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Senator J. William Fulbright

James William Fulbright, the founder of the Program, was born on 9 April 1905 in Sumner, Missouri. He was educated at the University of Arkansas where he was awarded a B.A. degree in Political Science in 1925. He then attended Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar where he received an M.A. degree.

When Fulbright returned to the United States, he studied law at George Washington University in Washington, DC. During the 1930's, he served in the Justice Department and was an instructor at the George Washington University Law School. In 1936 he returned to Arkansas where he was a lecturer in law and from 1939 to 1941 he was President of the University of Arkansas, the youngest university president in the country, at the time.

In November 1944, he was elected to the U.S. Senate and served through to 1974, becoming one of the most influential and best-known members of the Senate. His legislation to establish the Fulbright Program, funded by war reparations and foreign loan repayments to the United States, was passed through the Senate without debate in 1946.

In 1949 Fulbright became a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. From 1959-1974 he served as its Chairman, the longest serving Chairman of the Committee in history. After leaving the Senate in 1974, he became counsel to a Washington law firm but remained active in support of the international exchange program that bears his name.

In 1963 Walter Lippman wrote of Fulbright: "The role he plays in Washington is an indispensable role. There is no one else who is so powerful and also so wise, and if there were any question of removing him from public life, it would be a national calamity".

Fulbright received numerous awards from governments, universities, and educational organisations around the world for his efforts on behalf of education and international understanding. In 1993 he was presented with the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Clinton.

Senator J. William Fulbright died on 9 February 1995 at the age of 89 at his home in Washington, DC.

"The Fulbright Program aims to bring a little more knowledge, a little more reason, and a little more compassion into world affairs and thereby increase the chance that nations will learn to live in peace."



Mission Statement - The mission of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission is to further mutual understanding between the peoples of Australia and the United States through educational and cultural exchange. This is primarily achieved through the administration of Fulbright Scholarships to support the research and study of Australians in the United States and Americans in Australia.

The Australian-American Fulbright Commission

Born of the impact of World War II, the Fulbright Program was established in 1946 through the initiative of U.S. Senator J. William Fulbright and the support of the United States Government, initially funded through the sale of surplus war materials.

Since then over 250,000 talented people worldwide have been recognised as Fulbright Scholars. It is now the largest and one of the most prestigious educational scholarship programs in the world and operates between the United States and more than 150 countries.

The Australian Program was established in 1949 through the first treaty ever signed between the Australian and United States governments. The initial sale of U.S. surplus war materials to Australia provided \$US5.8m, which funded the first 14 years of the program.

Following this, a new agreement was entered into in 1963 by the Australian and U.S. governments to establish the Australian-American Educational Foundation (later to be known as the Fulbright Commission), funded equally by the two parties.

Today the Australian-American Fulbright Commission, headquartered in Canberra, continues to be funded by the Australian and U.S. governments, along with a select group of sponsors, and annually provides up to 50 scholarships for study between Australia and the U.S.

The Prime Minister of Australia and the U.S. Ambassador are the Honorary Co-Chairs of the Commission. Since its establishment the Commission has awarded scholarships to over 2,600 Australians and 2,000 Americans. A distinguished group of alumni are thus an integral part of the Program's rich history and ongoing professional network.

“The Fulbright scheme is 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.”

Sir Zelman Cowen, 1953 Fulbright Scholar, former Governor-General of Australia and patron of the Australian Fulbright Alumni Association (AFAA).

The Fulbright Agreement being signed in Canberra, November 1949 by U.S. Ambassador to Australia, Hon. Pete Jarman and the Australian Minister for External Affairs, Rt. Hon. Dr H.V. Evatt.



Honorary Co-Chairs

Prime Minister of Australia

The Fulbright Commission has made a significant contribution over the past 59 years to deepening the academic, scientific and professional links between Australia and the United States. It is therefore a pleasure and an honour as Prime Minister to continue the tradition of serving with the United States Ambassador as Honorary Co-Chair of the Program.

The Fulbright Commission has helped to forge long-lasting professional collaborations and friendships through its exchange programs. Its programs have given young scholars opportunities they would not otherwise have enjoyed. Further, those scholars in subsequent years have made contributions to Australia and the world community that would not otherwise have been possible without the Fulbright Commission.

The Fulbright Commission strengthens the relationship between the United States and Australia by linking scholars and future leaders from our nations, and helping to form lifelong connections between people in our two nations.

Education is playing an ever more important role in the relationship between our nations as an

increasing number of students cross the Pacific Ocean for study. For both Australia and the United States, building innovative competitive economies is a key policy challenge. International education links and exchanges help to drive that process of innovation, while also building stronger links between our economies.

Australia and the United States share many interests and our societies have much in common. But we still need to work hard at developing our relationship, particularly our personal links. The Fulbright Program has a unique role to play in promoting those links.



The Hon Kevin Rudd MP
Prime Minister of Australia



U.S. Ambassador to Australia

The year 2007 involved exciting developments for the Fulbright Program in Australia.

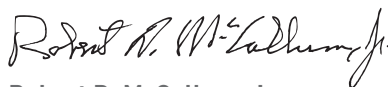
The Australia-American Fulbright Commission welcomed a number of distinguished new Board members. The Board's goal is to enhance even further the vitality, breadth, and significance of the program, building upon the accomplishments of the departing Board members. We are all grateful for their service, especially that of outgoing Chair Peter Coaldrake, Vice-Chancellor of the Queensland University of Technology.

The Commission also established new "state" scholarships in Queensland and Western Australia. These state scholarships will ensure the relevance of the Fulbright Program across all of Australia.

The Fulbright highlight of the year was the visit to Australia by Ms. Harriet Mayor Fulbright, the widow of Senator J. William Fulbright. As President of the J. William & Harriet Fulbright Center, she continues to advance their vision of promoting international understanding through educational exchanges and the nonviolent resolution of conflicts around the world.

Her visits to Canberra and Sydney not only provided the opportunity to recognize and honor her but also

to recognise and honor the Australian Fulbright Scholars, past and present. At one reception at the Embassy, we were joined by Fulbright Scholars from the 1950's as well as a number of young 2007 Fulbright Scholars. It was apparent that the more things change, the more they remain the same in many ways. Over many decades, the Fulbright Program has profoundly affected the lives and careers of the participants and, through them, the international community. It is a real privilege to be associated with such individuals and such a remarkable program.



Robert D. McCallum, Jr.
U.S. Ambassador to Australia



Board Chair - Professor Peter Coaldrake

The Australian American Fulbright Commission had a very successful year in 2007, indeed a groundbreaking one in terms of broadening the reach of the Fulbright Program with new scholarship partnerships involving several State governments.

The first such State government-sponsored Fulbright Scholarship, the Tasmania Scholarship, was launched in 2006. In 2007 similar initiatives were established in partnership with the Queensland and Western Australian governments, and in each case with strong cash support from all the Universities domiciled in those respective States. Significant support, too, came in WA from the WA Fulbright Alumni chapter and from WA-based individuals, companies and foundations.

The effect of these collective efforts is that we are now well advanced in our efforts to establish, in perpetuity, a group of State-based Fulbright scholarships which will complement the national program.

The Fulbright Presentation Dinner, where we introduce and showcase the current year's group of Fulbright Scholars, is the premier event on our calendar. The 2007 dinner, hosted by The University of Queensland and Griffith University, was a spectacular one. We were very pleased to welcome as our special guests that evening the Honourable Julie Bishop (then Minister for Education, Science and Training), Mr Dan Clune (Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy), and the Honourable John Mickel (Queensland Minister for State Development, Employment and Industrial Relations).

