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AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN FULBRIGHT COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT



Mission Statement The mission of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission is to promote educational and cultural exchange between Australia and the United States in order to enhance mutual understanding and strengthen relations between the two countries. 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.



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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, more than 325,400 people—122,800 from the United States and 202,600 from other countries—have participated in the program and 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

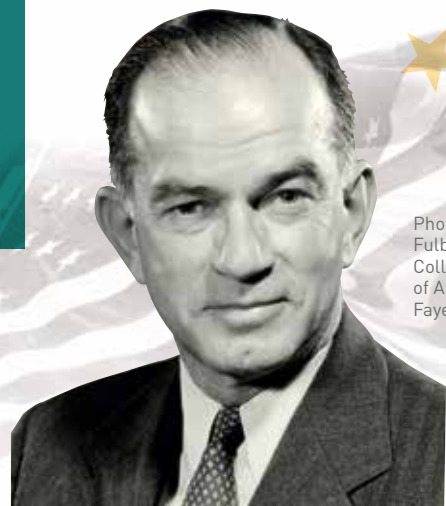


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Commission

In 2014, the Commission will continue to focus on partnerships and invites organisations and individuals from all sectors of the community to Partner with Fulbright – **Share in our Success and Invest in the Future.**

The Australian-American Fulbright Commission

The Australian-American Fulbright Commission supports and encourages academic excellence, innovation and creativity through its Scholarship Program. The Commission, funded by the Australian and U.S. governments and a growing number of vital Scholarship Sponsors, is acknowledged nationally and internationally as a leader in academic and professional fields and has a distinguished sixty-five year history of strong governance and reaching its strategic goals.

There have been over 4700 Australian and American Fulbright Scholars supported to date by this internationally recognised Program. The contribution these individuals have made to education, cultural understanding, and the rich tapestry of life is immeasurable in many ways but nonetheless tangible in so many others.

The Commission could not deliver the Australian Fulbright Program to consistently high standards, without the support and commitment of over 100 dedicated selection committee members, our Partners, Sponsors, and Alumni. The Commission currently has forty-five state-based Scholarship Sponsors consisting primarily of state governments and universities, and twelve other Scholarship Sponsors including the Australian Government, Australian universities, the private sector and Kansas State University.

The added value brought by our invaluable Scholarship Sponsors and Partners makes the Australian-American Fulbright Commission unique amongst the Commissions worldwide by having a broader funding base. These partnerships have enabled the program in Australia to be inclusive of all disciplines, to promote and practice diversity, and to support unique individuals at every career stage from Postgraduate to Distinguished Chair. In 2014, we offer four of only forty Fulbright Distinguished Chairs worldwide.



Dr Tangerine Holt, Executive Director of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission, greets U.S. Ambassador to the Australia his Excellency John Berry to the Australian War Memorial, Canberra to celebrate the 65th Anniversary of the Fulbright Program in Australia. The treaty which established the Fulbright program in Australia was signed on 26 November 1949 and the Program was originally funded with an initial sum of U.S \$5.8m, 'representing U.S. Government credits acquired in Australia from the sale of surplus war materials'. It was symbolic then that the 65th Anniversary was celebrated at the spectacular Australian War Memorial in Canberra on 4 September 2014. Photo by Bradley Cummings Photography

Many of the Scholars are already accomplished in their individual disciplines and fields, but the Fulbright Program is a new experience. In alignment with the Fulbright mission, the Program reaches far beyond academic and professional collaborations. It offers a holistic experience of academic excellence, cultural exchange, social engagement, long-term collaborative partnerships and for many the unique opportunity to focus solely on their own research and study for a period of time. Most importantly the Fulbright name opens many doors for our new Scholars providing them with significant networking opportunities.

The multiplier effect of this investment in education, research, and cultural exchange is returned in significant and immeasurable ways that quite simply would not be possible without the support of Sponsors and Partners from across all sectors.

In 2014, the Commission will continue to focus on partnerships and invites organisations and individuals from all sectors of the community to **Partner with Fulbright – Share in our Success and Invest in the Future.**

Honorary Co-Chair Prime Minister of Australia



As Honorary Co-Chair of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission, I am pleased to provide this message for the 2014 Annual Report.

Since 1949, the Fulbright Programme has strengthened the relationship between Australia and the United States.

2014 was an opportunity to celebrate the 65th anniversary of the Fulbright treaty, which is one of the oldest treaties between Australia and the United States.

Over 4,700 Australian and American students have been beneficiaries of a Fulbright scholarship. They have enriched the exchange of ideas and experiences between our two countries and made significant contributions to our world.

The Australian Government wants more students to have an opportunity to become Fulbright scholars. That is why in 2014 we announced \$1 million to establish an ongoing Fulbright

Indigenous Scholarship, which will help our best and brightest Indigenous students to study in the United States.

Few countries understand each other so deeply and so well as Australia and the United States and the Fulbright Programme is an important part of that.

Australia and the United States are partners in education, as well as trade, investment and global security. The story of our friendship is one of shared values and shared history.

I congratulate the Australian-American Fulbright Commission for another year of strengthening the educational ties between our two countries.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tony Abbott".

The Hon Tony Abbott MP
Prime Minister of Australia

Honorary Co-Chair U.S. Ambassador to Australia



In 2014, we marked the 65th anniversary of the Fulbright program in Australia. This was a remarkable milestone in our shared history—and an occasion to celebrate the transformation of “surplus war materials” into an enduring legacy of achievement.

In 2015, we are celebrating the 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations between our two great nations. The Fulbright program, which predates even the ANZUS treaty, has played a key role in bringing our peoples closer together and advancing the frontiers of human knowledge.

Among its many accomplishments over the past year, the Commission worked with the Australian Government to establish a \$1 million endowment to fund the Fulbright Indigenous Scholarship in perpetuity. Fulbright staff and Distinguished American Chairs gave presentations at 35 different campuses around the country. Kansas State became the first U.S. university to become a scholarship partner with Fulbright in Australia.

These successes, among many others, demonstrate the power of Senator Fulbright’s vision: a program that enables the brightest minds from all walks of life and disciplines to develop creative solutions to the world’s problems, build bridges of understanding, and promote peace and prosperity. This extraordinary year of accomplishment would not have been possible without the hard work and commitment of the Commission’s staff, Board Members, selection committees, and our generous sponsors.

Benjamin Franklin wrote: “If a man empties his purse into his head, no one can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.” Nowhere is this wisdom more evident than in the Fulbright program. It is a privilege to serve as the Commission’s Honorary Co-Chair, and I look forward to seeing the ever-growing family of Fulbright scholars and alumni reach new heights this year.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Berry".

John Berry
U.S. Ambassador to Australia

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Australian and American Fulbright Scholars with Executive Director Dr Tangerine Holt and Senior Manager for Scholarships Dr Ruth Lee Martin, at the 2014 Presentation Dinner held at Brisbane City Hall

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Professor Don DeBats



James William Fulbright was born in a small, remote, and isolated town: Sumner, Missouri, population 400. From this perspective, he understood that his own educational opportunities “probably made a more vivid impact on me than it did on some of my colleagues from metropolitan areas.” Sixty-five years later, Fulbright scholarships and fellowships are elite awards, sometimes mistakenly perceived as the exclusive entitlement of those from elite backgrounds. But Senator Fulbright’s vision was far more democratic and all-encompassing. Today the Australian-American Fulbright Commission works hard to increase the range of individuals who apply for and receive Fulbright Awards. Our search is for the best and brightest: those, from whatever background, who can do the most to achieve Senator Fulbright’s vision.

That vision is one of compassion and mutual cooperation for the benefit of our collective future. In the aftermath of the Second World War, when he conceived this vision for worldwide educational exchanges, Senator Fulbright saw a world that had suffered mass destruction and massive loss of human life. His fundamental belief was that step by step, individual by individual, the people of the world could create a different future, one based on mutual understanding. “To turn nations into people,” was his great dream.

Senator Fulbright was a realist, as elements of his own political career so vividly demonstrate, yet remained an idealist at heart. And so, much of the initial funding for the Fulbright Program would come from foreign debts that, as a realistic Senator Fulbright recognized, were not collectable.

Today the Fulbright program remains dependent on the work of individuals in governments, institutions of higher learning, and in companies who make realistic decisions to achieve idealistic outcomes. The Australian-American Fulbright Commissions, one of 55 like bodies across the world, depends upon the annual decisions of the governments of Australia and the United States to support its goals and its ambitions. Private corporations, public universities and state governments across Australia make their specific commitments to advancing the Fulbright vision.

An individual created this program that we all admire, and individuals across the sectors keep that program alive because they share its ideals. And as Chairman of the Board, I admire and salute the many individuals across these sectors, fellow members of the Board of the Commission, and particularly the hard-working and dedicated staff of the Commission, who have contributed so much to the history and successes of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission in the past and will ensure its continued success in 2015.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Don DeBats". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a thin blue horizontal line.

Professor Don DeBats

Chair, Australian-American Fulbright
Commission Board

Executive Director Dr Tangerine Holt



In 2014 the Australian-American Fulbright Commission celebrated sixty-five years of bi-national partnership between Australia and the United States. These years mark the long and fruitful partnership between our nations as the Fulbright Program strives to grow a better, brighter future for all. From its inception the Fulbright Program has had the fundamental principles of international partnership and mutual understanding at its very core.

The work of the Commission has expanded and grown over the years, and as it has grown it has become more inclusive and more socially aware. The suite of scholarships now offered by the Commission is not only larger in number, but specifically supports more diverse areas of social and cultural importance than ever before.

