutional linkages and sustainable, mutually beneficial relationships.

Alumni and Scholar achievements

Queen's Birthday Honours

- Professor Stephen Hopper AC, FLS, FTSE (1989 Aus Senior Scholar)
- Professor Peter Singer AC (1978 Aus Senior Scholar)
- Emeritus Professor Ian Ferguson AM (1962 Aus Postgraduate and 1987 Postdoctoral Scholar)
- Professor Michael Feneley AM (1985 Fulbright Australian Postdoctoral Scholar)
- Professor James Whittem OAM (1950 Fulbright Australian Postgraduate Scholar)

Awards

Dr Richard T Watson, 1984 Aus Postgraduate Scholar, was awarded the Association for Information Systems' LEO award, which is presented for exceptional life-time achievement in Information Systems.

Professor John Ralston AO FAA FTSE, 1986 Aus Senior Scholar, was awarded the Staudinger-Durrer Lecture and Medal from ETH Zurich.

Associate Professor Jeffrey Looi, 2004 Aus Professional Scholar, received the Canberra Doctor Award from the ACT Branch of the Australian Medical Association for longstanding service as an editorial board member and contributor to the Canberra Doctor magazine. Also received the Young Psychiatrist Presentation Award for the 15th Annual Meeting of the Pacific Rim College of Psychiatrists in Seoul, South Korea.

Mr David Hobbs, 2008 Aus Professional Scholar, received First Prize in the Soft Technology Awards held by the Australian Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology Association

Professor Graham Colditz, 1981 Aus Postgraduate Scholar, received a number of awards. These included the American Cancer Society Medal of Honor, AACR-American Cancer Society Award for Research Excellence in Cancer Epidemiology and Prevention and was also appointed to the board of scientific advisors of the National Cancer Institute, NIH.



Jeffrey Looi



Leah Curtis

Emeritus Professor Ross Street, 1968 Aus Postdoctoral Scholar, was awarded the Australian Mathematical Society's George Szekeres Medal, the Chaire de la Vallée Poussin for 2011 from UCL Belgium and Discovery Outstanding Researcher Award from the Australian Research Council.

Professor Sheila Fitzpatrick, 1989 U.S. Short-term Scholar, received the American Historical Association Award for Scholarly Distinction and the American Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies Award for Distinguished Contributions to the field.

Dr Michael Braby, 1998 Aus Postdoctoral Fellow, was awarded the Mackerras Medal, the Australian Entomological Society's highest award. The Mackerras Medal is given every two years to a member of the Society under 50 years of age who has demonstrated excellence in entomology.

Dr Elizabeth Madin, 1999 U.S. Postgraduate Scholar, won an Australian Research Council Discovery Early Career Researcher Award and a World Wildlife Fund Fuller Fellowship.

The Irish based company Megazyme belonging to Dr Barry McCleary, 1978 Aus Postdoctoral Fellow, won the Irish Exporters Association's Innovation Exporter of the Year Award.

Ms Leah Curtis, 2005 Aus Postgraduate Scholar, was the winner of Best World Music Award at the Hollywood Music in Media Awards. She was also nominated for Best Original Song at the Hollywood Music In Media Awards and for Best Original Song Composed for the Screen at the APRA AGSC Australian Screen Music Awards.

Emeritus Professor James W. Loewen, 1981 U.S. Senior Scholar, received two prestigious awards in 2012, including the American Sociological Association's Cox-Johnson-Frazier Award and a Spirit of America Award from the National Council for the Social Studies.



Professor Warren Bebbington



Dr Ranjana Srivastava

Appointments

Associate Professor Charles Steadman, 1988 Aus Postdoctoral Scholar, was made a Fellow of the American Gastroenterological Association (‘AGAF’), the pre-eminent association of medical gastroenterologists in the United States.

Ms Deborah May, 1995 Aus Postgraduate Scholar, received an Australia New Zealand School of Government Fellowship.