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank the former Prime Minister, the Honourable John Howard, for his contribution as Co-Chair of the Fulbright Program in Australia, and in particular for the additional financial support provided by his government to the program. That additional funding has been primarily directed to supplementing the financial value of the scholarships, and therefore has been particularly appreciated by the Fulbright Scholars themselves.

Similarly, the Board would like to acknowledge the contribution of our other Co-Chair, U.S. Ambassador to Australia, Robert D McCallum, Jr. Ambassador McCallum assisted in the establishment of the State scholarships through his attendance at a dinner at the University of Tasmania for the inaugural Tasmanian Fulbright Scholar, and the Perth launch of the appeal for the Western Australia Scholarship Fund. He also hosted a reception to welcome the 2007 U.S. Scholars as part of the Enrichment Program in Canberra and the Annual Alumni Reception at the U.S. Embassy to thank all who contribute to the program.

Board membership remained stable in 2007, with only one change. Allaster Cox was replaced by Craig Chittick as the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade representative, both serving as the Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Branch. On behalf of the Board, our thanks to Allaster for his contribution and support.

The Fulbright Commission gratefully acknowledges the continuing generous support of the Australian and U.S. governments, as well as our corporate, institutional and individual sponsors including BHP Billiton, Telstra Corporation, and the Pratt Foundation, along with other supporters listed in this report.

Similarly, our National Selection Committees and State Alumni Chapters again made effective, valuable and much appreciated contributions. I take this opportunity to sincerely thank all those who devote their time and energy to these activities.

The Executive Director, Mark Darby, and the staff of the Fulbright Commission office, continue to inject enthusiasm and a high level of professionalism into the work of the Commission. Their efforts have been pivotal in achieving a special year of proud accomplishments for the Fulbright Program in Australia.

Finally, after serving a four-year term as a Board member, the last three as Chair, I will be stepping down from the Board at the end of 2007. I have enjoyed immensely my association with the Board and with the Fulbright Program. My best wishes and continuing strong support for what is a wonderful program of encouraging international engagement and understanding by providing education and research opportunities for the leaders of tomorrow.



Peter Coaldrake
Chair of the Board



Executive Director

“Every single Fulbright Scholar I’ve spoken to talks about mind expansion, greater understanding, completely new career paths, and their worldwide networks”, stated Mrs Fulbright at an interview in Sydney.

This highlights not only the value of the Fulbright Scholarship to the individual, but also linkages and networks they build. Promotion and recognition of this have been a core focus of the Fulbright Commission in 2007.

The establishment of the Fulbright Alumni Initiative Grant to help alumni build linkages between institutions formed from their Fulbright experience has already shown its benefit. We look forward to selecting further recipients of this grant in 2008.

The weekend alumni seminars in the U.S. hosted by the University of San Diego and Northwestern University highlighted the ongoing connections and interest between U.S. Alumni, U.S. universities and Australia. We look forward to continuing to build on these through the U.S. Alumni Chapters and enhancing their connections with the Australian Consulates and Mission in the United States.

Sponsors

Our thanks to the Australian and United States governments for their ongoing support of the Fulbright Program. We look forward to working with the new Australian Government and Prime Minister Kevin Rudd as the Honorary Co-Chair of the Commission.

We are also grateful to our corporate partners. Chip Goodyear, then CEO of BHP Billiton, hosted a reception in Melbourne that recognised the Fulbright Victorian and BHP Billiton Scholars. Guests included U.S. Consul General, Earl Irving; Governor of Victoria, Dr David de Kretser AC; Marius Kloppers (now CEO of BHP Billiton and a Fulbright alumnus) and Vice-Chancellors and Deputy Vice-Chancellors of local universities.

Telstra renewed their agreement to support the Fulbright Scholarship in Technology & Communication. Their partnership in this unique scholarship has been greatly appreciated, especially from Mr Phil Burgess, Telstra Group Managing Director, Public Policy & Communication (Fulbright alumnus).

We also welcomed a collection of new supporters in all of the universities based in Queensland and Western Australia; Austal; WA based companies and individuals; and the Queensland State Government and Western Australia State Government, who through their generous donations have established in perpetuity new state-based Fulbright Scholarships.

Harriet Mayor Fulbright

It was a pleasure to welcome Harriet Fulbright back to Australia in December. She attended a lunch hosted by Ambassador McCallum and a reception hosted by the Australian National Gallery in Canberra.

She gave a public lecture at the University of Sydney on “The importance of arts & humanities in building international understanding”, followed by a reception hosted by Judith Fergin, U.S. Consul General.

Commission

After over four years of service as Finance Manager we were sorry to farewell Jo Monaghan who returned to Perth. Jo helped reshape the financial systems within the Commission and provided a solid, professional structure for our future operations.

We welcomed three new staff in Jennifer Cahill as Communications Manager, Lesley Piko as Finance Manager and Leanne Edmonds as the Administrative Assistant.

My thanks to our sponsors, supporters, Board, Selection Committees, Alumni and the Commission staff for their contribution to a wonderful 2007 and ongoing success of the Fulbright Program in Australia.

2007 Commission highlights

- » BHP Billiton reception in Melbourne
- » Fulbright Tasmania Scholar Dinner with Ambassador McCallum
- » Launch of the Queensland and Western Australia Scholarships
- » U.S. Fulbright Alumni Weekends in San Diego and Chicago
- » Inaugural Alumni Initiative Grants
- » Visit of Mrs Harriet Fulbright



Mark Darby
Executive Director



Program

The administration of Fulbright Scholarships is the core focus of the Commission.

Promotional activities

During 2007 information sessions on the Fulbright Program were presented at 27 universities in all states of Australia. Universities were encouraged to explore ways in which Fulbright can assist them to build strategic collaborative relationships with the United States.

Focused advertising also highlighted the opportunities through the Professional Scholarships and the newly created State Scholarships. The State Scholarships generated a wider awareness and increased applications from Tasmania, Queensland and Western Australia. We look forward to continued growth through these scholarships and the opportunity to profile the local relevance and benefit of specific research.

Receptions for Scholars were hosted by the University of Technology Sydney; University of Tasmania; University of Western Australia; and University of Adelaide.

University Honour Boards

In November the University of Adelaide became the first university in Australia to unveil a Fulbright Scholars' Honours Board. This recognised all the distinguished graduates and faculty from the university who have won a Fulbright Scholarship.

The Commission is currently working with other universities to develop similar Honour Boards, either electronically for their web sites, or formal presentation.

Selection of Scholars

The quality of the Program and Scholars rests with the selection process that draws on the professional and academic expertise of over 60 representatives who make up the State and National Selection Committees. An increased number of applications were received for U.S. and Australian Fulbright Scholarships in 2007. We are grateful for the commitment and support of these members and the Fulbright State Secretaries who coordinate this process.

U.S. Senior Scholars Visiting Speaker Program

In 2007 a pilot program was implemented, providing all Fulbright U.S. Senior Scholars with travel funds to visit other Australian universities to give guest lectures. This was very successful in sharing their expertise across Australia and will continue to be offered in future years.

Senior Specialists

The Senior Specialist Program was established in 2001 to provide the opportunity for Australian universities to host leading U.S. academics for two to six weeks to build collaboration and linkages. The 2007 Senior Specialists were hosted by Griffith, Melbourne, Monash, Queensland, Sydney and Tasmania universities. This opportunity has now become an integral part of the Fulbright Program with up to six grants per year.