This year saw the introduction of a new Fulbright Scholarship at a Postdoctoral level in Cultural Competence, sponsored by the National Centre for Cultural Competence (NCCC), University of Sydney. This award, aimed at Australian Postdoctoral researchers working in the area of cultural studies, is unique in that it includes, upon return to Australia, a residence period of two months at the NCCC.

In 2014 the Anne-Wexler Scholarship funded by the Australian Government and administered by the Australian-American Fulbright Commission was officially brought under the Fulbright name and banner. It is now known as the Fulbright-Anne Wexler Master's Scholarship in Public Policy providing the award with the prestige of the Fulbright name, and at the same time honouring the memory of Anne Levy Wexler who was not only an influential America public policy advisor, but also the first woman to head a leading lobbying firm in Washington.

In July the Australian Government approved a grant of \$1 million to the Australian-American Fulbright Commission for the establishment of an endowment to provide ongoing funding for a Fulbright Indigenous Scholarship each year in perpetuity. As is fitting with the Fulbright mission, the Fulbright Indigenous Scholarship recognises Indigenous commitment to achieving excellence, while seeking an international perspective and collaboration through research and study.

The Commission has also initiated the development of a Fulbright Ambassadors Program across Australia and the U.S. Ambassadors will be sourced through information sessions during the upcoming Fulbright Roadshow, selected annually through nomination and recommendations. The Fulbright Commission Board of Directors will have final review and approval and will work closely with the Commission and myself.

The Australian and American Governments continue to provide us with a funding platform to build the Fulbright Program along with sponsorship from key partners. I thank the Australian and American governments together with these partners for their continued commitment. We are also grateful for the dedicated support from our state secretaries, and selection committee members.

The prestige, impact and global recognition that is the Fulbright Program has survived in no small part due to the calibre of individuals who have been recipients of Fulbright awards and have remained part of the global Fulbright community. This year I have had the privilege of supporting our Scholars on their Fulbright journey as they translate new knowledge into tangible outcomes for the betterment of society. It is always a humbling experience.

Dr Tangerine Holt
Executive Director

The Australian-American Fulbright Commission was honoured to celebrate the 65th Anniversary in Canberra, Australia. This anniversary marked a significant point in the history of the Fulbright Program in Australia. The treaty which established the Fulbright program in Australia was signed on 26 November 1949 and the Program was originally funded with an initial sum of U.S \$5.8m, 'representing U.S. Government credits acquired in Australia from the sale of surplus war materials'. It was symbolic then that the 65th Anniversary was celebrated at the spectacular Australian War Memorial in Canberra on 4 September 2014. Photo by Bradley Cummings Photography.

2014

Executive Director Highlights

Highlights

The annual Australian-American Fulbright Commission's Presentation Dinner held on 6 March 2014 at Brisbane City Hall was attended by more than 250 guests gathered from across Australia and the United States.

The 2014 Australian Scholars and the 2013 U.S. Scholars showcased their work in a vibrant and engaging session where esteemed guests took the opportunity to see first hand the breadth of academic disciplines and study areas represented.

Additionally the following institutions were corporate sponsors to the Fulbright Commissions annual Presentation Dinner held in Brisbane on March 6th 2014.

Platinum Sponsors

- » Kansas State University
- » Queensland University of Technology
- » The University of Queensland

Silver Sponsor

- » Australian Government, Department of Defence Science and Technology Organisation

Bronze Sponsors

- » Griffith University
- » Perpetual

In March 2014 the Commission held the Inaugural joint Orientation Program for Australian and U.S. Scholars. Prior to this, the U.S. Scholars attended a separate Enrichment Dinner but the pilot joint event provided significantly enhanced enrichment experiences for all involved. The 2015 Orientation Program, Scholar Showcase and Presentation Dinner in Perth will again bring both Australian and U.S. Scholars together at a single event.

In March 2014 The Fulbright Commission with Approval from the Australian Government Department of Education and Training, Department of State and the Fulbright Foreign Scholarships Board brought the Wexler Scholarship under Fulbright Program umbrella. The Fulbright brand which is highly recognized for its legacy of bi-national dialogue, prestige and reputation across the world in creating life changing experiences for its Scholars will honour and celebrate the legacy of Mrs Anne Wexler while maximising the benefits of the Fulbright cache. The scholarship under the Fulbright program was rebranded as the Fulbright-Anne Wexler Scholarship in Public Policy.

State receptions and Alumni events were also held across Australia. In addition there was a nationwide series of presentations given by the Commission staff to promote the Scholarships opportunities. In 2014 three staff members visited a total of 35 different campuses over a 2 month period.

In June 2014, the Minister for Indigenous Affairs, the Hon. Nigel Scullion, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, approved a grant of \$1 million to the Australian-American Fulbright Commission for the Fulbright Indigenous Scholarship.

On 30 July 2014 the National Centre for Cultural Competence (NCCC) was launched at the University of Sydney. As part of the launch, a new partnership between the Commission and the NCCC was also announced for two prestigious scholarships. The partnership between the Australian-American Fulbright Commission and the NCCC will develop and extend research collaboration in contemporary areas of cultural competence, with the aims of attracting leading American academics and Australian junior researchers in the field, and of furthering mutual understanding between the peoples of Australia and the United States of America through educational and cultural exchange. This is an exciting new partnership and expands the scope of the Fulbright Program in a significant and meaningful direction.

Kansas State University sponsors a Distinguished Chair in Agriculture and Life Sciences and a Senior Scholarship, becoming the first U.S. University to Partner with the Commission. Professor John Pluske, Distinguished Chair and Dr Zdenko Rengál, Senior Scholar both commenced their Fulbright at Kansas State University in August 2014.

The Kansas State University Partnership also supports the very unique and multifaceted Oz to Oz Program. This provides all Australian Senior Scholars and Professional Scholars the opportunity to avail of an additional enrichment opportunity while in the U.S. and visit Kansas State University to speak, engage with peers, work with students and further extend their research or study reach.

2014 is the first year of the Oz to Oz Program and already almost half of the eligible Scholars have made the trip to Manhattan Kansas and no two visits have been the same – which highlights the diversity and opportunistic nature of this exceptional Program which is funded by Kansas State University.

» Celebration of the 65th Anniversary in early September 2014 in Canberra at the Australian War Memorial (and also at the Embassy of Australia in Washington DC in October) marked a significant point in the history of the Fulbright Program in Australia. The treaty which established the Fulbright program in Australia was signed on 26 November 1949 and the Program was originally funded with an initial sum of U.S \$5.8m, 'representing U.S. Government credits acquired in Australia from the sale of surplus war materials'.



Mr Peter Griffiths (KPMG), Ms Laura Anderson (Chairman SVI Global and Fulbright Board Member), meet 2013 US Scholar Mr Steve Burroughs with Dr Tangerine Holt, Executive Director of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission. The Australian-American Fulbright Commission was honoured to celebrate the 65th Anniversary both in Canberra, Australia. This anniversary marked a significant point in the history of the Fulbright Program in Australia. The treaty which established the Fulbright program in Australia was signed on 26 November 1949 and the Program was originally funded with an initial sum of U.S \$5.8m, 'representing U.S. Government credits acquired in Australia from the sale of surplus war materials'. It was symbolic then that the 65th Anniversary was celebrated at the spectacular Australian War Memorial in Canberra on 4 September 2014. Photo by Bradley Cummings Photography

Scholarships Program

The Scholarships program specifically focussed on growth and outreach along with the management of all aspects of the scholarships program.

The Scholarships team lead by Dr Ruth Lee Martin and supported by Ms Fiona Goggins and Mr Matt Kempe work with our Fulbright scholars and students supporting them as they prepare and then travel to embark on their Fulbright journey. 2014 has been a busy year with the 2015 round of Scholarships now completed for Australian applicants and the process nearing completion for U.S. applicants. Applications from both Australians and Americans were of an exceptionally high standard this year, and this was reflected in the large number of applicants put forward to the interview process.

Scholarship Program Highlights

The 2014 Orientation Program took place in Brisbane from 5 – 7 March. It began with detailed information sessions and included an overview of the life of Senator Fulbright.

A highlight for the Scholars was an informal dinner held on the Brisbane River aboard the paddle steamer, *The Kookaburra Queen*. This gave the new Scholars a chance to mingle informally and to enjoy the company of Fulbright Board Members and Commission staff. The Orientation Program also gave Fulbright Scholars an opportunity to meet some Fulbright Alumni, many of them from Queensland, and all keen to share their inspiring Fulbright stories and get to know the new scholars. A Scholar Showcase was also held at City Hall, Brisbane. The Scholar Showcase is a poster session where scholars display the research they are undertaking.

The posters provide a platform for dialogue between Scholars, Sponsors, and members of the Fulbright community, and illustrate the significance of the research being supported by the Fulbright Commission. Guitarist Joshua Dunn, one of the Fulbright scholarship holders, gave an outstanding musical performance which was much appreciated.

The Showcase ran seamlessly into the Presentation Dinner. The Scholars were presented with their Fulbright certificates and pins by U.S. Chargé d'affaires Mr Thomas Doherty and Mr John-Paul Langbroek, Minister for Education, Training and Employment in the Queensland Government. The night concluded with some fine jazz performed by local Queensland band *Swing Central*.