Professor Warren Bebbington, 1976 Aus Postgraduate Scholar, was appointed Vice Chancellor of the University of Adelaide.

Professor John A Wiens, 1984 U.S. Senior Scholar, was appointed Winthrop Research Professor in the School of Plant Biology at the University of Western Australia.

Professor Ann Forsyth, 1987 Aus Postgraduate Scholar, was appointed Professor of Urban Planning at Harvard University.

Professor Steven Gorelick, 2008 U.S. Senior Scholar, was elected to the US National Academy of Engineering.

Commissioner Ian Stewart, 1999 Aus Professional Scholar, was appointed Commissioner of the Queensland Police Service. Commissioner Stewart was also the recipient of the 2012 Australian Institute of Emergency (AIES) National Medal for Excellence as well as a National Emergency Medal, the latter being presented on Australia Day, for services during the 2010-11 Queensland Floods.

Dr Calvin Bowman, 1996 Anthony Joseph Pratt Award for Visual and Performing Arts, was appointed Convenor of Composition, Theory and Aural at the ANU School of Music. He has also been commissioned as a co-writer of an opera based on Norman Lindsay’s classic Australian story ‘The Magic Pudding’. This will be performed by Opera Victoria in late 2013.

Ms Catherine Gregory, 2009 Aus Postgraduate Scholar, won a two-year fellowship position in New York City as the Flutist in Ensemble ACJW: A program at Carnegie Hall, The Juilliard School and the Weill Music Institute in partnership with the New York City Department of Education.

Professor Andrew Schultz, 1982 Aus Postgraduate Scholar, was appointed composer of a symphony to celebrate the centenary of Canberra in 2013.

Publications

Associate Professor Eric Shibuya, 1998 U.S. Postgraduate Scholar, published his first book, which is entitled ‘Demobilizing Irregular Forces’.

Dr Ranjana Srivastava, 2004 W.G. Walker Aus Postgraduate Scholar, was invited to write a monthly column for The Melbourne Magazine (with The Age) on medicine and society. The inaugural piece was published in ‘The Best Australian Science Writing of 2012’. Dr Srivastava also won the inaugural Gus Nossal Global Health Prize for the best essay on global health. In a piece called Them and Us, she wrote about the great global divide in healthcare and the need for every rich-world doctor to modify individual practice in order to effect real change in the poor world.

Dr Arlie Loughnan, 2001 Aus Postgraduate Scholar, been awarded a Australian Research Council early career researcher award (DECRA) to undertake research on responsibility in criminal law (2013-2015). This represents the next step following the publication of her book, Manifest Madness: Mental Incapacity in Criminal Law (Oxford University Press, 2012).



Financial Report

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 solid investment performance, donations and increased sponsorship of scholarships the Commission reported a surplus for the year ended 31 December 2012.

The donations are invested so that the earnings are utilized 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. 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 2012, 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 2012 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.

Synergy Group

Nigel Fredericks
Audit Director and Partner 21 February 2013
Canberra, ACT

THE AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN FULBRIGHT COMMISSION
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For year ended 31 December 2012

	Note	2012 \$	2011 \$
Revenue			
<i>Funding for ordinary activities</i>	1(d)		
Australian Government		887,623	866,948
United States Government		724,380	756,409
Scholarship sponsorships		483,144	411,946
Donations		20,830	8,170
		2,115,977	2,043,473
<i>Other revenue</i>			
Interest earned		24,646	28,526
Income from Investments		848,646	333,157
Other income	1(l)	47,265	37,672
		920,557	399,354
Total revenue		3,036,534	2,442,828
Expenses			
<i>Program expenses</i>			
United States Fulbright		533,090	542,789
Australian Fulbright		762,641	730,079
Additional awards		292,942	236,183
		1,588,673	1,509,051
Program returns		(44,196)	(60,866)
		1,544,477	1,448,185
<i>Non-program expenses</i>		213,434	231,792
<i>Administration</i>		739,429	583,112
<i>Other expenses</i>			
Investment Fees & Expenses		14,083	4,325
Foreign exchange losses (net)	1(b)	12,059	1,843
		26,142	6,168
Total expenses		2,523,482	2,269,257
Operating surplus		513,052	173,571
Transfer to Reserves		-	(70,000)
Total Comprehensive Income		513,052	103,571

