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Ambassador Bleich announced the K-State-Fulbright Commission partnership at the dinner. Photo: Travis Longmore, U.S. Embassy

New Fulbright Scholarships for Australians

For the first time, an American university will sponsor Fulbright Scholarships in the United States for Australians.

A landmark partnership between the Australian-American Fulbright Commission and Kansas State University (K-State) will give two Australian researchers each year the opportunity to undertake a Fulbright Scholarship at K-State. The agreement will run for five years.

One scholarship will be a Fulbright Distinguished Chair, the Distinguished Chair in Agriculture and Life Sciences. It will attract a key researcher in the area of agriculture and life sciences, subjects that are of key importance to both Australia and the U.S.

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The 2013 Australian Scholars with (front row from left) Dr Tangerine Holt, Ambassador Jeffrey Bleich and Professor Steven Schwartz AM. Photo: Travis Longmore, U.S. Embassy

A capital welcome for the Australian Scholars of 2013

The connections between us and the strength of the relationship between the U.S. and Australia was a key theme at the Fulbright and Anne Wexler Australian Scholars' Presentation Dinner, held at the Great Hall in Parliament House in Canberra on 21 March.

The Australian National University and the University of Canberra co-hosted the event, which was attended by about 300 people.

Among the distinguished presenters were the Minister for Tertiary Education,

Skills, Science and Research, The Hon Chris Bowen MP, U.S. Ambassador Jeffrey Bleich, Professor Margaret Harding, DVC Research, ANU and Professor Stephen Parker, VC of University of Canberra.

Other key guests included Mr Jason Hyland, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of the United States of America, Mr Peter Varghese, Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Dr Alex Zelinsky, Chief Defence Scientist, DSTO.

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ED's update

What a fantastic start to the year.

2013 began with a fabulous staff team who planned and implemented a comprehensive 2013 Orientation Program and a fantastic Presentation Dinner to celebrate the announcement of the 2013 Fulbright and Anne Wexler Australian Scholars at Parliament House in Canberra in March. They also worked closely with the AFAA Executive to support the AGM also held in Canberra.

Our MC was the eloquent Professor Steven Schwartz, Board Chair. Our heartiest congratulations to him on receiving the AM Award. We were delighted to have the support of our Honorary Co-Chairs through the presence of Ambassador Jeffrey Bleich and an inspirational video message from our Prime Minister. Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Science and Research, The Hon Minister Chris Bowen MP together with our co-hosts Professor Margaret Harding, ANU, and Professor Stephen Parker, UC, attended and spoke at the dinner. We are most grateful to all of them for their support.

It was also very fulfilling to see so many of our Fulbright family and friends, our AFAA Executive members, selection committee members, sponsors, donors and Scholars at the event. Your goodwill and engagement showcases the kindred spirit of the Fulbright Program.

At the same time one of our prospective new scholarships came to fruition, which meant that we were able to announce it at the Presentation Dinner.

I am delighted to welcome Kansas State University as our newest sponsor. The presence of the K-State delegation at the dinner reiterated the commitment of President Schulz to engage with Australia by supporting the first Fulbright Distinguished Chair and Senior Scholarship for two exceptional Australians by an American university. We look forward to the 2014 applications for these scholarships.

Adding to the excitement of this year we had the announcement of the inaugural winners of the Professional Scholarship in Non-Profit Leadership, sponsored by the Origin Foundation and supported by the Australian Scholarships Foundation. The sponsors agreed to fund two scholarships. Read about these wonderful winners on page 6 of this newsletter.

During April and May, the Fulbright Team is working with our partners around Australia to bring you the Fulbright Road Show which includes State receptions, university presentations and a public lecture by the Professor Bird Loomis as part of Fulbright Flinders University Distinguished Lecture Series and Alumni hosted dinners by AFAA Chapters.

In August we will hold the Fulbright Symposium in Canberra. We look forward to seeing you at these events.

The 2014 Presentation Dinner will be held in early March in Brisbane. We will update you with details in the next newsletter.

Tangerine Holt

Dr Tangerine Holt,
Executive Director
Australian-American Fulbright
Commission

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The other scholarship will be for an Australian Senior Scholar, and may be in any academic specialty found at K-State. Subjects on offer range across sciences, engineering and art to veterinary medicine.

