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Mr Jason Hyland, Dr Tangerine Holt and Professor Steven Schwartz, centre, with the Australian Scholars.

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Welcome to the 2012 Fulbright and Anne Wexler Australian Scholars

Twenty-six Fulbright and Anne Wexler Australian Scholars for 2012 were introduced to the Fulbright community at a gala dinner in Sydney at the spectacular Ivy Room, ivy in George Street, on March 15.

About 290 guests attended the event, which was co-hosted by Fulbright Commission Board Chair Professor Steven Schwartz, VC and President of Macquarie University.

Special guests included Senator Chris Evans, Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Science and Research; Mr Jason Hyland, Chargé D’Affaires, U.S. Embassy;

Ms Gabrielle Upton, Parliamentary Secretary for Tertiary Education and Skills, NSW Government; and Fulbright Alumnus His Excellency Ambassador Nasir Andisha from Afghanistan. They were joined by Fulbright Commission Board and selection committee members, sponsors, Fulbright Alumni, government and university representatives, professional contacts and the families and friends of the new Scholars.

Professor Steven Schwartz was the master of ceremonies of the event.

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Senator Chris Evans speaking at the dinner

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ED's update

The first three months of this year have been very busy and productive, culminating in the Orientation Program and Presentation Dinner for the 2012 Fulbright and Anne Wexler Australian Scholars in Sydney.

Running alongside the arrangements for this we have had the selection of the 2012 U.S. Scholars to Australia, the development and implementation of strategies relating to Alumni engagement, and information technology and communications infrastructure development.

The 2012 Fulbright Dinner was held at the magnificent Ivy Room in Sydney. Professor Steven Schwartz did an exemplary job as MC and co-host for the event, and the Commission sincerely appreciates his leadership and the contribution by the Macquarie University staff. We are also very grateful to Senator Evans, Mr Hyland Ms Upton, Ambassador Andisha and guitarist Dr Paget for attending and making this event so special for our Scholars, Alumni and guests.

We have refreshed the Fulbright brand with vibrant colours of green, gold and tangerine. You will have noticed these colours in our latest Annual Report and this newsletter. Our new Fulbright website will go live in the very near future with a more modern look and feel. The website will serve as a front-end to supporting all of our activities into a new database with enhanced customer relationship management capabilities and this will make us more efficient at communicating with all of our stakeholders.

We are also implementing a Fulbright Alumni engagement strategy to increase our engagement and outreach by highlighting Fulbright Alumni experiences and achievements and future networking opportunities. Fulbright Alumni will have a greater profile on the new Fulbright website and in our publications. Our aim is to develop sustainable partnerships between all Alumni, AFAA and the Commission to ensure effective ongoing outreach and engagement.

Post-orientation we are organizing Fulbright state receptions, which give us the opportunity to celebrate our Scholars' success with a wide range of our stakeholders across Australia. I would like to express our appreciation to all of our hosts for these events. On 30 March 2012 the Office of Minister O'Byrne, Economic Development, Tourism and the Arts, Tasmanian Government hosted a reception which brought together the Tasmanian Government, the University of Tasmania, the U.S. Embassy, the Tasmanian Alumni Chapter and the Commission. The speeches were inspirational and the support of all stakeholders was evident.

I also attended the Fulbright Executive Directors conference in Manila in March 2012. It was a powerhouse of knowledge exchange on operational and strategic issues and how these can be translated within our local context.

We have commenced arrangements for the next Fulbright Presentation Dinner – I am pleased to let you know that it will be held in Canberra on March 21, 2013 at Parliament House. The event has been chosen to coincide with the Centenary of Canberra.

Tangerine Holt

Dr Tangerine Holt,
Executive Director
Australian-American Fulbright
Commission

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Senator Evans congratulated the Scholars on "a great achievement that will result not only in a fantastic personal experience, but also significant benefits to the Australian knowledge economy".

"Fulbright generates deep and lasting academic and professional exchanges between the U.S. and Australia," Senator Evans said.

Mr Hyland said that the Fulbright Program helps to change the world for the better.

"The Fulbright program is fundamentally about empowering individuals to be the best they can and encouraging them to give back to their communities, their nations, their world."

Ambassador Andisha gave a wonderful insight into how programs such as Fulbright and AusAID help to build the capacity of government and civil society in Afghanistan.

The Scholars were announced by Dr Tangerine Holt, Executive Director of the Fulbright Commission.

