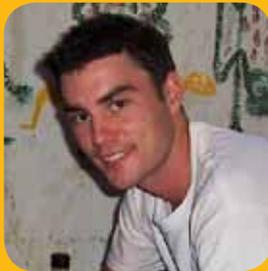


2012

Fulbright Australian Scholars  
and Anne Wexler Australian Scholar





# WELCOME

J. William Fulbright was dedicated to peace and the scholarships that bear his name are a testament to his belief in the power of education in bringing about a better world. Fulbright believed that mutual understanding provides much greater security than weapons ever could.

With this in mind I am proud to welcome, and present, the 2012 Fulbright Australian Scholars and the 2012 Anne Wexler Australian Scholar on behalf of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission Board.

These 26 outstanding individuals have been selected from a competitive field of applicants. Through their Scholarships they will - again in Fulbright's words - have the opportunity to "think unthinkable thoughts" as they undertake research in a range of fields including law, visual arts, philosophy, medical science, and computer science. I congratulate them and wish them well in all their endeavours.

This year we are pleased to announce the winner of the inaugural Fulbright Climate Change and Clean Energy Scholarship. The Scholarship was established by the Australian and U.S. Governments in 2010 at a meeting between the U.S. Secretary of State, Ms Hillary Clinton, and the Australian Prime Minister the Hon. Julia Gillard MP.

We are also delighted that one of our Australian Scholars has won one of the prestigious International Science and Technology Awards. These three-year scholarships cover a PhD in the U.S. and are the most valuable in the Fulbright Program.

The Fulbright Program is funded by the U.S. and Australian governments and a generous group of sponsors including CSIRO, ANSTO, Blackboard, the ANU College of Business and Economics, Flinders University, DSTO, the Origin Foundation, the Australian Scholarships Foundation, state governments and universities. I thank all supporters for their contributions, which help us to build and extend this wonderful Program.

**Professor Steven Schwartz**

Chair, Australian-American Fulbright Commission Board



On behalf of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission, it is my great pleasure to warmly congratulate the twenty-five 2012 Australian Fulbright Scholars and the 2012 Anne Wexler Australian Scholar to the U.S.

The Scholar booklet showcases the breadth of disciplines represented which is underpinned by the exceptional talent of each Scholar. As they set out to achieve their individual goals, there is no doubt they will explore unimaginable possibilities and build collaboration through the extensive professional networks which the Fulbright Program offers.

The international experience plays a pivotal role in promoting and advancing innovation and offers Scholars the opportunity to broaden their global vision, enhance their international academic competence, and develop professional networks and friendships.

On their return to Australia it is expected that the translation of their U.S. experience and knowledge will contribute to innovation and strengthen the nexus between Australia and the U.S. at various levels.

This U.S. experience takes place because of the generous funding of the Australian and American governments, funding by sponsorship bodies and engagement with leading-edge mentors. We greatly value their contribution and appreciate the support from all our supporters.

I wish the 2012 Australian Fulbright and Anne Wexler Scholars all success in the U.S.

**Dr Tangerine Holt**  
Executive Director  
Australian-American Fulbright  
Commission



On behalf of the Australian Fulbright Alumni Association (AFAA), I would like to congratulate you - the 2012 Australian Fulbright Scholars – on your success.

Being part of the Fulbright Program is an incredible experience. The Fulbright Program is unique in many ways, including the reciprocal nature of scholar exchanges, the broad range of professional fields that are covered, and the different scholarship levels, from postgraduate to senior specialist awards, that are available.

There is no doubt that many Scholars have found their Fulbright experience to be truly life changing, and I sincerely hope your experience will be one that makes you want to remain a part of the Fulbright Program long after your Scholarship has ended.

The Australian Fulbright Alumni Association supports the Fulbright vision by continuing to build and enhance the relationship between Australia and the United States.

