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On behalf of the Fulbright Commission, it is my pleasure to introduce our newest cohort of Australian and American Fulbright Scholars.

2016 will again see Fulbright collaborations in critical areas of global importance including renewable energy, international diplomacy and humanitarian aid. We will continue to see institutional engagement at the highest level, fostering bi-national linkages between the Australian government's Department of the Prime Minister & Cabinet and Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government; between Melbourne's RMIT University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and many more.

Our Scholars will also be adding to vital research into diseases that affect so many, including muscular dystrophy, leukemia and cerebral palsy.

This kind of global engagement is what we believe the Fulbright Program is about. Senator Fulbright implored policy makers to begin fostering 'leadership, learning, and empathy between cultures' (*The Price of Empire, 1967*) to create a peaceful and productive world. Fulbright Scholarships have continued to expand and as you read through this booklet and discover the diversity of research being pursued by our 2016 Scholars, you will understand the breadth of the contemporary Fulbright vision. We work to improve people-to-people relations, and channel the knowledge and enthusiasm of scholars towards constructive projects of mutual benefit.

We will unlock the potential in the brightest minds, break down knowledge silos and share wisdom across international borders.

Perhaps Senator Fulbright foresaw this evolution as well, when he spoke of his aspirations towards 'directing the enormous power of human knowledge to the enrichment of our own lives' (*Prospects for the West, 1963*).

Those benefits will also spread far more widely: that is our global vision.

I would like to add my congratulations to the 46 Australian and American Scholars who will be adding to the ever evolving and expanding Fulbright vision in 2016.

The Australian-American Fulbright Commission will be there to support your journey, but it is up to each of you individually to make the most of your experiences, leave your own mark, and forge the connections that will remain long after you have departed.

I wish the very best to you all, and look forward to hearing of your achievements.

Professor Don DeBats
Chair, Australian-American Fulbright
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On behalf of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission, I'd like to welcome all of our newest Fulbright Scholars to a comprehensive orientation program and presentation evening in my home city of Melbourne. This will be the third year that we have combined our Australian and American orientation programs into a single event, after the overwhelming success of previous years' proceedings in Perth and Brisbane.

Our Fulbright Selection Panels have outdone themselves once again, dedicating hours of deliberations to select an exceptional group of forty-six Australians and Americans from a swathe of applications in 2015.

It has been a longstanding goal of mine to push the boundaries of the Fulbright Program to new frontiers, and the Australian-American Fulbright Commission has announced an unprecedented number of new Scholarships over the past years. This has enabled us to sponsor Scholars from a diverse array of academic backgrounds, from Nuclear Science to Arts and Humanities.

We, of course, have our Scholarship Sponsors to thank for this, all of whom dedicate their time and resources to enable the Fulbright Program to grow and flourish.

Our deepest thanks also to the Australian and U.S. Governments, who are the core of our sponsorship base.

We wish all of this year's Scholars the very best in their endeavours, and will support them on this journey that will open new doors and a world of opportunities.

Dr Tangerine Holt
Executive Director
Australian-American Fulbright
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The Australian–American Fulbright Program

The Australian-American Fulbright Commission is one of the most prestigious scholarship programs in the world.

Fulbright has been a conduit for bi-national educational and cultural exchange between Australia and the United States for over 66 years, with a rich history of scholarship created through a treaty that pre-dates ANZUS. During this time, close to 5000 Scholars have travelled between countries to collaborate with peers, developing enduring interpersonal and institutional connections that contribute to the growth of the Australian-American alliance in significant ways.

The Commission, funded by the Australian and U.S. Governments and a diverse group of Scholarship Sponsors, is acknowledged nationally and internationally as one of the most dynamic, inclusive and multifaceted programs in the Global Fulbright family. Our institutional partnerships have enabled the Australian Fulbright Program to be inclusive of all disciplines, to promote and practice diversity, and to support unique individuals at every career stage from Postgraduate to Distinguished Chair. We have a broad Sponsorship base consisting of state governments, universities, private institutions, and our first American institutional partner, Kansas State University. The Commission could not deliver the Australian Fulbright Program without the generous support and commitment of these partners, as well as over 100 dedicated selection committee members, our staff and over 5000 Fulbright Alumni.