In welcoming the announcement, Dr Tangerine Holt, Executive Director of the Australian-American Fulbright Program said that these scholarships will be a great opportunity for the researchers who receive them, and they also will forge a new link between Australia and the U.S.

"The essence of the Fulbright program is that it gives Fulbright Scholars and the institutions who host them the opportunity to build and develop partnerships and friendships through mutual understanding, educational and cultural exchange," Dr Holt said.



(From left, back row) Mr Jeff Morris, Professor John Floros, Mr Randall Tosh and Professor John Leslie
(From left, front row) Mrs Claire Schwartz, Professor Steven Schwartz, Ambassador Jeffrey Bleich, Mrs Rebecca Bleich and Dr Tangerine Holt. Photo: Travis Longmore, U.S. Embassy

President Kirk Schulz of K-State said that internationalization is a common theme of the university's goals to make them a Top 50 public research university by 2025.

"The investment in these Fulbright scholarships is an example of our

commitment to advancing and broadening our ongoing international partnerships," President Schulz said.

The first Scholars to receive these new Scholarships will be announced in 2014.

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Professor Steven Schwartz AM, Fulbright Commission Board Chair, was the MC of the event. His first task was to introduce Ms Samia Goudie, 2006 Indigenous Scholar, who gave the Acknowledgement to Country.

The Prime Minister of Australia, The Hon Julia Gillard MP, sent a wonderful and heartfelt message to the event. The video can be seen on the Fulbright website.

Ambassador Jeffrey Bleich from the U.S. Embassy announced the new Kansas State University scholarships and also took part in the presentation to the new Scholars.

"Fulbright's spirit remains the bedrock of our relationship. We are bound by common values. In a world with billions of people, there will never be enough laws, or guns, or fences, or bombs to keep us secure," Ambassador Bleich said.

"It is the social ties – the faith that other people value their lives and their children and want peace just as we do – on which humanity's future rests. These things are not legislated – they are formed through what Fulbrighters do – the thousands of interactions and tender connections among people."

"By pursuing this exchange you tighten our connections to one another, you bind us more tightly across a vast planet, and in doing so you make us and our world more secure."

The presentations to the Scholars were made by Mr Peter Varghese, Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Ambassador Bleich and Professor John Leslie, from K-State University, who is a Fulbright Alumnus.

Major Clare O'Neill, the Fulbright Professional Scholar in Australian-United States Alliance Studies, sponsored by DFAT, spoke on behalf of all the Scholars.

Fulbright U.S. Scholar, Ms Sytske Hillenius, played a musical interlude, and showcased some of the music she has been investigating through her Fulbright.

The event wound up with Professor John Floros, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Director, K-State Research and Extension, from Kansas State University, speaking to say how delighted his university is to be a new sponsor.



Professor John Floros welcomes the announcement of the K-State-Fulbright Commission partnership at the Presentation Dinner. Dinner photos: Travis Longmore, U.S. Embassy.



Fulbright U.S. Scholar, Ms Sytske Hillenius plays at the dinner.



Guests at the Presentation Dinner



2013 Fulbright Symposium to focus on Soft and Smart Power

How an educational and cultural exchange program impacts on society over generations will be explored in the 2013 Fulbright Symposium.

Entitled *Soft Power, Smart Power: the Multiplier Effect of Educational and Cultural Exchange*, the event will be held in Canberra in August 2013 to coincide with celebrations for the Centenary of Canberra.

The Fulbright Commission will host the 2013 Fulbright Symposium in partnership with key stakeholders. For Senator Fulbright, it was obvious that there was an essential link between education, the exchange of ideas, and the creation of a world community through brain circulation harnessing the smart power, goodwill and strengths of us all. The Fulbright Program's legacy, credibility and legitimacy are an important source of soft power and smart power. As intangible assets our Fulbright landscape

is embodied by dynamic personalities, innovative research, and an openness to share and learn about each other's culture, political values, institutions, and policies.

Mr Tom Healy, Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FFSB) Chair, will be among key speakers at the event.