Our goal is to facilitate a range of professional networking activities in both countries, provide support to incoming and outgoing Scholars, and to provide new scholarship opportunities through endowments from members' donations. We create opportunities for you to stay engaged with the Program and continue to interact with other Fulbrighters after you return from the United States.

We look forward to welcoming you into the Fulbright family and supporting your experience and professional networking through the AFAA.

Congratulations and best wishes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Geraldine Chin Moody".

**Geraldine Chin Moody**  
National President, Australian Fulbright Alumni Association



# The Australian Fulbright Program

Born of the impact of World War II, the Fulbright Program was established in 1946 through the initiative of U.S. Senator J. William Fulbright and the support of the United States Government, initially funded through the sale of surplus war materials.

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

The Fulbright program was established in Australia in 1949 through a bi-national treaty. The initial sale of U.S. surplus war materials to Australia provided \$US5.8m, 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 equally by the two parties.

Today the Australian-American Fulbright Commission, headquartered in Canberra, continues to be funded by the Australian and U.S. governments along with a select 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 Commission has awarded scholarships to more than 2,700 Australians and 2,000 Americans. A distinguished group of Alumni are thus an integral part of the Program's rich history and ongoing professional network.

## **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission is to further mutual understanding between the peoples of Australia and the United States through educational and cultural exchange. This is primarily achieved through a program of Fulbright Scholarships to support research and study by Australians in the United States and by Americans in Australia.

# SPONSORS AND PARTNERS

**The Australian and United States governments provide the core funding for the Australian Fulbright Program. This funding is complemented by the support of a generous group of companies, organisations, universities, Australian and U.S. Embassies, individuals and government agencies.**

## UNIVERSITIES

The [Distinguished Chair in American Political Science](#) will be hosted by Flinders University in Adelaide until 2015. It allows a key U.S. researcher to undertake a 4-5 month program in Australia.

The [Fulbright ANU College of Business and Economics Postgraduate Scholarship](#) provides the opportunity for American graduates in the field of business or economics to undertake 8-12 months postgraduate research with the 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 [Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education \(DIISRTE\)](#) sponsors the [Professional Scholarship in Vocational Education and Training](#) and the [Fulbright Indigenous Scholarship](#).

The [Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade \(DFAT\)](#) established the [Fulbright Professional Scholarship in Australia-United States Alliance Studies](#) in 2001 to recognise the 50th Anniversary of the ANZUS Treaty.

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

organisation, CSIRO, from 2009.

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

## FULBRIGHT STATE AND TERRITORY SCHOLARSHIPS

[Fulbright State and Territory Scholarships](#) have been established for New South Wales, 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 jurisdiction and U.S. researchers and institutions.

## FULBRIGHT ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIPS

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

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

## ADDITIONAL FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS

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.

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

## NEW FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2013

The [Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Advanced Science and Technology](#) was launched in 2011 through a partnership between the Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO) and the Commission. It will bring an eminent U.S. scientist to Australia for up to five months to expand opportunities for engagement in a priority area for DSTO, from 2013.

The [Fulbright Professional Scholarship in Non-Profit Leadership](#) was established 2011 through a partnership between the Origin Foundation, the Australian Scholarships Foundation (ASF), and the Commission. It will provide Australians working in the charitable Not-For Profit sector the opportunity to undertake research or professional development for three to four months in the U.S., from 2013.

## SUPPORTERS

We also wish to thank the following for their ongoing support:

[Australian and American universities](#) for hosting the Scholars.

Gilbert and Tobin, for their invaluable legal advice.

[Our donors](#), individuals and companies, whose generous donations help more talented Australian and Americans to participate in a unique Fulbright experience.