Figure 1: Academic Disciplines for Fulbright Australian Scholarships 2014

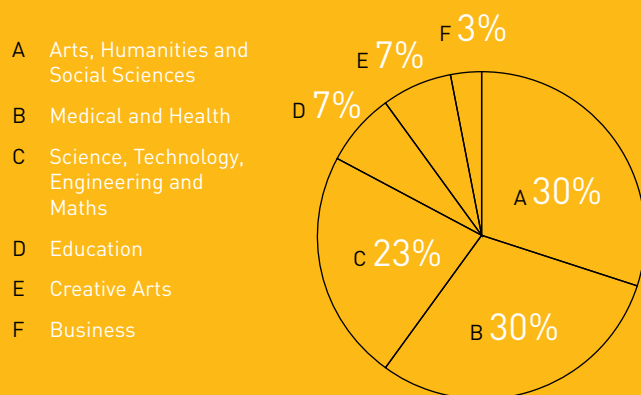
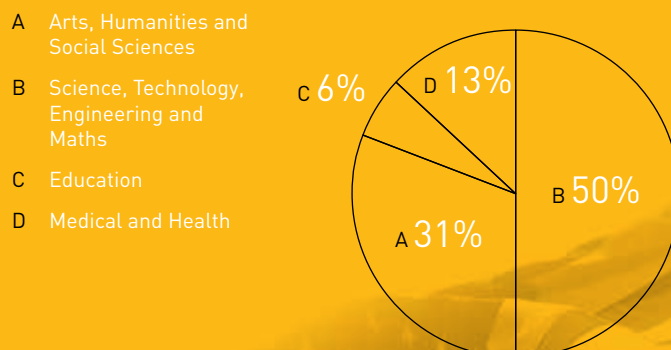


Figure 2: Academic Disciplines for Fulbright American Scholarships 2014



On the final day in Brisbane the Fulbright State Secretaries gathered for their Annual General Meeting. State Secretaries make a significant contribution to the application and selection process. The Commission appreciates their diligence and ongoing commitment to the Fulbright Program.

In April and May outreach was a priority and the Fulbright Roadshow 2014 included Fulbright scholarship information presentations to approximately 34 Australian universities, Fulbright Distinguished Chair Lectures Series by two U.S. Distinguished Chairs and Fulbright State Receptions. Fulbright State Receptions were held around the country in May 2014 presenting new Fulbright scholars and students to their various State and Territories bringing together a diverse range of stakeholders.

Universities with multiple campuses promoted the Fulbright Program through video conferencing. Presentation flyers were created and sent out to all universities. The Fulbright Scholarship rounds were advertised in a wide variety of major newspapers, higher education newsletters (both hard copy and online), social media and websites throughout Australia and the U.S. Over the past few years Fulbright applications across the categories of Postdoctoral, Senior Scholar and Professional Scholarships have seen substantial growth.



Left To Right: 2013 Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Advanced Science and Technology Professor Murray Loew, Senior Manager for Scholarships Dr Ruth Lee Martin, Executive Director Dr Tangerine Holt, 2013 Fulbright Distinguished Chair in American Political Science Professor Victoria Farrar-Myers, Fulbright Chair of the Board of Directors Professor Don Debats and Wife Mrs Margaret-Ann DeBats

2013/14 Fulbright U.S. Distinguished Chairs and the impact of Fulbright

The impact of a Fulbright Scholarship is often life changing and the experiences it offers are profound. In 2014 eight public lectures were undertaken by Distinguished Chairs Prof. Murray Loew sponsored by the DSTO, and Prof. Victoria Farrar-Myers the Fulbright-Flinders Distinguished Chair in American Political Science. They both found their time in Australia to be immensely rewarding.

Professor Loew's experiences in Australia have led him to reflect on the personal gains of a Fulbright Scholarship particularly in regard to the very real sense of fellowship found amongst the Fulbright Alumni. "The impact of the Fulbright has been to make me aware that there is a real collegial spirit among the worldwide Fellows, both present and past. I found the alumni network in Australia to be active, enthusiastic, and very welcoming of the American Fulbrighters. Several of those alumni extended great hospitality to me and it genuinely seemed like I had joined a new club. I intend to participate in alumni events in the U.S. and when possible, to provide the same welcome for Fulbrighters from outside the U.S. as was provided to me".

Distinguished Chair Professor Victoria Farrar-Myers found her Fulbright experience to be invaluable in setting a broader context for the research she is currently undertaking. She says: "The Fulbright experience offered me an opportunity to change my own perspective of how to study U.S. politics. For this reason, my scholarship, teaching, personal perspective, and understanding of the U.S. relative to the world has forever changed. Finally, I have, in writing the book I am producing during my stay, come to realize that all I have done thus far in my life has somehow prepared me for all that I have been able to do here. Perhaps it is the real-life transformation that the Fulbright offers; the opportunity to define one's own values, to sharpen one's own voice, and to openly engage others in the pursuit of questions and be comfortable with divergent, yet corollary answers".

Professor John Pluske is the current and Inaugural Distinguished Chair in Agriculture and Life Sciences, sponsored by Kansas State University. John is a Professor in the School of Veterinary and Life Sciences at Murdoch University and a graduate of The University of Western Australia. Kansas State University is the first US University to partner with the Australian-American Fulbright Commission. On 24 October 2014, in the Hale Library at Kansas State University, Prof. Pluske presented his inaugural lecture entitled 'Livestock Agriculture: Perspectives, Challenges, and the Australian Experience' as part of The Provost's Lecture Series 2014-2015.

Partnerships

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Partnerships strengthen the Commission's work in strategic ways by widening and strengthening outreach and funding opportunities. The Commission supports institutional engagement in Australia and across the East Asia and Pacific region to build strategic partnerships through key initiatives noted below.



Fulbright Specialist's Program (FSP)

The Fulbright Specialist Program (FSP) supports Australian educational institutions through grants to bring U.S. Specialists in selected disciplines to Australia for a period ranging between two and six weeks. The aim of the FSP grant is to assist Australian educational institutions to exchange expertise and build collaborative linkages with U.S. faculty and professionals on curriculum and faculty development, institutional planning and a variety of other activities.

In 2014 the Commission received a large number of applications. After a rigorous assessment process, the FSP Selection Committee recommended six recipients for the 2015 awards. The Full list of FSP grantees can be found under the grantees section of this annual report.

The Fulbright East Asia & Pacific Regional Travel Program (EAPTRTP)

The Fulbright East Asia & Pacific Regional Travel Program, funded by the East Asia Pacific Fulbright Office at Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the State Department in Washington DC, offers local institutions, Posts and Commissions the opportunity to benefit from the academic and professional expertise of Fulbright Senior Scholars based in another country within the East Asia & Pacific region. This includes Australia, Brunei, Burma, Cambodia, China, Fiji, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam.

Regional travel enhances and supports the interests of the visiting U.S. Fulbright Senior Scholar as well as his/her host institution collaborators. Activities may include lectures, graduate or faculty seminars, curriculum advising, public lectures and/or panel presentations.

The purpose of this program is to share the expertise of Fulbright Senior Scholars already in the region more widely. Visiting Fulbright Senior Scholars may wish to use some of their free time for research or other independent academic work, however such activities should not be the primary purpose of their travel, nor should they represent more than a small portion of their time spent in another country. The full list of EAPTRTP grantees for the 2014 year can be found in the grantees section of this annual report.

Fulbright Alumni initiative Grant (FAIG)

The aim of the FAIG program is to help build the individual Fulbright experience into long term institutional collaboration and linkages. The grants support any activities which achieve both short and long terms objectives of ongoing institutional collaboration. They do not support the completion of individual research projects or the writing up of academic publications. In 2014 the Commission awarded two smaller grants instead of the single grant awarded in previous years towards maximising the impact and breadth of this program. The two recipients were Mr Curt Tofteland and Dr Colin Scholes, details of their grant can be found in the grantee section of this annual report.

Image: Murrawari member Sam Jeffries (left) and Emeritus Professor Steven Schwartz (right) witness the signing of the inaugural Partnership Agreement between the National Centre for Cultural Competence, University of Sydney and the Australian-American Fulbright Commission. Photo taken at the University of Sydney on 30 July 2014 at the launch of the National Centre for Cultural Competence (NCCC) and reproduced with the permission of the NCCC.

Alumni Engagement

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Jennifer Keene in her Chapman University office surrounded by World War I posters

As part of its Alumni Engagement Plan, the Commission continues to build a vibrant, committed and contributing Alumni community which actively promotes and enriches the wider Fulbright Program's vision and activities.

It works closely with all Alumni including the Australian Fulbright Alumni Association. In 2014 the Commission has supported the AFAA Executive and its Chapters Representatives in its general administration, finances, engagement and outreach with its membership base and with the Fulbright Program generally. The Commission acknowledges the leadership and support of Ms Nyrie Palmer - President, Dr Eliza Howard - Vice-President, Dr Earl Dudley - Treasurer and Richard Adams - Secretary and all State Chapters for their hard work to promote the Fulbright Program in Australia and U.S.. The Commission is grateful to the AFAA members and State Chapters for its Alumni engagement in welcoming the new scholars from the U.S. to Australia and for engaging the new Australian Scholars to the Association.

At the 65th Anniversary of the Fulbright Program which was celebrated in the Australian War Memorial in Canberra many Alumni, including Ms Palmer attended the event.

In 2012 the Australian Fulbright Alumni Association (AFAA) was awarded a grant from the U.S. Embassy to promote U.S. education throughout Australia by highlighting Fulbright Alumni Experiences and achievements. The Australian-American Fulbright Commission in partnership with AFAA developed and administered the Program through a number of initiatives.