Enrichment Program

The U.S. Fulbright Scholars Enrichment Program in September provided the opportunity to formally welcome the 2007 U.S. Scholars and the recently arrived 2006 Scholars.

Held in Canberra, it began with Ambassador McCallum hosting the Scholars at the Embassy residence to welcome and congratulate them. In congratulating them and presenting the Scholars with their Fulbright pins, Ambassador McCallum highlighted the honour and responsibility of being a Fulbright Scholar and wished them well in their research and study in Australia.

The Enrichment Dinner at Old Parliament House, hosted by the Commission and the Australian Fulbright Alumni Association, introduced Scholars to the wider ACT Fulbright Community.

2007 Program highlights

- » Inaugural Fulbright Tasmania Scholar
- » First Fulbright Honours Board unveiled – University of Adelaide
- » Presentations conducted at 27 universities
- » Increased applications for U.S. & Australian Fulbright Scholarships
- » U.S. Senior Scholars visiting speaker program

2007 U.S. Scholars:
Emily Cornwell,
Jesse Silverman,
Alex White,
Joshua Meisel and
Tyler Summers
experiencing
Australia.



Australian Fulbright Scholars 2007

	Field of Study	Host Institution	Research Focus
Postgraduate			
Robin Brimblecombe (Science & Engineering – BHP Billiton)	Energy Studies	Princeton University	Develop catalysts that, with solar energy, can create hydrogen and thus sustainable fuel production (Aust. PhD research).
Amy Ellks (Visual & Performing Arts – Pratt)	Music Performance, Flute	Mannes College, New School University	Music Performance, majoring in classical flute (U.S. Masters coursework)
Danny Gelman	Chemistry	Harvard University	Developing a new synthesis of steroids that will be utilised to develop new treatments for hormone linked diseases such as prostate cancer (Aust. PhD research).
Karel Hartlieb (Science & Engineering – BHP Billiton)	Materials Engineering	Clarkson University	Process intensification strategies for the synthesis and encapsulation of metal and semiconductor nanomaterials (Aust. PhD research).
Steven Lane (Alumni – WG Walker)	Medicine	Harvard Medical School/ Brigham and Women's Hospital	Acute myeloid leukemia: molecular and cellular pathways leading to treatment resistance (Aust. PhD research)
Kanthi Lewis	Chemistry	New York University	Factors which can be utilised to enhance bone formation in order to prevent degenerative bone disorders such as osteoporosis.(Aust. PhD research)
Daniel Mitchell	Aerospace Engineering	Stanford University	The fluid mechanics of fuel injection into scramjets, engines designed for supersonic and hypersonic flight. (Aust. PhD research).
Ben Mooney (Tasmania Scholarship)	Plant Science	University of Maryland	The fundamentals of fish-killing algal blooms to contribute towards the understanding of toxic mechanisms of algae. (Aust. PhD research).
Andrew Nicol	Legal Philosophy and Jurisprudence	Harvard University	Specialising in jurisprudence in order to explore new and emerging applications of theories about 'rights'. (U.S. Masters coursework)
Oscar Potter	Chemistry	E. O. Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory	Develop new functionalised polymer materials that can facilitate separation and digestion of biochemical analytes. (Aust. PhD research).
Melissa Tacy	Mathematics	University of California, Berkeley	The application of cross-disciplinary approaches from Quantum Theory to pure mathematical analysis. (Aust. PhD research).
Kristy Vernon (Technology & Communications – Telstra)	Physics	University of California, Berkeley	Investigation of nano-sensors, capable of detecting trace amounts of a substance down to single molecules. (Aust. PhD research).
Rowena White	Law	Harvard University	Corporations law, comparative constitutional law and federalism.(U.S. Masters coursework)
Postdoctoral Scholars			
Elizabeth Krenske	Chemistry	University of California, Los Angeles	A new technique for analysing how molecules react, working with a theory known as Atoms In Molecules Theory.
Julie Owen (Indigenous – DEEWR)	Indigenous Health	Arizona State University	The impact of lay educators in effective Indigenous health promotion programs.
Mai Tran	Immunology and Biology	NIAID Biomedical Research Institute, University of Pennsylvania	To find a vaccine for the parasitic disease, schistosomiasis.
Senior Scholars			
Francis Carbone	Biochemistry	The SCRIPPS Research Institute / Oregon Health and Science University	The role of cross-presentation in the immune responses to virus infection.
Billie Giles-Corti	Population Health	Stanford University	Active living and older adults, with a focus on sustainable development.
Professional Scholars			
Julia Grix	Legal Practice	New York Legal Aid Society / Bronx Defenders	Innovative approaches to juvenile indigent legal defence work undertaken in the U.S.
Brent McInnes (Business/ Industry – Coral Sea)	Geology	NASA Goddard Space Flight Centre	Review technologies for remotely and autonomously measuring and characterising minerals.
Mark O'Rourke (VET – DEEWR)	Education and Training	University of Southern California	The acquisition of vocational skills through the use of game-based multimedia teaching and learning tools.
James Renwick (Alliance Studies – DFAT)	Constitutional Law	Johns Hopkins University	Perceived legal impediments to closer joint or complementary Alliance action and information sharing.
New Century Scholar			
Anthony Welch	Education	Boston College	The implications for access and equity, of the growth of private education in SE Asia.



Amy Ellks



Kanthi Lewis



Amy Ellks Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar in Visual and Performing Arts

sponsored by the Anthony Joseph Prett

"I feel it is important for me to be studying music in the U.S. because diversity, which often creates conflict between peoples, is actually conducive to exciting music-making, which in turn promotes cultural harmony."

Based at Mannes College, The New School for Music in New York City, Amy is completing a Masters Degree in Music Performance, majoring in classical flute. Her study program incorporates music performance practise and private instrumental instruction, with ear-training and academic classes to achieve well-rounded musicianship.

"This course is designed to bridge the gap between student and professional life and prepares musicians for entry to positions in all areas of the profession, including solo, chamber and orchestral playing."

Amy's home institution is the Elder Conservatory of Music at the University of Adelaide; however

she wanted to study in the U.S. because it is the ideal atmosphere for a person of musical ambition to grow and develop the ingrained knowledge a professional musician requires.

"New York City is a culturally vibrant and stimulating city and I believe studying music here is the ideal location for any artistic development."

"I intend to return to Australia with the skills to cultivate a strong societal appreciation for music, based on the thriving music scene I will have experienced in the U.S."

A highlight of Amy's time in the U.S. was the chance to perform at New York's Carnegie Hall.

"For our last Mannes Orchestra concert, we performed Stravinsky's Symphony of Psalms in Carnegie Hall. The prestigious weight of the Carnegie Hall name melted away as we sat down on the stage, the boxes and seats curving around us. It was like playing in a big hug."

Kanthi Lewis Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar

"I don't think I could have ever been prepared for how different life was going to be in the U.S. I learn more every day, and I hope that when I leave I will have shared as much as I have learned with others."

Kanthi is researching bone repair and regeneration at New York University and hopes her studies will lead to new ways to encourage bone regeneration and reverse the degradation which occurs with osteoporosis.

"The facilities at New York University have allowed me to expand my project by learning new techniques I wouldn't otherwise have access to."

"I hope to increase my knowledge on altering bone mineral formation, and ways to change the mineral crystal structure to have optimal properties."

Kanthi, a PhD student at the University of Technology Sydney, has fully appreciated the value of a Fulbright Scholarship since being in the U.S.

"When you mention the Fulbright name, the hard part is done for you; people have high respect and recognition for the Fulbright."

While Kanthi has been in the U.S. she has strengthened the existing collaboration between her research groups at the University of Technology Sydney with her U.S. networks.