After the presentation to the Scholars, Fulbright Alumnus Dr Jonathan Paget gave a wonderful guitar performance and 2012 Fulbright Scholar, Ms Laura Crommelin, responded on behalf of all the Scholars.

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



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Tasmanian state reception

More than 40 people attended the Fulbright Tasmanian reception held at Parliament House in Hobart on March 30, which was hosted by the Tasmanian Government through the Department of Economic Development, Tourism and the Arts.

Tasmanian Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, David O'Byrne, said it was a chance to honour some of the state's finest scholars, who had secured significant opportunities as recipients of this year's Fulbright Scholarship.

Mr O'Byrne said the Tasmanian Government is equally proud to be a co-sponsor of the Fulbright Tasmania Scholarship with the University of Tasmania (UTAS) because it is about investing in the future.

Through this co-sponsorship, Dr Jessica Walker, from UTAS, received this year's Fulbright Tasmania Scholarship. While Dr Sue Baker, also from UTAS, received a Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarship.

Consul General Frank Urbancic Jr. congratulated the Tasmanian Government for its support of the annual scholarship, which set a model for other state governments, universities and sponsors.



From left: Fulbright Commission Executive Director Dr Tangerine Holt; Professor Paddy Nixon, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research, UTAS; Dr Sue Baker, 2012 Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholar; Professor Peter Rathjen, VC, UTAS; Professor David Saddler, DVC, Students and Education, UTAS; Mr David O'Byrne, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Tasmania; Dr Jessica Walker, 2012 Fulbright Tasmania Scholar; and Mr Frank Urbancic Jr, U.S. Consul General, Melbourne, at the reception.

Photo: Tahnia Creedon

Fulbright Alumni news



The Fulbright Commission has a new Alumni Officer, Mr James Sheeran, who is working with Ms Lyndell Wilson. James has provided the following report on recent activities:

On the Alumni front the past few months have been a very busy time indeed at the Commission. We have been working on a number of key initiatives focusing on Alumni engagement.

On the afternoon before and the morning after the Annual Fulbright Presentation Dinner in Sydney we had 25 Alumni participate in video interviews which will be used to highlight the impact of being a Fulbright Scholar on the recipients' lives.

As part of our ongoing outreach we have developed a new brochure featuring Alumni achievements to showcase to future applicants, Scholars, Alumni, partners and sponsors at Fulbright events.

At the Tasmanian state reception, Mr Frank Ubancic Jr., U.S. Consul General, Melbourne recognised Fulbright Alumni whose scholarships preceded 2001 by presenting them with Fulbright pins.

Keep an eye out for our new webpage – our aim is to provide an information hub for all Fulbright Alumni which connects us through various mediums - your input and participation are very much appreciated! The video interviews and Alumni profiles will be a key new feature of our enhanced online presence.

These and other initiatives are part of the Commission's broader Alumni engagement strategy to be on the forefront to engage with all Alumni. The AFAA and the Fulbright Commission are dedicated to serving Fulbright Alumni. If we can help in any way please contact us by calling (02) 6260 4460 or email us at alumni@fulbright.com.au.

Alumni search in Kent Town

Prince Alfred College in Kent Town, South Australia, is looking for any of their Alumni who have subsequently received Fulbright Scholarships as they would like to recognise them on an honour board.

If you are a Fulbright Scholar or Alumnus and attended Prince Alfred College please contact Dr Brett Gooden by phone on 0411 117 935 or email bagooden@bigpond.net.au.

New AFAA President's message

Queensland based Fulbright Alumnus, Mr John Swinson (1990 Fulbright Australian Scholar), was elected as President of the Australian Fulbright Alumni Association (AFAA) at the AGM in March.

"It has been a great pleasure for me to take up the position of President of the AFAA. Since I was on my Fulbright Scholarship in 1990/91, Fulbright has been very close to my heart and I think that it is important for Fulbright Scholars to give back to the program where possible. In addition to being a community through which Fulbright Alumni can continue the journey of academic and professional development begun on their Fulbright programs, I also see the role of the AFAA as providing a platform for past scholars to promote the Fulbright program and to assist the scholars of today and tomorrow.

I would like to welcome Nyrie Palmer and Eliza Matthews, the AFAA National Executive's new Vice President and Secretary respectively. The AFAA team will be focusing our efforts on working with the Commission to improve the opportunities for Alumni engagement, and to allow all Alumni, regardless of geographical location, field of study or age, to share the experiences, passions and rewards of the Fulbright program with Fulbright Scholars past, present and future."