The aims of the Symposium are to showcase the impact of soft power through the Fulbright program across key themes of leadership and diplomacy, culture, educational partnerships, public policy, arts and culture, science and innovation. It will also demonstrate how excellence and innovation have led to partnerships, collaborations and linkages that are beyond the individual. Thirdly, it will share best practice which benefits the individual, industry and practice.

It will be held at the Canberra Convention Centre on 21- 22 August, with a gala dinner to be held at the Gandel Hall, National Gallery of Australia.

2013 Fulbright and Anne Wexler Australian Scholars

Senior Scholars



Dr Christopher Elvin

Biological Sciences. To go to the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and Duke University in the U.S. for three months to further his research in the design and synthesis of materials for the fabrication of advanced biomedical devices.



Associate Professor Robert Shellie
Fulbright Tasmania Scholar

Chemistry. To go to Purdue University in the U.S. for three months to further his work in the development of an in-situ system for chemical measurement of environmental pollutants in remote locations.



Professor David Wilkinson

Medical Education. To go to the University of California, San Francisco in the U.S. to look at improving the outcomes of medical education in Australia through global benchmarking.



Dr Tessa Boyd-Caine

Fulbright Professional Scholar in Non-Profit Leadership, sponsored by the Origin Foundation and supported by the Australian Scholarships Foundation (ASF).

Non-profit studies. To go to the Foundation Center and the National Center for Charitable Statistics for four months, researching issues around building transparency and accountability for non-profit organisations.



Ms Michelle Circelli

Fulbright Professional Scholar in Vocational Education and Training, sponsored by DIICCSRTE.

Education. Researching the measurement of success of adult literacy and numeracy education programs at the Californian Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and the Office of Vocational and Adult Education in the U.S. for four months.



Dr Sarah Dalton
Fulbright Professional Business/ Industry (Coral Sea) Scholar.

Medicine. Investigating the delivery of Clinical Leadership Development Programs in at the Anne Arundel Medical Centre in the U.S. and look for ways to apply this knowledge to the Australian Healthcare environment.



Dr Rod Kennett
Fulbright Northern Territory Scholar

Environmental sciences. To further his research into developing new tools and strategies to support indigenous livelihoods in conservation with the Nature Conservancy in the U.S. for six months.



Associate Professor Iona Novak

Medical sciences. To go to the University of California San Francisco for four months, to continue her work to accelerate the rate of stem cell research aimed at finding a cure for cerebral palsy.



Major Clare O'Neill
Fulbright Professional Scholar in Australian-United States Alliance Studies, sponsored by DFAT

Security and strategy. To go to Georgetown University in the U.S. for four months to carry out research into how civil-military decision making can better meet human insecurity challenges during conflicts and disasters.



Mr A. Craig Roussac
Fulbright Climate Change and Clean Energy Scholar, sponsored by the U.S. and Australian governments

Architectural Science. To further his research into the potential for information-based approaches to reduce energy use in commercial buildings at the University of California, Berkeley/Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in the U.S. for four months.



Mr Andrew Tyndale
Fulbright Professional Scholar in Non-Profit Leadership, sponsored by the Origin Foundation and supported by ASF

Social Finance. To further research into social investment, focussing on attracting wholesale capital into the infrastructure necessary to deliver social services, at The Milken Institute, for four months.



Mr Allan Young
Fulbright Professional Scholar in Climate Change and Clean Energy sponsored by the U.S. and Australian governments.

Urban Planning. To work on urban planning issues around adapting to climate change the New York City Mayor's Office and Massachusetts Institute of Technology for four months.

Postdoctoral Scholars



Dr Michelle Evans
Fulbright Indigenous Scholar, sponsored by DIICCSRTE.

Indigenous Studies. Michelle will go to UC Davis, the University of Alaska (Fairbanks) and the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in the U.S. for six months to replicate her doctoral research, a pioneering study that investigated the phenomenon of Indigenous leadership in the arts.



Dr Andrea Gordon

Medical sciences. Andrea will go to John Hopkins University in the U.S. for nine months to further her research into treatment options using methadone and buprenorphine for pregnant women who are dependent on opioids.



