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This year marks the 65th anniversary of the signing of the bi-national treaty that created the Australian-American Fulbright Commission. This was one of the very first bi-national commissions established in the sobering days following World War 2 to enact the vision of an American senator, J. William Fulbright. Senator Fulbright envisioned a scholarly exchange program that would, over time, lessen the scourge of war.

Senator Fulbright hoped that by moving people across the world and across cultures for advanced education, his program, funded initially by the sale of surplus war materials, would “bring a little more knowledge, a little more reason and a little more compassion into world affairs and thereby to increase the chance that nations will learn at last to live in peace and friendship.”

Today the Fulbright Program operates in 155 countries across the world, with 50 bi-national commissions — world-wide more than 325,000 Fulbright scholarships have been awarded, 4700 of which have been presented to Australians going to the United States and Americans coming to Australia. The accomplished individuals whom we present to you here will become part of a long and distinguished history – the noble history of what is now the world’s largest educational exchange program.

The Australian and American governments have remained true to Fulbright’s vision, generously supporting the Australian-American Fulbright Commission. With success, the funding base has widened, increasing the number of scholarships: today we have scholarships established by the Australian states, by universities both here and in the US, and by DSTO, the Origin Foundation, the Australian Scholarships Foundation, ANSTO, Blackboard Australia and other organisations.

Our growth and evolution continues. In 2013 the Commission established a new partnership and scholarship program with Kansas State University and several parallel developments are under discussion. This year we celebrate the inaugural Fulbright Professional Playwrights Scholarship, and this year as well the Commission will begin managing the East Asia Pacific Regional Travel Program on behalf of the US State Department to support US Senior Scholars already in the East Asia Pacific to visit another country in that region, and to share and develop their knowledge and insights.

I would like to thank all of Fulbright’s supporters, active alumni, staff and Board members, for their contributions, which help us build and extend this wonderful program. And I congratulate the thirty two 2014 Fulbright and Anne Wexler scholars.

Professor Don DeBats

Chair, Australian-American Fulbright
Commission Board





On behalf of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission, it is my great pleasure to warmly congratulate both the 2014 Australian and American Fulbright Anne Wexler Scholars.

The generous funding support of the Australian and American governments and strong partnerships with sponsors have allowed us to select the best and brightest minds from a breadth of disciplines with diverse experiences. The Fulbright Program has a distinctive identity across the world. The Australian-American Fulbright Commission differentiates itself by providing the most prestigious scholarships across a range of categories – The Distinguished Chair, Senior Scholars, Professional Scholars, Postdoctoral Scholars and Postgraduate Student Scholars.

The selection and scholar management process is an enormous task and I thank the Commission staff, state secretaries, chairs and selection committee members for their contribution in delivering such a positive outcome for the Fulbright program.

We are delighted to present our inaugural Fulbright Australian Distinguished Chair in Agriculture and Life Sciences together with a Senior Scholar sponsored by Kansas State University. We are also thrilled to present our inaugural Fulbright Professional Playwriting Scholar sponsored by Inscription and supported By Copyright Agency Ltd., The Australian Council Literature Board, and The Friends Of Inscription.

I am confident that the research, educational and cultural exchange of our scholars will add value to contemporary issues and innovation which are of growing importance to our region, the United States and the world.

My staff and I wish our scholars all success as they undertake a journey that will extend and transform each scholar personally and professionally.

Dr Tangerine Holt
Executive Director
Australian-American Fulbright
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SPONSORS AND PARTNERS

The Australian and United States governments provide the core funding for the Australian Fulbright Program. This funding is complemented by the support of a generous group of companies, organisations, universities, Australian and U.S. Embassies, individual donors and government agencies.

UNIVERSITIES

The [Distinguished Chair in American Political Science](#) will be hosted by Flinders University in Adelaide until 2015. It allows key U.S. researchers to undertake a 4-5 month program in Australia.

The [Fulbright ANU College of Business and Economics Postgraduate Scholarship](#) provides the opportunity for American graduates in the fields of business or economics to undertake 8-12 months postgraduate research with the College.

[Kansas State University](#) is sponsoring the [Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Agriculture and Life Sciences](#) and the [Fulbright Senior Scholarship in Agriculture](#); providing unparalleled support to the development of key agricultural research in 2014 and beyond.

GOVERNMENT

The [Fulbright Climate Change and Clean Energy Scholarship](#) was established by the Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon. Julia Gillard, and U.S. Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, in November 2010 to increase bi-national collaboration addressing climate change.

The [Professional Scholarship in Vocational Education and Training](#), the [Fulbright Indigenous Scholarship](#) and the [Anne Wexler Scholarships](#) are supported by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (PMC).

The [Fulbright Professional Scholarship in Australia-United States Alliance Studies](#) was established in 2001 by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) to recognise the 50th anniversary of the ANZUS Treaty.

The [Fulbright CSIRO Postgraduate Scholarship](#) was established in 2009, to enable U.S. Scholars to undertake postgraduate research with CSIRO.

The [Fulbright Scholarship in Nuclear Science and Technology](#), sponsored by the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO), is for Australian Scholars to carry out research or study in the U.S. in the field of nuclear science or technology.

FULBRIGHT STATE AND TERRITORY SCHOLARSHIPS

[Fulbright State and Territory Scholarships](#) have been established for New South Wales, the Northern Territory, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia.