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

THE AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN FULBRIGHT
COMMISSION BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 December 2012

	Note	2012 \$	2011 \$
Assets			
Cash	1(i),2	854,239	673,420
Receivables	1(e),4	58,836	89,589
Other current assets	5	65,661	37,974
		978,736	800,983
Investments			
Investments held at market value	1(j),3	10,560,953	10,338,131
Total assets		11,539,689	11,139,114
Liabilities			
Provision for employee benefits	1(h)	20,184	62,570
Creditors	1(f)	777,969	750,550
Provision for unpaid program costs	1(g)	443,190	540,700
Total liabilities		1,241,343	1,353,820
Net assets		10,298,346	9,785,294
Equity			
Reserves	6	5,100,813	5,159,334
Accumulated funds		5,197,533	4,625,960
Total Equity		10,298,346	9,785,294

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

THE AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN FULBRIGHT
COMMISSION CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For year ended 31 December 2012

	Note	2012 \$	2011 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Scholarship funding from Sponsors and Governments		2,183,162	1,878,945
Payments to suppliers		(2,687,309)	(1,859,830)
Interest received		24,646	25,748
Other revenue		60,638	54,301
Net cash inflows from operating activities	9	(418,863)	99,164
Cash flow from Investing activities			
Purchase of investments		611,741	(244,835)
Net cash from investing activities		611,741	(244,835)
Net increase (decrease) in cash held		192,878	(145,671)
Cash at the beginning of the financial year		673,420	825,399
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash		(12,059)	(6,308)
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	2	854,239	673,420

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



THE AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN FULBRIGHT COMMISSION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For year ended 31 December 2012

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 recorded on initial recognition, in the functional currency by applying the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Monetary items are translated at the closing rate applicable at reporting date.

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.

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For year ended 31 December 2012

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.

d. 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.

e. 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.

f. 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.



THE AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN FULBRIGHT COMMISSION
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For year ended 31 December 2012

Note 2. Current assets – Cash

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
Cash		
Operating cheque account	60,877	151,344
Fund bank account	1	5,980
At call bank account	181,938	94,413
Term deposit	192,890	180,280
Volatility deposit	-	53,545
Petty cash	96	-
Treasury account	30	-
USD account	418,407	187,858
Balances as per statement of cash flows	854,239	673,420

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

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
Investments		
Australian Alumni (WG Walker) Fund	348,960	296,299
AFAA Fund	47,052	44,419
ANU CBE Fund	263,167	283,158
Clean Energy Fund	170,684	313,628
Coral Sea Fund	360,565	345,089
Fulbright Reserve Fund	443,552	486,483
NSW Fund	560,614	508,101
QLD Fund	466,867	419,215
SA Fund	521,077	472,831
US Alumni Fund	24,260	18,745
VET Scholarship	112,530	105,178
VIC Fund	615,085	549,442
WA Fund	969,936	888,901
Wexler Scholarship	5,656,604	5,606,642
	10,560,953	10,338,131

Anne Wexler Scholarship Funds

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

Note 4. Current assets – Receivables

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
Other receivables		
Funds receivable	-	66,474
Other debtors	58,836	23,115
	58,836	89,589

Note 5. Current assets – Other

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
		
GST refundable from ATO	18,550	11,445
Prepayments	47,111	26,529
	65,661	37,974

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Note 6. Reserves and Accumulated Funds

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
(a) Reserves		
Asset replacement reserve	-	139,630
Wexler reserve	4,700,000	4,700,000
Working capital reserve	-	239,704
General reserve	400,813	80,000
	5,100,813	5,159,334