New York City provides highlights for Kanthi daily; surprisingly one of these is the NYC traffic.

"The most incredible thing occurs every day and I am still amazed – the NYC traffic! Out of my window I see barges and their tugboats travelling up the East River, about 30 a day. Helicopters leave the helipad every 8 minutes, and fly so close to my apartment that you can see the people inside. The hustle and bustle is incredible."



Ben Mooney



Mark O'Rourke

Ben Mooney Fulbright Tasmania Scholar

sponsored by the Tasmanian Government and the University of Tasmania

"The Fulbright name has opened many doors that otherwise may not have been open to me. This has been by the awareness of the prestige and honour Fulbright carries in the U.S."

Ben, the inaugural Fulbright Tasmania Scholar, is undertaking research at the University of Maryland into the principles of fish-killing algae common to both Australia and the U.S.

Based at the Biotechnology Institute's Centre of Marine Biotechnology, Ben is exploring the fundamentals of fish-killing algal blooms.

"My research is essential for the risk assessment of the potential threat to marine farming and wild fisheries."

Ben's research holds a number of benefits for Australia, especially Tasmania, principally in understanding more about toxic marine algae.

"Social, economic and environmental groups all have a vested interest in the health and

wellbeing of coastal waterways. Toxic algal blooms can have devastating effects on marine ecosystems, and a better understanding of the mechanisms for bloom formation and toxic principles will enable better management and mitigation of potential threats."

The benefits of his research will not stop at Australia, extending to the global community.

"Marine algae produce half the oxygen on the planet and provide almost all of the primary production that supports higher trophic levels; for example other algae, fish, shellfish and crustaceans. Algae will play a key role in the ability of the planet to adapt to global challenges such as climate change."

While in the U.S. Ben is working on collaborations with his home institution, the University of Tasmania. *"My Fulbright Scholarship has set the wheels in motion for continued collaboration upon my return to Hobart."*

Mark O'Rourke Fulbright Professional Scholar in Vocational Education and Training

sponsored by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

"The focus of my scholarship has been to explore the current practice and theories of training-based game products. Such interactive virtual worlds can provide a powerful medium with rich interactions for experiential learning."

Mark, a Program Manager in the School of Creative Industries at Victoria University, based himself at the University of Southern California's Institute for Creative Technologies on his Fulbright. His research examined the design of multi-user games as learning tools and their potential to engage learners in virtual role-playing and problem solving scenarios.

"I envisage my research will lead to the development and piloting of multi-media, interactive vocational training programs with industry in Australia."

"The research will create opportunities to develop innovative learning tools for vocational skills development and explore building customised programs in the workplace and other sites for targeted vocational skills acquisition."

Mark believes the global community will benefit from this research.

"It is expected that these game-based interactive tools will find a ready application in global industries where workers deal with sophisticated machinery or hazardous environments."

Being a Fulbright scholar has opened many doors for Mark – *"I have been able to meet, often at short notice, a lot of academics, researchers and industry people involved in the application of games to teaching and learning"*.

"Being a Fulbright Scholar also gave me the opportunity to participate in an event in LA involving Fulbright Scholars from all over the world, and extended my contacts from Chile to Albania."

While in the U.S. Mark had the opportunity to present at a conference in Nashville to the Community College sector. *"I gained insight into issues in vocational education in the U.S. and in particular innovations in the application of technologies to education and training."*



Dr Julie Owen



Dr James Renwick

Dr Julie Owen Fulbright Postdoctoral Indigenous Scholar

sponsored by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

"Emphasising the importance of cultural sharing, highlighting the determination of Indigenous people in a Western Society to survive and continue their beliefs and traditions, will encourage conversation on positive aspects for all."

Julie Owen, from the Nurrunga people of South Australia and currently the Health Promotion Coordinator for the South West Aboriginal Medical Service in Bunbury WA, is undertaking research at the Center for Indian Education, Arizona State University. Her research explores developing the role of lay educators in Health Programs for native Americans and Australian Aboriginal communities.

"I hoped to achieve an understanding of how native Americans are overcoming health issues with cultural and traditional values. During my studies in the U.S. I was able to see this demonstrated in many different ways, from native food festivals, basketry and modern medical facilities working with traditional healers."

"Many aspects of health concerns with native Americans are comparable to Australian Aboriginal groups in the areas of health, cultural, spiritual and economic status. Knowledge of programs through sharing can assist all groups to work together towards success."

In the U.S. Julie has had the opportunity to make firm friendships with several native American individuals, organisations and institutes, allowing for a continued exchange with her home institutions University of Western Australia, and South West Medical Service, Bunbury on her return.

A highlight of her time in the U.S. has been attending a medicine dance and a 'sweat lodge' event. "This event really impacted upon me – the amazing ability of healing through cultural traditions – and highlighted the wonderful generosity and hospitality of native American people."

Dr James Renwick Fulbright Scholar in Australian-U.S. Alliance Studies

sponsored by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

"The Fulbright cachet, and the close relationship between the two countries, enables access to almost anyone in Washington under Cabinet rank."

James, a Sydney barrister, adjunct academic and Naval reservist, was a Professional Scholar for three months in Washington DC at the Philip Merrill Center for Strategic Studies at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) of the Johns Hopkins University.

His project considered legal aspects of 'the alliance'. The relationship between the Australian and the United States' governments has never been closer than in the 'war on terror', a war which has seen much joint or complimentary action by the alliance, including military operations, law enforcement and intelligence activity. The project asked 'what are some of the main international and constitutional law constraints on such action', a question which focused attention on the bedrock issues of governments' powers and citizens' rights.

"The Fulbright has given me a marvellous opportunity to make many new contacts, to introduce Australians and Americans who did not know each other before, and to explore ways in which Australia and the U.S. can work more closely together while still abiding by the rule of law, which remains fundamental to the democratic system in each country."

Apart from library research, writing and giving occasional lectures, James had many discussions with academics, lawyers, diplomats, judges and government and military officials.

As a major current focus of the alliance is the 'war on terror', James also organised a conference in Washington in January 2008 on the conduct of terrorism trials at which Australian and U.S. officials, including the Australian Ambassador to the U.S., academics, lawyers and judges spoke.