The Fulbright Alumni Outreach Program has been developed to leverage off annual programmed Fulbright events including State Receptions, Scholarship Information Sessions, Scholars' Orientation Program and the Commission's website. Alumni Outreach is a key component of the Commission's Fulbright Alumni Engagement Strategy. As part of the Fulbright outreach and engagement across Australia with universities, the Commission involved both members and non-members of AFAA. Alumni attended universities and made presentations at Universities to promote the Fulbright Program and to encourage people to apply.

A key initiative in 2014 also marked the commencement of the Fulbright Ambassadors Program, with a meeting held in Brisbane, and in 2015 a meeting held in Perth. The Commission's aim is to identify, connect and engage a select group of Fulbright Ambassadors made up of distinguished Alumni and other stakeholders each year, to meet goals of advancement and growth of the Fulbright program in line with the Commission's strategic directions.

From 2014, the Commission commenced an updating and clearing of the Fulbright Alumni Database to improve connection between alumni, and with the Commission as it continues to work with Universities to create a Fulbright Honour Board for its Scholars. Two Alumni Initiative Grants were awarded for alumni to continue relationship building with their key partners in the U.S and Australia.

The Commission has also initiated the development of monthly e-newsletters have commenced, and additions from alumni are encouraged to showcase alumni achievements and alumni activities.



Dr Jessica Walker in her laboratory at University of Tasmania

Professor Jennifer Keene, Chapman University and 2008 Fulbright Senior Scholar this year returned to the University of New South Wales Canberra (UNSW-Canberra), Australia as recipient of the 2013 Fulbright Alumni Initiative Grant. As a direct result of her Fulbright engagement, students in the two universities will soon be able to take on-line classes for credit in their Master of Arts program. In 2017, during the centennial of the Great War (2014-2018) a jointly-organized Australian-American conference will explore the impact of 1917 on the trajectory of the war and world history. These initiatives reveal the far-ranging impact that one Fulbright Scholar can have.

Dr Jessica Walker, 2012 Fulbright Tasmanian Scholar, was recently awarded a 2014 Tasmanian Tall Poppy Science Award. The prestigious Tall Poppy Science Award recognises her contributions as an early career researcher, her efforts at inspiring the next generation of scientists and engineers and her success as a role model inspiring school students and the broader community about the possibilities of science.

Dr Walker spent 12 months at the United States Naval Academy in, Maryland undertaking research into performance issues with the renewable energy technology, tidal power. She is currently an engineering lecturer at the Australian Maritime College, University of Tasmania, Australia.

Dr Ranjana Srivastava was awarded the Monash University 2014 Distinguished Alumni of the Year award only 10 years after she was the 2004 Fulbright Australian Alumni WG Walker Postgraduate Scholar. Srivastava spent one year at the Maclean Center of Clinical Medical Ethics at the University of Chicago back then and now occupies the parallel worlds of medicine and writing. Her third book, 'So It's Cancer, Now What?' recently published by Penguin will also be published internationally by University of Chicago Press. In a recent reflection on the past decade she said 'the most precious thing the Fulbright gave me was self-belief'.

Professor Tim Berra Charles Darwin University and Ohio State University, and recipient of three Fulbright Awards to Australia (1969, 1979 and 2009), has been selected to join the Inaugural Class of the Ohio State University Emeritus Academy established in September 2014. In 2009 Prof. Berra, an ichthyologist, or fish scientist, travelled as a Fulbright Senior Specialist to deliver the keynote address at the Charles Darwin Symposium commemorating the 200th anniversary of Charles Darwin's birth and the 150th anniversary of the publication of Darwin's famous book *On the Origin of Species*.

The world premiere of *Vanishing Point* by **Jeri Kroll**, adapted for the stage and directed by Leslie Jacobson is to be presented by the Department of Theatre and Dance, George Washington University on 16 October 2014. Leslie Jacobson was a 2007 U.S. Senior Scholar based in Adelaide, South Australia and developed a strong collaboration with poet and novelist, Jeri Kroll, who began work on what would become the verse novel, *Vanishing Point*. Professor Jeri Kroll is currently the Dean of Graduate Research at Flinders University.



2014 AUSTRALIAN FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS AND STUDENTS

DISTINGUISHED CHAIR



Professor John Pluske

Scholarship:
Fulbright Distinguished Chair in
Agriculture and Life Sciences

Sponsor:
Kansas State University

Home Institution:
University of Western Australia

Host Institution:
Kansas State University

SENIOR SCHOLARS



Professor Zdenko Rengel

Scholarship:
Fulbright Senior Scholarship

Sponsor:
Kansas State University

Home Institution:
The University of Western Australia

Host Institution:
Kansas State University



Professor Stuart Cunningham

Scholarship:
Fulbright Senior Scholarship

Home Institution:
Griffith University

Host Institution:
University of California



Professor Jill Thistlethwaite

Scholarship:
Fulbright Senior Scholarship

Home Institution:
University of Technology Sydney & The
University of Queensland

Host Institution:
University of Minnesota



Dr Anthony McLeod

Scholarship:
Fulbright Senior Scholarship

Home Institution:
Murray Darling Basin Authority

Host Institution:
University of Colorado in Boulder



Dr Richard Eccleston

Scholarship: Fulbright Tasmania
Senior Scholarship

Sponsor:
University of Tasmania/Tasmania
State Government

Home Institution:
University of Tasmania

Host Institution:
George Mason University



Professor Peter Kell

Scholarship:
Fulbright Northern Territory Senior
Scholarship

Sponsor:
Charles Darwin University / Black board
/ Northern Territory Government

Home Institution:
Charles Darwin University

Host Institution:
University of Illinois



Professor Haig Patapan

Scholarship:
Fulbright Senior Scholarship

Home Institution:
Griffith University

Host Institution:
Harvard University



Dr Vinay Rane

Scholarship:
Fulbright Professional Scholarship

Home Institution:
Royal Brisbane and Women's
Hospital

Host Institution:
New York State University, Harvard
University

PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARS

2014 AUSTRALIAN FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS AND STUDENTS (CONTINUED)

PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARS



Dr Mark Boland

Scholarship:
Fulbright Professional Scholarship
in Nuclear Science and Technology

Sponsor:
Australian Nuclear Science and
Technology Organisation

Home Institution:
Australian Synchrotron

Host Institution:
Stanford University



Dr Heidi Muenchberger

Scholarship:
Fulbright Professional Coral Sea
Scholarship (Business / Industry)

Sponsor:
The Australian Government,
Department of Industry

Home Institution:
Griffith University

Host Institution:
Cornell University



Lachlan Philpott

Scholarship:
Fulbright Professional Playwriting
Scholarship

Sponsor:
Inscription Copyright Agency Ltd,
Friends of Inscription

Home Institution:

Host Institution:
The American Conservatory
Theatre



Karen Hart

Scholarship:
Fulbright Professional Scholarship
in Non-Profit Leadership

Sponsor:
Origin Foundation and supported
by the Australian Scholarships
Foundation

Home Institution:
The Youth Junction Inc.

Host Institution:
The Nonprofit Centers Network
(Alliance Centre)

PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARS



Dr Peter Dean

Scholarship:
Fulbright Professional Scholarship
in Australia-United States Alliance
Studies

Sponsor:
The Australian Government,
Department of Foreign Affairs and
Trade

Home Institution:
The Australian National University

Host Institution:
Georgetown University



Dr Carly Rosewarne

Scholarship:
Fulbright Professional in Climate
Change and Clean Energy

Sponsor:
Australian and US Governments

Home Institution:
CSIRO

Host Institution:
Joint Genome Institute, Lawrence
Berkeley National Laboratory



Dr Neil Saintilan

Scholarship:
Fulbright Professional
Scholarship in Climate Change
and Clean Energy

Sponsor:
Australian and US Governments

Home Institution:
NSW Government Office of
Environment and Heritage

Host Institution:
Southern California Coastal
Water Research Program



Raymond Cadmore

Scholarship:
Fulbright Professional Scholarship
in Vocational Education and
Training (VET)

Sponsor:
The Australian Government,
Department of Industry

Home Institution:
Sunraysia Institute of TAFE

Host Institution:
Forsyth Community Technical
College

POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLARS



Dr Dean Freestone

Scholarship:
Fulbright Victoria* Postdoctoral
Scholarship

Home Institution:
The University of Melbourne

Host Institution:
Columbia University



Dr Rose Ahlefeldt

Scholarship:
Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarship

Home Institution:
The Australian National University

Host Institution:
Montana State University



Dr Andrew Hutchinson

Scholarship:
Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarship

Home Institution:
University of Technology, Sydney

Host Institution:
Yale University



Dr Jean-Paul Hobbs

Scholarship:
Fulbright Western Australia*
Postdoctoral Scholarship

Home Institution:
The University of Western Australia

Host Institution:
University of Hawai'i

2014 AUSTRALIAN FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS AND STUDENTS (CONTINUED)

POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARS



Dr Siobhan Schabrun

Scholarship:
Fulbright New South Wales*
Postdoctoral Scholarship

Home Institution:
The University of Western Sydney

Host Institution:
National Institutes of Health,
Maryland



Harris Eyre

Scholarship:
Fulbright Postgraduate
Scholarship (WG Walker)

Home Institution:
The University of Adelaide

Host Institution:
University of California, Los
Angeles



Sadie Heckenberg

Scholarship:
Fulbright Indigenous
Postgraduate Scholarship

Sponsor:
The Australian Government,
Department of the Prime Minister
and Cabinet

Home Institution:
The University of South Australia
/ Federation University

Host Institution:
University of Hawai'i



Alison Witchard

Scholarship:
Fulbright Postgraduate
Scholarship

Home Institution:
The Australian National
University

Host Institution:
Harvard University



Joshua Dunn

Scholarship:
Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship

Home Institution:
Nil (Previously University of
Tasmania)

Host Institution:
William Patterson University



Anna Samson

Scholarship:
Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship

Home Institution:
The Australian National University

Host Institution:
Georgetown University / George
Washington University



Justin Hartley

Scholarship:
Fulbright Queensland*
Postgraduate Scholarship

Home Institution:
Support Kids in Pain

Host Institution:
Harvard University



Joanna Vincent

Scholarship:
Fulbright Western Australia*
Postgraduate Scholarship

Home Institution:
High Court of Australia

Host Institution:
Yale University

POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARS



Suzanne Schultz

Scholarship:
Fulbright South Australia*
Postgraduate Scholarship

Home Institution:
The University of South Australia

Host Institution:
Harvard University



Sarah Dunstan

Scholarship:
Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship

Home Institution:
The University of Sydney

Host Institution:
Columbia University



Luke Bo'sher

Scholarship:
Anne Wexler Scholarship
(administered by Fulbright
Commission)

Home Institution:
The Australian Government,
National Disability Insurance
Scheme (NDIS)

Host Institution:
New York University

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and other stakeholders from
respective states.

