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U.S. Scholars with Mr Dan Clune and Dr Joe Hlubucek at the U.S. Embassy residence.

## Enrichment brings U.S. Scholars together

Observing Question Time at Parliament House and afternoon tea at the U.S. Embassy residence as the guests of Chargé d’Affaires a.i., Mr Daniel Clune, were highlights of this year’s enrichment program.

The program was held in September 2009 to welcome the U.S. Scholars to Australia.

Nineteen U.S. Scholars came to Canberra for the event hosted by the Fulbright Commission. A mix of newly arrived 2009 Scholars, and later arrivals from 2008 attended the two day program.

The enrichment program is designed to give U.S. Scholars an introduction to Canberra and Australia, an understanding of the opportunities and responsibilities

of a Fulbright Scholar, and enables them to meet each other and the Fulbright community.

The program included briefings about the Fulbright experience, working with the media, the Alumni Association, Scholar responsibilities and U.S. Embassy support.

A visit to Parliament House followed to observe Question Time in action and then the Scholars enjoyed a behind-the-scenes tour of the building.

The annual enrichment dinner was held at Old Parliament House when the Scholars were presented with Fulbright certificates signed by the Prime Minister and the U.S. Chargé d’Affaires.

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### The Australian-American Fulbright Program celebrates 60 years

On 26 November 1949 the Treaty establishing the Australian-American Fulbright Program was signed between the U.S. and Australia. It is the first treaty signed between our two countries and has led to more than 4,500 Australian and American Scholarships. The Australian-American Fulbright Commission is recognising the 60th anniversary with a number of special events in the U.S. and Australia. The first U.S. events are described in this Newsletter.

The anniversary events include a special media event at Old Parliament House on 26 November 2009 to mark the actual 60th anniversary date. The Alumni

Chapters are also planning to promote awareness of the Fulbright program with presentations on their Fulbright experiences to local schools and community groups. The Commission is also collaborating with the U.S. Embassy on a video of interviews with a number of Alumni and Scholars.

*Fulbright Reflections*, a commemorative booklet has also been produced from generous contributions of stories and pictures about Fulbright experiences from Alumni and Scholars to provide an overview of the rich history and achievements from the last sixty years.



## ED's Update

This month we celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Australian-American Fulbright Program.

We have planned 12 months of events to highlight the achievements of the Scholars, and to growing the Fulbright program for the future.

It was a pleasure to work with our colleagues at the Embassy of Australia in Washington this October to hold a Colloquium and Dinner to commence the 60th Anniversary celebrations, on 9 October 2009. The Colloquium was held at the Embassy, and the Dinner at the spectacular Katzen Center at American University.

The Commission is very grateful for the support of many to make a success of the above events. They include Ambassador Dennis Richardson; Chargé d'Affaires David Stuart; John Hayton, Counsellor (Education), and his staff in the Australian Education Office at the Australian Embassy, for their generous support from an early stage. In addition we would like to thank Alumnus, Dr Kristofer Helgen, for the wonderful behind-the-scenes tour of the Smithsonian, and Rosie Schmedding and Kate Lyall with the Commission office in Canberra for detailed arrangements.

We had around 40 Alumni and Scholars at the Colloquium and Dinner, and it was wonderful to get the opportunity to meet with them. It was also a pleasure to meet the 15 Alumni and Scholars who came to the following dinner that we organised in Boston.

Over the next few months there will be receptions and dinners around Australia celebrating the anniversary and I look forward to meeting Scholars and Alumni as events unfold.

We have also produced the *Fulbright Reflections* booklet, which is enclosed with this newsletter. Thank you to everyone who sent in items for this production, we greatly appreciated your input. We had more than we could use in the booklet, and will use other images and stories on the website. We would be pleased to include additional contributions of stories and pictures.

At the same time our regular events are proceeding. In September, we had the annual Enrichment Program in Canberra to welcome the U.S. Scholars. This was a great opportunity to meet the U.S. Scholars and to hear about the very interesting projects that they are working on while in Australia.

Arrangements for the 2010 Presentation Dinner for the Australian Fulbright Scholars are underway. As previously mentioned, the event will be held on Thursday 18 March at the National Gallery of Victoria. We hope to see you there.

**Joe Hlubucek** Executive Director



Mr Dan Clune and U.S. Scholars at the U.S. Embassy Residence.