# 2012 FULBRIGHT AND ANNE WEXLER AUSTRALIAN SCHOLARS

## Senior Scholars

Dr Richard Collins  
Professor Michael Douglas  
Professor Alexander Loukas  
Professor Martin Thoms

## Professional Scholars

Dr Richard Adams  
Dr Anthony Bell  
Mr Andrew Blyth  
Dr Caroline Smith

## Postdoctoral Scholars

Dr Susan Baker  
Dr Michael Findlay  
Dr Mark McHenry  
Dr Peter Nugus  
Dr Stephanie Reuter Lange  
Dr Jessica Walker

## International Science and Technology Scholar

Ms Amanda Franklin

## Postgraduate Scholars

Mr Richard Blackwell  
Ms Laura Crommelin  
Dr Kathryn Field  
Mr Reuben Finighan  
Dr Claire Gordon  
Dr Hamish Graham  
Mr Dominick Ng  
Ms Katherine Truss  
Mr Adam Webster  
Ms Celia Winnett

## Anne Wexler Scholar

Ms Eleanor Wood



### DR RICHARD COLLINS

**Fulbright Scholar in Nuclear Science and Technology  
sponsored by ANSTO**

BSc, Geology; PhD, Environmental Science; University of Adelaide

**Host:** Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Dr Richard Collins, a Senior Research Fellow with UNSW Water Research Centre, will spend six months at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory developing his skills in computational modelling to help make the uranium mining industry more efficient. This is significant as Australia is a key supplier of uranium into the world market. His project aims to address a lack of knowledge in key processes in the interplay between iron and uranium in the extraction of the material. Richard is currently an Australian Research Council Future Fellow. The aim of Future Fellowships is to attract and retain the best and brightest mid-career researchers in Australia. He also worked at the French Atomic Energy Agency for a number of years after completing his PhD and was the inaugural UNSW-ANSTO Research Fellow. In his spare time he likes to plan road trips, garden and attend to his young family.



### PROFESSOR MICHAEL DOUGLAS

**Fulbright Northern Territory Scholar**

BSc, Biological Sciences; PhD, Environmental Science;  
Monash University

**Host:** University of Maryland and Oregon State University

Professor Michael Douglas is Director of the National Environmental Research Program's Northern Australia Hub and the Tropical Rivers and Coastal Knowledge Research Hub, which are both hosted by Charles Darwin University. Through his Fulbright, Michael will collaborate with world-leading researchers in the U.S. for 6 months to establish a shared understanding of integrated catchment management between Australia and the U.S. He will develop a new research framework for river and coastal management in northern Australia that will guide current and future research initiatives. He has won awards and prizes including the Charles Darwin University Vice-chancellor's Award for Team Research and a Biosecure Australia Award. He also has extensive experience in teaching environmental science. His interests include photography, fishing and camping with his family.

## PROFESSOR ALEX LOUKAS

### Fulbright Senior Scholar

BSc, PhD Medical Sciences; University of Queensland

**Host:** University of California - Irvine

Professor Alex Loukas, Professor with the Queensland Tropical Health Alliance at James Cook University, will work in the U.S. with Dr Phil Felgner, at U.C. Irvine, with whom he has recently established a research collaboration into antigens that potentially could be used for development of a hookworm vaccine. His major achievements include: winning the Bancroft-Mackerras medal and the Ralph Doherty prize for research leadership; attracting USD\$1.6 million in annual research funds to his laboratory; developing vaccines for hookworm and schistosomiasis that are in clinical trials; and being the author of more than 180 papers, including senior author papers in Nature Med and Nature Rev Micro. In his spare time he enjoys outdoor activities and spending time with his family.



## PROFESSOR MARTIN THOMS

### Fulbright Senior Scholar

BSc, MSc, Geomorphology; University of Canterbury, New Zealand; PhD, in Environmental Sciences; University of Technology, Loughborough, U.K.