Dr Danielle Moreau
Fulbright South Australia Scholar

Engineering. To study airfoil noise generation to facilitate the development of quiet aircraft, wind turbines and submarines, at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute for three months.



Dr Thomas Newsome
Fulbright New South Wales Scholar.

Biological Sciences. To further his research into the re-introduction of top-level predators (such as wolves and dingoes) in areas where they have become locally extinct, with Oregon State University and University of Washington for twelve months.



Dr Tiago Tomaz
Fulbright Western Australia Scholar

Biological sciences. To go to the University of Illinois for a year to further his research in crop improvement through genomics, looking at ways to enhance plant tolerance to ozone.

Postgraduate Scholars



Dr Daniel Viete
Fulbright Victoria Scholar

Geology. To further his study into the geology of deep earthquakes, testing the hypothesis that metamorphism can result from modifications in temperature and pressure conditions triggered by large earthquakes at UC Santa Barbara for a year.



Mr Abel-John Buchner

Engineering. To undertake PhD research into the dynamic stall of pitching wings, and apply it to the growing area of wind energy, studying wind turbine dynamic stall, for a year at Princeton University.



Mr David Gwyther

Ocean modelling. To undertake research to improve simulations of ice shelves, in a twelve month collaboration with the University of Texas at Austin. This will lead to improved understanding of ice shelf melting, ice sheet flow and global sea level rise.



Mr Iain Henry

International Relations. Iain will undertake research towards a Doctorate, which will have a focus on America's alliance relationships.



Mr Robert Mason
Fulbright Queensland Scholar

Marine biology. Robert will undertake research to determine the mechanism by which ocean acidification may cause coral bleaching, with the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, for a year.

Anne Wexler Scholar



Ms Roxanne Moore
Fulbright Western Australia Scholar

Law. Roxanne will have the opportunity to spend a year in the U.S. She will undertake a Master of Laws, specialising in public international law and human rights law.



Mr Matthew D. Norris
Fulbright Australian Alumni (WG Walker) Postgraduate Scholar

Chemistry. To go to Princeton University in the U.S. for 12 months to further his research into the synthetic preparation of rare and highly complex natural medicines.



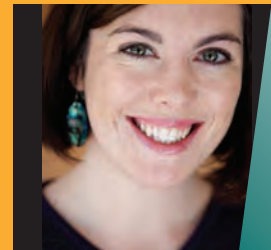
Ms Rebecca Erin Smith

Music. To go to the Manhattan School of Music to undertake a two year Master of Music degree specialising in instrumentation and orchestration, form and analysis, and operatic and collaborative composition.



Mr David Waddington
Fulbright Scholar in Nuclear Science and Technology sponsored by ANSTO

Physics. PhD research investigating the potential medical applications of quantum nanoscience for 12 months with Harvard-MIT Division of Health Sciences and Technology.



Ms Melanie Poole
Anne Wexler Australian-American Studies Scholar in Public Policy

Social justice. To undertake a Masters in Public Policy in the area of humanitarian advocacy, with a strong focus on promoting the rights of women and girls, for two years.

Non-profit Scholarship awarded to two winners

The announcement of the first winner of the Professional Scholarship in non-profit leadership was doubly exciting this year with not one, but two recipients called to the stage to be presented with their certificates, letters and pins.

The caliber of the applicants was so high that the sponsors, the Origin Foundation, and supporters, the Australian Scholarships Foundation, decided to sponsor two winners rather than one.

Sean Barrett, Head of the Origin Foundation, said, "The quality of applications for the Fulbright Scholarship were exemplary, making it impossible to choose just one candidate out of an astounding variety of applicants. The program applications were of such a high quality we had no choice but to award two scholarships, exceeding Origin Foundation's initial commitment to provide funding for one scholarship annually."

The two recipients of the inaugural Fulbright Professional Scholarships in Non-Profit Leadership, sponsored by the Origin Foundation and supported by the Australian Scholarships Foundation are Dr Tessa Boyd-Caine and Mr Andrew Tyndale.