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Scholars also met with government representatives, university executives, Selection Committee members, and Fulbright Alumni, Board Members and staff, and the event gave them the opportunity to share and celebrate their success.

Participants said that they found the enrichment program to be useful and enjoyable.

Elizabeth Webb, a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Queensland, said that the seminars were informative and provided a wonderful prologue to her experience in Australia.

"The opportunity to meet all of the U.S. Scholars currently in the country was invaluable as I now have friends and contacts in every major city. Moreover, their advice helped me avoid a number of common SNAFUs as I began to get settled in Brisbane."

## Fulbright Alumni invited to stay in touch

The Embassy of the United States in Australia provides ways for Fulbright Alumni to stay in touch with American issues.

All Alumni are invited to register with the State Department's Alumni website. State Alumni is an interactive, dynamic, and password-protected global community open exclusively for alumni of U.S. government-sponsored exchange programs. The site allows you to connect with other alumni in Australia or the world, access information on grants and programs available through the Community of Science, and create specialized social networks. To join, please visit <https://alumni.state.gov>, and click on "Join Now" or "Click here to register."

If you have an interest in hearing American speakers in Australia or receiving information

on current topics, the American Embassy in Canberra and consulates in Melbourne, Sydney and Perth invite Fulbright Alumni to register with them as well. The Embassy and consulates regularly sponsor American speakers, films or special events and distribute information on new resources from private and U.S. government journals.

If you are already receiving notices from the Embassy or consulates, then you are registered. If not, you are encouraged to register with the embassy or consulate nearest you.

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Harriet Fulbright with Senator Kim Carr.



The dinner at the Katzen Center.



Top: Australian Scholar Catherine Gregory plays the flute Bottom: The audience at the Colloquium

## Fulbright Anniversary events in the U.S. in October 2009

The Australian-American Fulbright Commission worked with the Australian Embassy in Washington D.C. and Australian Education International (AEI) to hold a Fulbright Colloquium and Dinner to start a year of 60th anniversary celebrations.

### Colloquium connects Fulbright Scholars and Alumni

Over forty scholars and alumni attended the Colloquium at the Embassy of Australia in Washington D.C. on 9 October 2009. Ambassador Tom Pickering (U.S. Postgraduate 1954) and Mrs Harriet Fulbright were distinguished special guests at the Colloquium.

The Colloquium opened with some interesting early observations from Dr Alice Garner, from La Trobe University in Melbourne, on the 60 year history of the Australian-American Fulbright Program from her recently commenced research project. The Colloquium also gave Fulbright Alumni and current Scholars the opportunity to meet and hear about a range of interesting projects ranging across Fulbright experiences in law, music to help autism, sustainability, geophysics and the Clinton Foundation.

The Colloquium was also a memorable opportunity for pre-2000 Alumni to be presented with Fulbright Pins by Mrs Fulbright.

**More details about the Colloquium program at [www.fulbright.com.au](http://www.fulbright.com.au)**

### Fulbright 60th Anniversary dinner

Over 100 guests, including more than 40 Fulbright Alumni and Scholars, gathered at the impressive Katzen Arts Center at American University, Washington D.C., for the Australian-American Fulbright Commission 60th Anniversary Dinner, co-hosted by the Commission and the Australian Embassy, and for a welcome from Mr David Stuart, Chargé d’Affaires a.i., at the Embassy.

Senator the Hon Kim Carr, the Australian Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, gave the keynote address on behalf of the Hon Julia Gillard, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Education, who had to return to Australia at short notice. Senator Carr noted the contributions of the Fulbright program to bilateral and international relations.

Special Australian guests included Mr Chris Hayes MP; Mr Mark Paterson, Secretary, Dept of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research; and Professor Brian Boyle, Director, CSIRO Australia Telescope National Facility.

Ms Alina Romanowski, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Academic Programs, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs U.S. Dept of State, spoke from the U.S. perspective on the significance of the Fulbright program.

Other distinguished US guests included Mrs Harriet Fulbright, Ambassador Tom Pickering, Mrs Anita McBride, Board Member, J.W. Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board; Ms Mary Kirk, Vice President, Student Exchanges, Institute of International Education; Dr Sabine O’Hara, Executive Director, Council for International Exchange of Scholars; and Ms Rosalind Swenson, Director, Academic Exchange Programs, U.S. Dept of State.