These scholarships are supported by their state and territory governments, universities and companies. Their aim is to encourage and profile research relevant to that state, and assist the building of international research links between the region and U.S. researchers and institutions.

FULBRIGHT ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIPS

The [Australian Alumni \(WG Walker\) Scholarship](#) was established in 1993 through generous contributions from Australian Fulbright Alumni to annually support a scholarship for the highest ranked Australian Fulbright Postgraduate.

The [U.S. Alumni Scholarship](#) was established in 2006 with contributions from U.S. Fulbright Alumni to annually support a scholarship for the highest ranked American Fulbright Postgraduate.

ADDITIONAL FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS

The [Coral Sea Scholarship](#) was established by the then U.S. Ambassador, Mel Sembler,

and U.S. companies in 1992 in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of the Coral Sea, to support a Fulbright Professional Scholarship focusing on a business/industry topic of relevance to Australia and the United States.

[Fulbright Gregory Schwartz Enrichment Grants](#) were established in 2006 by Claire and Steven Schwartz, in memory of their son Gregory Schwartz, to assist Australian Fulbright Postgraduate Scholars to enrich their experience in the U.S.

The [Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Advanced Science and Technology](#) is sponsored by the Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO). It will bring an eminent U.S. scientist to Australia for up to five months to expand opportunities for engagement in a priority area for DSTO.

The [Fulbright Professional Scholarship in Non-Profit Leadership](#) was established through a partnership between the Origin Foundation, the Australian Scholarships Foundation (ASF), and the Australian-American Fulbright Commission. It will provide Australians working in the charitable Not-For Profit sector the opportunity to undertake research or professional development for three to four months in the U.S.

SUPPORTERS

We also wish to thank the following for their ongoing support:

[Australian and American universities](#) for hosting the Scholars.

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[Our donors](#), both individuals and companies, whose generous donations help more Australians and Americans to participate in a unique Fulbright experience.

The Australian Fulbright Program

The Fulbright Program is one of the largest and most prestigious educational scholarship programs in the world, operating between the United States and 155 countries. The Program was established in 1946 by U.S. Senator J. William Fulbright with the support of the U.S. Government to increase mutual understanding between the people of the U.S. and other countries.

The Program provides participants, chosen for their academic merit and leadership potential, with the opportunity to study, teach and conduct research, exchange ideas and contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns. Over 325,000 talented people worldwide have been recognised as Fulbright Scholars.

The Australian-American Fulbright program was established with a donation of \$US5.8m in 1949; with the current agreement entered in 1964 by the Australian and U.S. governments and funded equally by the two parties. The Australian-American Fulbright Commission (the Commission) continues with the support of a generous group of partners and sponsors, and provides up to 50 scholarships annually.

Since its establishment, the Commission has awarded scholarships to more than 2,700 Australians and 2,200 Americans. A distinguished group of Australian-American Alumni are an integral part of the Program's rich history and growing professional network.

The Commission is focused on establishing new strategic partnerships to benefit scholars and the broader community well into the future. Partnerships with educational and professional organisations in Australia and the U.S. give scholars the opportunity to learn and contribute to significant bodies of research in medicine, agriculture, social work, history, communication, business, engineering, education, physics, astronomy, plant biology, environmental science, plant biology and oceans, law, political science, arts and for the first time, theatre.

Our 2014 Scholars will work with leading institutions alongside experts in their field. Their research will contribute to vital worldwide developments; thanks to the generous supporters who are committed to making a sustainable contribution to our future.

With an invigorated focus on outreach, developments in technology and a strong base of supporters, our connection to the Australian-American Fulbright community has never been stronger.

Mission Statement The mission of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission is to promote educational and cultural exchange between Australia and the United States in order to enhance mutual understanding and strengthen relations between the two countries.

2014 FULBRIGHT AUSTRALIAN AND ANNE WEXLER SCHOLARS

Distinguished Chair

John Pluske

Senior Scholarships

Zdenko Rengel

Stuart Cunningham

Jill Thistlethwaite

Anthony McLeod

Richard Eccleston

Peter Kell

Haig Patapan

Professional Scholarships

Vinay Rane

Mark Boland

Heidi Muenchberger

Lachlan Philpott

Karen Hart

Peter Dean

Carly Rosewarne

Neil Saintilan

Raymond Cadmore

Post Doctoral Scholarships

Rose Ahlefeldt

Andrew Hutchinson

Jean-Paul Hobbs

Siobhan Schabrun

Post Graduate Scholarships

Harris Eyre

Sadie Heckenberg

Alison Witchard

Joshua Dunn

Anna Samson

Justin Hartley

Joanna Vincent

Shalini Amukotuwa

Suzanne Schultz

Sarah Dunstan

Anne Wexler Scholars

Molly Jones (U.S.)

Luke Bo'sher (AUS)

DISTINGUISHED CHAIR

PROFESSOR JOHN PLUSKE

Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Agriculture and Life Sciences sponsored by Kansas State University

BASc, the University of Western Australia, PhD (Agriculture) the University of Western Australia

Host: Kansas State University

John Pluske graduated with both a Bachelor of Science (Agriculture) and a Doctor of Philosophy from The University of Western Australia. He will study at Kansas State University, Kansas, from August 2014 to January 2015, focusing on antibiotic resistant populations of selected bacteria in the gut of swine associated with the use of alternative antimicrobial feed additives. This research will allow for informed decision making in relation to prudent use of these alternatives on antimicrobial resistance and provide a platform for future research.