On 25 February, 2016 at the RACV Club in Melbourne, we will unveil the newest Australian and U.S. Scholars to the Fulbright community at a Fulbright Scholar Presentation Evening.

All of our Scholars are leaders in their individual disciplines and fields, but the Fulbright Program presents an array of new experiences and challenges. In alignment with the Fulbright vision, the Program reaches far beyond academic and professional collaborations.

It offers an holistic experience of academic excellence, cultural exchange, social engagement, long-term collaborative partnerships, and the unique opportunity to add a global perspective to their research. Most importantly the Fulbright name opens many doors for our new Scholars providing them with significant networking opportunities.

The Commission strives each year to deliver to Scholars an Orientation Program which will support them in enriching their Fulbright experience. It provides them an opportunity to showcase their work, engage with the Fulbright and broader communities and deepen their understanding of the role and responsibility of serving as a Fulbright ambassador. The multiplier effect of this investment in education, research, and cultural exchange is returned in significant and immeasurable ways across academic and professional sectors.

In 2016 the Commission will continue to support Australia's burgeoning knowledge economy through binational educational collaboration, and invites all potential applicants to **Apply for a Fulbright, and Discover a Platform for your Research on the Global Stage.**

SCHOLARSHIPS FUNDED THROUGH FULBRIGHT PARTNERSHIPS

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.

FULBRIGHT PARTNERSHIPS WITH UNIVERSITIES

The Fulbright-Flinders Distinguished Chair in American Political Science sponsored by Flinders University is for a leading U.S. professor to conduct collaborative research at the host institution, along with guest lectures at advanced undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

Kansas State University sponsors the Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Agriculture and Life Sciences and a Fulbright Senior Scholarship providing unparalleled support to the development of key agricultural research. It allows senior scholars with a notable career to undertake a program of research in the U.S.

The Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarship in Cultural Competence is sponsored by the National Centre for Cultural Competence (NCCC) at the University of Sydney. The NCCC was specifically established within the University of Sydney to foster scholarship and research in the translation of cultural competence, an area of increasing academic interest.

FULBRIGHT PARTNERSHIPS WITH GOVERNMENT ENTITIES

The Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Advanced Science and Technology sponsored by the Defence Science and Technology Group was launched in 2011 at Parliament House. It brings to Australia an eminent U.S. Scholar to share knowledge and build links with Australian researchers in key issues facing both countries. In 2016, the Australian Government Defence Science and Technology Group extended this Scholarship program for a further three years until 2020.

The Fulbright Professional Scholarship in Climate Change and Clean Energy was established by the Australian and American governments in 2010 to increase bi-national collaboration addressing climate change.

The Fulbright-CSIRO Postgraduate Scholarship was established in 2009 to enable U.S. postgraduates to undertake research with the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO). Successful applicants work on Australia's most ambitious scientific research program, the National Research Flagships.

The Fulbright Professional Scholarship in Vocational Education and Training is for professionals within the vocational education and training sector or training leaders in business and industry. It provides skills and knowledge for work through a national training system and is sponsored by the Australian Government, Department of Education and Training.

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. that advances the application of nuclear science and technology in areas as diverse as materials, health, climate change, mining and engineering.

The [Fulbright Indigenous Scholarship](#) was established to recognise indigenous leaders' commitment to achieving excellence, while seeking an international perspective and collaboration through study and research. It is sponsored by the Australian Government, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Established in 2009 to recognise the many contributions by Mrs Anne Wexler for her role in fostering Australian-American relations, the [Fulbright Anne Wexler Scholarship in Public Policy](#) is sponsored by the Australian Government, Department of Education and Training.

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

FULBRIGHT PARTNERSHIPS WITH STATE OR TERRITORY PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ENTITIES

Fulbright State Scholarships have been established for each State and Territory in Australia. These scholarships are supported by state or territory governments, companies, universities, private donors and other stakeholders. Their aim is to encourage and profile research relevant to the state, and assist the building of international research links between each state and U.S. research institutions.