**Host:** U.S. Geological Survey in La Crosse and the Large River Laboratory based at Winona State University

Professor Martin Thoms, Chair of Geography, and Director of the Riverine Landscapes Research Laboratory at the University of New England, will go to the U.S. for five months. He will extend an existing collaboration to examine the resilience of river ecosystems in relation to climate change. His achievements include: being appointed as independent scientific auditor to the Murray Darling Basin Authority; a UN International Scientific Team member for river studies in the Kingdom of Lesotho; President (elect) of the International Society for River Sciences; two International Association for Hydrological Sciences research prizes; and the Binghamton International Geomorphology Prize for innovation in geomorphology. His interests include mountain biking, road cycling, aboriginal art and he has two keen retrievers that keep him busy during his down time.



## PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARS



### DR RICHARD ADAMS

#### **Fulbright Professional Scholar**

BA, University of Tasmania; B.Ed (Hons 1); M.I.R; Ph.D., University of Western Australia

**Host:** Yale University

Dr Richard Adams, a serving Lieutenant Commander with the Royal Australian Navy Directorate of Leadership and Ethics, will examine expectations in military doctrine that soldiers subjugate their will to the command. His research aims to establish the basis for a more balanced and morally sophisticated military doctrine. Richard has won awards and prizes including: the Bertha Houghton Prize for Best Fourth Year Student in the BEd programme at UWA; the Cecil Andrews Prize for Best Honours Graduate, UWA; an Admiral's Commendation for Professional Excellence; and Dux of the Junior Officers' Management and Strategic Studies Course. He has submitted a Master of Arts thesis in classics, ancient philosophy and military ethics at the University of New South Wales.



### DR ANTHONY BELL

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

MBBS, University of Western Australia; MBA, Queensland University of Technology

**Host:** Harvard University (TBC)

Dr Anthony Bell, Director of Emergency Medicine at Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Hospital, will spend four months at Harvard University researching Emergency Department (ED) management. He aims to create an evidence based ED workforce decision support tool as a key component of an improved performance management framework for EDs. The secondary project aim is to allow better planning and funding of the future ED workforce. He is also the Clinical Chair of the Queensland Statewide ED Network, a Clinical Senator, and he has won awards and prizes including the QUT MBA Director's Award for academic excellence and two Queensland Emergency Medicine Research Fund grants. His interests include travel and spending time with his family.

## MR ANDREW BLYTH

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

BA, Political Science; MA (International Relations); Deakin University

**Host:** University of Texas-Austin

Mr Andrew Blyth, Principal, hartley blyth & associates will spend four months in the U.S. researching market and policy incentives that will actively drive private sector investment in sustainable energy development to help reduce energy poverty levels. Andrew has experience as Chief Executive of the Energy Networks Association, and as a Chief of Staff to a federal Cabinet Minister and he is currently undertaking a second Masters degree with a focus on business, leadership and finance. He is also a director of AFL Canberra. He was awarded a political exchange for the U.S. Presidential Election in 2000. His interests include sport, politics, research, travel, and doing the best he can when it comes to his twin daughters, Ava and Elisabeth (aged 5).



## DR CAROLINE SMITH

### **Fulbright Professional Scholar in Vocational Education and Training (VET), sponsored by DIISRTE**

PhD, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow; Grad. Cert, Department of Industrial Relations, BComm (Hons 1), University of Western Sydney.

**Host:** Rutgers University, New Jersey

Dr Caroline Smith, Director of Skills and Workforce Development Policy at Skills Australia, will spend four months in the USA researching the role of regional partnerships for vocational education and training and workforce development. Working with leading international researchers, Caroline will undertake research on best practice initiatives of benefit to workers, employers and communities. Caroline's achievements include: the Overseas Student Award, UK (1999-2003); the John Anderson Scholarship at Strathclyde University; a number of academic publications; and representative roles in international fora such as the OECD, the International Labour Organisation and the European Commission. Her interests include film, music and travelling.



## POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLARS



### DR SUE BAKER

#### **Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholar**

BSc (Hons 1); PhD; University of Tasmania;  
Bachelor of Forest Science, University of Melbourne;  
Certificate III in Spanish; TAFE Tasmania.