Ambassador Tom Pickering provided some insightful observations on the contributions of the Fulbright program. Mrs Fulbright also spoke on related important initiatives through her J. William & Harriet Fulbright Center towards global sustainability and peace.

A highlight of the evening was a masterful solo performance by Ms Catherine Gregory, flautist and Australian 2009 Scholar, now studying at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburg.

The Dinner was a great opportunity for Fulbright Alumni and Scholars to renew and make new friendships and share observations. Professor Kimberly Cook, (U.S. Senior Scholar, 2000) commented that “Attending the anniversary celebration in D.C. was, in itself, another highlight of my Fulbright experience. It reaffirmed all the benefits of being a Fulbright Scholar.”

The events in Washington included a behind-the-scenes tour of the Smithsonian, organised by Alumnus, Dr Kristofer Helgen.

The Executive Director, Dr Joe Hlubucek, also enjoyed meeting a group of 15 Fulbright Alumni and Scholars for an informal dinner and discussion near Harvard Square in Cambridge, Boston.

The Fulbright Commission plans to organise similar events in 2010 at different locations to develop closer ties with our colleagues in the U.S.



## History project update



*La Trobe University researcher, Dr Alice Garner, is researching the history of the Australian Fulbright Program, as part of an Australian Research Council funded project.*

After spending several months poring over early Fulbright program documentation in the Australian National Archives, National Library, and Commission records, in early October I visited the University of Arkansas Special Collections, in Fayetteville.

This is the home of Senator J. William Fulbright's papers, as well as the archives of the State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Exchange. I found many documents of interest, but was also disappointed to find some gaps in the archive. I am particularly keen to locate reports by Australian scholars from the 1950s through to the mid 1970s, which appear to have been lost or destroyed. If you have kept a copy of your report, I encourage you to share it with the project—with anonymity assured unless you indicate otherwise.

In Washington D.C. I gave a presentation on the project at an anniversary colloquium,

alongside Alumni and current Scholars who spoke about their extraordinary Fulbright experiences—from Ambassador Thomas Pickering reminiscing about 1954 counter lunches in Melbourne, to Natalia Galin's explanation of her helicopter radar research in the Antarctic. At dinner, I was introduced to the very impressive Mrs Harriet Fulbright, a driving force behind peace-building initiatives like the Global Symposium of Peaceful Nations.

In the months to come I look forward to interviewing selected Alumni about their experiences, and hearing from many of you in response to surveys we will soon be sending out. Please feel free to contact me if you have any reminiscences, reflections or documents you would like to share.

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## Alumni Initiative Grant

Professor David Sedlak



**Professor David Sedlak (US Senior Scholar, 2003) from the University of California at Berkeley (UC Berkeley) is the winner of the Alumni Initiative Grant for 2009.**

Through his alumni initiative grant, Professor David Sedlak will visit Australia from January to March.

While in Australia, David proposes to establish linkages with the Advanced Water Management Centre at the University of Queensland (UQ) and the Water Research Centre based at University of New South Wales (UNSW) and UQ to identify new ways of providing water to cities in a manner that is safe, reliable and causes minimal environmental impacts.

"Like Australia, the Western United States is trying to balance rapidly growing population, droughts and concerns about energy consumption in the water sector," David said.

To address some of these issues, UC Berkeley is working in partnership

with Stanford University, Colorado School of Mines and New Mexico State University to establish a center of excellence to address issues related to urban water supply and water quality.

"Our water infrastructure is based on technologies that were developed between 50 and 100 years ago. With population pressures and climate change, arid regions like ours can no longer afford to pursue the status quo," David said.

"A partnership between Australian and American researchers has the potential to yield innovative new solutions to these important problems."

David was a Fulbright Senior Scholar based at the University of New South Wales in 2003. Since returning to the U.S., he has maintained contact with colleagues at UNSW and has established links with researchers at UQ.

He says his wife and two children are particularly excited about having a chance to return to Australia to re-establish contacts with friends and explore Brisbane.

### Alumni Initiative Grants

assist Fulbright alumni to continue collaboration and build on relationships with institutions that were initiated during their Fulbright Scholarships.

**2010 applications:  
open: 1 February 2010  
close: 30 April 2010**

**Further Information**  
[www.fulbright.com.au](http://www.fulbright.com.au)

## Fulbright Remembers

Healthcare strategist Martin (Marty) Klein (United States, Postgraduate, 1954) passed away in May 2009 of pancreatic cancer at the age of 76. Marty graduated from Harvard University and came to Australia on his Fulbright Scholarship. He studied economics and public administration at the Australian National University and the University of Melbourne.

