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The Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon Julia Gillard and U.S. Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton at a press conference at Australia's first carbon neutral office building, the Pixel Building in Melbourne. Photo: Adam Wilson, courtesy of the U.S. Embassy.

## \$450,000 for Fulbright Scholarships to boost climate change research

The Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon Julia Gillard and U.S. Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton announced new Fulbright Scholarships in the field of Climate Change and Clean Energy at a meeting in Melbourne on November 7.

The Fulbright Scholarships will be part of a major collaboration between the two countries to tackle climate change and will allow up to four Fulbright Scholars a year, for three years, to undertake research and/or study in the partner country.

Ms Lyndell Wilson, A/g Executive Director, Australian-American Fulbright Commission said that this was a wonderful way to celebrate 60 years of the Fulbright Program.

"The new Scholarships are an acknowledgement of the significance of the Fulbright program in the relationship between Australia and America," Ms Wilson said.

"Through their Fulbright Scholarships, leading Australian and American researchers in the field of climate change and clean energy will have the opportunity to develop their knowledge, networks and skills in the host country."

"At the same time they will boost collaboration between our two countries in confronting this critical issue."

The U.S. and Australian Governments will both provide funding of \$225,000 over three years for the Scholarships, which will be awarded from 2012.

## Australia welcomes the Fulbright U.S. Scholars

In August, 16 U.S. Fulbright Scholars from 2009 and 2010 were introduced to Australia and the Fulbright community at the annual Enrichment program.

During the two day program in Canberra the group visited the Embassy of the United States of America where Ambassador Jeffrey Bleich welcomed them over tea.

They were also given a program of informative sessions about Fulbright Scholars' responsibilities, administrative issues, media and communication, and U.S. Embassy support.

As part of the Enrichment program they gained a greater insight into Australian life through tours of Parliament House and the National Museum of Australia.

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## ED's Update

The leading news this issue is the Fulbright Scholarships in Climate Change and Clean Energy, announced by the Prime Minister of Australia, The Hon Julia Gillard, and U.S. Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton on 7 November.

These come as a terrific finale to the 60th Anniversary celebrations around the country and we look forward to announcing the first recipients in 2012.

The past few months have been busy for the Fulbright Commission, with U.S. Scholar Enrichment, the Fulbright Symposium, U.S. receptions and the 2011 Australian Scholar selection process.

There are a number of people to thank in this issue who have supported the Commission over the last few months.

The first is the U.S. Ambassador, Jeffrey Bleich, who hosted an afternoon tea with the current U.S. Scholars at his Residence in Yarralumla. He warmly welcomed the Scholars to Australia and wished them the best for their Fulbright programs. This visit was a highlight of the U.S. Scholar Enrichment Program and was enjoyed by all who attended.

Thanks also go to Mr Jason Hyland, the Deputy Chief of Mission from the U.S. Embassy, for speaking at the Enrichment Dinner and presenting Fulbright certificates to the Scholars.

I would also like to express our appreciation to the Australian Consul Generals in the U.S.: Mr Nigel Warren (San Francisco), Mr Chris De Cure (Los Angeles), Mrs Libby Schick (Chicago), Mr Phillip Scanlan (New York), and the Consul General at the Embassy of Australia, Mr Julian McPhillips (Washington DC), for hosting receptions for Fulbright Scholars and Alumni in October.

These receptions were the key Australian Fulbright events in the U.S. this year and feedback from these events has been very positive. We would like to thank the Commission's representatives at these

events: Professor Diana Dwyre (San Francisco), Ms Judy Moon (Los Angeles), Mrs Schick (Chicago), Mr Robert Accordino (New York) and Mr Mark Darby (Washington), and all those who helped with the dinners afterwards.

Selections for the 2011 Australian Scholarships and other programs are in the final stages and special thanks must go to the 80 or more representatives who make up the Fulbright State and National Selection Committees. These professionals and academics give their time to ensure the ongoing quality and integrity of the Fulbright program, and their time and commitment is greatly appreciated.