OTHER FULBRIGHT PARTNERSHIPS

The [Fulbright Professional Coral Sea Scholarship \(Business/Industry\)](#) was originally established in 1992 by the Coral Sea Commemorative Council to recognise the 50th anniversary of the Battle of the Coral Sea. This Scholarship is to support an opportunity relevant to Australian industry or business.

The [Fulbright Professional Scholarship in Non-Profit Leadership](#) is specifically focused on the Not-for-Profit (NFP) sector in Australia. Sponsored by the Origin Foundation and supported by the Australian Scholarships Foundation, it provides an enrichment opportunity for an emerging leader in the charitable NFP sector.

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

The [Australian Alumni \(WG Walker\) Scholarship Fund](#) was established in 1993 through generous donations from Fulbright Alumni. It is to recognise the highest ranked Australian Postgraduate Fulbright Scholar.

NEW FULBRIGHT SPONSORED SCHOLARSHIPS COMMENCING IN 2017

[Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Applied Public Policy](#) Sponsored by Flinders University and Carnegie Mellon University Australia

[Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Cultural Competence](#) Sponsored by the National Centre for Cultural Competence (NCCC), The University of Sydney

[Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences](#) Sponsored by Australian National University

[Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Science, Technology & Innovation](#) Sponsored by CSIRO

[Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Entrepreneurship & Innovation](#) Sponsored by RMIT University

[Fulbright Distinguished Chair \(various disciplines\)](#) Sponsored by The University of Newcastle

[Fulbright U.S. Senior Scholarship in Resources & Energy](#) Sponsored by Curtin University

[Fulbright U.S. Senior Scholarship \(any discipline\)](#) Sponsored by University of Canberra

[Fulbright U.S. Senior Scholarship \(Data Science, Sustainability\)](#) Sponsored by University of Canberra

[Fulbright U.S. Postdoctoral Scholarship \(any discipline\)](#) Sponsored by The University of Newcastle

[Fulbright Australian Postdoctoral Scholarship \(any discipline\)](#) Sponsored by RMIT University

[Fulbright U.S. Postgraduate Scholarship \(Environment, Public Health, Creative & Performing Arts\)](#) Sponsored by Western Sydney University

2016 FULBRIGHT AUSTRALIAN SCHOLARS AND STUDENTS

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Clinton Fookes

Sundhya Pahuja

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Kristian Wale

Nicholas Wyman

Marcel David Zimmet

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Simon Graham

Kathryn Gilbey

Brendan Quinn

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Shraddha Kashyap

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2015 FULBRIGHT U.S. SCHOLARS AND STUDENTS

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Paul Secunda
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Professional Scholar

Michael Jensen

Postgraduate Students

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Abby Kelly
Matthew Lee
Vincent Redhouse
Jana Soares
Benjamin Tien

DISTINGUISHED CHAIR

PROFESSOR RUTH WALLACE

Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Agriculture & Life Sciences

Sponsor: Kansas State University

Home: Northern Institute, Charles Darwin University

Host: Kansas State University

The Biosecurity Policy at the Margins Project is a major opportunity to build on research in northern Australia and focus on engaging regional and marginalized communities in biosecurity identification and response systems, at a national and local scale. Ruth will work with researchers at the Research and Extension Division at Kansas State University to understand and articulate the ways that remote communities can contribute to, and partner in, the effective delivery of plant biosecurity surveillance through engaging a wide range of decision makers and knowledge systems. The project will contribute to understanding the processes that underpin priorities and decision making in policy networks and policy implementation.



SENIOR SCHOLARS

DR RALF GEORG DIETZGEN

Fulbright Senior Scholarship

Sponsor: Kansas State University

Home: The University of Queensland

Host: Plant Virus Vector Interactions Group, Kansas State University

Ralf is looking forward to spending the term of his scholarship at Manhattan, Kansas to increase his technical research skills, progress scientific knowledge and learn more about Kansas and its people. He intends to translate the scientific know-how that will be generated to achieve sustainable control of thrips pests and the viruses they transmit to reduce economic losses and increase productivity and global food security. Ralf also aims to develop a long-term collaboration between Kansas State University and The University of Queensland and the research teams involved in this Fulbright research project. More broadly, he wants to foster Australia – U.S. relations and mutual understanding and networking.