2014 U.S. FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS AND STUDENTS

DISTINGUISHED CHAIRS



Professor Thad Kousser

Scholarship:

2014 Fulbright-Flinders University Distinguished Chair in American Political Science

Sponsor:

Flinders University

Home:

University of California, San Diego

Host:

Flinders University



Richard W Ziolkowski, PhD PhD

Scholarship:

2014 Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Advanced Science and Technology

Sponsor:

Australian Government Department of Defence, Australian Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO)

Home:

The University of Arizona

Host:

Aerospace Division at DSTO

SENIOR SCHOLARS



Barry Bradford, PhD

Scholarship:

2014 Fulbright Senior Scholarship

Home:

Kansas State University

Host:

CSIRO Australia Animal Health Laboratory



Melvin Christopher Jenks

Scholarship:

2014 Fulbright Senior Scholarship

Home:

Southern Methodist University (SMU)

Host:

The University of Melbourne



Sally Anne Lamping, EdD

Scholarship:

2014 Fulbright Senior Scholarship

Home:

Wright State University

Host:

University of South Australia

PROFESSIONAL SCHOLAR



Ruth Litovsky, PhD

Scholarship:

2014 Fulbright Senior Scholarship

Home:

University of Wisconsin

Host:

The University of Melbourne



Wendy Nicole Nembhand, PhD

Scholarship:

2014 Fulbright Senior Scholarship

Home:

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

Host:

Telethon Kids Institute and The University of Western Australia



Lane Wesley Burt

Scholarship:

2014 Fulbright Professional Scholarship in Climate Change and Clean Energy

Sponsor:

Australian and US Governments

Home:

Ember Strategies

Host:

Monash University

2014 U.S. FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS AND STUDENT (CONTINUED)

POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS



Shelby Bieritz

Scholarship:
2014 Fulbright Postgraduate
Scholarship

Home:
Rice University, Texas Heart
Institute

Host:
Griffith University



Molly Clemens

Scholarship:
2014 Fulbright Postgraduate
Scholarship

Home:
Fordham University

Host:
The University of Melbourne



Kerry Ann Hamilton

Scholarship:
2014 Fulbright-CSIRO Postgraduate
Scholarship

Sponsor:
Commonwealth Scientific Industrial
Research Organisation (CSIRO)

Home:
Drexel University

Host:
CSIRO Water for a Healthy Country
National Research Flagship



Laura Claire Hayward

Scholarship:
2014 Fulbright Postgraduate
Scholarship

Home:
Virginia Commonwealth University

Host:
The University of Queensland



Joseph Isaac

Scholarship:
2014 Fulbright Postgraduate
Scholarship

Home:
University of Pennsylvania

Host:
The University of Melbourne



William David Lempert

Scholarship:
2014 Fulbright Postgraduate
Scholarship

Home:
University of Colorado at Boulder

Host:
University of Notre Dame



Ariel Emily Marcy

Scholarship:
2014 Fulbright Postgraduate
Scholarship

Home:
Stanford University

Host:
The University of Queensland



Molly Jones

Scholarship:
2014 Anne Wexler Scholar

Sponsor:
Australian Government Department
of Education and Training

Home:
Georgetown University

Host:
The Australian National University

Recipients of 2014 Fulbright Alumni Initiative Grant (FAIG)

recipients



Mr Curt Tofteland

Mr Curt Tofteland is the Founder and Producing Artistic Director of the critically acclaimed Shakespeare Behind Bars (SSB) Program. He will be returning to work with the Queensland Shakespeare Ensemble to direct plays written by prisoners from the Voices Inside program. His host is Dr Rob Pensalifini, Founder & Artistic Director of Queensland Shakespeare Ensemble and Senior Lecturer School in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Queensland. Curt brings thirty-six years of professional theatre experience to his current role as a freelance theatre artist - director, actor, producer, playwright, writer, teacher, program developer, and prison arts practitioner. Curt is a published poet and essayist who writes about the transformative power of art, theatre, and the works of William Shakespeare. It is Curt's role as a prison arts practitioner that garnered his 2011 Fulbright Senior Scholar Fellowship which took him to Australia to share his SBB experience as a co-facilitator with Queensland Shakespeare Ensemble's prison program at the Borallon Correctional Centre in Queensland.



Dr Colin Scholes

Dr Colin Scholes is a chemical engineer from the University of Melbourne. He will travel back to the University of Texas at Austin to share the outcomes of recent membrane technology industry trials and to progress this research to the next stage of commercialisation. His research area is focused on climate change abatement and mitigation technologies, specifically focused on membrane technology. In particular, Dr Scholes has made significant breakthroughs on developing membrane technology for the selective separation of carbon from the waste gases of many industrial processes. This enables the carbon to be separated out from the waste gases and not be released into the environment. This is achieved through a plastic film, much like cling-wrap, that is specifically design to allow carbon to pass through as if it didn't exist, but all other gases, such as nitrogen and oxygen, experience the film as a barrier. Dr Scholes is active in commercializing this technology through the establishment of pilot plants to trial his approach in real Australian industries.

Fulbright Specialist Program (FSP) Recipients

The following specialists will travel to the FSP grantee institutions during 2015.

| | Applicant University | Main representative | Specialist | Home University | Project Field |
|----|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | University of Melbourne | Professor Bill Adam | Dr Lisa Gruenberg | Harvard University | Global/Public Health |
| 2 | University of Sydney & Curtin University | Dr Gerard Goggin & Dr Katie Ellis | Professor Beth Haller | Towson University | Communications/Journalism |
| 3 | James Cook University | Professor Scott Ritchie | Professor Leon Lounibos | University of Florida | Global/Public Health |
| 4 | University of New England | Professor Stephen Tobias | Professor Elaine Scott | University of Washington, Bothell | Education |
| 5 | University of Queensland | Professor Heather Douglas | Professor Leigh Goodmark | University of Maryland | Family Law |
| 6* | University of Western Australia | A/Professor Sophie Gilles | Mr Skylar Tibbits | Massachusetts Institute of Technology | Urban Planning |

*Deferred from 2013, Mr Skylar will come to Australia in 2015

program



Left to Right: Deputy Chief of Mission U.S. Embassy Canberra, Mr Thomas Dougherty, The Honourable Mr John-Paul Langbroek and Fulbright Board of Directors Chairman, Professor Don DeBats Presenting 2014 Fulbright Scholar Professor Peter Kell with his Fulbright Certificate in Brisbane

East Asia Pacific Regional Travel Program (EAP RTP)

2014 Recipients


| NAME | BASE | TRAVEL TO | PURPOSE |
|--|-----------|--------------------------|---|
| Assistant Professor James Shea Nebraska Wesleyan University | Hong Kong | Kyoto, Japan | James was invited by Dr. Kyoko Yoshida, a writer and professor at Ritsumeikan University in Kyoto, Japan, to give a talk in her seminar on "Contemporary American Literature". He also gave a public poetry reading for his forthcoming poetry collection, <i>The Lost Novel</i> (Fence Books, spring 2014). James also met Professor Riyo Niimoto, a writer and founding faculty member of the Department of Creative Writing at Kyoto University of Art and Design. |
| Mr Jay Hartwell University of Hawaii, Manoa | Vietnam | Yangon, Myanmar | Jay assisted a three-day workshop that will be held at the American Centre within the US Embassy in Yangon, Myanmar where 25-30 students (high school and college) produced a newsletter that will be published as a PDF and printed off-site. The purpose of the workshop is to introduce journalism skills in a practical, hands-on workshop. While there, Jay also assisted with training professional journalists. |
| Associate Professor Guangping Wang Pennsylvania State University | Hong Kong | Tokyo & Hiroshima, Japan | Guangping attended the 2014 Biennial Conference on Sustainable Business, Energy and Development in Asia. Guangping presented the research that he has carried out during his Fulbright grant period. He also met and exchanged ideas with fellow researchers and industry leaders at the conference to seek collaborative opportunities for further research. The conference is a specialized focused on sustainability in Asia, which fit well with Guangping's Fulbright research project on sustainability of global supply chain. |
| Assistant Professor Heather Stur University of Southern Mississippi | Vietnam | Canberra, Australia | Dr. Jeffrey Grey, professor of history at the University of New South Wales-Canberra, invited Heather to give three talks in Canberra. The program includes one public lecture and two university lectures. These lectures took place at the University of New South Wales, Canberra – Australian Defence Force Academy. |
| Assistant Professor Aaron Tapper University of San Francisco | Australia | Dunedin, New Zealand | Aaron received an invitation from the renowned National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Otago in New Zealand. As a Fulbright Senior Scholar conducting research on reconciliation efforts between the Australian government and Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders. Travelling to Dunedin provided an opportunity to research reconciliation efforts made between the New Zealand government and its indigenous population, for comparison. The Centre's director, Professor Kevin Clements, provided the opportunity for Aaron to speak with his colleagues, and his graduate students and also to deliver a seminar on his research at the University of Otago. |
| Professor Lawrence Gerstein Ball State University | Hong Kong | Taipei, Taiwan | Lawrence was invited by the Department of Counselling and Applied Psychology at the National Taichung University of Education to present a university wide workshop for students and faculty members entitled, "Solution focused approaches and Taiwanese Mental Health Professionals." Lawrence also met with the university professors and fellow researchers and leaders during the trip. |
| Professor Rodney Winther University of Cincinnati | Taiwan | Shanghai, China | Rodney was invited by Motif Music in Shanghai to present a school clinic, where he conducted bands and orchestras. Rodney also worked directly with the conductors of these groups, and coached them in the areas of music performance, conducting and score study. He also met with Mr. Wei-Pin Shen and his associates in the area of music education. Mr. Shen is the General Manager of Motif Music, and it is their goal to increase their presence in the public school sector of Shanghai in hopes of improving the current state of music education. |