Emeritus Professor Ernest S Finckh passed away in September. Professor Finckh from the University of Sydney was a Fulbright Senior Scholar in 1964, and through his scholarship spent time in New York with the Rockefeller Institute.

Judge John Goldring (Australia, Postgraduate, 1968) passed away in October of cancer at the age of 66. He undertook his Fulbright at Columbia University, earning an LLM in 1969 from that university.

# Protecting the poor in the global economy



Professor David Kinley

The issue of how globalisation can and should work to protect human rights for the world's poor is the subject of a new book, *Civilising Globalisation: Human Rights and the Global Economy*, written by Professor David Kinley (Australia, Senior Scholar, 2003).

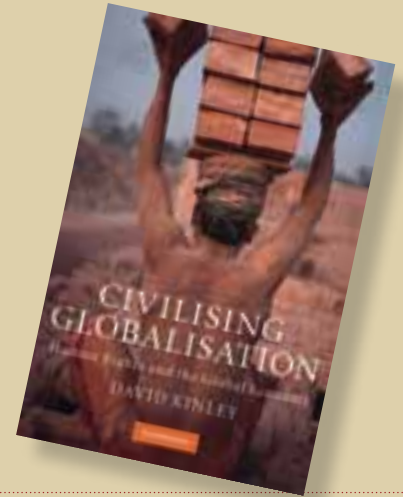
The book, published by Cambridge University Press, explores how globalisation has led to human rights abuses. It also looks at how commerce, trade and aid can work to improve the economic outlook for the poor.

Through the book, Professor Kinley, a Chair in Human Rights Law at the University of Sydney, examines the ethics and legal responsibilities wealthier nations and organisations have to protect human rights and he provides a guideline for this to happen.

"Governments, international finance and multinational corporations must be forced to do more than pay lip-service to their legal and ethical duties to protect human rights," he said.

Professor Kinley received two grants which enabled him to carry out the research for this book: a Fulbright Scholarship and an Australian Research Council grant.

He said that it was through the time, space, opportunities and contacts the Fulbright Scholarship provided, that many parts of the book were made possible.



## Lynette Averill: on "coming alive"

Lynette Averill, U.S. Postgraduate Scholar 2008, has recently returned to the U.S. after her year in Australia on a Fulbright. She reflects on the experience:

My year as a Fulbright Scholar was one of the most amazing experiences of my personal and professional history. It provided not only a chance for me to solidify and consolidate new and already acquired knowledge and skills; collaborate on a range of research projects; and build professional networks and relationships with an outstanding group of people in my field, but also to explore a beautiful country and make wonderful new friends. My husband and I travelled around much of Victoria and were impressed by the immense beauty and diversity of the land. We also made wonderful friends who we have stayed in contact with since returning to the US and are already planning a trip back to Australia and have some friends planning trips to the US. I've also felt profoundly lucky, especially after returning home and learning about the experiences of some foreign Fulbright scholars at my home university that my fellow American scholars studying in Melbourne became a surrogate family to one another. There have already been some beginning discussions about a "2008 Melbourne Fulbright Scholars Reunion."

Since returning home, life has been very busy, but busy with good and exciting things. I have returned to my academic work and have only two classes left to complete my PhD course work. I've been working on

my dissertation, preparing for pre-doctoral comprehensive exams and working on several manuscripts to submit to peer reviewed journals based on my Fulbright work (one is currently submitted and under review). I've returned to work at the Salt Lake Veteran's Affairs Hospital where I am administering neuropsychological assessments to recently returned veterans as well as facilitating a traumatic brain injury (TBI) coping skills group for those who have sustained mild to moderate TBI during their military service.

In October I was elected to serve as a board member for the Utah Fulbright Chapter and have greatly enjoyed being involved with the Fulbright organization at this level. Additionally, I participated as an interviewer for this year's Fulbright applicants at the University of Utah, have given several presentations about my Fulbright experiences on campus and in the community, and have had the opportunity to meet and welcome nearly all of the visiting Fulbright scholars at my university. Additionally, this year I will represent Fulbright at the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies conference in Atlanta, Georgia during an internship and international exchange fair.