The Fulbright Symposium in Cairns was a great success with more than 220 people attending. I would like to congratulate James Cook University for hosting this event. Congratulations also to Deakin University, which has been selected to host the 2011 Fulbright Symposium on *Australia-US relations and the rise of China: From Bilateralism to Trilateralism*. Details for this event to be held mid next year, will be posted on the Fulbright website in the new year.

Finally, I would also like to advise that the 2011 Presentation Dinner will be held at the Adelaide Festival Centre on 10 March 2011. I look forward to meeting those of you who attend this event.

**Lyndell Wilson**  
A/g Executive Director

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The Enrichment Dinner for U.S. Fulbright Scholars was held on the evening of 26 August at the Boat House Restaurant by the Lake.

Mr Jason Hyland, Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy, greeted the Scholars, spoke at the event and presented them with certificates signed by the Ambassador and the Prime Minister of Australia. The Chair of the Fulbright Board, Mr Tom Pascarella, presented them with Fulbright pins.

The dinner was an opportunity for the Scholars to meet the Fulbright community and supporters including government representatives, sponsors, Alumni and the staff of the Fulbright Commission.



The Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of the United States of America, Mr Jason Hyland, addresses the guests at the Enrichment Dinner for the U.S. Fulbright Scholars. Photo: Travis Longmore, courtesy of U.S. Embassy.



Fulbright Commission Board Chair, Mr Tom Pascarella, with Ms Leslie Hyland and Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of the United States of America, Mr Jason Hyland. Photo: Travis Longmore, courtesy of U.S. Embassy.

Current U.S. Scholar Chelsea Lane-Miller receives her certificate from Mr Hyland. Tom Pascarella, Chair, Fulbright Commission Board, is pictured right. Photo: Travis Longmore, courtesy of U.S. Embassy.



Dr Stanley Herwitz, Professor James Murray, Mr Nigel Warren, Ms Kim Mosse, Dr David Sedlak, Professor Steven Segal and Professor Diana Dwyre at the San Francisco reception.

Mr Warren presents a Fulbright pin to Dr Stanley Herwitz, 1979 Fulbright Scholar, in San Francisco.

Fulbright Commission Board member Ms Judy Moon, current Scholars Professor Mary Haines and Jeremy Wykes with Mr Chris De Cure at the reception in Los Angeles.

Consul General Schick presenting Carolyn Wrobel, 1999 Fulbright Scholar with her pin, in Chicago.

Australian Consul General, New York, Phil Scanlan.

Mr Robert Accordino talks about his Fulbright experience at the New York reception.

Justin McPhillips, Consul-General, Embassy of Australia and Mrs Ronnie Chern at the Washington reception.

Dr Stanley Bach talks about his Fulbright Scholarship, in Washington.

## Australian Fulbright events in the U.S.

Current Fulbright Scholars and Alumni in the U.S. had the opportunity to meet through five Fulbright receptions that were held across the U.S. in October. These events were generously hosted by Australian Consul Generals and the Embassy in Washington. As part of the 60th Anniversary, Fulbright pins were presented to pre-2001 Scholars at all of the receptions.

The first event was held in San Francisco on Thursday 14 October, hosted by Mr Nigel Warren, the Australian Consul General, San Francisco and Senior Trade Commissioner at his residence in San Francisco. The Commission was represented by Professor Diana Dwyre, 2009 ANU Distinguished Chair. Leah Curtis, a 2005 Fulbright Scholar, sent her impressions of the event:

“Over 30 guests, including more than 20 Fulbright Alumni and Scholars, gathered at the residence. Many stories were shared on the significant contribution the Fulbright program has made to the careers and lives of the attendees, whose combined experience spanned many years of the program.”

The Los Angeles reception followed on Saturday 16 October, hosted by Mr Chris De Cure OAM, Australian Consul General, Los Angeles at his residence. Fulbright Commission Board Member Ms Judy Moon represented the Fulbright Commission. Leah Curtis also sent a report about this event:

“The Australian Consul General Chris De Cure and his wife Cathie De Cure welcomed over 30 current Fulbright Scholars, U.S. and Australian Alumni and special guests at their residence. Fulbright Scholars and Alumni, whose programs dated back to 1957, were present in the room, sharing research and personal stories, many of them having developed long-term links between Australia and the U.S.”