"I will benefit enormously from interactions with staff in the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry and the College of Veterinary Medicine that will equip me with new skills and techniques for translation into the Australian pig industry. I am excited by the prospect of participating in bilateral learning, appreciation and understanding not only in my specific field of research, but also from the wider perspective of agricultural and rural issues that affect societies in both the USA and Australia."



SENIOR SCHOLARS



PROFESSOR ZDENKO RENDEL

Fulbright Senior Scholar sponsored by Kansas State University

BASc, the University of Zagreb (Croatia), MASc (Agriculture), the University of Zagreb, PhD (Agriculture), Louisiana State University, (U.S.A)

Host: Kansas State University

Zed Rengel is a Winthrop Professor in the School of Earth and Environment at the University of Western Australia, with a PhD from Louisiana State University. He will do research at Kansas State University, Kansas, from July to December, 2014. The research focuses on the identification of molecular markers associated with specific wheat root traits and the incorporation of that knowledge into the ROOTMAP 3-D simulation model. The simulations can be used to search for optimality of root architecture and function in diverse environments, and aid in breeding improved genotypes with enhanced efficiency of water and nutrient use.

"The next 'green' revolution is likely to come from breeding for improved root systems because the arable area in the world is limited and has been declining. Computer simulations of root systems will allow scientists to reduce costs associated with field trials aimed at finding new crop genotypes efficient in taking up water and nutrients from soils."



DR STUART CUNNINGHAM

Fulbright Senior Scholar

BA (Language and Literature), University of Queensland, MA (Arts), McGill University, PhD (Film Studies), Griffith University

Host: University of California

Stuart Cunningham is a Distinguished Professor at the Queensland University of Technology and Director of the Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for Creative Industries and Innovation. His career as an Australian film, media, communications and cultural studies scholar includes a current directorship of Screen Queensland and a PhD awarded by Griffith University. He will study at the University of California – Santa Barbara from November 2014 to March 2015, focusing on emerging new global online entertainment systems and opportunities for innovation in screen production and distribution.

"There is no more central issue in film, media and communications studies today than the proposition that we are in the middle of a rapid change which is seeing the position of established 'old' media challenged by new types of production, dissemination and display. This scholarship centres on the U.S. as a powerhouse in the screen entertainment sector, with far reaching implications for Australia and globally."

PROFESSOR JILL THISTLETHWAITE

Fulbright Senior Scholar

B.Sc (Hons), University of London, MBBS, University College of London, M (Education), University of Dunee, PdH (Medical Sciences), University of Maastricht

Host: University of Minnesota

Jill Thistlethwaite is an Adjunct Professor in Medical and Health Professional Education at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) and the University of Queensland, where she was until recently, Director of the Centre for Medical Education Research and Scholarship. Since qualifying as a General Practitioner in the U.K, she has been involved health professional education with a strong focus on interprofessional education (IPE) and collaborative practice for health professionals. She will study at the newly established National Centre for Interprofessional Practice and Education at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis from May to September 2014. Specifically, the research will consider how health professionals may learn more or optimally together to work together in teams.

"The majority of undergraduate and postgraduate training in Australia is undertaken uni-professionally. This is an opportunity to share expertise and consider big questions about IPE. I'd like to develop an argument for further development of IPE in Australia and the research agenda."

DR ANTHONY MCCLEOD

Fulbright Senior Scholar

BA (Engineering), University of Melbourne, PhD (Engineering), University of Melbourne

Host: University of Colorado Boulder

Tony McLeod is a General Manager at the Murray Darling Basin Authority in Canberra, having completed his PhD at the University of Melbourne, specialising in water resource management. He will study at the Getches-Wilkinson Centre for Natural Resources, Energy and the Environment at the University of Colorado Boulder, in Boulder, from August to December 2014. He will specifically focus on the shared water management challenges between the Colorado and Murray Darling river basins, including institutional form, climate change and the involvement of Indigenous people in water management.

"I see my project as usefully contributing to the issue of water management in large river basins in arid and semi-arid environments with complex governance arrangements and creating ongoing collaboration. My work will draw on 130 years of exchanges on water management between the U.S. and Australia and will seek to inform future policy prescriptions in both countries."





DR RICHARD ECCLESTON

TAS State Scholarship Category Senior Scholar

BA (Political Science), The University of Tasmania, PhD (Political Science), University of QLD

Host: George Mason University

Richard Eccleston is a Professor in Political Science at the University of Tasmania, with a PhD from the University of Queensland. His research focuses on economic governance, specifically the politics of taxation and public finance. He will study at the Centres of the Public Service in the Department of Public and International Affairs at George Mason University, Virginia. He will study the changing nature of fiscal federalism in the U.S. and Australia in the aftermath of the financial crisis, specifically considering implications for state finances and the broader political economy of federalism.

"While tax policy can be both technical and dry, there is a clear need to enhance our understanding of the tax policy process amid the increasing financial and political threat being posed by growing public debt. There is a good deal of scope to reflect on and learn from the U.S. experience but, owing to the complexity of U.S. federalism, this process can only occur with detailed collaboration."