American Fulbright Scholars 2007

	Field of Study	Host Institution	Research Focus
Postgraduate Scholars			
Mary Anderson	Dramatic Arts	University of Tasmania	Examining site-based performance practice created within an ecological environment, involving web-casted performances.
Julia Back	Biological Sciences	Deakin University	Study the behavioural responses of Australian fur seals to boat-based disturbances at breeding colonies (Australian Masters Program).
Rachel Brummel	Environmental Sociology	Commonwealth Science and Industry Research Organisation (CSIRO)	How diverse stakeholder groups navigate multiple and sometimes conflicting bushfire management objectives.
Joshua Coene	Modern History	University of New South Wales	Exploring popular support for harsh punishment and prison expansion in New South Wales.
Emily Cornwell	Biological Sciences	Deakin University	The physiological adaptations of a molluscan population to hyper- and hypo-saline conditions in a Victorian estuarine lake.
Alan Franks	Civil Engineering/ Film	University of Sydney	Make a documentary on the engineering innovations used on Australian outback farms (Australian Masters Program).
Ben Fohner	Business Studies	Monash University	Analysing current barriers to innovation and commercialisation in the biotechnology sector (Australian Masters Program).
Shayle Kann	Environmental Science	Australian National University	Environmental, policy, and market research on solarization and energy efficiency retrofits.
Joshua Meisel	Biological Sciences	University of Queensland	Protecting the Great Barrier Reef ecosystem from global climate change and expanding our knowledge of its symbiotic biology.
Jenna Morency	Modern History	University of Tasmania	Research on British imperialism and colonial Australia, through the study of the ninety-three American prisoners who were transported to Australia in 1837-1838 .
Emily Morgan	Environmental Studies	Deakin University	Research in the emerging field of environmentally-conscious nutrition education.
Jesse Silverman	Evolutionary Biology	University of Queensland	To characterise the genetic and genomic regulatory processes responsible for the shell development of abalone.
Tyler Summers (Alumni Scholar)	Engineering	Australian National University	Develop a new theory for control of autonomous vehicle formations - a team of vehicles working together to accomplish a task without human intervention.
Rory Telemeco	Environmental Studies	University of Sydney	The potential impact global temperature changes have on natural populations of an egg-laying vertebrate.
Elizabeth Triche	Medicine / Public Health	University of Sydney	Masters in International Public Health (Australian Masters Program)/
Leland Turner	History / Film	Australian National University and The University of Queensland	The growing Americanisation of Australian culture.
Alexander White	Psychology	University of Sydney	The perception of time, examining the nature of time perception and the visual feature binding the brain (Australian Masters Program).
Senior Scholars			
Leslie Jacobson	Dramatic Arts	University of Adelaide	Study play writing and theatrical production in Australia and develop and produce a new play.
Steven Pantilat	Medicine	University of Sydney	Understand the palliative care needs of patients with heart failure and their preferences for how best to discuss palliative care issues.
Andrei Derevianko	Physics / Astronomy	University of New South Wales	The variation of fundamental constants of physics and will deal with the fundamental question: are the physical constants constant?
Barbara Riegel	Nursing	Australian Catholic University	Collaborative research into the self-care of patients with heart failure.
Rebekah Levine Coley	Psychology/Social Policy	University of New South Wales	To compare rates and precursors of adolescent health risk behaviours and contrast government social policy responses.
ANU Distinguished Chair			
Patricia Sykes	Political Science	Australian National University	Analytical, as well as empirical, contributions to the study of political leadership in Anglo-American nations, particularly women as executive leaders.



Mary Anderson



Dr Rebekah Levine Coley

Mary Anderson Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar

“Australian artists and intellectuals are exploring the human relationship to land, country and nature in ways that could only be produced in and by these landscapes.”

Mary Anderson, a doctoral candidate in performing arts at the University of California, Davis, has based herself at the University of Tasmania (UTas) to commence the final case study for her dissertation.

In affiliation with UTas and the Hobart Mountain Festival, Mary is exploring site-specific performance practice in the Australian Central Desert and Tasmania, and the ways in which these contemporary public performances continue to reflect the ongoing renegotiation of the concepts of “nature”, “migration”, “wilderness” and “home” in Australia and in the U.S.

Mary is working on the development and interaction of live web-casted performances between Tasmania and locations in the U.S., including California, Hawaii and Florida.

As Mary is a performance practitioner (theatre and dance), as well as a theorist, she is also involved in the performance side of things. “I am involved in the 2008 Mountain Festival and am learning about mounting such productions. I am one of the artists liaising with community members to create a performance on Global Warming.”

A series of connections to individual people and specific landscapes brought Mary to Australia. “Prior to my Fulbright I was involved in field work in Sydney and Alice Springs, and decided on my return to the U.S. that I wanted to write my dissertation on site-specific performance in Australia.”

Mary hopes that her research will enable teachers and schoolchildren from partner institutions in the U.S. and around the world to see the uniquely Tasmanian approaches to local and global environmental issues through collaboration between artists, scientists and community groups.

Dr Rebekah Levine Coley Fulbright Senior Scholar

“I am very fortunate to be housed in an exciting, top-notch research centre at UNSW, with colleagues conducting an impressive array of social policy projects and evaluations.”

Rebekah, based at the Social Policy Research Centre at the University of New South Wales, has been researching comparisons in American and Australian adolescent health policy risk behaviours and the divergent social policy responses to these behaviours.

“Australia and the U.S. share many political, socio-cultural, and economic similarities. And yet the way in which the American and Australian governments and societies view young people, and the developmentally normative, yet potentially health-compromising behaviours they engage in, is quite different.”

“This contrast drew me to Australia – to understand why youth across the two countries engage in differing levels of health risk behaviours such as substance use and risky sexual activity, and to understand how the American and Australian governments respond to such behaviors with different prevention and intervention programs and policies.”

“These questions boil down to much more global issues – understanding how different societies view young people, their potentials, and the risks that may prohibit them from reaching their potential.”

Rebekah, who is an Associate Professor of Psychology at Boston University, believes her research will help to inform policy makers, scientists and practitioners by broadening their understanding of diverse social policy responses to adolescent health risk behaviours.

While in Australia Rebekah has focused on initiating new intellectual collaborations with colleagues at the Social Policy Research Centre – collaborations which she hopes will extend far into the future when she returns to the U.S.

“I am currently in the process of delineating and initiating new collaborative research projects with numerous colleagues at the Social Policy Research Centre at UNSW. My longer-term goals are to build these budding projects into long-term collaborative relationships based upon funded longitudinal research studies.”



Emily Cornwell



Dr Steven Pantilat

Emily Cornwell Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar

"While in Australia I hope to be able to exchange ideas with other graduate students and researchers, as well as spark interest in aquatic biology and research among undergraduates."

Emily is at Deakin University researching the salinity tolerance of a native Australian mussel in a protected wetland.

"I am researching the physiology of salinity tolerance in *Xenostrobus securis*, a native Australian mussel. The estuarine mussel is indigenous to Australian and New Zealand waters.

"I am using physiological and molecular techniques to more closely investigate this animal's tolerance of the extreme conditions found in Lake Connnewarre in Victoria."

Emily, a graduate from Kalamazoo University, chose to study at Deakin University for its access to a unique environment perfect for Emily's research.

"Lake Connnewarre is the only wetland in the world where the salinity changes so rapidly and where the lake seasonally loses its source of fresh water, but is always connected to the ocean. Studying these mussels where they experience the most drastic changes in salinity, allows me to gain insight into the limits of their salinity tolerance in the field as well as in the laboratory."

Emily believes there are numerous benefits for Australia as a result of her studies. "Australian waters face the threat of salination of fresh water sources; it is imperative to learn how the biological community can tolerate these changes."

Emily has enjoyed the chance to experience rural Australia since arriving in Victoria.

"I've had the opportunity to spend some time on a Victorian farm on the banks of the Murray River that raises Murray Cod. I've been lucky enough to work with a farmer to investigate ways to improve techniques used to rear the cod."

Dr Steven Pantilat Fulbright Senior Scholar

"My research will help us to better understand the palliative care needs of patients with heart failure in order to design the best palliative care program for these people with the hope of improving their quality of life."

Steven, based at the University of Sydney and Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, is researching improving quality of life for people with heart failure. In the U.S. Steven is an Associate Professor and Director in the Department of Internal Medicine at the UC, San Francisco.

"Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the developed world, including in the U.S. and Australia. The goal is to make the most of every day and to live life to its fullest, regardless of how long."

"The focus is on quality of life not necessarily on quantity, and by thinking about what is most important in life helping people prioritise what they do, who they spend time with, and what they want to say."

Australia was Steven's first choice to pursue his research because of its long history of providing

palliative care as a standard part of the national health care system.

"There is a great deal to learn in Australia about how palliative care is organised, taught, and delivered in a system in which the field is well established."