2012 Fulbright and Anne Wexler Australian Scholars

Senior Scholars



Dr Richard Collins
Fulbright Scholar in Nuclear Science and Technology sponsored by ANSTO
University of New South Wales, Environmental Sciences. To build skills in computational modelling to help make the uranium mining industry more efficient, at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.



Professor Michael Douglas
Fulbright Northern Territory Scholar sponsored by the NT Government, Charles Darwin University (CDU) and Blackboard (Australia)
CDU, Environmental Sciences. Collaborate with world-leading U.S. researchers to establish a shared understanding of integrated catchment management between Australia and the U.S. and develop a new research framework for river and coastal management in northern Australia, at University of Maryland and Oregon State University.



Professor Alex Loukas
Fulbright Senior Scholar
James Cook University, Public/Global Health. To further a research collaboration into antigens that could potentially be used for a hookworm vaccine, at University of California – Irvine.



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

Professional Scholars



Dr Richard Adams
Fulbright Professional Scholar
Royal Australian Navy, Philosophy. Examine expectations in military doctrine that soldiers subjugate their will to command. His research aims to find a basis to shape a more balanced and morally sophisticated military doctrine, at Yale University.



Dr Anthony Bell
Fulbright Professional Business/Industry (Coral Sea) Scholar
Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Medical Sciences. Researching Emergency Department (ED) management to create an evidence based workforce decision support tool to help improve performance management, host TBC.



Mr Andrew Blyth
Fulbright Professional Australia-U.S. Alliance Studies Scholar sponsored by DFAT.
hartley blyth and associates, Energy Policy. To conduct research into market and policy incentives that will actively drive private sector investment in sustainable energy development to reduce energy poverty levels, at University of Texas-Austin.



Dr Caroline Smith
Fulbright Professional Scholar in Vocational Education and Training sponsored by DIISRTE
Skills Australia, Business Administration. To examine the role of regional partnerships for vocational education and training and workforce development, at Rutgers University, New Jersey.

Postdoctoral Scholars



Dr Sue Baker
Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholar
University of Tasmania, Environmental Sciences. To go to the University of Washington and the Washington State Department of Natural Resources to critically assess the role of retention forestry practices in facilitating the re-establishment of mature-forest biodiversity in logged areas.



Dr Michael Findlay
Fulbright Victoria Scholar sponsored by the Victorian Government and universities
Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne, Medical Sciences. To go to Stanford University to examine, for the first time, gene expression profiles of individual stem cells during tissue engineered breast reconstruction, providing the foundation for human trials.



Dr Mark McHenry
Fulbright WA Scholar supported by the WA Government, universities, companies and donors.
Murdoch University, Technology Transfer. To go to Sandia National Laboratories to conduct research into waste energy, carbon, and water systems for inland industrial process mitigation.



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

Postdoctoral Scholars



Dr Stephanie Reuter Lange
Fulbright South Australia Scholar sponsored by the SA Government and universities

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



Dr Jessica Walker
Fulbright Tasmania Scholar sponsored by the Tasmanian Government and UTAS

UTAS, Engineering. To go to the United States Naval Academy Annapolis to undertake research into possible performance issues with the renewable energy technology, tidal power.

International Science and Technology Scholar



Ms Amanda Franklin
International Fulbright Science & Technology Scholar

The University of Melbourne, Zoology. To undertake PhD research in animal behavior, in particular, aspects of sexual selection in an aquatic species.

Postgraduate Scholars



Mr Richard Blackwell
Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar

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



Ms Laura Crommelin
Fulbright NSW Scholar sponsored by the NSW Government and NSW universities

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



Dr Kathryn Field
Fulbright Alumni (WG Walker) Scholar, supported by donations from the AFAA

The Royal Melbourne Hospital, Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research, Public Health. To undertake Masters of Science research focusing on biostatistics, clinical epidemiology, health services research, research design and data analysis.



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

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



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

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



Dr Hamish Graham
Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar

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



Mr Dominick Ng
Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar

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



Ms Katherine Truss
Fulbright Queensland Scholar sponsored by the Qld Government and Qld based universities

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



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

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



Ms Celia Winnett
Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar

ANU, Law. To undertake a Master of Laws to examine aspects of the American Constitution that have useful parallels in the Australian constitutional setting, focusing on the protection of civil liberties.