PROFESSOR PETER KELL

NT State Scholarship Category Senior Scholar

MEd, Deakin University, PhD (Education), Deakin University

Host: University of Illinois

Peter Kell is Professor and Head of the School of Education at Charles Darwin University, and his work has a focus on global student mobility, the internationalisation of education and training in the Asia Pacific. He will study at the College of Education in the University of Illinois (Champaign-Urbana) from January-June 2015. His study is centred on internationalising the learning experience of postgraduate education in the Northern Territory through a collaborative Master of Education online program. The evaluation of the design, protocols and learning frameworks within this program will be used to initiate a global network in postgraduate learning in education involving the US and Australia.

"Australia and the US are two of the most active participants in transnational and global education. The next frontier is postgraduate education. This project will enable an active exploration that will assist students, academics and university administrators to understand how to use the new technologies of learning across the globe in new and innovative ways for mutual benefits."

PROFESSOR HAIG PATAPAN

2013/2014 Senior Fulbright Scholar

LLB, the University of Queensland, MA (Political Science), the University of Toronto, PhD (Political Science), the University of Toronto

Host: TBC

Haig Patapan is Director of the Centre for Governance and Public Policy and Professor in the School of Government and International Relations at Griffith University. His research interests are in democratic theory and practice, political philosophy, political leadership and comparative constitutionalism. He will study at an institution to be confirmed, focusing on the role of the American president as a moral leader, examining how this role defines the nature of the institution of the presidency, and in turn, the character of democratic politics.

"This research will be especially important for Australia because it will provide a useful contrast to the office of the prime minister; address the current debates that suggest Australian politics is becoming presidentialised; and inform the continuing republican debate in Australia."



PROFESSIONAL



DR VINAY RANE

Fulbright Professional Scholar

MBBS, LLD, BMedSc (Hons), LLM, PDLP, FACLM, MFFLM (UK), MHSM

Host: New York State University, Harvard University

Dr Vinay S Rane is a forensic physician, lawyer and obstetric doctor based in Queensland. He will study at the New York Department of Health, New York State University at Albany and the School of Public Health at Harvard University in 2014-15. He will investigate the provision of obstetric services to disadvantaged women's groups. He has completed concurrent degrees in medicine, surgery, forensic science, twin bachelor and masters law programs and a post graduate degree in Legal Ethics at Monash University before graduating with a Masters in Health Management from Griffith University. He went on to gain fellowships with the Australian College Legal Medicine and the Faculty of Forensic Medicine with the Royal College of Physicians in London while completing a Churchill Fellowship in forensic medicine and women's health.

"Medicine and especially obstetrics has revealed to me just how similar all of us who occupy this small planet actually are. We all have so much more in common, than that which divides us. Correspondingly, many of the current challenges facing health care delivery in Australia have already been felt by our American colleagues. By examining interventions that American centres have undertaken, we can improve health outcomes in Australia."



DR MARK BOLAND

Fulbright Professional Scholarship in Nuclear Science and Technology, sponsored by ANSTO

BASc (Physics and Astronomy), the University of Melbourne, PhD (Physics and Astronomy), the University of Melbourne

Host: Stanford University

Mark Boland is the Principal Accelerator Physicist at the Australian Synchrotron, a particle accelerator laboratory that he helped to design, build, commission and operate. He is a Senior Honorary Research Fellow at the University of Melbourne where he completed his PhD in fundamental nuclear physics with a thesis experiment conducted at Lund University in Sweden. He will study at the SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory at Stanford University, which has gained notoriety for the three Nobel prizes in physics awarded to research conducted there. His studies focus on unlocking the picoseconds time scale capabilities of the Australian Synchrotron.

"This new dimension of time-resolved experiments opens up a whole range of science that is currently not accessible in Australia. I also hope to raise the profile of accelerator physics in Australia as a science in its own right, and one essential to enable scientific discoveries such as the Higgs Boson, flu vaccinations, the structure of proteins and DNA and much more."

DR HEIDI MENCHBERGER

Fulbright Professional Coral Sea Scholarship (Business/Industry)

BASc (Psychology), Griffith University, MASc (Psychology), Macquarie University, PhD (Medical Sciences), Griffith University

Host: Texas A&M University

Heidi Muenchberger is Research Chair in Healthy Design and Associate Professor at the Griffith Health Institute, Griffith University where she also completed her PhD in neuro-rehabilitation. She will study at the Texas A&M University, the largest Faculty of Architecture and Medicine in the U.S., for four months from August 2014. Her studies focus on the latest approaches for viable, evidence-based design of therapeutic environments for critically injured outpatient populations.

"The project is an extension of my 10-year research agenda in catastrophic injury and healing environments and represents a seminal international collaboration with world experts in this area. An immediate impact will be applying the latest design innovations in Australian outpatient environments and this will have broader relevance to the way we think about health environments for other illness and injury groups such as aged care and pediatric services."



LACHLAN PHILPOTT

Fulbright Professional Playwriting Scholarship, sponsored by Inscription, CAL, Friends of Inscription

BA (Language and Literature), the University of New South Wales, DEd, University of Sydney, MA (Theatre), Victorian College of the Arts

Host: the American Conservatory Theatre

Lachlan Philpott is the inaugural recipient of Fulbright Professional Playwright's Scholarship. He has worked in the theatre sector since graduating from the Victorian College of the Arts in 1999. He has had ten plays published and over 50 productions performed in Australia, the UK, Ireland and Spain. Lachlan will undertake a writing residency at the American Conservatory Theatre (ACT) in San Francisco, one of the leading theatre institutions in the U.S. during the second half of 2014. At ACT Lachlan will create a new play for young audiences in collaboration with staff and MFA students. He plans to debut this play at the ACT and hopes to have it produced further within the U.S, in Australia, and beyond.

