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Fulbright Alumni Edition

Our future is not in the stars, but in our own minds and hearts.

- Senator J. William Fulbright, 1967.

Senator Fulbright's vision to create a better world through educational and cultural exchange is realised each year as Fulbright Scholars cross the globe to share their research and collaborate with their international peers.

In order to understand the future it is important to recognise the past, and at the Australian-American Fulbright Commission we are committed to

celebrating the achievements of our nearly 5000 Alumni.

Over the coming months, we will be looking back through our historical archives to highlight the contributions that Fulbrighters have made to their academic fields, to society and to the Australian-American alliance.

This special Alumni Edition of *The Fulbrighter* showcases some of our most prominent Alumni.

Read on to discover these eminent figures who have become part of the rich, 66-year legacy of the Australian-American Fulbright Program.

From The Executive Director



This month we are taking a special look at our past Fulbright Alumni and hailing their accomplishments.

All of our Fulbrighters are world-changers and trailblazers in their fields, and we are proud of everything they have achieved in their academic and professional careers.

As part of our ongoing Alumni outreach strategy, we hope to provide a glimpse of the enduring Fulbright legacy that these individuals have helped create.

Without further ado, I'm delighted to present to you some of our most eminent Australian-American Fulbright Alumni.

Dr Tangerine Holt
Executive Director
Australian-American
Fulbright Commission

Emeritus Professor Larry Sitsky AM

Larry was a Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence in Music at the University of Cincinnati (1988), receiving his scholarship to study piano performance and composition - topics which have played central roles in his musical scholarship. He learnt the piano from an early age and was granted a scholarship to the New South Wales Conservatorium of Music, where he studied piano and composition, graduating in 1955. Larry continued his postgraduate studies with the distinguished Australian pianist and teacher, Winifred Burston.



Larry has received numerous honours for his composition, as well as his research. Among others, he has won the A H Maggs Award twice, the Alfred Hill Memorial Prize, the first National Critics' Award, and the inaugural Australian Composer's Fellowship presented by the Music Board of the Australia Council. In recognition of his various achievements, the Australian National University awarded Larry its first Higher Doctorate in Fine Arts in 1997. In 1998 he was elected Fellow of the Academy of Humanities of Australia, and in 2000 he became a Member of the Order of Australia. He has also been awarded a Centenary Medal, Advance Australia award, and cultural ambassadorships to China, Russia, and the USA.

Larry's research has been supported by a number of Australian Research Council Grants. His areas of expertise include the music of Busoni, Rubinstein, Music of the twentieth century avant-garde, the repressed Russian avant-garde and 20th century Australian piano music. Many of his writings on these topics have now become standard texts. He was born in China in 1934, and his Russian-Jewish heritage has been an enormous influence on his compositions and his research.

[Learn more about this Fulbright Alumnus](#)

Professor Kim Rubenstein



Kim was a Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar in Law at Harvard University (1991) and a Fulbright Senior Scholar in Law at Georgetown University (2002). She is Professor and Director of the Centre for International and Public law in the ANU College of Law, Australian National University. She is the an editor of the Cambridge University Press six volume series Connecting International with Public Law. Her book, Australian Citizenship Law in Context (Lawbook, 2002) is currently being prepared for a second edition. Her graduate work at Harvard was supported also by a Sir Robert Menzies Scholarship and a Queen Elizabeth Jubilee Trust Award. In the practical legal sphere, Kim has made significant contributions to the jurisprudence in citizenship. She was a member of the Independent Committee appointed by the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship to review the Australian Citizenship Test in 2008 and has appeared three times in the High Court of Australia on citizenship matters, with her work cited in *Singh v Commonwealth* (2004).

[Learn more about this Fulbright Alumna.](#)

Professor Michael McRobbie AO FAHA

Michael was a Fulbright Short-Term Senior Scholar in Computer Science at the Argonne National Laboratory (1988). He is currently Indiana University (IU)'s 18th president, and previously served at IU as provost and vice president for academic affairs, vice president for research, vice president for information technology and chief information officer. As President, Michael, who also holds professorships in cognitive science, computer science, informatics, and philosophy, has continued efforts to renew the university's commitment to its two fundamental missions of education and research. Before joining IU, Michael was a Professor in information science in the Institute of Advanced Study at the Australian National University and CEO of the Cooperative Research Center for Advanced Computational Systems. He was a Visiting Professor at the University of Kaiserslautern, Germany (1987) and a Visiting Scientist (as well as a Fulbright Scholar) at Argonne National Laboratory in Chicago (1988). Michael graduated with a BA from the University of Queensland and a PhD from the Australian National University, and was recently declared the 2015 ANU Alumnus of the Year.



[Learn more about this Fulbright Alumnus.](#)

Dr Brenda Niall AO



Brenda was a Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar in Languages and Literature at the University of Michigan (1967). Her writing career began during her time as an academic at Monash University, where she was Reader in the Department of English. Since 1995 she has been writing full time. Brenda's books include award-winning biographies Martin Boyd: A Life (1988), Georgiana (1995), The Boyds (2002), Judy Cassab (2005) and a memoir, Life Class (2007). Her book The Riddle of Father Hackett was shortlisted for the 2010 Magarey Medal for Biography. Brenda is a frequent reviewer for The Age and ABR, and has been a guest at the Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, Brisbane, and Byron Bay literary festivals. In 2004 she was made an Officer of the Order of Australia for services to Australian Literature. Her latest biography, MANNIX (Text Publishing 2015), has already been shortlisted for the Queensland Literary Award and longlisted for the Walkley Book award. She is also a finalist in the triennial Melbourne Prize for Literature.