Movements in Reserves		
Asset replacement reserve		
Balance 1 January	139,630	69,630
Amount set aside for equipment	-	70,000
Amount spent on equipment	(58,521)	-
Amount transferred to general reserve	(81,109)	-
Balance 31 December	-	139,630
Wexler reserve		
Balance 1 January	4,700,000	4,700,000
Amount set aside for Wexler Scholarships	-	-
Balance 31 December	4,700,000	4,700,000
Working capital reserve		
Balance 1 January	239,704	239,704
Amount transferred to general reserve	(239,704)	-
Balance at 31 December	-	239,704
General reserve		
Balance 1 January	80,000	80,000
Transfer from asset replacement reserve	81,109	-
Transfer from working capital reserve	239,704	-
Balance 31 December	400,813	80,000

b. Nature and purpose of reserves

i. Asset replacement reserve

The asset replacement reserve was used to set aside increments to cover proposed future costs and is added to and expended as required. These funds have been transferred from the general reserve to retained earnings upon expenditure of \$58,521 incurred in 2012.

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 was 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. These funds have been transferred to the general reserve.

iv. General reserve

In the past the funds in the general reserve were set aside funds for non-operating expenses to cover major office infrastructure and other program costs as needed. In 2012 the reserves were consolidated so that general reserves now set aside covers proposed future costs to replace assets, major infrastructure costs and a contingency to cover running costs for a period of six months in the event of the commission winding up.



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For year ended 31 December 2012

Note 7. Board attendance

There were four Board meetings held in 2012. The numbers of meetings attended by each member serving in 2012 are as follows:

Board member	Number of meetings invited to attend	Number of meetings attended
Professor Steven Schwartz	4	4
Prof Don Debats	4	4
Ms Judy Moon	2	2
Mr Patrick Cocoran	1	1
Mr Marshall Farrer	4	3
Professor Hilary Charlesworth	4	2
Mr Ian Thomas	4	3
Ms Libby Schick	4	4
Mr Frank Urbancic *	3	3
Ms Mary Warlick*	1	1
Mr Colin Walters	4	2
Mr Paul Houge	1	1
Professor Margaret Gardner	4	3

* represented by Ms Susan Shultz in their absence

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

	2012 \$	2011 \$
Profit for the year	513,052	103,571
Change in operating assets and liabilities		
(Increase)/Decrease in receivables /other assets	3,066	(38,127)
Increase/(Decrease) in non-program payables/ other creditors	(70,091)	(530)
Increase/(Decrease) in provisions	(42,386)	(209,603)
Net exchange differences	12,059	(6,356)
Unrealised loss/(Gain)	(834,563)	250,209
Net cash inflows from operating activities	(418,863)	99,164

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:

	2012 \$	2011 \$
Auditor	8,427	8,183



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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 2012 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

Mr Paul Hougé
Treasurer

Canberra
12 February 2013



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UNIVERSITIES

The Distinguished Chair in American Political Science will be hosted by Flinders University in Adelaide until 2015. It allows key U.S. researchers 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 fields of business or economics to undertake 8-12 months postgraduate research with the College.

GOVERNMENT

The Fulbright Climate Change and Clean Energy Scholarship was established by the Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon. Julia Gillard, and U.S. Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, in November 2010 to increase bi-national collaboration addressing climate change.

The Professional Scholarship in Vocational Education and Training, the Fulbright Indigenous Scholarship and the Anne Wexler Scholarships are supported by the Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (DIISRTE).

The Fulbright Professional Scholarship in Australia-United States Alliance Studies was established in 2001 by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) to recognise the 50th anniversary of the ANZUS Treaty.

The Fulbright CSIRO Postgraduate Scholarship was established in 2009, to enable U.S. Scholars to undertake postgraduate research with CSIRO.

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

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Fulbright State and Territory Scholarships have been established for New South Wales, the 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 region 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.

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The Coral Sea Scholarship was established by the then 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.

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