"Theatre is a live medium. You must be there in person. Face-to-face interaction with your peers is how you start the relationships which are the foundation of effective collaboration. And that is what making theatre is all about. This project will not only strengthen my skills as a playwright, it will increase the profile of Australian theatre and Australian theatre artists."





KAREN HART

Fulbright Professional Scholarship Non-Profit Leadership, sponsored by Origin Foundation and supported by the Australian Scholarships Foundation

BA (Social Work), Nottingham Trent University, MAsc (Social Science), Nottingham Trent University

Host: Nonprofit Centres Network (Alliance Centre)

Karen Hart is currently completing a PhD through the College of Justice and Law at Victoria University following a Masters in Social Science Research Methods in the UK. She has also managed co-located youth service centres in Australia and the UK for many years. She will study at the Nonprofit Centers Network at the Alliance Centre in Denver, Colorado from July to November 2014. Her studies focus on the critical success factors for implementation and ongoing operation of not-for-profit, co-located centres in the U.S. and apply that knowledge to building effective centres in Australia.

"I will be well positioned to investigate and build a robust case for policy and practice for the delivery of NFP Centres in Australia and, potentially, other parts of the world. This offers exciting potential for growth and development in this emerging field of research."



DR PETER DEAN

Fulbright Professional Scholarship in Australian-United States Alliance Studies, sponsored by DFAT

BA (American History), University of Newcastle, PhD (History), University of New South Wales

Host: Georgetown University

Peter Dean is currently Fellow and Director of Studies at the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre, College of Asia and the Pacific at the Australian National University. He will study at Georgetown University, Washington from August to November 2014, focusing on Australia-United States strategic relations, and how that strategic relationship has evolved and changed over time. He will also visit the Centre for Strategic and International Studies, the leading global think tank for security and strategic issues. His studies examine how the ANZUS Alliance, formed in the early days of the Cold War in Asia, has endured for over 60 years.

"I am keen to ascertain US perspectives on the ANZUS alliance as part of the US 'rebalance' to the Asia-Pacific region as announced by President Obama during his visit to Canberra in 2011. This is a critical time in the alliance; one of the most important in the Asia-Pacific Region since the announcement of the Nixon Doctrine in 1969."

DR CARLY ROSEWARNE

Fulbright Professional Scholarship in Climate Change and Clean Energy, sponsored by Aust & US Governments

BASc (Biological Sciences), University of South Australia, PhD (Biological Sciences), La Trobe University

Host: United States Government Dept. of Energy Joint Genome Institute

Carly Rosewarne is a Research Scientist from CSIRO Animal, Food and Health Sciences and the Sustainable Agriculture Flagship. Her research is focused on reducing methane emissions from livestock. She will study at the United States Government Department of Energy Joint Genome Institute in California during 2015. Her project will focus on using sequencing technologies to study the genetics of methane producing microbes, commonly known as methanogens.

"Technologies to mitigate methane emissions from anthropogenic sources have the potential to significantly reduce the rate of climate change. Methane production is also under increasing scrutiny for use as an alternative energy source. My scholarship contributes to this field by allowing me to analyse genomes of methanogens that are underrepresented in current studies. By understanding how methanogens are able to survive and proliferate, we can develop targeted strategies to control their growth."

DR NEIL SAINTILAN

Fulbright Professional Scholarship in Climate Change and Clean Energy, sponsored by Aust & US Governments

BASc (Geography), University of Sydney, PhD (Geography), University of Sydney

Host: Chapman University

Neil Saintilan completed his PhD at the University of Sydney with a focus on the interactions between people and biological systems at the landscape scale. He will study at Chapman University, California, and the Southern California Coastal Water Research Program from November 2014 to February 2015. He will focus on the capacity of tidal wetlands to capture carbon from the atmosphere and bury it for long periods in wetland soils. Quantifying this benefit could open the door to market-based incentives for wetland restoration and conservation, as these systems are being considered as carbon pollution offsets.

"There are many important similarities between the coastlines of Southern California and Southeast Australia, in terms of climate, physical setting, population expansion and the impacts of climate change. Management responses have evolved separately on the two sides of the Pacific, and the Fulbright fellowship provides an opportunity for a sharing of perspectives and approaches to these common challenges."





RAYMOND CADMORE

Fulbright Professional Scholarship in Vocational Education and Training (VET), sponsored by the Dept of Industry

MAEd, Deakin University, Grad Dip (Vocational Education and Training), La Trobe University, Adv Dip (Management), Sunraysia Institute of TAFE

Host: Forsyth Community Technical College

Ray Cadmore is a Senior Educator at Sunraysia Institute of TAFE and a Director of the Mildura Regional Waste Management Group, a Victorian Government statutory authority. He holds a Masters in Professional Education and Training and has a strong professional background in identifying the integration of emerging technologies and skill gaps. He will study at the Forsyth Community Technical College under the Centre for the Biotechnology Workforce in North Carolina from July to October 2014. His studies focus on the drivers of new and emerging technologies in vocational education and training curriculum in the U.S., in particular, the way industry, government and vocational educators engage with future training needs and with each other.

"Bio manufacturing has the capacity to become a very significant employer and could offer great economic benefit for Australians. I would like to see Australian regions take the lead in developing and innovating new technologies such as bio-manufacturing. It is critical the skills base of the Australian workforce meets the need for a 'tech literate' workforce."