**Hosts:** University of Washington and the Washington State  
Department of Natural Resources

Dr Sue Baker, a research fellow at the University of Tasmania, will spend three and a half months in the U.S. evaluating the benefits of retention forestry practices for biodiversity conservation. The practice of leaving unlogged patches within coupes (retention forestry) is increasingly used globally to balance environmental, social and economic values. Sue's project will critically assess the role of retained patches in facilitating the re-establishment of mature-forest biodiversity in logged areas. She has won awards including the Australian Research Council Postdoctoral Fellowship (Industry) and a Gottstein Trust Fellowship at the World Forest Institute, Portland, Oregon. In her spare time she enjoys hiking, diving and learning about the natural history and culture of places she visits.



### DR MICHAEL FINDLAY

#### **Fulbright Victoria Scholar**

Parallel BSc, Molecular Biology and Biochemistry; with MBBS, University of Queensland; PhD, Tissue Engineering; University of Melbourne.

**Host:** Stanford University

Dr Michael Findlay is a Plastic/Reconstructive Surgeon with the Department of Surgical Oncology at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre and Research Associate of the O'Brien Institute, The University of Melbourne Department of Surgery, St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne. He will spend a year in the U.S. using emerging technologies available at Stanford University to examine, for the first time, gene expression profiles of individual stem cells for tissue engineered breast reconstruction, providing the foundation for ongoing human trials. He has won many awards and prizes including: the Surgical Research Society of Australasia Young Investigator Award; two Australasian Plastic Surgery Trainee Research Prizes; the Victorian Plastics Trainee Presentation Prize for three years; as well as NHMRC and Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, Surgeon Scientist Scholarships. He has also published widely. In his spare time he enjoys spending time with his young family in addition to Crossfit, training for Olympic distance triathlons and playing the piano.

## DR MARK McHENRY

### Fulbright WA Scholar

BSc, Physics; PhD, Physics, Murdoch University

**Host:** Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dr Mark McHenry who is researching climate change mitigation technologies at Murdoch University, will research waste energy, carbon, and water systems for inland industrial process emissions mitigation in the U.S. for six months. Mark was awarded a Postdoctoral Endeavour Award Fellowship from the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, and a Science and Innovation Award for Young People in Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. He is a founding member of the Rural Research and Development Council, and has published extensively. His interests include specialist research regarding renewable energy, carbon sequestration, and rural activities, technologies, and policies.



## DR PETER NUGUS

### Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholar

BA Philosophy, Political Science (Hons), MA Sociology (Hons), UNE; Grad. Dip. VET; MEd, UTS; PhD Medical Sociology, Faculty of Medicine, UNSW.

**Host:** University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and University of California-San Francisco

Dr Peter Nugus, a Research Fellow with the Australian Institute of Health Innovation at UNSW will spend several months in the U.S. researching the integration of hospital and community care of older people. His cross-disciplinary, qualitative research project will evaluate an internationally unique policy experiment by the State of California to enhance the coordination, or "integration", of health care for older persons. Peter has received awards including the prestigious "Jean Martin Award" from the Australian Sociological Association; and the UNSW Dean of Medicine's "Rising Star" Award. He has also published extensively and been awarded competitive grants to further his research. Peter has worked as a musician (singer, pianist and conductor). He continues his musical interests, including organising musical performances in retirement villages and a remand centre. He also raises money and runs in charity events.





## DR STEPHANIE REUTER LANGE

### **Fulbright South Australia Scholar**

BSc, Medical Sciences, University of Adelaide; PhD, Medical Sciences, University of South Australia

**Host:** State University of New York, University at Buffalo

Dr Stephanie Reuter Lange is a postdoctoral researcher in medical sciences at the University of South Australia. She will spend four months in the U.S. undertaking workshops and research in computational modelling (pharmacometrics). Stephanie will focus on improving the treatment of malaria and carnitine deficiency (often an issue among dialysis patients). Ultimately, the output of this program is expected to have a substantial impact on the development and utilisation of medications, resulting in improved patient outcomes. Stephanie is an executive committee member of the Australasian Pharmaceutical Science Association and a scientific reviewer for the Bellberry Human Research Ethics Committee. She has twice received the APSA Annual Conference Award and has published widely. In her spare time she enjoys travel, golf and photography.