The third event was held in Chicago on Tuesday 19 October, hosted by Mrs Elizabeth Schick, the Australian Consul General, Chicago at her residence. Mrs Schick, a former member of the Fulbright Commission Board, also represented the Fulbright Commission. A 2005 Fulbright Scholar, Josh Cantone, reported on the event:

“On Tuesday October 19, 2010, the Australian-American Fulbright Commission held their Midwest Fulbright Reception in a surprisingly warm Chicago. The event brought together an eclectic group of Australians and Americans, each with their own unique Fulbright connection and/or experience. Conversation flowed freely with stories being exchanged about individual Fulbright experiences, and the incredible breadth of the Fulbright network was on show.”

The fourth event was held in New York on Thursday 21 October and hosted by Mr Phillip Scanlan AM, the Australian Consul General, New York, at the Consulate. The Commission was represented by Mr Robert Accordino, 2003 Fulbright Scholar. Current Fulbright Scholar Ms Sarah Holland-Batt sent this report:

“I was joined at the New York reception by a fascinating and diverse group of past and present Fulbright Scholars and Alumni, many of whom had travelled by train or plane from Washington, Boston and other states to be in attendance. We were given a very warm welcome by the Consul-General, Phillip Scanlan AM, who spoke about the importance of international collaboration between researchers and nations and generously shared some of his own experiences.

We also heard the stories and successes of several Fulbright Alumni, many of whom have returned to the States to work and are now experiencing the professional and personal benefits of having studied here.”

The fifth reception was held on Tuesday 26 October in Washington DC, co-hosted by Mr Justin McPhillips, Consul General at the Australian Embassy, and the Fulbright Commission. The Commission was represented by Mr Mark Darby, former Executive Director of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission. Dr Jess Mar, a 2003 Fulbright Scholar, sent this report:

“At the Australian Embassy in DC, local Fulbright Scholars and Alumni came together to celebrate and welcome in new Scholars and their families. Under the stars of the Southern Hemisphere, and over Australian beer and wine, Australian and American accents mixed as we swapped and shared stories of our Australian-American experiences. Of note was the warm welcome given by Mark Darby, the newly installed Education Counsellor at DFAT, who is no stranger to the Fulbright community. It is terrific to see Mark continuing his great work for Australian-American education, and we wish all Scholars, both arriving and departing, all the very best in their Fulbright program!”

A group of Scholars also had the opportunity to meet the Australian Ambassador to the United States, the Hon. Kim Beazley AC at Harvard Law School in Boston on 26 October.

Current Fulbright Scholar Matt Lee said that he and fellow Fulbright Scholars Dr Shom Goel, Catherine Gregory, and James Cowling were all provided with a wonderful opportunity to engage with not only Ambassador Beazley, but also two of Australia’s most respected human rights lawyers—Professor David Kinley (2003 Fulbright Scholar) and Professor Philip Alston.

## Fulbright helps in fight against global poverty

### Current Scholar Matt Tilleard talks about his Fulbright Scholarship.

In late 2009 I was working in far north Queensland as an advisor at Noel Pearson's Cape York Institute for Policy and Leadership. Queensland doesn't run on daylight savings time and I was actually asleep when I received the 8 am call from



Matt Tilleard at the Harvard-Yale game. Note: Harvard beat Yale.

Lyndell Wilson informing me that my Fulbright application had been successful. I can recommend a call from the Fulbright Commission as much more effective than a regular alarm clock. I bounced out of bed.

My Fulbright proposal was centred around exploring public and private sector mechanisms to empower and enrich the world's poorest and most vulnerable. My experiences in Cape York working with Indigenous communities, and as an aid policy maker in Afghanistan, confirmed for me that this is a worthy task. Yet these same experiences also showed me that development is a challenge that can seem impossibly complex. Aid can do a lot of good. Yet poorly delivered aid can also serve to endorse and sustain corrupt elites. Perhaps worse, it can also actively disempower the poor and surround them with negative incentive structures. Therefore my firm belief is that policy on poverty should focus on how to help people from the bottom up by empowering people to lift themselves out of poverty.