Steven's research will have benefits not only for Australia and the U.S., but the global community will also gain from his findings.

"Heart disease is the leading cause of death throughout the developed world. Understanding how best to care for people with heart disease will have broad-reaching implications for care and potentially affect millions of people and their families."

A highlight for Steven while in Australia has been getting his family up close to kangaroos. "We found two groups of wild kangaroos and got close enough to really see them. We saw two males "boxing" and females with joeys in their pouches—a real thrill for us Americans."





Tyler Summers



Leland Turner

Tyler Summers Fulbright Postgraduate (U.S. Alumni) Scholar

"I have had the pleasure of exploring, discovering, and embracing Australia's unique and vibrant culture. Amazing travel, the quirky and friendly language, and, above all, the diverse and welcoming people have all contributed to making my Fulbright so far a fantastic experience that I will certainly carry with me for life."

Tyler chose the Australian National University and National ICT Australia as the base to carry out his research on the control of autonomous vehicle formations. This research will form the foundation for his doctoral dissertation at the University of Texas, Austin.

"My research centers on control of autonomous vehicle formations. Imagine a swarm of interdependent underwater vehicles undertaking an exploration mission in the ocean, or a team of unmanned aircraft performing a military reconnaissance mission in a hostile environment – I am using advanced mathematical theory to design and analyse such systems."

"There has been an explosion of interest in autonomous vehicle formations due in large part to the ubiquitous potential for engineering application."

"The benefit for Australia, the U.S., and the global community that derives from these applications includes environmental monitoring, defence and transportation."

Tyler chose Australia for the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to conduct research with Distinguished Professor Brian Anderson at ANU. "Professor Anderson is one of the most distinguished members of the global engineering community."

"I believe engineering, with science and mathematics as key ingredients, can act as a great ambassador for increasing mutual understanding between nations. Indeed, science and mathematics are global languages, and we share crucial global challenges that can be overcome when faced together."

Leland Turner Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar

"Both the American West and Australian outback have inspired national mythology and have produced a host of cultural heroes. What influence do Hollywood and American popular culture wield in Australia?"

Leland, a PhD student at Texas Tech University, is carrying out his Fulbright research in Australia at the Australian National University and the University of Queensland. His research has followed two distinct paths: the first, a doctoral thesis that is a comparative/transnational study focusing on beef cattle agriculture in the American Southwest and Australian outback; and the second, research on the influence of frontier imagery on popular culture.

"I was drawn to Australia because of my interest in arid and semi-arid land studies. Although I am an historian, my research follows an interdisciplinary course and it was in a geography class I first became acutely aware of the similar environmental conditions of the American Southwest and Australian outback."

"My projects reflect on globalisation – the studies encourage Americans and Australians alike to

consider globalisation and its affect on environment and culture."

"While my doctoral thesis analyses past responses to harsh environments and market demand, it should nevertheless serve as a launching pad to consider the future sustainability of arid lands agricultural production."

"While in Australia I am conducting research to convert my doctoral thesis into a book length manuscript and to generate important journal articles addressing both topics. I also hope to gain a better understanding of the Aussie outlook on life and history more intimately than books, articles and reports could ever permit."

Leland has been fortunate to see a lot of the Australian continent since he arrived.

"My journey across the expansive plains of Australia's Northern Territory and the Queensland outback was an awe-inspiring experience, even for a veteran flatlander like myself who is accustomed to the vast prairies of the American Southern Plains."

Fulbright ANU Distinguished Chair

Women as Executive Leaders - Gender analysis of executive leadership in Anglo-American systems can reveal why so few women succeed as presidents, prime ministers, and premiers. The research of Dr Patricia Sykes, 2007/2008 Fulbright ANU Distinguished Chair, bridges the gap between gender studies and executive leadership and adds to our knowledge about women leaders in several countries, including the U.S. and Australia.



Patricia Sykes

The Fulbright Australian National University (ANU) Distinguished Chair in American Political Science was established in collaboration with the ANU, the Fulbright Commission and the U.S. Department of State in 2005.

The Scholarship brings a noted U.S. Scholar in political science to Australia each year to undertake research, build collaborative links and share their knowledge through a range of speaking events around Australia. The intention is to increase awareness of the study of American politics and government in Australia, and promote collaborative and comparative research in political science between the two countries.

Dr Patricia Sykes, an Associate Professor in the Department of Government at American University, is the 2007/2008 Fulbright ANU Distinguished Chair in American Political Science. Dr Sykes will join the ANU for five months from January 2008 to continue her current research on women as executive leaders in Anglo-American systems. She will also start collaborative projects with ANU faculty members and deliver a series of visiting guest lectures throughout Australia.

The topics that Dr Sykes will speak on are Women as Executive Leaders and the 2008 U.S. Presidential Election. Dr Sykes' lectures will take place at Australian universities and other interested organisations. She will also present an Occasional Senate Lecture Series at Parliament House in Canberra.

Dr Sykes will work with ANU faculty members on a project on parties and another on the 'presidentialisation' of the post of prime minister, and also on a study of the fate of 'femocrats' and their Anglo counterparts in conservative times.

Dr Sykes is a graduate of Boston College and completed a PhD in Political Science at Yale University. She was a Fulbright Senior Scholar at Trinity College Dublin in Ireland in 1997-98. Her publications include two books: "Presidents and Prime Minister: Conviction Politics in the Anglo-American Tradition" and "Losing from the Inside: the Cost of Conflict in the British Social Democratic Party". She has also published articles in such journals as Presidential Studies Quarterly and Studies in American Political Development. Dr Sykes was the recipient of the National Endowment for Humanities Award in 1990.

The inaugural Fulbright ANU Distinguished Chair was Professor Kenneth Mayer, from the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

The Chair is part of the international Fulbright Program and is considered to be one of the most prestigious appointments offered by the organisation. There are currently only 31 Fulbright Distinguished Chair positions in the world, with this position being the first offered in Australia and the East Asia Pacific Region. ANU is hosting the Chair for the first five years, after which it will be open to other Australian universities.





The Hon Julie Bishop MP congratulates Australian Scholars



Customs House, UQ, Brisbane



Well Strung Strings Quartet

Fulbright Presentation Dinner

Leaders of the future

The 2007 Australian Fulbright Scholars are the nation's "ambassadors to the world, representing a modern and intellectually outward-looking Australia", according to the then Minister for Education, Science and Training, Julie Bishop.

In congratulating the twenty-two Australian Scholars at the 2007 Fulbright Presentation Dinner in Brisbane, Minister Bishop said the experiences gained through a Fulbright Scholarship broaden the horizons and shape the views of these Scholars who will be leaders of the future.

The 2007 Presentation Dinner was hosted by The University of Queensland, with musical performances provided by Griffith University's Conservatorium of Music. The performances included Well Strung Strings Quartet, a Trumpet Fanfare by Joel Hardy and the Jazz Australis Trio with William Barton on didgeridoo.

Minister Bishop was joined in congratulating the Scholars by Dan Clune (Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy), Greg Hunt (then National President of the Australian Fulbright Alumni Association and then Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs), and Peter Coaldrake (Chair, Australian-American Fulbright Commission).

The Queensland Minister for State Development, Employment and Industrial Relations, John Mickel, used the occasion to announce the establishment of a Fulbright Queensland Scholarship.

Minister Mickel stated that the Queensland Government would match the Queensland universities' one-off contribution of \$250,000 to set up a perpetual scholarship.

In congratulating the Scholars, Minister Bishop said the 2007 group represented some of the best and brightest people from across Australia in the fields of law, the arts and the sciences.