POST DOCTORAL

DR ROSE AHLEFELDT

Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholar

PhB (Hons), Australian National University, PhD (Physics and Astronomy), Australian National University

Host: Montana State University

Rose Ahlefeldt is a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Laser Physics Centre at the Australian National University. She will study at Montana State University in Bozeman, an unparalleled leader in rare earth spectroscopy, from March to December 2014. She will focus on developing ultra low broadening rare-earth materials for quantum computing. In particular, she will study materials which may be applied to quantum computing, a method that uses the quantum properties of matter to perform some calculations much faster than a classical computer.

"My project addresses a significant gap in our knowledge of rare earth materials. By the end of my project, researchers around the world who seek to use rare earth materials will be able to use the results for quantum information applications. The collaboration available to me through this scholarship is vital to launch a successful career in such a diverse field as rare earth physics."



DR ANDREW HUTCHINSON

Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholar

BA (Economics), University of Sydney, BSc (Medical Sciences), University of Sydney, PhD (Medical Sciences), University of Technology, Sydney

Host: Yale School of Medicine

Andrew Hutchinson is a Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Technology Sydney with research interests in biotechnology and molecular immunology. He will work at Yale School of Medicine, Connecticut with host supervisor Professor Askenase, a world-renowned immunologist, from July 2014 to July 2015. His focus will be on therapies for immune-mediated disorders; specifically the development of antigen-specific suppressor exosomes (ASSEs), which can suppress the response of the immune system. Currently, ASSEs can only be purified from blood and obtaining large enough quantities to be used at a therapeutic level is almost impossible. His research will focus on developing ASSE mimics that can be produced synthetically.

"The 'holy grail' of research in this field is to work out how to 'switch off' the immune system and prevent the pathogenesis of disease. Long term, it would be great to see this work develop into therapies that could be used to treat autoimmune disease."





DR JEAN-PAUL HOBBS

WA State Category Postdoctoral Scholar

BASc, James Cook University, PhD (Biological Sciences), James Cook University

Host: Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology

Jean-Paul Hobbs is a Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Western Australia Oceans Institute, where he is focused on the conservation of marine biodiversity, after completing his PhD at James Cook University. Jean-Paul will study at the Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology at the University of Hawaii from August 2014 to May 2015 with a focus on determining and mitigating the risk of extinction for marine endemic species. The research, with a Mentorship by Professor Brian Bowen, a world expert in marine conservation research, will be used to develop management strategies to reduce the risk of extinction for marine endemics.

“America and Australia contain, and are therefore custodians of, global hotspots for endemic marine species; my project will provide real-world solutions for conserving marine biodiversity in Australia, the U.S. and elsewhere around the world.”



DR SIOBHAN SCHABRUN

NSW State Category Postdoctoral Scholar

B.Physio (Hons), University of South Australia, PhD (Biological Sciences), University of Adelaide

Host: National Institutes of Health, Maryland

Siobhan Schabrun holds a postdoctoral Clinical Research Fellowship from the National Health and Medical Research Council at the University of Western Sydney. She will study at the National Institutes of Health, Maryland, under Professor Leonardo Cohen, from January to June 2015. Her research will focus on neuroplasticity; the ability of brain cells to change their structure and function throughout life. In particular, she will investigate how the safe and painless application of electromagnetic currents to the brain (known as non-invasive brain stimulation) may be used to induce brain plasticity and improve our ability to learn.

“My research focuses on how non-invasive brain stimulation can be used to improve learning. If learning could be expedited, lengthy rehabilitation times associated with illnesses such as stroke would be shortened, quality of life improved and the social and economic burden of long-term-disability reduced. This has major implications for Australia and the U.S. where lengthy rehabilitation represents billions of dollars in healthcare costs each year.”

POST GRADUATE

HARRIS EYRE

Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar (WG Walker)

MBBS (Hons), James Cook University, PhD (Health Sciences),
University of Adelaide

Host: University of California

Harris Eyre completed his medical degree at James Cook University (JCU) and is currently undertaking a PhD at JCU, examining data from the Sydney Memory and Ageing Study. His PhD examines data from the Sydney Memory and Ageing Study. From July 2014, he will study at the University of California, Los Angeles, across the Stress and Wellness Research Program at the UCLA Semel Institute of Neuroscience and Human Behavior, and Department of Psychiatry, UCLA. He will focus on immunological mechanisms of pharmacological and non-pharmacological interventions in depression and cognitive ageing.

"The burden of depression and age-related cognitive decline (e.g. Alzheimer's dementia) has a high and rising impact on the world's population. Given this point - and our limited understanding of the interface between psychiatry and immunology - understanding how the immune system is involved in these disease processes is a much needed area of exploration."



SADIE HECKENBERG

Indigenous Category Postgraduate

BA (Indigenous and Journalism), Monash University, BA (Hons)
(Indigenous Studies), Monash University, PhD (Indigenous Oral History),
Monash University

Host: University of Hawaii

Sadie Heckenberg is currently undertaking a PhD specialising in Indigenous Oral History, including research undertaken at Monash University and the David Unaipon College of Indigenous Education and Research at the University of South Australia. She will study at the University of Hawaii Manoa, Honolulu, from August 2014 at the Centre for Oral History. This research aims to address the ever-growing need to protect Indigenous spoken cultural knowledge. By developing her knowledge of Indigenous epistemologies of the Pacific, she will in turn, build the depth and strength of research to bring back into the Wiradjuri community (NSW).