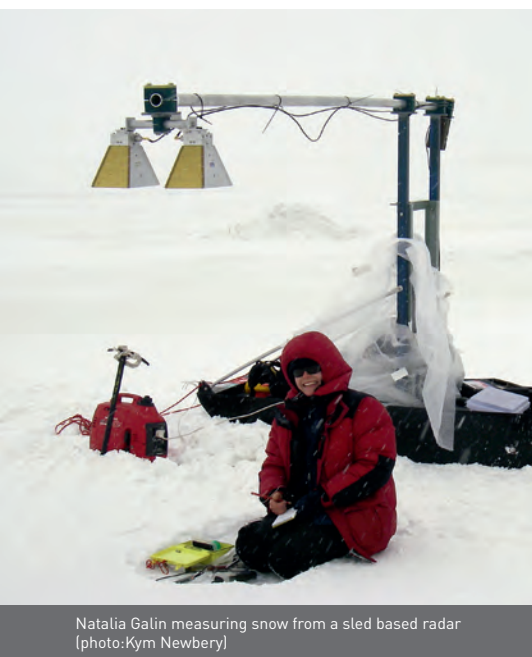
My Fulbright is helping me develop the skills necessary to grapple with this challenge. I am undertaking a Masters in Public Policy at Harvard University in conjunction with a Masters in Business Administration at Stanford University. This program is exposing me to a combination of both public and private sector methods. I hope to use my new knowledge to contribute to innovative approaches in decentralised poverty

alleviation. In my first year, spent at Harvard, I've gained formal training in economics, statistics and development practice. More importantly I've been exposed to the Harvard community of professors and fellow students.

This summer I have been working in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General at the United Nations. I am part of a small team launching an initiative called the 'United Nations Global Pulse' ([www.unglobalpulse.org](http://www.unglobalpulse.org)). The mission of this initiative is to create a dynamic and responsive system that identifies threats to vulnerable populations. It will thereby allow the international community to better respond to emerging crises and protect those at risk. It will combine existing UN data collection with new bottom-up data collection through technology such as mobile phones and Internet search query mining. The hope is that these innovative techniques will make the voice of the poor louder and timelier in the corridors of power.

Fulbright has been a great facilitator for me during my time in the USA. It has provided me with the opportunity to meet a lot of great people through Fulbright events and the network of scholars and alumni. It has already given me some close friends. I greatly enjoyed my Fulbright seminar in New York City and I also took the opportunity to attend the 60th anniversary celebration dinner in Washington DC last October.

## Two Fulbright Alumni named among Fresh Scientists



Natalia Galin measuring snow from a sled based radar (photo:Kym Newbery)

Natalia Galin (2008 Fulbright Scholar sponsored by BHP Billiton) and Dr Colin Scholes (2009 Fulbright Victoria Scholar) were named among 16 scientists in the Government sponsored Fresh Science national competition in June this year.

Fresh Science is a national program sponsored by the Australian Government, Museum Victoria, and New Scientist magazine to help early career scientists publicise their work. It has been running for 13 years.

Natalia's work has involved taking a radar designed by the University of Kansas for use on fixed wing aircraft and modifying it for use on helicopters. Her system will be used to measure snow on ice in the Antarctic, to help determine what is happening to sea ice. This will contribute to more accurate climate models.

Natalia Galin is currently a research associate at the Centre for Polar Observation and Modelling at University College London, UK.

Dr Colin Scholes has developed a membrane that helps to filter out carbon dioxide from waste gases. The membranes can be fitted to existing chimneys where they capture CO<sub>2</sub> for removal and storage. They are already being tested on brown coal power stations in Victoria's La Trobe Valley, Colin says.

Colin's work is supported by the Cooperative Research Centre for Greenhouse Gas Technologies where he is a research fellow.

"Fresh Science showed me how to take my research and present it as a story, to capture peoples' attention and get them involved," Colin said.



Dr Natalie Ebenreuter.