"These Scholars will, over the next year, work with the leaders in their fields in the United States and develop the personal linkages and professional networks that will help them follow in the footsteps of Fulbright Alumni," she said.

"Their scholarships will be a crucial step in them becoming an influential part of Australia's future,"

The Hon Julie Bishop MP.

The 2008 Presentation Dinner will be held for the first time in Western Australia, hosted by the University of Western Australia (13 March 2008), at the historic Winthrop Hall, with performances provided by Edith Cowan University's Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts.

2007 Australian Fulbright Scholars with Mr Dan Clune, Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy (third from left, front row).



The 2007 Fulbright Symposium



Keynote speaker, Mr Ahmed Fahour



Symposium audience

The University of Western Australia's Centre for Muslim States and Societies, in conjunction with the Australian Institute of International Affairs (AIIA), brought together an impressive line-up of local, national and international experts at this year's Fulbright Symposium on the topic *Muslim Citizens in the West: Promoting Social Inclusion*.

The Symposium, held in early August, focused on the complex and sometimes vexed issue of Muslim inclusion in the Western world. Themes included: different approaches to the inclusion and exclusion of Muslims; American and Australian Muslims post 9/11; a comparison of different experiences among Muslims in the West; Muslim women and Muslim leadership.

The Symposium convenor, Associate Professor Samina Yasmeen, said the Symposium was an opportunity to focus on the interaction between social, political, economic, cultural and religious factors that may contribute to the inclusion or exclusion of Muslims in the West.

"To foster a greater sense of social inclusion, we need to understand what factors and policies in society promote the inclusion and exclusion of Muslims, what issues or conditions contribute to real or perceived inclusion and what role do schools, media, women, youth organisations and Muslim leadership play in the process."

"Universities have a major role in fostering debate on issues of community importance. We hope to find ways in which social inclusion of Muslims citizens can be promoted and supported," said Associate Professor Yasmeen.

There was a wide spectrum of U.S., Australian and international speakers, with the keynote speaker being Mr Ahmed Fahour, Executive Director and CEO of National Australia Bank, who as a prominent Australian of Muslim-Lebanese background shared personal reflections on the topic.

The Symposium was supported by the Office of Multicultural Interests, the Department of Immigration and Citizenship and the Muslim Community Cooperative (Australia).

The 2008 Fulbright Symposium will be hosted by Flinders University on the topic *Healthy People, Prosperous Country* – examining the ways in which health inequities and disparities can be reduced by concerted actions that cut across sectors and act on the social determinants of health and wellbeing.

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 binational 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. Applications to host the 2009 Symposium close on 31 July 2008.

Fulbright State Scholarships

Following on from Tasmania, which established the first state sponsored Fulbright Scholarship in 2006, Queensland and Western Australia Fulbright State Scholarships were established in 2007. These scholarships are granted to individuals in those states to support their work on a topic or issue relevant to the state.

The Queensland Scholarship was announced by the Queensland Minister for State Development, John Mickel, at the 2007 Fulbright Presentation Dinner, with the State Government matching the Queensland universities' one-off contribution of \$250,000 to set up a perpetual scholarship.

He stated: "Queenslanders do typically perform well in the highly competitive national selection process for these prestigious scholarships but, as of 2008, Queensland candidates will have even greater opportunity". Minister Mickel said the newly established scholarship would provide opportunities for successive generations of talented researchers as part of the Government's Smart State commitment.

The Fulbright Western Australia Scholarship Fund was launched at a reception in April hosted by the University of Western Australia and then U.S. Consul General in Perth, Robin McClellan. The launch kicked off the campaign to raise \$A1 million to establish the Fulbright WA Scholarship Fund.

This joint endeavour, supported by the WA Government (who contributed \$500,000) and WA based universities and companies, such as Austal who contributed \$200,000, was coordinated by the U.S. Consulate in Perth and the WA Fulbright Alumni Chapter. It aims to annually support in perpetuity two Fulbright WA Scholarships, and by the end of 2007 \$970,000 had been received or committed to this fund.

The inaugural Fulbright Tasmania Scholar, Ben Mooney, was honoured at a dinner hosted by the University of Tasmania in March and attended by U.S. Ambassador Robert McCallum on his first visit to Tasmania.

Ben is undertaking a PhD in Plant Science at the University of Tasmania. His Fulbright research at the University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute and the State University of New York, Syracuse, aims to shed scientific light on marine algae that cause multi-million dollar fish-kills in aquaculture operations.

Chair of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission, Professor Peter Coaldrake, welcomed the announcement of the Queensland and Western Australia Scholarships and congratulated the inaugural Tasmania Scholar, highlighting the long-term benefits they will bring to their states.



Minister John Mickel (centre) with QUT's Professor Peter Coaldrake, Queensland Scholars Mai Tran, Steven Lane and Kristy Vernon and UQ's Professor John Hay.



Inaugural Fulbright Tasmania Scholar, Ben Mooney; U.S. Ambassador Robert McCallum; and Postgraduate Scholar, Oscar Potter.



Robin McClellan, then U.S. Consul General in Perth, and Don Smart, Chair of the WA Alumni Chapter at the WA Launch.



San Diego weekend participants enjoying a tour of the Birch Aquarium.



Dr Dale Hebbard receives his award from AFAA President, Tony Worby and U.S. Ambassador, Robert McCallum (centre).

Alumni events and happenings

Alumni Initiative Grant

In 2007 the inaugural winners of the Fulbright Alumni Initiative Grant were announced: Elizabeth Madin from the University of California, Santa Barbara (UC-SB) and Scott Carroll, University of California, Davis (UC-Davis).

Elizabeth, currently with the Marine Science Institute at UC-SB, came to Australia to work with the Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS) on ocean ecosystems. Elizabeth was a Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar to Australia in 1999 and returned to Queensland to work with AIMS on a project to understand how a variety of human impacts on ocean ecosystems alter the way marine food webs work. The research aimed to draw together parallel lines of research currently being pursued by UC-SB and AIMS and provide a formal institutional linkage between these two world-class marine science institutes.

Scott Carroll, currently with the Centre for Population Biology at the UC-Davis, worked with The University of Queensland on a project on Evolutionary Conservation Biology. Scott was a Senior Scholar to Australia in 2003 at The University of Queensland and returned to build on UQ's existing relationship with UC-Davis in this area.

This grant is designed to assist alumni of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission to continue to cultivate collaboration and relationships with institutions which the alumnus was involved with during their Fulbright Scholarship.

U.S. Events

The U.S. Alumni Seminar weekends and receptions held across the U.S. during October, were a celebration of the links between Australia and the U.S. that have grown out of Fulbright experiences over the last 58 years.

The U.S. events were also an opportunity to announce that the Australian Fulbright Alumni Association (AFAA) is establishing three regional U.S. Chapters.

The events began with UC San Diego welcoming U.S. Alumni and current Scholars to their campus. The weekend highlight was the seminar where attendees shared their Fulbright experiences, exploring a range of exciting projects and ongoing links between Australia and the U.S. The program included dinner with the Australian Consul General in LA, Innes Willox, who spoke about the depth of relationships that connect Australia and the U.S.

The Midwest weekend was hosted at Northwestern University in Chicago and also included a similar seminar. The Northwestern dinner was attended by the Australian Consul General in Chicago, Bob Charles, who encouraged building more linkages and student mobility between Australia and the Midwest.

The events finished in New York City with a reception to welcome the 2007 Australian Scholars to the U.S. The Australian Consul General, John Olsen, welcomed Scholars and Alumni to New York, and introduced the G'day Australia Week initiative that is now a central focus of the promotion of Australia in the U.S. every January.