PROFESSOR CALUM JOHN DRUMMOND

Fulbright Senior Scholarship

Home: RMIT University

Host: Koch Institute, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Throughout the term of his Fulbright Scholarship, Calum hopes to embed ongoing research collaboration between MIT and RMIT in the area of drug delivery. His plans include disseminating new knowledge through publishing research papers in high impact journals and presenting at international science and engineering conferences, with aims to advancing the understanding of therapeutic protein structure and function preservation (protein stability) *in vitro* and *in vivo*. While in Boston, Calum will be exchanging the latest thinking on enhancing university research and innovation ecosystems, improving university research and innovation management, and translating research beyond the academic community to deliver broader positive economic, community and environmental impact.





PROFESSOR CLINTON FOOKES

Fulbright Senior Scholarship

Home: Queensland University of Technology

Host: Department of Electrical Engineering, The City University of New York

For his Fulbright Senior Scholarship, Clinton will work in the Media Lab of the City University of New York. His project will investigate two critical components of large-scale video surveillance systems across technical and policy fronts. First, by working with one of the world leaders in video surveillance the project will advance a key capability missing from current state-of-the-art systems – the ability to search for people of interest. Second, by assessing the impacts, drivers, and impediments of video analytics in one of the busiest and most dynamic cities in the world, this project will explore the practical and policy reasons for the lack of adoption of large-scale video analytic systems for monitoring our cities to inform future research endeavours. During this project, Clinton will also work with some of the leading policing and defence organisations that deploy this technology and have a strong interest in its advancement.



PROFESSOR SUNDHYA PAHUJA

Fulbright Senior Scholarship

Home: The University of Melbourne

Host: Institute for Global Law and Policy, Harvard University

Sundhya will take up her Fulbright Senior Scholar Award at the Harvard Institute for Global Law and Policy. There she will draw on an unrivalled collection of archival materials to begin a study of the place of the corporation in international law from the early modern period to the present day, and the implications of that history for today. The Institute is at the centre of the world's largest network of scholars interested in heterodox approaches to international law and global problems. While she is there, Sundhya will develop links for junior and senior scholars from both Australia and the U.S. to collaborate on innovative research around the pressing global questions of our time.

DR ANYA READING

Fulbright Tasmania Senior Scholarship

Home: University of Tasmania

Host: Center for Imaging the Earth's Interior, University of Colorado at Boulder

Anya will focus her scholarship research on advanced computation-based approaches to make best use of diverse, incomplete datasets relating to the deep 3D structure of the Antarctic Continent. This structure, often surprisingly variable, is the dynamic foundation for many interdisciplinary studies including ice sheet and sea-level changes. Results will include insights into where to target future geophysical field campaigns for optimum benefit. Anya hopes these findings will galvanize the strong U.S. Antarctic seismology community to partner with Australia in a new chapter of discovery through practical and fruitful future collaboration.



PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARS



HICHEM DEMORTIER

Fulbright Professional Scholarship in Non-Profit Leadership

Sponsor: Origin Foundation and Supported by Australian Scholarships Foundation

Home: National Critical Care and Trauma Response Centre

Host: Harvard Humanitarian Initiative

Hichem will use his Fulbright not-for-profit scholarship to spend four months at Harvard University and will establish a formal partnership between the NCCTRC and the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative. This partnership, as well as the existing partnership with the World Health Organisation, will position the NCCTRC and Northern Australia as the regional centre for health emergency response in the Asia-Pacific region.

Hichem will use his time at Harvard University to create new professional networks in the humanitarian field, to consolidate his humanitarian expertise and will study leadership at the Harvard Kennedy School.