## Australian design researcher heads to France

In 2006 Natalie Ebenreuter, a design researcher at Swinburne University of Technology in Melbourne, undertook a Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship in Visual Performing Arts sponsored by Anthony Joseph Pratt. This opportunity led her to complete a PhD in Design and conduct research at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio and Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

During her scholarship period she presented aspects of her research in the United States, Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, Germany and Australia.

Having completed her scholarship period, Dr Natalie Ebenreuter is now working as an interaction designer and researcher in the user experience design team at Alcatel-Lucent Bell Labs, France.

Bell Labs is a global research organisation whose world-renowned scientists achieve

near and long-term innovations by drawing on deep experience in science and technology.

Areas of focus include Alcatel-Lucent's products, services and customers; breakthrough technologies and innovations; and fundamental scientific work. Situated in an international collaborative working environment that requires her to work with research teams located in the United States, India, France and Belgium it is apparent that Natalie's Fulbright experience has helped to shape the global outlook in which she seeks to develop different research activities.

"As a part of my role at Bell Labs I also teach an interactive multimedia course at the Parsons Paris School of Art and Design in France. It is surprising for me to be living and working in France and to be able to retain very close working relationships with research and educational institutions in the United States. My Fulbright experience has certainly had a significant influence on how I continually seek out opportunities to learn from and work in multicultural research environments," Dr Ebenreuter said.



Dr Ranjana Srivastava

## Tell me the truth – an oncologist's view of cancer

The journey through cancer, and what it is like for doctors who work with cancer patients, has been described in a book by Fulbright Alumnus, Dr Ranjana Srivastava.

Dr Srivastava is a medical oncologist working at Southern Health in Victoria.

In 2004 she was awarded the Fulbright Australian Alumni (WG Walker) Scholarship, which is awarded each year to the highest ranked Australian postgraduate Fulbright Scholar, to go to the U.S. to further her studies.

Dr Srivastava's Fulbright project at the University of Chicago, MacLean Centre for Clinical Medical Ethics, explored the ethics of medical practice relating to how oncologists reveal the prognosis of advanced cancer to patients and their families.

She said that receiving the Fulbright Scholarship in 2004 helped her to gain the know-how, contacts and confidence that ultimately led to her writing and publishing the book.

"I never underestimated the importance of winning a Fulbright Scholarship but with time I have realised just how integral it has been to my development as a doctor, author and public speaker," Dr Srivastava said.

"The Fulbright empowered me in unprecedented ways. During my Fulbright year at the University of Chicago I met some of the most fertile minds in medicine, who gave me the confidence to think outside the square."

"But more importantly they introduced me to other fascinating people, including some eminent authors and publishers who were generous enough to nurture my writing. It was there that I first heard the exciting words, 'I think there is a book in this!'"

"Some years later, the Fulbright program continues to encourage and be interested in my endeavours - for this, I will be forever grateful."

*TELL ME THE TRUTH, Conversations with my patients about life and death, by Dr Ranjana Srivastava, was published in August 2010.*

## AFAA Chapter activities - Victorian Salon

The Victorian Chapter of the Australian Fulbright Alumni Association (AFAA) celebrated the 60th anniversary of the Fulbright program in Australia with the inaugural Victorian Fulbright Alumni Salon, held on Halloween, 31 October 2010.

The salon was titled "Trick or Treat? Threats and Promises to Authentic Action on Climate Change". Around 35 people attended the event, held at the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music, part of the University of Melbourne in Southbank.

Participants included psychologists, artists, lawyers, scientists, social researchers, social planners, a sponsor and a senior Victorian government infrastructure planner.

As part of the celebrations for the 60th Anniversary of the Fulbright program, Mr Steve Ramirez, Public Affairs Officer at the U.S. Consulate General in Melbourne, presented Fulbright pins to Alumni who had received their Fulbright Scholarships prior to 2001.

Monique di Mattina, 1999 Fulbright Scholar, composed and performed a song during the afternoon that synthesised all the key issues raised during the Salon. Another salon is being planned for Victoria in six months time.