I can't begin to describe how being awarded a Fulbright has changed my life for the better. I think the real value of the experience continues to set in as each day passes. I am a very proud Fulbright Alumnus and take any opportunity to share my

experiences and encourage others to apply and seek out similar opportunities. I began my Fulbright application with a quote by Howard Thurman, an American writer, philosopher, educator and civil rights leader, "Don't ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive and go and do that. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive." I think for many of us, certainly for me, my experiences as a Fulbright scholar provided me an opportunity to do just that, to truly "come alive."



## Long-term collaboration from Fulbright Research



Dr Greg Pottie at the Twelve Apostles in Victoria

Two grant proposals, one which will possibly mean a new joint project between the University of Sydney and UCLA, have come out of a Fulbright visit.

U.S. Senior Scholar Dr Greg Pottie arrived in Australia at the end of June for four months on a Senior Scholarship at the University of Sydney.

His project examined basic questions of sensor network technology, determining the number and types of nodes that are put together to efficiently perform an intended function.

“New sensing technologies under development at my home institution of UCLA will enable low-cost monitoring of patients both in the clinic and between clinical visits. However, there are significant questions in how to model the data and what categories can be distinguished with a given sensor configuration,” Greg said.

Greg spent the first two months of his visit critically reading papers and textbooks with the view to applying machine learning to the systematic study of human motions, for purposes of various medical applications. The major focus of the last half of his visit was looking at the set of experiments

researchers should pursue to get the most efficient results. This research has led to a grant proposal to the U.S. National Science Foundation.

“Through weekly teleconferences with colleagues back at UCLA, it appears that we are set for a long-term collaboration with the University of Sydney,” he said.

A secondary focus has been to re-consider the communications paradigm in terms of machine learning.

“In particular, I have examined the structure of communication signals in wireless networks, and how protocols serve the role of easing the difficulty of classification in the presence of interference. This has also led to a grant proposal.”

Greg has now returned to the U.S.

## Camilla Whittington: in search of new toxins



Camilla in front of the Capitol building in Washington D.C.

*Camilla Whittington is an Australian Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar, currently in the U.S. She will be there for a year to study the genetic components of mammalian venom. She shares with us her impressions from her first three months.*

I arrived at the Genome Center at Washington University in St Louis in July, and since then time has flown. I was very pleased to have the opportunity to present at the International Conference of the Wildlife Disease Association in Blaine WA, shortly after my arrival.

This was a fantastic way to begin my Fulbright experience, as I met colleagues and future collaborators from all over America and learnt about the diversity of wildlife research in the US.

Another highlight has been attending the events for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission in Washington DC, where we were able to reconnect with current Fulbright Scholars and Alumni and hear about the rich history of the Fulbright program.

Back home in St Louis, I started out with a crash course in computer commands, which, coming from a biology background, I found quite challenging! These skills will allow me to manipulate the vast amount of data that I will be generating when I sequence the genes expressed in the venom glands of the platypus and shrew.

I have access to amazing facilities and cutting-edge genome sequencing technologies here, which are on a completely different scale to what is available in Australia. I am also working with leading scientists in the field, which is very inspiring.

I’m excited to soon begin the generation and analysis of my data, and I’m hopeful that I’ll discover novel mammalian venom toxins that may be useful for drug development in the future.



Pamela McGaha with host Brigadier Bruce C. Cook, Director General Reserves-Army, at the Enrichment Dinner.

## U.S. Scholar studies the role of the Army Reserve

*Pam McGaha (U.S. Postgraduate, 2009) is a business consultant and Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army National Guard. She recently arrived in Australia to conduct a comparative study of the Australian Army Reserve and the U.S. Army National Guard.*

“When I proposed the study, I had hoped to bring Reservists’ contributions to the forefront and candidly discuss their future roles. And, from the start, the interest and support across the Australian Defence Force has been remarkable,” LTC McGaha said.

“This is an organization looking towards the future, committed to open dialogue and constant improvement, and I feel very privileged to have been warmly included in their team. Undoubtedly, the Fulbright selection of this project will help spotlight Reservists’ commitment and their future role in Australia’s national security.”



## 2009 Fulbright Symposium examines the U.S.-Australia Free Trade Agreement

Growing the trade relationship between the U.S. and Australia was a key benefit of the U.S. Australia Free Trade Agreement, (AUSFTA) according to the Hon. Mark Vaile, former Deputy Prime Minister & Minister for Trade and Mr Stephen Deady, formally of DFAT, both key negotiators of AUSFTA.