## DR JESSICA WALKER (ANDREWARTHA)

### **Fulbright Tasmania Scholar**

BE(Hons)(Civil); PhD, Engineering; University of Tasmania

**Host:** United States Naval Academy Annapolis, Maryland

Dr Jessica Walker, a research fellow with the Centre for Renewable Energy and Power Systems, School of Engineering at UTAS will spend 12 months in the U.S. undertaking research into performance issues with the renewable energy technology, tidal power. Detailed testing of a prototype horizontal-axis tidal turbine will be undertaken at the United States Naval Academy to obtain performance curves and detailed flow field maps under various operating conditions. Jessica is a Civil Engineer and specialises in fluid dynamics research with renewable energy and energy efficiency applications. She was the 2010 Southern Cross Young Achiever in the Science and Technology Category and a finalist for the Tasmanian Young Australian of the Year. She was the 2011 Chair of Young Engineers Australia, representing over 49,000 engineers nationally. In her spare time she enjoys hockey, bushwalking and travelling.

# INTERNATIONAL FULBRIGHT SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLAR

## MS AMANDA FRANKLIN

### Fulbright IS&T Scholar

BSc, Zoology/Marine Biology; MSc, Animal Behaviour;  
University of Melbourne; Certificate III, Tourism Guiding;  
William Angliss Institute of TAFE

**Host:** TBC

Ms Amanda Franklin, a recent Masters graduate in science, from the University of Melbourne, will undertake a PhD at a U.S. institution in animal behaviour. In particular she will research sexual reproductive behaviour in a marine species such as cuttlefish or wrasse. Amanda intends to utilise this experience to achieve her dream of becoming a successful animal behaviour researcher. Her interests are the evolution of mating strategies, endangered species survival and sustainable fishing practices. She has been awarded a National Master of Science Scholarship and student awards from the Victorian Marine Science Consortium and Australasian Society for the Study of Animal Behaviour. She is a presenter on a community radio station's (3CR) marine radio program and has been a volunteer with the Harnas Wildlife Foundation volunteer program in Namibia, Africa. Her interests include volunteering at the Marine Discovery Centre, travelling, photography and learning French.



## POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARS



### MR RICHARD BLACKWELL

#### **Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar**

BA, Visual Arts (Hons I, University medal), Australian National University School of Art

**Host:** School of the Art Institute of Chicago

Mr Richard Blackwell, an artist based in Canberra, will spend two years in the U.S. undertaking a Masters in Fine Art. Richard's specialty is in the area of innovative use of print media. He makes intricate and beautiful objects out of printed materials that reflect a landscape or architecture. His awards include three ANU Emerging Artists Support Scheme Exhibition Awards; an Ozco (Australia Council for the Arts) grant and the 2008 Peter and Lena Karmel Anniversary Prize for Academic Achievement in Visual Arts. He also maintains a prolific studio-based practice and a full schedule of exhibitions, artistic residencies and other projects. Richard also teaches at the Australian National University School of Art—where he also works as a sessional academic, lecturing and co-ordinating courses at the school.



### MS LAURA CROMMELIN

#### **Fulbright NSW Scholar**

BA/LLB (Hons), University of Melbourne; MLitt U.S. Studies Centre, University of Sydney

**Host:** University of Michigan

Ms Laura Crommelin, a PhD candidate in the Faculty of Built Environment at UNSW, will research the relationship between image, identity and urban change in Detroit, Michigan. She will examine how a city's image and identity is linked to its physical, economic and social form; why our perceptions of cities change; and whether regeneration practices can help shift such perceptions. Her research will focus on 'post-industrial' cities, where practices like urban branding and grassroots urbanism are becoming increasingly popular. Laura has won awards and prizes including the Sir George Turner Exhibition for Constitutional and Administrative Law, at the University of Melbourne; and a Universitas 21 Language Exchange Scholarship for study at McGill University, Montreal. In her spare time she enjoys netball, travel, long distance running and attending the theatre.