## 2010 Fulbright Senior Specialists Program Grant Recipients

The Fulbright U.S. Senior Specialists Program supports Australian educational institutions to bring U.S. Senior Specialists to Australia for periods of two to six weeks. The award provides an international airfare and a U.S. \$200 per day honorarium. It encourages collaboration with United States faculty and professionals on

curriculum and faculty development, institutional planning and a variety of other activities.

Applications from Australian universities for 2011 Senior Specialists will open in July 2011 and close mid-October 2011.

Specialist	Primary Host Institution	Visit period	Additional Hosts, if any	Study Field	Project description
Prof. Doe <b>Mayer</b>	UniMelb	22 days from 1 Jun	Victorian Health Promotion Foundation/ Nossal Institute for Global Health, University of Melbourne	Public/Global Health	There was a comprehensive program of lectures, workshops, public speaking events, professional consultations and visits to specialist groups.
Assoc. Prof. Studie <b>Back</b>	UNSW	35 days from 10-May	National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre	Public/Global Health	Consultation to enhance the research and training capacity of NDARC and strengthen the collaborative links that have been initiated between NDARC and the Department of Psychiatry, Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC).
Prof. Ernest <b>Drucker</b>	UNSW	30 days from 1 Nov	Menzies Centre for Health policy (University of Sydney)	Law	This program will focus on comparisons of U.S. and Australian drug policies and their significance for public health and the rule of law in both countries and regionally.
Prof. Walter <b>Dudley</b>	UNSW	42 days from 1 Nov.	New South Wales State Emergency Services and Emergency Management Queensland	Environmental Science & Education	To identify mechanisms for and to establish, collaborative arrangements for future work, including ongoing opportunities related to the recent Samoan tsunami, student exchanges, training & policy development.
Prof. Timothy <b>Beatley</b>	Curtin University	40 days from 21 Jun	Parsons Brinckerhoff	Urban Planning	This project is to design and teach the first Biophilic City Strategy.
Prof. Emerita Terry <b>Dworkin</b>	Griffith University	30 days from 1 Jul	Australian National University, Monash University, University of Sydney	Law	To help development of Australian research thinking on the 'next generation' of law reform on the vital issue of whistleblowing.
Prof. Sam <b>Ham</b>	La Trobe University	42 days from 18 Oct	University of Ballarat/University of Melbourne (Vic Climate Change Adaptation Research Centre host)/Monash University/Deakin University/RMIT University	Environmental Science	To work with La Trobe faculty and partners in the Victorian Universities Regional Research Network to strengthen community engagement and education in rural Victoria to climate change impacts.
Prof. Sally <b>Rogers</b>	La Trobe University	16 days from 1 Aug	University of New South Wales ICAMHS - Mental Health Centre, NSW/Early Childhood Intervention Service, Tasmania	Education	To train early childhood intervention professionals to implement a new early intervention program targeted for children aged 12 to 60 months with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs).
Prof. Mike <b>Joyner</b>	UWS	30 days from 14 Mar 2011	University of Western Sydney	Education	Integration of research with community healthcare, the transition to post-graduate models of education in medicine and allied health care, and the establishment of interdisciplinary centres and institutes aimed at decreasing the impact of chronic disease in the community.
Assoc. Prof. Andrew <b>Shorr,</b>	UQ	31days from 2 Aug	Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital (RBWH)/Princess Alexandra Hospital (PAH)/Centre for Healthcare Related Infection Surveillance and Prevention (CHRISP)	Public/Global Health	To collaborate on how the practice and delivery of health care can be improved to limit mortality and/or improve quality of health outcomes for patients.

## Fulbright Alumni Initiative Grant

Professor Robert Allen, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill was the winner for 2010.

Through his FAIG, Professor Allen spent four weeks working with colleagues at the University of Sydney's American Studies Program in August and September of this year, developing a multi-strand collaboration with the American Studies Department at the University of North Carolina.

His project involved a distance-learning teaching collaboration; development of a digital teaching/curriculum/research platform; and discussion of digital humanities research collaboration.

## Fulbright remembers

### **Emeritus Professor Hedley Beare AM**

Emeritus Professor Hedley Beare AM, Fulbright Australian Senior Scholar 1978, to University of Oregon and Stanford, died 5 September 2010.