Ms Eleanor Wood
Anne Wexler Australian Scholar

The Australian Energy Market Operator, Engineering. To undertake Master of Public Policy research examining the development of a sustainable energy system for Australia's future, through industry leadership, at Harvard University.



Photo: Reuben Finighan at the Presentation Dinner with Christine Finighan, Justin Finighan, Julia Freidgeim, and Emmelina Finighan.

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Climate Change Scholar is Harvard bound

Accelerating energy technology innovation, in the context of issues such as climate change is the focus of the inaugural Fulbright Australian Climate Change and Clean Energy Scholar, Mr Reuben Finighan, Research and Project Manager with the Climate Group in Melbourne.

The Scholarship is jointly sponsored by the U.S. Government and the Australian Government, through the Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education.

The Fulbright will take Reuben to Harvard University for two years to undertake a Masters in Public Policy. He also won a prestigious Frank Knox Memorial Fellowship. "Our energy system is intimately tied to the great challenges that loom large this century: the environmental (climate change); economic (peaking oil); security (international conflict); and humanitarian (energy poverty). Market failures of such diversity and magnitude demand public policy solutions of matching sophistication and scale," Reuben said.

Accelerating energy sector innovation is key to addressing the issue, according to Reuben. He aims to become a leader in the design and development of effective policies and institutions to achieve this goal.

Building better energy frameworks: Fulbright DFAT Scholar

Sustainable energy development is also the focus of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade sponsored Scholar, Mr Andrew Blyth, Principal, hartley blyth & associates. Mr Blyth is the 2012 Fulbright Professional Scholar in Australia-U.S. Alliance Studies.

Through his Fulbright Andrew will spend four months at the University of Texas-Austin researching market and policy incentives that will actively drive private sector investment in sustainable energy development and reducing energy poverty levels.

"The issue of third world poverty is a challenge for nation-states as it bears upon national security and contributes significantly to the rise of conflict and instability. Climate change, fragile states and the impacts of natural disasters pose additional threats to any potential progress in alleviating this problem," Andrew said.

Andrew said that addressing this inequity requires international recognition that the projected rise in people enduring energy poverty is intolerable and that a new financial, institutional, and technological framework is required.

Andrew aims to produce a research paper that will promote discussion and add to the current global energy policy debate, particularly in Australia and the United States.



Photo: Andrew Blyth and Ms Elizabeth Schick, Assistant Secretary, United States Branch, Americas and Africa Division, DFAT, and Commission Board Member.

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Dr Tangerine Holt with Professor Marjorie Zatz at the Presentation Dinner.

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Postcards from the Senior Specialist Program

The Fulbright Senior Specialist Program (FSSP) involves a U.S. specialist undertaking a 2-6 week visit to an Australian institution or institutions with the purpose of exchanging expertise, facilitating curriculum and faculty development and developing educational linkages between Australia and the U.S. Here are some recent FSSP experiences:

Professor Marjorie Zatz, Arizona State University

"My month as a Fulbright Senior Specialist was tremendously rewarding, both personally and professionally. During the first two weeks I consulted with colleagues in the School of Political and Social Inquiry at Monash University regarding a number of programmatic initiatives, presented the inaugural Criminological Horizons lecture on immigration policy, taught a Criminology master class on gender and juvenile justice, and participated in a workshop on immigration and border deaths. I then moved to the School of Graduate Research at RMIT where I presented seven professional development workshops to academic staff and graduate students university-wide. My Australian colleagues and I agree that the Senior Specialist position has provided us with tremendous opportunities to build and strengthen collaborations, develop future forms of scholarly engagements, and create lasting friendships."

Professor James Robertson, University of Canberra (UC) hosted Professor Mark McCoy from the University of Central Oklahoma. Professor McCoy also visited the University of South Australia and the forensic group of the Australian Federal Police.

"UC was delighted to have Associate Professor Mark McCoy visit in March 2012 as a Fulbright Senior Specialist. The focus of his work was to advise UC on the development of curriculum for digital or computer forensic courses which would meet the needs of industry. Mark was able to bring his unique experience as a former law enforcement officer turned academic to helping the Information Sciences and Engineering Faculty staff at UC develop course structures and act as a catalyst to really energize these developments. From a UC perspective Mark's visit was a great success and we have benefited enormously from his insights, experience and knowledge."