Association Awards

At a number of end of year receptions the AFAA honoured four Alumni with Honorary Life Membership in recognition of their contribution to the Association and the Fulbright network.

Emeritus Professor Bob Crompton AM (1968 Senior Scholar), Dr Dale Hebbard (1957 Postdoctoral Scholar) and Dr Howard Bradbury AM (1964 Senior Scholar) [in absentia] were recognised at the U.S. Ambassador's reception in November 2007. Bob and Howard were an integral part of the group that established the AFAA in 1990. Bob served as National Vice-President and Chair of the ACT Chapter for many years and Howard served as National Treasurer for over 14 years. Dale, as Membership Secretary, was instrumental in tracking down over 4,000 U.S. and Australian Fulbright alumni and building the membership numbers.

At a Sydney reception, Janet Flint, long standing Secretary of the NSW Chapter, was also recognised for her work with the Chapter over the past 14 years. National President of the Association, Dr Tony Worby, presented the awards and thanked Bob, Howard, Dale and Janet for their hard work and commitment.

Alumni Achievements

Brother Barry Buckley (1978 Australian Education and Development Scholar)

Brother Buckley received an Australian College of Educators 2007 College Fellowship for his outstanding contribution to education within the non-government sector.

John Hope Franklin (1960 and 1973 U.S. Fulbright Distinguished Visitor and Lincoln Lecturer Scholar to Australia)

Professor John Hope Franklin, distinguished author and historian, received the Fulbright Alumni Associations Lifetime Achievement Medal in March. The Medal honours Fulbright Alumni whose distinguished careers and civic and cultural contributions have sought to expand the boundaries of human wisdom, empathy and perception.

Professor Peter Leggat (2002 Australian Professional Scholar)

Professor Leggat received an Australian College of Educators 2007 College Fellowship for his outstanding and distinctive contributions to tertiary education at the state, national and international level, particularly through innovative curriculum development in the fields of public health and tropical medicine.

Laureate Professor John Ralston (1986 Australian Senior Scholar)

Laureate Professor John Ralston, Director of the Ian Wark Research Institute was named South Australian of The Year, recognising an outstanding contribution to the state. John is the founding director of The Wark Institute and Professor of Physical Chemistry and Minerals Processing at the University of South Australia.

Amelia Simpson (2001 Australian Postgraduate Scholar)

Amelia Simpson, Federal Vice-President of the AFAA, was awarded a Carrick Institute Citation for Teaching for 2007 in August. Amelia, Senior Lecturer in the College of Law at the Australian National University, was recognised for challenging students to engage critically and reflectively with public law in a spirit of joint enterprise and an empowering classroom environment.

Dr Sue Stanton (1995 Australian Postgraduate Indigenous Scholar)

Associate Professor Sue Stanton, a Kungarakan-Gurindji woman, made history in October when she became the first Aboriginal person to receive a Doctor of Philosophy in Arts (thesis based) from Charles Darwin University (CDU).

Glen Withers AO (1970 Australian Postgraduate Scholar)

Dr Glen Withers was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of Universities Australia in August. Dr Withers was delighted with his new appointment: "A dynamic university sector is essential for Australia. I relish a central role in enhancing the position of Australia's universities, a case I passionately believe in".

Andrew Wroe (2005 Australian Postgraduate Scholar)

Andrew Wroe was awarded the Australian Institute for Nuclear Science and Engineering Gold Medal for Excellence in Research in December. The award was in part due to his research completed while on his Fulbright.

Fulbright Alumni among Honours List

A number of Fulbright Alumni were among those named in the Australia Day Honours list in 2007.

RMIT Vice-Chancellor Professor Margaret Gardner was made an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO). **The Honourable Justice David Andrew Ipp** also received an AO, for service to the judiciary.

Dr Peter Shergold, Secretary of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, was appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia (AC).

A number of Alumni in the higher education and research communities were appointed Members of the Order of Australia (AM), these included: **Professor Hilary Charlesworth** (ANU), **Professor Desmond Nicholls** (ANU); and **Dr Ralph Whalley** (UNE). **Dr Howard Bradbury** received an AM for services to science as a plant biochemist.

Dr John Conroy received a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to primary education.

John Hope Franklin receiving his Fulbright Lifetime Achievement Award



Financial Review

Finance Report

The summarised Financial Statements are extracted from the Commission's complete Financial Statements, for which RSM Bird Cameron gave an unqualified audit report. A complete set of the Audited Financial Statements are available upon request.

The financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared to satisfy the financial report preparation requirements of the Manual for (Fulbright) Binational Commissions and Foundations and the applicable Australian Accounting Standards and Australian Accounting Interpretations.

There have been no events since the balance sheet date which would require revision of the amounts included in the financial statements. In particular, we have no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities.

Overview

Of note is the substantial increase in endowment funding due the establishment of the Queensland and Western Australia Scholarships. The endowment funds are permanent funds which from earnings provide for the Coral Sea Fulbright Professional Scholarship, the Australian Alumni (WG Walker) Scholarship, the US Alumni Scholarship, and from 2008 the Fulbright Queensland and Western Australia Scholarships.

The investments are shown at a fair market value and our thanks to Tony Gleeson from Genesys Wealth Advisers for providing excellent advice and continuing to assist us in the management of our investments.

The Commission manages a number of externally funded scholarships which are not reflected in the Income Statement. This additional management is reflected in the administration costs.

The Commission also annually receives over A\$1m of in-kind support from U.S. and Australian universities, the Australian and U.S. governments, organisations and individuals not recognized in this finance report.



Financial Statements

Income Statement for year ended 31 December 2007

	2007 \$	2006 \$
Funding for ordinary activities		
Australian Government	802 000	597 853
United States Government	1 008 153	852 219
Scholarship sponsorships	262 304	254 795
Endowment Sponsorship	1 333 009	24 721
Total funding	3 405 466	1 729 588
Other revenue		
Interest earned	24 865	29 855
Gain on Investment	175 097	225 251
Foreign currency exchange	0	6 285
Other income	68 833	441 684
Total other revenue	268 795	703 075
Total revenue	3 674 261	2 432 663
Expenses from ordinary activities		
Program expenses	1 569 668	1 301 906
Program returns	(36 678)	(48 069)
Non-program expenses	237 542	193 495
Administration	560 152	499 975
Foreign currency exchange	29 570	8,605
Unrealised investment losses	55 761	0
Fulbright- Hays program	0	424 184
Total expenses	2 416 015	2 380 096
Operating surplus/(deficit)	1 258 246	52 567
Accumulated fund previous year	1 034 243	993 753
Transfer (to) from reserves	31 489	(12 077)
Balance for year taken to accumulated fund	2 323 978	1 034 243

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2007

	2007 \$	2006 \$
Assets		
Cash	510 136	398 083
Receivables	30 360	282 177
Other Current assets	27 927	19 745
	568 423	700 005
Investments held at market value	2 806 614	1 504 874
Total assets	3 375 037	2 204 879
Liabilities		
Provisions	68 826	199 024
Creditors	48 092	55 568
Unpaid program costs	563 289	513 702
Total liabilities	680 207	768 294
Net assets	2 694 830	1 436 585
Equity		
Reserves	370 852	402 342
Accumulated funds	2 323 978	1 034 243
Total Equity	2 694 830	1 436 585

Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 31 December 2007

In order to be consistent with the Manual for Binational Commissions and Foundations the Commission does not hold any fixed capital or equity. There are no movements in equity other than movements in Reserves.

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