## DR KATHRYN FIELD

### **Fulbright Alumni (WG Walker) Scholar**

MBBS (Hons), University of Melbourne; FRACP

**Host:** TBC

Dr Kathryn Field, a medical oncologist with the Royal Melbourne Hospital and a clinical research fellow at the Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research in Melbourne, will undertake a Masters of Science in Clinical Research or Masters of Public Health focusing on biostatistics, clinical epidemiology, health services research, research design and data analysis. She has won many awards and prizes including top medical student and Australian Medical Association Prize 1999; and top student in medicine, orthopaedics, obstetrics/ gynaecology, pathology, pharmacology, anatomy, biochemistry and biology in her undergraduate years. In more recent years she has been awarded three American Society of Clinical Oncology Merit Awards, and the Cancer Trials Australia Award 2010 for being the top student in the University of Melbourne's Certificate in Clinical Research course. In her spare time she is interested in travel, photography, long-distance running (half-marathon), cooking, music and languages.



## MR REUBEN FINIGHAN

### **Fulbright Climate Change and Clean Energy Scholar**

BA, BSc (both Hons 1), University of Melbourne

**Host:** Harvard University

Mr Reuben Finighan, Research and Project Manager with the Climate Group in Melbourne, will spend two years at Harvard University studying a Masters in Public Policy, specialising in energy and climate policy. His research interests are accelerating energy technology innovation, in the context of issues such as climate change. Key issues he will examine include the balance between R&D, commercialisation support and large-scale deployments in bringing cost reductions; and fostering international collaboration. He has won awards and prizes including: a Melbourne Community Foundation Scholarship; first prize in Australia's \$45,000 National Energy Essay Competition; and he shared the Banksia Awards: Mercedes Benz Australian Environmental Research Award. In his spare time Reuben enjoys dancing, gardening, cooking, reading, hiking, music, singing, travel and writing.





## DR CLAIRE GORDON

### **Fulbright Northern Territory Scholar**

MBBS and B.Med.Sc., University of Melbourne

**Host:** Division of Infectious Diseases at the Columbia University Medical Center, New York

Dr Claire Gordon, an Infectious Diseases Registrar at the Royal Darwin Hospital, will go to the U.S. for three years to undertake a Master of Arts in Biomedical Informatics. She will work on two research projects that encompass the fields of virology and viral immunity. She has a special interest in viral infections in solid organ transplant recipients, a vulnerable group who are given immunosuppressive medications in order to prevent rejection of the donated organ. She has won awards including: Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) Trainee Research Award; the Victorian RACP Trainee Research Award; and the Australasian Society for Infectious Diseases Trainee Research Award. In 2010, she made a major discovery in relation to the severity and treatment of swine flu, attracting international attention. Her interests include running, cycling, multi-day hiking, swimming and yoga.



## DR HAMISH GRAHAM

### **Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar**

MBBS (Hons), Monash University; MSc (Int Dev), RMIT

**Host:** The Johns Hopkins School of Public Health

Dr Hamish Graham, a Paediatric Registrar at Alice Springs Hospital, will spend a year at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. He will undertake a Masters of Public Health focussing on health policy measures to reduce childhood malnutrition, a condition that causes one third of the preventable child deaths worldwide. His achievements include being on the Dean's Honour Roll; Jane Connor Memorial Prize in Global Health; and four scholarships. He has also coordinated the health program at a Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) refugee hospital in Darfur (Sudan), published books and journal articles on global health and working abroad, and was founding president of the Global Health Gateway. In his spare time he enjoys music, gardening, writing and sport.