| NAME | BASE | TRAVEL TO | PURPOSE |
|--|-----------|--|---|
| Professor Wei-Chiao Huang Western Michigan University | China | Taipei, Taiwan | Wei-Chiao was invited by several universities in Taiwan to conduct various lectures to faculty and students, as well as to discuss and explore with the pertinent units in their universities possible cooperation in degree programs and faculty/student exchanges with Western Michigan University. Wei-Chiao also represented Zhongnan University of Economics and Law to engage in discussions and explorations of possible collaboration between Zhongnan University of Economics and Law in China and the universities in Taiwan. |
| Professor Andrew Leckey Arizona State University | China | Ulan Bator, Mongolia | Andrew was invited to interact with faculty, students, and the community in universities and the press institute in Mongolia. The visit allowed Andrew to help set up programs to improve coverage and make a difference in Mongolia. Andrews visit emphasized the need for professional training and education to improve the nation's communication. |
| Mr Peter Rand Wild Salmon Center | Japan | Chengdu, China | Dr Song, faculty member in the College of Life Sciences at Sichuan University invited peter to participate on a 7 day river expedition to increase understanding about a rare freshwater fish, the Sichuan taimen "Hucho bleeker,i" in a montain tributary of the Yangtze River. This species may be close to extinction. The experience helped Peter strengthen new collaborations with Chinese scientists working in his field, and may help develop a research and conservation plan to protect this species. |
| Associate Professor Kimberly Sultze Saint Michael's College | Brunei | Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam | Kimberly shared knowledge about visual communication and ecology as well as skills in environmental photography to students of Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD) and photo journalists within the local media outlets. Universiti Brunei Darussalam arranged a workshop/lecture for a select group of students. Kimberly shared ideas about curriculum development in Communication Studies/Media Studies. Kimberly was also afforded the opportunity to visit a UBD Field Studies Center located in Brunei's pristine rainforest, where they will discussed ways to assist the Center through eco-oriented photojournalism. |
| Associate Professor Jon Hyde Saint Michael's College | Brunei | Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam | Jon shared knowledge about visual communication and ecology as well as skills in environmental photography to students of Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD) and photo journalists within the local media outlets. Universiti Brunei Darussalam arranged a workshop/lecture for a select group of students. Jon shared ideas about curriculum development in Communication Studies/Media Studies. Jon was also afforded the opportunity to visit a UBD Field Studies Center located in Brunei's pristine rainforest, where they will discussed ways to assist the Center through eco-oriented photojournalism. |
| Professor Lawrence Gerstein Ball State University | Hong Kong | Beijing, China | Lawrence was invited by the School of Psychology at the Beijing Normal University to present two lectures "Solution focused counselling and Asian populations" and "Peace psychology: Theory, research, and practice." Lawrence also explored with faculty members at Beijing Normal University the potential for future research collaboration. |
| Ms Siti Hidayati Middle Tennessee State University | Indonesia | Perth, Australia | Siti visited the Science Laboratory at Kings Park and Botanic Garden to give a presentation on her Fulbright research. She also discussed work towards publication of scientific manuscripts, and future collaborations. |
| Mr Norman Quinn | Indonesia | Taipei, Taiwan | Norman attended the Third Asian Pacific Coral Reef Symposium in Kenting, Taiwan and participated in informal discussions and attended other presentations and key note addresses. Norman was asked to chair a session on the Long Term Planning of Coral Reefs and discussed further collaborations on the Maldives Coral Reef Monitoring Program. He also participated in a tour of the coral aquaculture facilities at the National Museum of Marine Biology and Aquarium where he was shown some of the advances that have been made in coral transplantation and propagation. |

Fulbright Ambassadors Program

The Australian-American Fulbright Commission was honoured to celebrate the 65th Anniversary both in Canberra, Australia. This anniversary marked a significant point in the history of the Fulbright Program in Australia. The treaty which established the Fulbright program in Australia was signed on 26 November 1949 and the Program was originally funded with an initial sum of U.S \$5.8m, 'representing U.S. Government credits acquired in Australia from the sale of surplus war materials'. It was symbolic then that the 65th Anniversary was celebrated at the spectacular Australian War Memorial in Canberra on 4 September 2014. Photo by Bradley Cummings Photography



The Australian-American Fulbright Commission has initiated the development of a Fulbright Ambassadors Program across Australia and the U.S.

Information sessions are currently underway across Australia to identify potential ambassadors from Fulbright supporters and stakeholders.

The aim is to work with the Commission to continue advancement of our rich legacy. More information will follow as the program develops as a strategic initiative of the Australian Fulbright Commission.

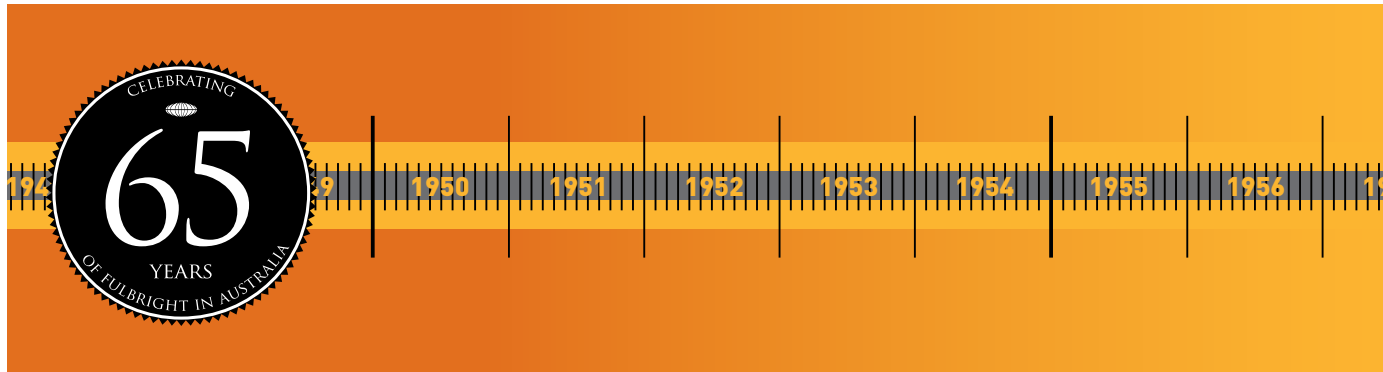
For more than 65 years, the Australian-American Fulbright Commission has facilitated the exchange of Scholars and Students between Australia and U.S. We recognise the passion, contribution and significant difference that Fulbright Scholars, Alumni, Partners, past Selection Committee members and Board members bring to their work and research, to the Fulbright Program, and to community engagement.

Many have strong connections with industry, government and universities through their leadership positions and have also been recognised for their contribution at a national level. The Commission's aim is to identify, connect and engage a select group of distinguished Fulbright Ambassadors each year, who will contribute meaningfully to the Commission's strategic initiatives to advance and grow the Fulbright program.

Ambassadors will be selected annually through nominations, recommendations, review and approval by the Fulbright Commission Board of Directors, and will work closely with the Fulbright Commission and the Executive Director, Dr Tangerine Holt.

looking back

Learning the History of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission



Marking the 65th Anniversary of the Fulbright Program in Australia

To mark the 65th Anniversary of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission in 2014 a poster publication was produced which is available to download from www.fulbright.com.au

highlighting key events in our history on a 'Timeline of Key Historical Events' with photos and scholar comments collected by Dr Alice Garner, Consultant Historian to the Commission.

A Timeline History of the Australian-American Fulbright Program

Dr Alice Garner has produced a Timeline entitled 'Australian-American Fulbright Program'. *This Timeline is one outcome of the Australian Research Council Linkage grant that funded in-depth research into the history of the exchange program. Chief investigators were Professor Diane Kirkby and Professor Dennis Altman (La Trobe University) and Professor David Walker (Deakin University). Linkage partners were the Australian-American Fulbright Commission and the National Library of Australia's Oral History and Folklore Unit.*

The Timeline can be accessed through www.fulbright.com.au

This timeline is a work in progress and Dr Garner continues to collect, review and archive new material including good quality and striking or informative photographs of and by scholars from across the life of the program. We thank all those scholars, current and past Commission staff, bi-national board and selection committee members and others who have contributed in their various ways to the material featured in the timeline.