DR CHRIS DIXON

Fulbright Professional Scholarship in Australia-United States Alliance Studies

Sponsor: Australian Government, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Home: The University of Queensland

Host: Edward A. Clark Center for Australian and New Zealand Studies, The University of Texas at Austin

The Fulbright Professional Scholarship in Australia-United States Alliance Studies will enable Chris to explore the experiences of the 100,000 African-Americans who spent time in Australia during World War Two. This project will shed light on the social and cultural bases of the wartime relationship between the U.S. and Australia – which was the platform upon which the postwar ANZUS alliance was forged. The University of Texas at Austin's Edward A. Clark Center for Australian and New Zealand Studies provides an ideal base for conducting this research, and will also enable Chris to work with the University's internationally-renowned scholars in History and African American Studies. In deepening our understanding of the alliance between Australia and the U.S., Chris's project will also foster closer scholarly relations between the two nations.

PROFESSOR PETER HUDSON

Fulbright Professional Scholarship

Home: St Vincent's Hospital and The University of Melbourne

Host: Centre to Advance Palliative Care, New York

The World Health Organization advocates that palliative care should improve the quality of life of patients with advanced disease and their family caregivers. However, the provision of support for family caregivers is typically suboptimal resulting in wider negative implications for society. The purpose of Peter's Fulbright scholarship is to develop a comprehensive strategy to systematically improve support for family caregivers of palliative care patients. This will be achieved by working with Dr Diane Meier, the Director of the Center to Advance Palliative Care based in New York. Peter will also collaborate with and visit other key U.S. stakeholders and universities. It is envisaged that the outcomes of Peter's Fulbright scholarship will be mutually beneficial for the provision of palliative care in the U.S. and Australia (and potentially more broadly).



DR SALLY URSULA JANE SALMON

Fulbright Professional Scholarship in Nuclear Science and Technology

Sponsor: The Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO)

Home: The University of Western Australia

Host: School of Earth, Energy and Environmental Sciences, Stanford University

Ursula will work with Professor Steven Gorelick and colleagues at Stanford to incorporate additional environmental tracers into a modelling framework that has already been developed, in order to make the method more robust. This modelling tool will then be used to produce an analysis of paleoclimate, over the last 40,000 years or more, using data from a relatively data-rich Australian case study site. The time at Stanford and visits to other institutions will link Ursula to forerunners in the relevant fields in America, and facilitate continuation of collaboration on this and other topics upon her return to Australia.





KRISTIAN WALE

Fulbright Professional Coral Sea Scholarship

Home: Shaftesbury Centre

Host: School of Social Transformation, Arizona State University

Kristian is a strong advocate for working with Indigenous young people caught up in the juvenile justice system in Queensland. He has initiated a number of educational, agricultural and social enterprise programs that assist young people to acquire adequate skills in literacy and numeracy and transition into the workforce. As a Scholarly Visitor to the Centre for Indian Education housed within Arizona State University's School of Social Transformation, Kristian will conduct research on strategies used in Native American Reservations that target adolescent disengagement. An outcome of the proposed research is that Indigenous communities in Australia will benefit from some of these strategies being used in the United States and that this may assist in addressing the oversubscription of young Indigenous people being incarcerated.



NICHOLAS WYMAN

Fulbright Professional Scholarship in Vocational Education and Training

Sponsor: Australian Government, Department of Education and Training

Home: The Institute for Workplace Skills and Innovation

Host: The Urban Institute, Washington DC

Developed economies have for a generation battled endemic skills gaps and high youth unemployment. Apprenticeship, once seen as a leading solution is now in decline in both Australia and the United States. Through collaborative field research, Nicholas will explore opportunities to re-design aspects of the aging apprenticeship model toward meeting the demands of 21st century workplaces. His project will be of interest to policymakers, business leaders and stakeholders seeking to address skills gaps and elevate vocational training career pathways.

DR MARCEL DAVID ZIMMET

Fulbright Professional Scholarship

Home: Sydney Children Hospital's Network and The University of Sydney

Host: University of California and University of Washington

During his Fulbright Scholarship Marcel will learn from pioneers and world leaders in the field of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) during visits to centres of excellence in San Diego, Seattle and Washington DC. His vision is to translate their best practice expertise in clinical care, research, education and advocacy into his team's work in Australia. Being guided by the U.S. experience will improve the assessment and support of children and families living with FASD, and develop capacity within the health, education and child protection systems. It will also further Marcel's work on national FASD projects. In addition, Marcel hopes to strengthen the long-standing collaboration between Australia and the U.S. in FASD.



POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLARS



DR DAVID P. BISHOP

Fulbright New South Wales Postdoctoral Scholarship

Home: University of Technology Sydney

Host: David Geffen School of Medicine, University of California Los Angeles

The Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarship will allow David to develop a novel approach to quantitatively determine dystrophin levels in mouse models of Duchenne muscular dystrophy, a debilitating disease that primarily affects young people. This research will take place in the laboratory of Dr Wanagat in the Division of Geriatrics at the University of California Los Angeles. This research will enable measurement of small changes in dystrophin levels, which may be indicative of an effective treatment. Changes as small as 10-15% may provide extended and/or improved quality of life, but cannot currently be well quantified. The strategies developed during this project will be applicable to numerous disease states which currently rely on qualitative histological assessments.



DR KATHRYN CROWE

Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarship

Home: Research Institute for Professional Practice, Charles Sturt University

Host: Centre for Education Research Partnerships, Rochester Institute of Technology

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities calls for inclusive education for learners with disabilities. Inclusion cannot mean merely placing Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) learners in hearing classrooms, but understanding differences in the learning needs of DHH and hearing students. For her Fulbright Postdoctoral Fellowship, Kathryn aspires to develop pedagogies that take these differences into account so that DHH learners can achieve greater levels of language and literacy skills. Kathryn will work with Professor Marc Marschark to examine how DHH university students process, store, and retrieve words/signs in memory. Kathryn will conduct projects which will investigate the relationships between words/signs in memory (semantic networks) and how networks vary between DHH and hearing students, and students who use English and/or American Sign Language.

DR LAURA EADIE

Fulbright South Australia Postdoctoral Scholarship

Home: SAHMRI (South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute)

Host: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Department of Pathology

For her Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarship, Laura will work in the laboratory of Professor Charles Mullighan at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital learning engineered and xenograft mouse models to facilitate translational studies of Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia (ALL). Relapsed ALL is the leading cause of childhood non-traumatic death. Genomic analyses identified a new subtype of high-risk ALL (Ph-like) which can be treated with clinically available drugs with known safety profiles. Use of these drugs in other diseases results in improved outcome, but resistance still occurs and in high risk ALL patient outcomes are less robust. Laura's project will assess drug efficacy and mechanisms of resistance to understand key drivers of response and resistance. Findings will inform clinical practice and therapeutic strategies will be optimised to ensure the best chance of cure for patients with the highest risk forms of childhood ALL.



DR SIMON GRAHAM

Fulbright Indigenous Postdoctoral Scholarship

Sponsor: Australian Government Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Home: The University of Melbourne

Host: Center for HIV Educational Studies & Training (CHEST), Hunter College of the City University of New York

For his Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarship, Simon will be based at the Center for HIV Educational Studies & Training (CHEST) at Hunter College, City University of New York. His research will focus on developing community based sexual health strategies that could be used with clinic based approaches to decrease rates of sexually transmissible infections particularly for young people. The research aims to use social media and mobile phone applications to support young people to take control of their health and to make informed sexual health decisions that will lower their risk of infection.





DR KATHRYN GILBEY

Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarship in Cultural Competence

Sponsor: National Centre for Cultural Competence at The University of Sydney

Home: University of Southern Queensland

Host: Northridge Chicana Studies Department, California State University and Feminist Studies Department, University of California, Santa Cruz

The Fulbright Scholarship allows Kathryn to develop collaborations between Aboriginal women in Australia and Chicana women from California who share experiences of settler colonialism which, though different are felt and lived in many similar ways. A key aspiration of this collaboration is to unite and bring to the fore the voices of radical women of colour across the Pacific in the production and sharing of narrative work forms. A further aspiration is based on sharing knowledge on how representation within a university can happen effectively for First Nations Peoples. Kathryn will teach Indigenous knowledges through structured conversations, lectures and workshops.