Mr Vaile said the agreement was “probably the most important trade or foreign policy achievement of the Howard Government” and one that would have been difficult to achieve in the current global economic climate.

Mr Vaile and Stephen Deady spoke at the 2009 Fulbright Symposium, held on 24-25 August, 2009, at Old Parliament House in Canberra. Professor Paul Greenfield, Vice-Chancellor of The University of Queensland (UQ) and Mr Daniel Clune, Chargé d’Affaires at the United States Embassy opened the Symposium.

The Symposium, was hosted by the TC Beirne School of Law at UQ, and attended by approximately 80 participants drawn from a range of professional and disciplinary backgrounds: government, the US Embassy, public policy think-tanks, the private sector, and academia; economics, law and international relations.

A goal of the Symposium was to reassess the impact of the Free Trade Agreement with the benefit of five years of experience. Were the fears, or hopes, for its impact borne out? On the whole, views were somewhat mixed. At a general level, economists Professor Andrew Stoler from Adelaide University and Lee Davis, Centre for International Economics, said that it will take longer than five years to be able to definitely assess the impact of the trade agreement as external factors such as exchange rate changes have made analysis difficult. However, their papers suggested that there have been some net benefits for Australia: and certainly not some of the negative impacts feared at the time, such as a diversion from trade between Australia and East Asia (trade which has in fact grown significantly over recent years).

Stephen Deady made reference to the trend towards protectionism brought on by the financial crisis, and pointed out that an agreement like AUSFTA is not only about removing existing barriers to trade but also to preventing the introduction (or reinstatement) of new barriers. According to Deady, ‘locking the US in’ to certain liberal trade rules was as important an outcome as some of the changes, particularly as there is some evidence of protectionist moves in the US.

In specific areas the view was also mixed. In relation to trade in services, participants spoke of benefits such as the ability to



Dr Joe Hlubucek, Kimberlee Weatherall, Associate Professor Robert Burrell, Mark Vaile and Professor Paul Greenfield, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Queensland.

obtain professional visas and discussions around recognition of legal qualifications. On the other hand, some of those areas most controversial at the time remained contentious. In intellectual property, several participants pointed to Australia’s policy inflexibility and its inability to capitalise on some kinds of trade such as the production of generic pharmaceuticals.

In pharmaceutical policy, participants disagreed on whether drug prices had remained high as a result of the Agreement.

As for the broader question – where to next? – despite the optimism of DFAT representative Tim Yeend, independent commentators US trade expert Professor Mac Destler, and Australian commentators Professor Geoffrey Garrett and Dr Michael Fullilove spoke almost with one voice: due to the change of administration in the U.S, trade policy, and the Australian government’s ambitious plans for further negotiations in the region, involving the US may stay in a holding pattern for the time being, although AUSFTA will play some role in regular bilateral connections and ensuring that Australia is part of future American plans for trade policy developments in the region generally.

### 2010 Fulbright Symposium: Sustainable societies in the tropical world, to be hosted by James Cook University, August 2010

Some of the world’s poorest and highly populated nations are located in the tropics. Extreme poverty, public health, social disadvantage, political instability and poor levels of education are key issues in many of these nations.

The 60th Anniversary Fulbright Symposium in 2010 will investigate what the United States and Australia can do singularly and collaboratively to address these key issues. James Cook University will host the event in Cairns in August with a program of international and national experts to attract participants from Australia, US and internationally.

More details available soon at: [www.fulbright.com.au/events-and-media/symposium.html](http://www.fulbright.com.au/events-and-media/symposium.html)

### Fulbright Symposium

The aim of the annual Symposium, sponsored by the Australian-American Fulbright Commission, is to publicly demonstrate the Commission’s mission of “promoting mutual understanding between the peoples of the United States and Australia through educational and cultural exchange”.

Topics are of bi-national interest between Australia and the United States and engage leading speakers from both countries.

Hosting rights for the annual symposium are awarded by the Australian-American Fulbright Commission following a national competition.

#### Further information

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# diary note 2010 Fulbright Presentation Dinner

To congratulate and recognise the 2010 Australian Fulbright Scholars

TIME: 6.30pm, Thursday 18 March 2010

PLACE: Great Hall, NGV International  
(National Gallery of Victoria)  
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Invitations will be sent closer to the date

18 March 2010

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