A Study of the Fulbright Program in Australia

Back in 2009, on the sixtieth anniversary of the Australian-American Fulbright exchange, the Fulbright Commission and the National Library of Australia's Oral History Unit entered into a project partnership with La Trobe University and Deakin University in Melbourne, with the aim of researching the history of the bi-national program since its beginnings in 1949.

An Australian Research Council Linkage Projects grant awarded to Prof. D E Kirkby, Prof D Altman, Prof D R Walker and

Dr A M Garner entitled 'A study of the Fulbright Program in Australia 1949-2009' funded a postdoctoral fellowship for Dr Alice Garner. Dr Garner trawled through a treasure trove of Australian National Archives records classified as 'Not Yet Examined', carried out surveys and oral history interviews, and compiled a research database bringing together many different sources of information about scholars of both nationalities over six decades.



AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN FULBRIGHT COMMISSION
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2014



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Your Board members submit the financial report of Australian-American Fulbright Commission for the financial period ended 30 September 2014.

The financial year end of Australian-American Fulbright Commission was changed from 31 December to 30 September to align with U.S. Fulbright Reporting requirements. Accordingly, the figures presented for 2014 are for the nine month period 1 January 2014 to 30 September 2014. The comparative figures for the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity, statement of cash flows and the related notes are for twelve months from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2013 and the comparative statement of financial position is as at 31 December 2013.

Board Members

The names of Board members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

- » Professor Don DeBats (Chair)
- » Mr Paul Houge
- » Ms Mary Burce Warlick
(resigned 5 June 2014)
- » Professor Hilary Charlesworth
(resigned 4 March 2014)
- » Professor Margaret Gardner
- » Ms Anne Baly
- » Ms Laura Anderson
- » Dr Varuni Kulasekera
(appointed 27 May 2014)
- » Ms Cynthia Griffin
(appointed 26 July 2014)
- » Ms Andrea Faulkner
(appointed 28 October 2014)
- » Mr Peter de Cure
(appointed 28 October 2014)
- » Dr Russell Trood
(appointed 3 November 2014)

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission are to promote educational and cultural exchange between Australia and the United States through the implementation of the Fulbright program of scholarship promotion, selection, management, outreach and partnerships across a range of scholarships and exchanges.

Significant Changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the period.

Operating Result

The surplus for the 2014 financial period amounted to \$1,213,947 (2013: \$526,324).

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the members of the Board.

Professor Don DeBats
Chair

Mr Paul Houge
Treasurer

Dated this 20th day of November 2014

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN FULBRIGHT COMMISSION

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission (the Commission), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 September 2014, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the period then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the certificate by members of the board.

Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation 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. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements 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 judgment, including the assessment 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 of the financial report that gives a true and fair view 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 committee, 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.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission as at 30 September 2014 and its financial performance for the period 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 of the financial report which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared by the Commission to satisfy the requirements of the Manual for Binational Commissions and Foundations and to meet the needs of members. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shane Bellchambers', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Shane Bellchambers, FCA
Registered Company Auditor
BellchambersBarrett

Canberra, ACT
Dated this 25th day of November 2014



STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2014

| | Note | 2014 \$ | 2013 \$ |
|--|------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Revenue | 2 | 3,865,331 | 3,223,469 |
| Expenses | | | |
| Australian Fulbright scholar expenses | | (1,101,763) | (954,666) |
| United States Fulbright scholar expenses | | (536,250) | (648,350) |
| Wexler scholar expenses | | (280,000) | (140,000) |
| Wexler program expenses | | (9,439) | (12,565) |
| Additional awards | | (44,181) | (11,190) |
| Wexler program returns | | 70,209 | 132,600 |
| Program returns | | 156,940 | 96,384 |
| Non-program expenses | | (231,943) | (319,122) |
| Employee expenses | | (525,775) | (619,591) |
| Administration | | (148,010) | (220,650) |
| Investment fees & expenses | | (8,019) | (12,868) |
| Foreign exchange gain/(losses) | | 6,847 | 12,873 |
| Total Expenses | | (2,651,384) | (2,697,145) |
| Surplus from operations | | 1,213,947 | 526,324 |
| Other comprehensive income | | - | - |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | | 1,213,947 | 526,324 |

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2014

| | Note | 2014 \$ | 2013 \$ |
|--------------------------------------|------|-------------------|-------------------|
| ASSETS | | | |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 3 | 517,907 | 1,101,145 |
| Financial assets | 4 | 13,137,155 | 11,399,200 |
| Trade and other receivables | 5 | 393,258 | - |
| Other current assets | 6 | 68,932 | 66,104 |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | | 14,117,252 | 12,566,449 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | 14,117,252 | 12,566,449 |
| LIABILITIES | | | |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | |
| Trade and other payables | 7 | 624,499 | 700,237 |
| Provision for unpaid program costs | 8 | 1,445,063 | 1,036,349 |
| TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES | | 2,069,562 | 1,736,586 |
| NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | |
| Employee provisions | | 9,073 | 5,193 |
| TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES | | 9,073 | 5,193 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | | 2,078,635 | 1,741,779 |
| NET ASSETS | | 12,038,617 | 10,824,670 |
| EQUITY | | | |
| Reserves | 10 | 10,474,591 | 5,100,813 |
| Retained surplus | | 1,564,026 | 5,723,857 |
| TOTAL EQUITY | | 12,038,617 | 10,824,670 |

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2014

| | Scholarship Endow- ments | Fulbright Commis- sion Schol- ar Funds | Relocation Reserve | General Reserve | Wexler Reserve | Retained Earnings | Total |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------|
| | \$ | \$ | | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Balance at 1 January 2013 | - | - | - | 400,813 | 4,700,000 | 5,197,533 | 10,298,346 |
| Profit attributable to members | - | - | - | - | - | 526,324 | 526,324 |
| Balance at 31 December 2013 | - | - | - | 400,813 | 4,700,000 | 5,723,857 | 10,824,670 |
| Profit attributable to members | | | 50,000 | - | - | 1,163,947 | 1,213,947 |
| Transfers to/from reserves | 9,925,923 | 498,668 | - | (400,813) | (4,700,000) | (5,323,778) | - |
| Balance at 30 September 2014 | 9,925,923 | 498,668 | 50,000 | - | - | 1,564,026 | 12,038,617 |

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2014

| | Note | 2014 \$ | 2013 \$ |
|--|------|--------------------|-------------|
| CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | | |
| Scholarship funding from sponsors and governments | | 2,884,953 | 2,952,306 |
| Interest received | | 11,601 | 21,479 |
| Payments to suppliers and employees | | (2,215,965) | (2,790,311) |
| Other revenue | | 22,097 | 67,494 |
| Net cash generated by/(used in) operating activities | | 702,686 | 250,968 |
| CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | | |
| (Purchase of) / Proceeds from investments | | (1,292,771) | (16,935) |
| Net cash (used in)/generated by investing activities | | (1,292,771) | (16,935) |
| Net increase in cash held | | (590,085) | 234,033 |
| Cash at the beginning of the financial year | | 1,101,145 | 854,239 |
| Effects of exchange rate changes on cash | | 6,847 | 12,873 |
| Cash at the end of the financial year | 3 | 517,907 | 1,101,145 |

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting 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 statements have 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.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated specifically, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise, have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements.

a. Income Tax

No provision of income tax has been raised as the organisation is exempt from income tax under Section 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act*.

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 period-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the income statement.

c. Property, Plant and Equipment

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. On 31 December 2013 the Commission obtained an independent valuation of the strata title building units it owns and occupies at 6 Napier Close Deakin ACT. The valuation was \$750,000.

d. Employee Provisions

Provision is made for the organisation's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee provisions have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

e. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash on hand includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

f. Trade and other receivables

Accounts receivable and other debtors include amounts due from members as well as amounts receivable from donors. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

g. Revenue and Other Income

Government funding revenue

Non-reciprocal government funding is recognised in profit and loss when the Commission obtains control of the funding, it is probable that the economic benefits gained from the funding will flow to the Commission and the amount of the funding can be measured reliably.

If conditions are attached to the funding which must be satisfied before it is eligible to receive the contribution, the recognition of the funding as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.



NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

When government funding revenue is received whereby the Commission incurs an obligation to deliver economic value directly back to the contributor, this is considered a reciprocal transaction and the revenue is recognised in the statement of financial position as a liability until the service has been delivered to the contributor, otherwise it is recognised on receipt.

Sponsorship revenue

Sponsorship revenue is recognised upon receipt of the funds received from the Sponsor.

Donations

Donations and bequests are recognised as revenue when received.

Interest

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method, which, for floating rate financial assets, is the rate inherent in the instrument.

The Commission does not charge GST on any revenue stream.

h. Financial Assets

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 statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income in the period for which they arise.

i. Impairment of Assets

At the end of each reporting period, the Commission reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

j. Trade and Other Payables

Goods and services received by the Commission during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

k. 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 incurred. 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. The liability as at 30 September represents scholarships that have not been completed.

l. Comparative Figures

When required, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to the changes in presentation for the current financial period.

m. Goods and Services Tax (GST)

The Commission is registered for GST through the indirect tax concession scheme. The Commission is not able to charge GST on any revenue. Expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office (ATO). In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. The net amount of GST recoverable from, the ATO is classified as part of payables in the statement of financial position.

Payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable.

Cash flows are included in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis, except for the GST component of cash flows arising from investing activities which is recoverable from the ATO is classified as part of the operating cash flows.

n. Change in financial year end

The financial year end of Australian-American Fulbright Commission was changed from 31 December to 30 September to align with U.S. Fulbright reporting requirements. Accordingly, the figures presented for 2014 are for the nine month period 1 January 2014 to 30 September 2014. The comparative figures for the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity, statement of cash flows and the related notes are for twelve months from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2013 and the comparative statement of financial position is as at 31 December 2013.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2014

| | 2014 \$ | 2013 \$ |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| NOTE 2: REVENUE | | |
| Australian Government funding | 921,725 | 902,751 |
| United States Government funding | 746,101 | 714,051 |
| Income from investments | 445,184 | 821,312 |
| Private sector sponsorship | 94,600 | 109,931 |
| University sponsorship | 125,161 | 100,525 |
| Government sponsorship | 1,426,936 | 435,926 |
| Presentation sponsorship | 40,880 | 15,000 |
| Symposium sponsorship | - | 35,000 |
| Donations | 2,060 | 15,169 |
| Interest earned | 11,601 | 21,479 |
| Administration fee on sponsorship | 31,046 | - |
| Other Income | 20,037 | 52,325 |
| | 3,865,331 | 3,223,469 |

| | | |
|--|----------------|------------------|
| NOTE 3: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS | | |
| Operating cheque account | 185,511 | 143,686 |
| Fund bank account | 6 | 6 |
| At call bank account | 281,737 | 388,671 |
| Term deposit | - | 257,036 |
| St George credit card | - | 5,496 |
| Treasury account | 32 | 31 |
| USD account | 50,321 | 305,969 |
| Total cash at bank | 517,607 | 1,100,895 |
| Cash on hand | 300 | 250 |
| | 517,907 | 1,101,145 |

| | 2014 \$ | 2013 \$ |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| NOTE 4: FINANCIAL ASSETS | | |
| Wexler Scholarship Fund | 5,723,778 | 4,722,458 |
| Wexler Scholarship – Admin Fund | 9,963 | 1,187,054 |
| WA Fund | 1,039,705 | 1,043,872 |
| Fulbright Reserve Fund | 756,330 | 735,651 |
| VIC Fund | 667,712 | 663,805 |
| NSW Fund | 604,890 | 601,471 |
| SA Fund | 588,795 | 577,427 |
| QLD Fund | 496,058 | 498,762 |
| Coral Sea Fund | 387,048 | 384,800 |
| Australian Alumni (WG Walker) Fund | 379,344 | 375,279 |
| ANU CBE Fund | 247,226 | 240,428 |
| Clean Energy Fund | 76,469 | 178,221 |
| AFAA Fund | 92,976 | 90,652 |
| VET Scholarship | 41,763 | 71,930 |
| US Alumni Fund | 28,629 | 27,390 |
| Saver Account | 504,534 | - |
| Fulbright Professional Fund | 498,668 | - |
| Indigenous Endowment | 993,267 | - |
| | 13,137,155 | 11,399,200 |

It should be noted that \$24,194 of the above investments are currently invested in two managed funds which are frozen. Capital is being returned to investors by the Responsible Entities as and when they are able to sell assets in their portfolio. Therefore these funds are restricted and the Commission cannot sell these managed funds and access this cash if desired.

| | | |
|--|----------------|----------|
| NOTE 5: TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES | | |
| Trade Debtors | 355,615 | - |
| Other Debtors | 37,643 | - |
| | 393,258 | - |



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2014

| | 2014 \$ | 2013 \$ |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|------------|
| NOTE 6: OTHER CURRENT ASSETS | | |
| GST Receivable from ATO | 20,202 | 12,931 |
| Prepayments | 48,730 | 53,173 |
| | 68,932 | 66,104 |

| | | |
|---|----------------|---------|
| NOTE 7: TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES | | |
| Trade payables | 21,924 | - |
| Funds held on behalf of AFAA | 92,976 | 90,652 |
| Funding received in advance | 436,161 | 544,399 |
| EAP Fulbright travel program | 18,035 | 6,904 |
| Accrued expenses | 12,500 | 31,735 |
| Employee salary sacrifice | 871 | 912 |
| Annual leave payable | 38,113 | 25,635 |
| St George credit card | 3,919 | - |
| | 624,499 | 700,237 |

| | | |
|---|------------------|-----------|
| NOTE 8: PROVISION FOR UNPAID PROGRAM COSTS | | |
| Provision for unpaid program costs | 1,445,063 | 1,036,349 |

| | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|-------|
| NOTE 9: EMPLOYEE PROVISIONS | | |
| Long service leave provision | 9,073 | 5,193 |

| | 2014 \$ | 2013 \$ |
|--|--------------------|------------|
| NOTE 10: RESERVES AND ACCUMULATED FUNDS | | |
| <i>Wexler reserve</i> | | |
| Balance 1 January | 4,700,000 | 4,700,000 |
| Transfer to Scholarship Endowments Reserve | (4,700,000) | - |
| Balance at end of the period | - | 4,700,000 |
| <i>General reserve</i> | | |
| Balance 1 January | 400,813 | 400,813 |
| Transfer to Scholarship Endowments Reserve | (400,813) | - |
| Balance at end of the period | - | 400,813 |
| <i>Scholarship Endowments Reserve</i> | | |
| Transferred from Retained Earnings | 4,825,110 | 139,630 |
| Transferred from Wexler Reserve | 4,700,000 | (58,521) |
| Transferred from General Reserve | 400,813 | (81,109) |
| Balance at end of the period | 9,925,923 | - |
| <i>Fulbright Scholar Funds Reserve</i> | | |
| Balance 1 January | - | - |
| Transferred from Retained Earnings | 498,668 | - |
| Balance at end of the period | 498,668 | - |
| <i>Relocation Reserve</i> | | |
| Balance 1 January | - | - |
| Transferred from Retained Earnings | 50,000 | - |
| Balance at end of the period | 50,000 | - |
| Total Reserves | 10,474,591 | 5,100,813 |

NOTE 11: EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

There were no events subsequent to 30 September 2014 and prior to the adoptions of these financial statements which, in the opinion of the Board, need to be included in these financial statements.

NOTE 12: ENTITY DETAILS

The registered office and principal place of business is: Australian-American Fulbright Commission
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CERTIFICATE BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

We, Professor Don DeBats and Mr Paul Houge, being members of the Board of Australian-American Fulbright Commission, certify that the annual financial statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of Australian-American Fulbright Commission during and at the end of the financial period of the Commission ending on 30 September 2014.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the members of the Board.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Donal a DBats".

Professor Don DeBats
Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Paul Houge".

Mr Paul Houge
Treasurer

Canberra
Dated this 20th day of November 2014

2014 Presentation Dinner Sponsors



PLATINUM SPONSOR

Kansas State University is poised to become a Top 50 U.S. public research university by 2025. The university was founded in 1863 amidst the American Civil War as the first operational land-grant university in the United States. Kansas State University has campuses in the Kansas cities of Manhattan, Salina and Olathe and research and extension operations in all of the state's 105 counties.

More than 24,000 students from 50 American states and more than 90 countries attend Kansas State University. Students choose from more than 250 majors and options in nine colleges including Agriculture; Architecture, Planning and Design; Arts and Sciences; Business Administration; Education; Engineering; Human Ecology; Technology and Aviation; and Veterinary Medicine. The Graduate School offers 107 academic programs.

Kansas State University is pleased to be the first U.S. university to host a Fulbright Distinguished Chair and a dedicated Fulbright Senior Scholar position for visiting Australian academics.



SILVER SPONSOR

The Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO) is Australia's second largest publicly funded research agency. It aims to be a world leader in defence science and technology and to be indispensable in supporting and transforming Australia's defence and national security.

As a part of the Department of Defence, DSTO supports Australia's defence and national security needs under the leadership of the Chief Defence Scientist. DSTO delivers expert, impartial advice and innovative solutions for Defence and national security.

DSTO employs 2400 people, predominantly scientists, engineers, technicians and IT specialists.

DSTO leverages its relationship with the broader scientific community and actively engages with industry and academia to meet the needs of Defence and national security.

Headquartered in Canberra, DSTO has research facilities in Melbourne, Adelaide, Canberra, Brisbane, Sydney, HMAS Stirling near Perth, Scottsdale in Tasmania, and Innisfail in northern Queensland.



Queensland University of Technology

PLATINUM SPONSOR

QUT is a leading Australian university with a global reputation, based on real-world learning experiences and high-impact research. QUT graduates are among the most employable in Australia and include six Rhodes Scholars and 11 Fulbright Scholars. With more than 44,000 students, QUT was ranked as Australia's top university under 50 years old in the 2013 Times Higher Education Top 100 Under 50 rankings.

QUT teachers consistently dominate national academic teaching grants and awards and helped earn QUT a global five-star rating in the 2013 QS Stars university ratings. QUT's strong research reputation is characterised by links with industry, professions and the community, with 85 per cent of QUT's research effort ranked world standard or above (Australian Government 2012 ERA). About 20 per cent of students are studying at postgraduate level, and 16 per cent come from overseas. Staff and students have access to latest technology and new, world-class facilities and infrastructure.



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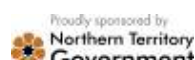


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