DR BRENDAN QUINN

Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarship

Home: Burnet Institute and Monash University

Host: Center for Behavioral & Addiction Medicine, University of California, Los Angeles

The incidence of methamphetamine-related harms affecting Australian individuals, families and communities continues to rise. In consideration of this, Brendan will travel to the United States to learn from, and work alongside, Dr Stephen Shoptaw, a world-renowned researcher of methamphetamine and other substance use issues. Dr Shoptaw's team at the Center for Behavioral & Addiction Medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles, is conducting innovative research on methamphetamine, including novel prevention and treatment responses, unlike any current studies in Australia. The experience will augment Brendan's knowledge, skills and experience of researching drug and alcohol issues and countering related harms, to inform necessary translational studies and evidence-based policy and preventative measures for defining and appropriately addressing the significant issue of methamphetamine use in Australia.

POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS

DR MATILDA ANDERSON

Fulbright Victoria Postgraduate Scholarship

Home: The University of Sydney

Host: TBC

Matilda aims to complete a Masters of Public Health at Columbia or Harvard University in the U.S. Knowledge gained from these exceptional institutions will guide her research interests as well as her future career based around clinical practice, surgical academia and involvement in health policy and systems. Specifically, Matilda will focus on studying health behaviours and social determinants of health, in order to better understand what drives levels of health engagement and health literacy in different populations, with the aim to improve overall health care delivery to our diverse community.



RACHELLE PETA COLE

Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship

Home: Glenroy College, Victoria

Host: TBC

During the term of her Fulbright Scholarship, Rachelle is planning on studying a Masters of Arts (Education) at a leading education school in the U.S. She plans on studying with scholars who work on language teaching, both English as an additional language and second languages. During the term of her Fulbright, Rachelle plans to focus on the role that technology and innovative teaching methods can play in improving engagement and proficiency in second language learning, particularly for students from disadvantaged backgrounds. She will return to Australia following her scholarship year and utilize her skills in a leading teaching position with the long-term objective of advising government on language and education policy.





JENNA MARGARET CROWE-RIDDELL

Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship

Home: School of Biological Sciences (Genetics and Evolution), University of Adelaide

Host: University of Florida

Sea snakes are poorly understood but fascinating examples of evolutionary transitions. Jenna aims to uncover novel sensory abilities in these animals, taking a multidisciplinary approach that builds a picture of the sensory system at every level: from genetic, to population, to species, and the ecosystem. The Fulbright scholarship will allow Jenna to research alongside world experts in reptile evolution, behaviour and physiology. Once complete, the project can serve as a model for integrative biological research that can be easily transferred to other species upon return to Australia.



VAFÄ DARREN GHAZAVI

Fulbright Anne Wexler Scholarship in Public Policy

Sponsor: Australian Government, Department of Education and Training

Home: Australian Government, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Host: John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

Vafa's studies at Harvard Kennedy School will focus on global policy in the digital age, ethics, and behavioural economics. He will explore innovative policy responses to transnational challenges, including how to harness big data for the public good, and policies designed to ensure a free and open internet. Vafa will look at how policymakers can promote the development of technologies that help address global challenges such as poverty, gross human rights violations, and armed conflict. He will also examine how countries can prevent conflict and support political transitions that advance human rights and effective governance.

MONIQUE HURLEY

Fulbright Northern Territory Postgraduate Scholarship

Home: Northern Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA)

Host: TBC

For her Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship, Monique hopes to study a Masters of Law (LLM) in America. She would like to build on her previous studies and practical legal experience by focusing her overseas LLM studies on international and human rights law. Monique would like to learn from the American and international experience at a leading university to obtain a more comprehensive understanding of how the law can be used as a mechanism to help empower disadvantaged individuals and groups of people.