Dr Boyd-Caine is the Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS), the peak body of



The winners of the inaugural Fulbright Professional Scholarships in Non-Profit Leadership, sponsored by Origin Foundation and supported by Australian Scholarships Foundation are Dr Tessa Boyd-Caine and Mr Andrew Tyndale, with Ambassador Jeffrey Bleich, Ms Amy Lyden, CEO Australian Scholarship Foundation, Mr Sean Barrett, Head of the Origin Foundation and Mr Paul Murnane, Chair, the Australian Scholarships Foundation. Photo: Travis Longmore, U.S. Embassy.

the community services and welfare sector. Through her Fulbright, Dr Boyd-Caine will go to New York and Washington DC for four months to research issues around how non-profit organisations can strengthen and lead the trust and confidence in which this sector is held. While in the U.S. Dr Boyd-Caine will investigate the work of the Foundation Center, an organisation instrumental to building openness within the American non-profit sector, and its partnership with the National Center for Charitable Statistics.

Mr Andrew Tyndale, Director and Founder of Grace Mutual Limited, will go to The

Milken Institute in the U.S. for four months and will further his research in social investment. Grace Mutual Ltd is a not-for-profit (NFP) organisation that was formed to generate financial solutions for other NFP organisations, principally around capital and assets.

Mr Tyndale considers that social investment is a new field in which commercial investment is directed to investments which generate good social outcome. These may include community enterprise, employment, or environmental or social inclusion.



Fulbright U.S. Scholars Samantha Shockley and Cecilia Prator, in New Zealand touring around the set of The Hobbit.

Fulbrighter awarded top PhD fellowship at U.C. Berkeley

Fulbright U.S. Scholar, Cecelia Prator updated us with her plans following her Fulbright at the University of Queensland.

During my Fulbright experience I was fortunate to experience first hand the demands of full time research. I found that the creativity required for

complex problem solving as well as the unpredictability of working in a laboratory was exciting. This inspired me to continue my training as a scientist after the Fulbright program by applying to PhD programs.

I applied to a few programs in the US as well as an international PhD program at the Institut Pasteur in Paris, France

which required a weeklong interview process, several meetings with scientists from the Institut Pasteur as well as a presentation in front of a scientific committee. I learned I was accepted to this program shortly after my return to Australia.

At the same time I learned I was accepted to the University of California, Berkeley and awarded a Chancellor's fellowship which is chosen from the top 4 per cent of admitted graduate students. After a very difficult decision I have decided I will be starting at UC Berkeley in August 2013 studying the molecular mechanisms of grapevine leafroll associated virus transmission in mealybugs which will have important implications for agriculture in the US.

Fellow scholar Sam Shockley will also be heading to California and starting a PhD program at Caltech after her Fulbright in Australia and we have tentative plans to tackle the John Muir trail together in the Sierras when we find time to escape from the lab.

Excellence in Achievement Award for AFAA Chapter Chair

Associate Professor. Iain Butterworth, Chair of the AFAA Victorian Chapter, was recently presented with an “Excellence in achievement by an individual” award by the Secretary of the Victorian Department of Health, at the Department’s annual Achieving the Best Awards ceremony. Iain has sent us a report of his Fulbright, and the role it has played in his career.

It is almost ten years exactly since I travelled to Canberra in May 2003 for the National Awards Dinner and induction program. I recall feeling a sense wonderment and elation. I called a close friend in the US, a university professor; she burst into tears. I knew then that my life was about to change.

With the full support of my then government employer, I went to Berkeley to study with Prof Leonard Duhal. A psychiatrist and urban planner, Len was co-founder of the WHO Healthy Cities program. Since 1986, some 10,000 cities around the world have drawn on this approach. I investigated the potential for Healthy Cities programs to demonstrate progress in better connecting people with their local communities and significant places.

I returned to Australia with a detailed understanding that the process of engaging stakeholders in the development of indicators was more important to policy implementation than the indicators themselves. I drew heavily on this experience in my subsequent work. I returned with insights that enriched my engagement with hundreds of practitioners, policy makers and students.