"I am truly excited to be able to study with some of the best minds in the Indigenous Oral History field. The Hawaiian knowledge systems have been nurtured and maintained by wise Eldership reflected not only through the achievements of Hawaiian academic research but in society itself."





ALISON WITCHARD

Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar

BA (Philosophy), Australian National University, Hons (Anthropology), Australian National University, PhD (Anthropology), Australian National University

Host: TBC

Alison Witchard completed a Bachelor of Philosophy (PhB) in Arts in Anthropology at the Australian National University in 2012 (winning the University medal) before beginning a PhD in Anthropology. She will investigate, using anthropological theories and methodologies, the experiences of “previvors” – those who carry the genetic mutation linked to hereditary breast and ovarian cancer, BRCA1 or 2. Specifically, she will investigate the nuance and complexity of the decision to forgo a significant part of the body; (such as a breast or uterus).

“My own experiences within the biomedical system have spurred my desire to undertake medical anthropology and focus on the embodied and lived experiences of those who face their own mortality, but are often overlooked and misunderstood during such processes. Through my research, I hope to foster greater understanding and awareness of the challenging experiences faced by women with BRCA1/2 and the difficult decisions with which they are confronted.”



JOSHUA DUNN

Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar

BMus (Hons) First Class, University of Tasmania

Host: TBC

Joshua Dunn is a Bachelor of Music graduate from the University of Tasmania, having started his degree at 15 years of age and finishing with first class honours. He will study a masters in the U.S, from July 2014, with a focus on the role of the acoustic guitar in contemporary jazz since the introduction of electric instruments in the 1940s. Specifically, Joshua will explore key qualities of the acoustic guitar through composition and performance, and an interpretation of music outside the jazz genre, in what is arguably the home and birthplace of jazz.

“I hope that this project will contribute to the quality and diversity of the Australian music scene, in particular, jazz and avant garde music. This investment in the arts ensures that we will continue to have a high quality, sustainable music industry that produces world-class artists. I am also looking forward to establishing a network of exceptional musicians to collaborate and perform with.”

ANNA SAMSON

Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar

LLB, The University of Sydney, MA (Strategic Studies), the Australian National University, PhD (Strategic Studies), the Australian National University

Host: TBC

Anna Samson is a PhD student at the Australian National University (ANU), with two First Class Honours degrees in Economics and Law from the University of Sydney and a Master of Arts (Strategic Studies) from the ANU. She co-founded the Asia-Pacific Refugee Rights Network in 2008 and has provided human rights training to participants in armed conflicts, reported on the ongoing persecution of vulnerable groups in Sri Lanka and documented the detention of refugee children in Malaysia. She will study in the U.S. in 2015, focusing on the use of military force to achieve human rights objectives; also known as armed humanitarian interventions'. In particular, she will review the United States' humanitarian interventions in Iraq, Kosovo and Libya.

"The endemic and acute levels of persecution in many of the places in which I worked or visited, predominantly inflicted by governments against their own citizens, has at many times saddened and angered me. I anticipate that my research will contribute to the broader policy debate regarding the effectiveness of using armed force to defend human rights internationally."

JUSTIN HARTLEY

QLD State Category Postgraduate

BA (Economics), The University of Queensland, BA (Commerce), The University of Queensland, BA (Economics) (Hons), The University of Queensland

Host: Harvard University

Justin Hartley is a Commerce and Economics graduate from the University of Queensland, from which he received a Postgraduate Bachelor of Economics with first class honours. From July 2014, Justin will study a Mid-Career Masters in Public Administration at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. He will focus on public sector leadership and public policy, examining a range of healthcare issues in Australia, with a view to promoting better brain health and memory improvement, particularly in its application to the prevention and treatment of Alzheimer's disease (a very personal area of interest); and improving and expanding the quality of health care in paediatric chronic pain.

"I am a co-founder of Support Kids in Pain (SKIP); which provides free education and support to children living with chronic pain and their families. This scholarship will give me the opportunity to expand the service offered throughout Australia and more broadly, improve outcomes for children living with chronic pain through advocacy, collaboration and education."





JOANNA VINCENT

WA State Category Postgraduate

BA (Arts and Laws), University of Western Australia, GDip (Legal Practice), College of Law, Perth

Host: TBC

Joanna Vincent is a Law and Arts honours graduate from the University of Western Australia and current associate to Chief Justice French AC of the High Court of Australia. She has a strong interest in employment and constitutional law, piqued through her work at the Employment Law Centre of WA and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry (WA). She plans to study from August 2014 to complete a Master of Laws. In particular, Joanna will focus on Western Australia's anti-discrimination laws, and how state and federal governments can work more effectively to address workplace discrimination.

"The United States experience is particularly instructive in Australia, due to the shared feature of federalism and vision to combat discrimination. Motivated and committed to making a beneficial difference to U.S. and Australian employment law frameworks, I aspire to contribute to the law through comparative research and instil in law students an excitement and eagerness to explore the social justice contribution that law can make."