## MR DOMINICK NG

### Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar

BIT (Hons I, University Medal), University of Sydney

**Host:** UC Berkeley

Mr Dominick Ng, a PhD candidate in computer science at the University of Sydney, will spend eight months in the U.S. furthering his research into the nexus between human language and computing. He will research parsing - automatically identifying the structure of language using statistical techniques from artificial intelligence. The primary aim of his project is to make parsers read more like humans do, dramatically improving their accuracy and laying the platform for smarter information search. His awards include: the University Medal; the University of Sydney Academic Merit Prize; the Allan Bromley Prize for Best Honours Thesis; the Google Australia Prize for Excellence in Computer Science; and the G.S. Caird Scholarship in Computer Science. In his spare time he enjoys reading, swimming, squash, computer programming and teaching, and amateur photography.



## MS KATHERINE TRUSS

### Fulbright Queensland Scholar

BEd, BA, University of Queensland

**Host:** TBC

Ms Katherine Truss, the Curriculum Leader for Middle School English at Redeemer Lutheran College, will undertake a one year Master of Education in Human Development and Psychology, focusing on developmental psychology, risk and resilience. She will use this to improve her ability to meet the needs of her students and to allow her to develop programs to enhance the skills of Queensland teachers. She has won awards and prizes including the Dean's commendation for high achievement for four years, being a school prefect, and a UQ Abroad Scholarship to the University of Virginia. In her spare time she engages in community service through the Lutheran church, she sings in a choir and plays netball and frisbee.





## MR ADAM WEBSTER

### **Fulbright South Australia Scholar**

BEng (Civil) (Hons) and LLB (Hons), University of Adelaide;  
Grad. Dip. Legal Practice, Law Society of South Australia

**Host:** University of Arizona

Mr Adam Webster, a PhD candidate in law at the University of Adelaide, will extend his PhD research regarding rights to water from rivers that flow through more than one state. His research in the U.S. will examine the history of interstate water disputes in that country, with a view to determining how the legal solutions developed in the U.S. may assist in the resolution of similar disputes in Australia. He has won awards including the Zelling-Gray Postgraduate Scholarship in Law. In his spare time Adam enjoys travel, coaching and officiating hockey, painting and cricket.



## MS CELIA WINNETT

### **Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar**

LLB (Hons 1), BA, ANU; Grad. Dip. Legal Practice, College of Law.

**Host:** TBC

Ms Celia Winnett, a lawyer and former Associate to the Hon. Justice Susan Crennan AC, High Court of Australia, will study the protection of the legal interests of minorities and disadvantaged people under the American Constitution. The approach taken in the U.S. will help her to understand the liberty-protective properties of our own Constitution. She has won many awards and prizes including the University Medal in Law 2009, Supreme Court Judges' Prize 2009, and the India AUS Assoc ACT Prize 2009. She has also published a paper in a leading law journal on constitutional issues affecting Indigenous property and was an intern at Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation, a native title representative body, in Geraldton (WA). In her spare time Celia enjoys netball, creative writing (poetry), French films, reading, singing and travelling.



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BA (Political Economy), University of NSW

**Host:** TBC

Ms Eleanor Wood is a planning engineer with the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) in Victoria. Eleanor will go to the U.S. for two years to undertake a Master of Public Policy examining the development of a sustainable energy system for Australia's future. To this end she will combine her technical knowledge as an engineer with increased leadership and policy skills. Eleanor's commitment to driving change in the energy industry emerged during her undergraduate career, when she began working and volunteering for GetUp, contributing to campaigns for renewable energy and climate change action. She has won various awards and prizes including the University Medal in Renewable Energy Engineering and the Renewable Energy Thesis Prize. Her other interests include foreign languages, especially French and Spanish. In the past she has spent time in Spain, France and Mexico, studying language courses and travelling.



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