I was offered a position at Deakin University, where I remained for five years. For four years I conducted a Healthy Cities Short Course, which featured Prof Len Duhal in 2005. After exploring briefly the life



From left: Sandy Austin (Director, Department of Health, NWMR), with Iain and Dr Pradeep Philip, Secretary of the Department

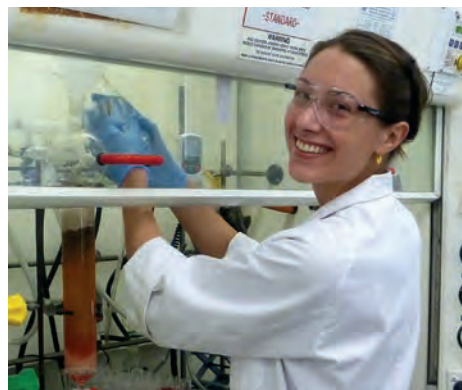
of a consultant, I returned to government in 2010 in my current role. Iain has just been appointed as Honorary Associate Professor at the University of Melbourne.

My expectations - of the Fulbright experience and my role within it - were dramatically exceeded. The Fulbright has had an indelible effect on my career prospects, in the sense that employers have recognised that Fulbright Scholars can bring a creative edge to their work.

A wealth of experiences

Fulbright U.S. Scholar Sam Shockley talks about how her Fulbright adventure and how it has impacted on her life.

Upon opening the Fulbright acceptance email it is easy to instantly envision yourself simultaneously curing cancer and breaking down any existing walls of cultural prejudice, of course all while getting an Australian tan. But when the reality upon arrival is a complete overhaul of your research proposal, long hours and weekends in the lab, and lab mates who love American pop culture perhaps even more than you, where is the Fulbright experience?



Fulbright U.S. Scholar Samantha Shockley

I came to Canberra and the A.N.U. to develop novel and concise chemical syntheses for marine natural products found on the Great Barrier Reef. Initially I proposed to devise a synthetic route for a recently isolated compound that had yet to be created in the lab. However due to an exciting opportunity for collaboration with the U.S. National Institute of Health, the focus of my project shifted when I came to Australia. Over the past nine months of my Fulbright fellowship I have optimized a previously inefficient synthesis of Lamellarin W and worked to modify the synthetic natural product so as to improve its drug potential, which will be tested by my collaborators.

The field of organic total synthesis is notorious for its grueling hours, which at first made me feel a strong obligation to devote all of my time to my project; to make progress in my field that was worthy of being funded by the Fulbright organization. But doing so left me unfulfilled and I felt like I was not engaging with Australia enough.

When the chance arose to road trip the entire east coast with fellow Fulbrighter, Ceci Prator, I decided it was time to experience Australian life outside of the lab. What I found on our three week long trip with only a tent and no itinerary


was that the Fulbright mission was alive even when taking time for yourself, not just while working hard at the bench. From sharing drinks with fellow scuba divers on a live aboard boat to conversing with the owners of a borrowed campfire stove because we were so ill-prepared, Fulbright’s ideas of mutual understanding and exchange rang true – we were sharing our experiences as Americans, breaking down our research to the people and listening to what the locals had to say about their country.

After returning to Canberra, I began to take more time to explore and engage with Australia in everyday life. From training for the Canberra half marathon with my lab mates and Fulbrighter, Mark O’Donnell, to posing for the cover of Australian Journal of Chemistry, I have found myself doing things I never predicted in my Fulbright application but equally deserve a place in my final report amongst my research achievements.

So my advice to the outgoing Australian Fulbright scholars is to relax and find an equilibrium between your research and a wild exploration of America. The Fulbright experience is just as much in the times of personal adventure as it is in the moments of study.

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Events and dates

FULBRIGHT ROADSHOW:

- 22 April, University of Tasmania, Hobart, Tasmania
- 23 April, University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Victoria
- 29 April, University of Sydney, Sydney, NSW
- 13 May, University of Queensland and QUT, Queensland
- 15 May, Charles Darwin University, NT
- 22 May, University of Western Australia, Perth, WA
- 24 May, Flinders University, Adelaide, SA

The Roadshow will also involve presentations at other universities in each state. Only key hosts are listed here. For more details please check the calendar on the Fulbright website, www.fulbright.com.au.



2013 Fulbright Symposium

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