SHALINI AMUKOTUWA

VIC State Category Postgraduate

BMedSc (Anatomy), the University of Melbourne, MB (Medicine and Surgery), the University of Melbourne, MA (Medicine – Radiology), the University of Melbourne

Host: Stanford University

Shalini Amukotuwa is a graduate of the University of Melbourne School of Medicine; she also completed her residency at St Vincents Hospital and specialist training in radiology at the Royal Melbourne Hospital. She undertook advanced training in MRI at Barwon Health, where she is currently on staff as a radiologist. Her research interests are advanced and novel MR techniques. She will study at Stanford University, California, from July 2014 to March 2015, focusing on advanced MR and CT imaging for the understanding of acute stroke evaluation and prediction. Stanford University is a pioneer in acute stroke imaging research, and has developed novel MRI techniques as well as software which have had a major impact on the understanding and management of cerebrovascular disease.

"I hope that this experience will enable me to become an MR perfusion and cerebrovascular disease imaging expert. Joint supervision by investigators at the Florey Institute and leading researchers at Stanford will form a foundation for future collaboration, opening a pathway for the exchange of ideas and strengthening research ties between the US and Australia."

SUZANNE SCHULTZ

SA State Category Postgraduate

MBA, University of South Australia, BA (Pharmacy - Hons), University of South Australia, PhD (Pharmacy), University of South Australia

Host: Harvard Kennedy School of Government

Suzanne Schultz is a Pharmacy PhD student, registered psychologist and professional director (MBA) with a diverse career in government, community and private sectors. With a focus on international and inter-sector collaboration in drug development, she will study at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Massachusetts. In particular, her research will consider the impact and effectiveness of proposed models for identifying, developing and commercialising new, or reviving existing antibiotics. As the largest clinical market for pharmaceutical drugs and a key regulatory environment, the U.S. offers unparalleled expertise and network opportunities.

“Contrasting and comparing the business models and ideas in facilitating antibiotic development with approaches in Europe and Australia will open new opportunities to work differently. South Australian researchers have already contributed significantly to redeveloping older antibiotics, best use of existing antibiotics and policy in quality use of medicines. My project will make a further contribution to this important work.”



SARAH DUNSTAN

Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar

BA (Hons) (History and French), University of Newcastle, PhD (History), University of Sydney

Host: Columbia University

Sarah Dunstan is a current PhD student on the Australian Postgraduate Award at the University of Sydney, writing her thesis on the role of African American scholar activists in shaping the black struggle for freedom from 1919-1968. She will study from August 2014 at Columbia University in New York, extending her research in the history of human rights and international law in the post-war period. Her interest in African American History was developed through her undergraduate history and french studies which included a Kelver Hartley French Exchange Scholarship. She recently completed an Honours thesis utilising archival research from her time in France. This focused on the significance of cultural protest strategies used by disenfranchised peoples and looked specifically at the nègritude movement and the African American struggle for freedom, both of which used poetry and writing to inspire political change.

“It is impossible to study the men and women who form the focus of my project without being inspired by their faith in ideas to create social change. This scholarship will give me the opportunity to engage in a sustained period of archival research in the U.S, allowing me to contribute to the historical field at a crucial time in U.S, and indeed, world history.”





MOLLY JONES

2014 Anne Wexler Scholar (U.S.)

BASc (International Affairs), Georgetown University, Non-degree coursework, John Hopkins SAIS

Host: Australian National University

Molly Jones is the 2014 American Anne Wexler Scholar. She received her undergraduate degree in Science, Technology, and International Affairs from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service in Washington, DC. She will study from February to December 2014 at the Australian National University's College of Asia and the Pacific in the Crawford School of Public Policy. She will focus on shared political interests and cooperation between the US and Australia in trade, security, and development; with a particular focus on environmental security as a priority issue in the Asia Pacific.

"One of my primary goals will be to acquire the skills and knowledge needed to formulate and execute international policy. At ANU, I will deepen this experience with a technical and quantitative skill set in policy analysis and program evaluation. Equipped with these skills, I will be able to make a meaningful contribution to collaboration between the US and Australia."

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LUKE BO'SHER

2014 Anne Wexler Scholar (Australia)

BA (Development Studies), Australian National University, Grad Cert (Social Impact), University of New South Wales

Host: TBC

Luke Bo'sher is the 2014 Australian Anne Wexler Scholar. He currently works for the Australian Government on the design and implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). Luke has previously served as the Chairperson of the national peak body for children and young people (the Australian Youth Affairs Coalition). Luke is also undertaking a research project into the role of Australian superannuation companies in funding social impact through their investment portfolio. He will undertake a Master of Public Policy (MPP), focusing on social and urban policy from August 2014. This course of study provides a background in quantitative economics, public finance and innovation as they apply to social policy. In particular, he will focus on current social innovations and Social Impact Bonds in the United States. Social Impact Bonds radically change traditional approaches to funding social services, by only paying for success (e.g. the number of people no longer sleeping rough), thereby encouraging innovation and a focus on outcomes.

"The experience of studying in the United States will enable me to bring back lessons for Australia on implementing Social Impact Bonds in response to some of Australia's most significant social challenges, such as reducing Indigenous incarceration and education for disengaged young people. Leading a team to design a market and proposals for Social Impact Bonds and other innovative social finance models, would involve mentoring others I work with to share this experience and pass on skills and expertise. Further, I intend to establish a Social Impact Bonds network in Australia where people interested in this work will be able to share information, ideas and experiences to link with the Kennedy School's "Social Impact Bond Technical Assistance Lab". This would facilitate ongoing conversations and sharing of knowledge between Australia and the United States."



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