**Dr Brown Dobyns MD,** Fulbright United States Senior Scholar, 1966, to University of Sydney, died 22 October 2010.

### **Emerita Professor Beryl Rawson**

Emerita Professor Beryl Rawson, Fulbright Australian Postgraduate Scholar 1958, to Bryn Mawr College, died 22 October 2010.

## Tropical thinking: the Fulbright 60th Anniversary Symposium



U.S. Ambassador to Australia, Jeffrey Bleich



Professor Bill Laurance, Tropical Biology, JCU



Dr Gomolemo Tangane, Queensland Health

This year's 2010 Fulbright 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Symposium hosted by James Cook University (JCU) in Cairns had a distinctly tropical flavour.

Within the overall theme of *Sustaining Societies in the Tropical World* the Symposium addressed what the United States and Australia can do, separately and together, to tackle some of the key challenges facing nations in the tropical zone.

Two days, three keynote addresses, four themes, six panels, 12 posters, 138 presentations and more than 220 delegates were a testament to the success of the event.

Professor Sandra Harding, Vice-Chancellor of James Cook University, said the Symposium brought together high-calibre researchers to share and challenge ideas about the tropics.

"Some of the world's poorest countries are located in the tropical zone, and sustainable development is the key to the challenges those nations face," Professor Harding said.

"It's also clear that the tropics are home to a great deal of distinguished scholarship. We heard of an impressive range of innovative endeavours to build a brighter future for this populous and growing zone."

Symposium co-convenor Professor Paul Gadek said the symposium was structured to maximise the exchange of ideas and real-world solutions to pressing problems.

"Aside from the keynote addresses, presentations were limited to five to ten minutes – a format that was sometimes challenging, but which allowed us to canvas a vast range of ideas."

"Importantly, it also enabled us to bring together experts from a broad range of disciplines. Many of the challenges facing the peoples of the tropics require a cross-disciplinary approach and this was a valuable opportunity to discuss how the various disciplines can develop a common language and pursue shared goals."

The Symposium was opened by the U.S. Ambassador to Australia, Jeffrey Bleich, and featured keynote addresses by Dr Michael Birt, Arizona State University (*Sustaining health, at a cost we can afford*), Dr Paul Zorner, Hawaii BioEnergy (*Building a green economy in the tropics*) and Professor Jeffrey Sachs, Columbia University (*Sustainable Development and the Millennium Development Goals*).

Delegates focused on the critical areas of tropical health and medicine, environmental sustainability, economic and political development, and strengthening communities.

"In terms of fresh ideas, new collaborations and novel approaches to old challenges, we expect to see myriad outcomes from this Symposium," Professor Gadek said.

A report on the 2010 Fulbright 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Symposium can be found at [www.jcu.edu.au/fulbrightsymposium](http://www.jcu.edu.au/fulbrightsymposium)

### 2011 Fulbright Symposium

The 2011 Fulbright Symposium will be *Australia-U.S. relations and the rise of China: From Bilateralism to Trilateralism*, to be hosted by Deakin University in Melbourne in mid 2011.

The rise of China is one of the most important contemporary issues in international politics and it poses significant challenges for the bi-national relationship between Australia and the United States. The Symposium will bring together experts from Australia, the U.S. and China to discuss their views on the future of the Australia-U.S. alliance in the context of the rise of China.

### 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.

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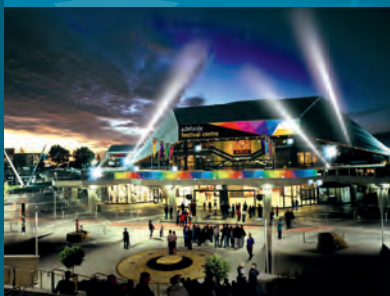
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## Diary note

### 2011 Fulbright Presentation Dinner To congratulate and recognise the 2011 Australian Fulbright Scholars

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PLACE: Adelaide Festival Centre, Adelaide  
HOSTS: Australian-American Fulbright Commission, Flinders University

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