Fulbright remembers



**Rt Hon. Sir Zelman
Cowen AK, GCMG,
GCVO, QC**

It was with enormous sadness that the Australian-American Fulbright Commission noted the passing of one of its most prominent Alumni, Sir Zelman Cowen.

Sir Zelman Cowen was former Governor-General of Australia and long-serving Patron of the Australian Fulbright Association.

Sir Zelman lived an exemplary life, with an outstanding academic career and a distinguished international reputation. In a similar vein to Fulbright Program founder Senator J. William Fulbright, Sir Zelman was the Victorian Rhodes Scholar in 1940 and went to Oxford in 1945 after four years in the Australian Navy.

Sir Zelman undertook his Fulbright Scholarship in 1953 and went to Harvard University Law School as a visiting professor. Upon his return, he became Dean of the Law Faculty at the University of Melbourne, in 1966 he became Vice-Chancellor of the University of New England in Armidale and four years later Vice-Chancellor of the University of Queensland. He was Governor-General of Australia for five years from 1977.

His association with the U.S. continued long after his return to Australia. He was a visiting professor again at Harvard and the universities of Illinois, Utah, Washington, St. Louis and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. He also gave lectures at a number of American universities. He was also made a foreign honorary member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

In a previous edition of *The Fulbrighter*: Vol 2. No 2 June 1989, Sir Zelman was reported as saying that his year as a Fulbright Senior Scholar at Harvard Law School was "very beneficial and one of the most valuable experiences of my life". He wrote that the Fulbright scheme was "an outstanding act of international statesmanship because it provides a unique opportunity for non-Americans to form an intelligent appreciation of the United States, and for Americans to develop a better understanding of the rest of the world".

He accepted the role as Patron of the Australia Fulbright Alumni Association in 1989, a role that he maintained until his death in December 2011. The Fulbright Commission and Alumni Association have greatly appreciated his support through the years.



Dr Jack Harley Noon

Born in the Australian outback, Jack initially studied under the tutelage of his father, but went on to win scholarships to board at Ipswich Grammar School in Queensland and later at King's College, University of Queensland. He studied as a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Rochester in New York, U.S. where he received a PhD in physics in 1954. Jack then became a senior lecturer at the University of Queensland until 1966, when he moved back to New York to be a plasma physics professor at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

In 1971, Jack was hired as the chairman of the physics department at Florida Technological University (now University of Central Florida) in Orlando, Florida. After a research sabbatical at the Rochester Institute of Optics, he helped develop a graduate program in physics at UCF. A UCF Center for Research in Electro-optics and Lasers (CREOL) was created, and has since acquired millions of dollars in research funding. Although he retired in 1989, he continued teaching there for another 20 years.

He was a Reviewer for the National Science Foundation, listed in Who's Who in America, with memberships in both Australian and American Physics Societies, American Association of Physics Teachers, Sigma Xi, and Florida Academy of Science. He had 47 papers published in refereed scientific journals, 22 published abstracts of papers presented at scientific meetings, and two published physics books.

He was a devoted husband and father who enjoyed life to the fullest. He was a lifelong Methodist, an accomplished whistler, an avid reader, golfer, bowler, card player, and square dancer.

Jack would bring a smile to your face by being the official "hug collector" wherever he went and by answering the phone with a cheery "hallooo". Renowned for wearing bowties, he will be missed by many but will undoubtedly live on in their hearts for many years to come.

He is survived by his wife, two sons and two granddaughters in America, and by two sisters in Australia.

Professor Peter L Colville AM

Australia, Postgraduate, 1954, medicine from the Victorian Department of Health, to Harvard University. Died November 2011.

Dr Kenneth Cornelius

United States, Postgraduate, 1964 in geology from the Arizona State University to the University of Queensland. Died 20 January 2012.

The Right Honourable Sir Zelman Cowen AK

GCMG, GCVO, QC, Australia, Senior Scholar, 1953. Law, from the University of Melbourne to Harvard University. Died 8 December 2011.

Mr Geoffrey W Falkenmire

Australia, Teacher Exchange, 1954, education, Neutral Bay Boys' Primary School to E.C. Hughes School. Died 24 January 2012.

Dr Jack Harley Noon

Australia, Postgraduate, 1951, physics, from the University of Queensland to the University of Rochester. Died 21 November 2011.

Professor Emeritus Oscar Miller Jr.

United States, Senior Scholar, Molecular Cytogenetics University of Virginia to CSIRO. Died 2 February 2012.