[Learn more about this Fulbright Alumna.](#)

Professor Glenn Withers AO

Glenn was a Postgraduate Scholar in Economics at Harvard University (1970). He is currently Professor of Economics at the Australian National University and President-Elect of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia.. Glenn was previously the Chief Executive Officer of Universities Australia. He was Head of the Economic Planning and Advisory Commission reporting to the Prime Minister and Chair of the National Population Council. Glenn has also been adviser to major Australian businesses and business groups, such as the Business Council of Australia, to international bodies such as the OECD and World Bank and to overseas governments. He has taught at the Faculties of Harvard and Cambridge, and was made an Officer in the Order of Australia for developing the Australian immigration points system.



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Historical Feature: Dr Joan Tully

To celebrate our new partnership with CSIRO, we're showcasing 1952 Fulbright Scholar Dr Joan Tully, one of our very first Scholars from the institution that was then known as the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research.

Dr Joan Tully, (1907-1973)



Dr Joan Tully during her time with the NSW Agricultural Service, archival footage courtesy CSIRO

Joan Tully, agricultural scientist, was appointed plant physiologist at the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research's NSW irrigation research station in 1938. Her accounts of this work appeared in the *Journal of the Australian Institute of Agricultural Science* (1951) and the *Australian Journal of Social Issues* (1962). She also developed an interest in country women, their families, and their needs. Prompted by her experiences in the M.I.A., she turned her attention to the behavioural sciences, won her Fulbright Scholarship and studied extension education at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, in 1952-53.

In 1962, Tully was appointed senior lecturer in the department of agriculture, University of Queensland. She introduced the first postgraduate diploma course in agricultural extension in Australia, supervised research students and taught undergraduates. Tully was promoted to reader in 1971 and elected a fellow of the Australian Institute of Agricultural Science in 1972.

An independent and determined woman, Tully succeeded in what was predominantly a masculine world. Having confronted gender inequalities throughout her career, she was adamant that women should not expect privileges because of their gender, but should obtain professional recognition on their merits.

See the archival footage "[Homes for the Inland](#)", about innovative house designs for the rural Australian climate, Directed, Edited and featuring Dr Joan Tully. Read the full story of Dr Joan Tully on our website.

Biographical information courtesy Bruce Crouch, 'Tully, Joan (1907-1973)', Australian Dictionary of Biography, National Centre of Biography, Australian National University, published first in hardcopy 2002, accessed online 24 September 2015.

Fulbright Executive Director Speaks at CHASS National Forum



Fulbright Executive Director, Dr Tangerine Holt joined a host of high-profile panelists at this year's Council for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences National Forum at the Woodward Conference Centre, The University of Melbourne on 15 and 16 October.

The theme for this year's Forum was *Inspiring a Creative Australia*, and featured a diverse selection of speakers from all sectors including Chief Scientist, Professor Ian Chubb AC and Chief Executive of the General Sir John Monash Foundation, Ms Renata Bernarde.

Dr Holt spoke on the benefits of augmenting Australia's knowledge economy through educational and cultural exchange, and how international collaboration continues to inspire creativity in both business and academia.

To find out more about the Council for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences, and the annual National Forum visit the [CHASS website](#). The full gallery of images from this event can be found on the [CHASS Facebook page](#).

Scholar Snapshots

Sadie Heckenberg - Cultural Affinity Through Indigeneity

Life in Hawai'i has been an amazing journey, not just for my research but for myself. Fulbright has allowed me the opportunity to create a richer, fuller, deeper research than I ever expected. My research "Nothing About Us Without Us: Protecting Indigenous Knowledges through Oral Histories and Culturally Safe Research Practices" looks at how we as Indigenous people have a right to protect our knowledges, from exploitation, misappropriation and the loss of intellectual property.



I have gained friends, family and Kūpuna (Elders). I have been very privileged to be allowed to learn 'Ōlelo (Hawaiian language), Hula and Oli (Chants). These have created a greater understanding of the Hawaiian community, the Hawaiian culture and myself as a young Wiradjuri woman.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People are part of the Pacific Rim and we sit just outside of the Polynesian triangle, but we are still brothers and sisters in Indigeneity.

We all face the same day-to-day battles to have our voices heard; the love for the 'Aina (land, mother earth) and the strong voices in the fight for sovereignty. Learning here in Hawai'i has been an amazing adventure. Not only were the undergraduate classes incredibly informative but they gave me new insight, direction for my research and peers with which to converse.

Kamakakūokalani Center for Hawaiian Studies classes are equally taught in Hawaiian and English and is such a wonderful environment to be in. Though I entered speaking only English I felt so privileged to be in a place of learning that had a foundation in language.

As one of my mentors Professor Dennis Foley said to me "when you leave Hawaii a part of your soul will stay there." Hawai'i will have part of my soul and I shall be forever connected to this place I hold in my heart. Aloha Hawai'i a hui hou... Goodbye Hawai'i until we meet again.

SAVE THE DATE

2016 Fulbright Scholar Presentation Evening

THURSDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2016

The RACV Club, MELBOURNE



Key Dates

- **2016 Fulbright Scholar Presentation Evening**
25 February 2016, RACV Club Melbourne
 - 4:00pm Keynote Address
 - 5:15pm Fulbright Scholar Showcase
 - 7:00pm Presentation Dinner

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