SHRADDHA KASHYAP

Fulbright Western Australia Postgraduate Scholarship

Home: The University of Western Australia

Host: New York University and Bellevue Program for Survivors of Torture

Shraddha has a keen interest in refugee mental health, and hopes to find meaningful ways of helping displaced peoples begin new lives despite suffering from previous trauma. The Fulbright Scholarship will allow Shraddha to apply her doctoral research to an asylum seeker and refugee population. She will investigate resilience among individuals undergoing treatment at the NYU/Bellevue Program for Survivors of Torture. Specifically, she will examine whether multiple measurements of psychological distress over time can help pinpoint groups of individuals who may improve more rapidly than others, and study factors associated with this resilience. These factors would include a combination of individual and community characteristics, as well as factors related to their treatment. Identifying these factors through quantitative and qualitative measurements would allow clinicians to isolate the most helpful aspects of treatment, and improve outcomes for more individuals.





CRAIG WILLIAM MCCORMACK

Fulbright Western Australia Postgraduate Scholarship

Home: Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Visual Arts, The University of Western Australia

Host: Sasakawa International Center for Space Architecture, University of Houston

For his Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship, Craig will conduct research at the University of Houston, in the Sasakawa International Center for Space Architecture. The project will examine the feedback loop between the space industry and popular culture, such as film, through a study of relevant institutional and private archives, to articulate the cultural role that space exploration has played upon modern culture, and reciprocally, the impact that ideas stemming from popular culture as the 'imagining' of a future, or multiple futures has had upon programs of scientific research into manned exploration of space, and which has spawned new fields of research, such as 'space architecture'. Combining archival, primary, and contemporary research through an ambitious theoretical framework, Craig intends to conceptualise the 'space project' within Western culture's tradition of utopian thought.



DANIEL MCNAMARA

Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship

Home: Australian National University

Host: School of Computer Science, Carnegie Mellon University

Daniel will be spending several months at Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) in Pittsburgh. During his stay he will be hosted by Associate Professor Maria-Florina Balcan and will be based in the Machine Learning Department within the School of Computer Science. CMU sits in the elite tier of universities worldwide for computer science, and is particularly known for its strength in fundamental theoretical research in machine learning. Daniel is looking forward to the opportunity to learn from and collaborate with CMU academics and students. Following his return to Australia, he will use the skills gained from the visit within academia and industry.

DAVID IAN RAWSON

Fulbright Queensland Postgraduate Scholarship

Home: St Ursula's College, Toowoomba

Host: TBC

David's research in the U.S aims to better understand how re-conceptualising assessment might bring about broader school improvement. In particular, he wishes to develop more engrained and sustainable mechanisms for fostering effective teacher collaboration in Queensland schools. In this way, David hopes to develop a strategy for supporting teachers to engage more routinely with peer-reviewed research and integrate it into their praxis. He sees it as important to address the disjunct between educational theory and practice, which has emerged alongside the growing demands on teachers and their time.

David is looking forward to engaging in cross-cultural conversations with other engaged and dynamic teachers, developing a deeper knowledge of curriculum and educational leadership.



HANNAH RYAN

Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship

Home: Federal Court of Australia

Host: TBC

Hannah intends to use a Master of Laws at a U.S. university to explore the protection of freedom of expression and the free press in the digital age, particularly as those values are affected by national security lawmaking.

She sees the internet as both an unprecedentedly powerful tool enabling citizens and journalists to express and exchange ideas, and as a key instrument for governments seeking to monitor, and suppress, ideas and communication. Accordingly, freedom of expression is enjoying new forms, but also facing new threats, which must be addressed legally. She is particularly interested in conducting research into the legal protection of whistleblowers.

Hannah hopes her research will contribute to level-headed policy-making in Australia, which protects our security but also properly appreciates the civil liberties interests at stake.





CAITLIN BLANCHE TRETHERWY

Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship (WG Walker)

Home: GHD Group

Host: TBC

Caitlin is seeking a Master of Public Policy to gain skills in leadership and economics that will complement her renewable energy experience and allow her to influence positive change in the energy sector. The Fulbright Scholarship will place Caitlin at the forefront of technical and policy developments in the energy sector as the U.S. has fostered development and early adoption of many innovative technologies. The degree program will enable her to gain an international network of people working in climate, energy security and community resilience. Throughout her career this network will enable her to facilitate knowledge transfer between Australia, the U.S. and others on best practice.

U.S. DISTINGUISHED CHAIRS

PROFESSOR DOUGLAS COCHRAN

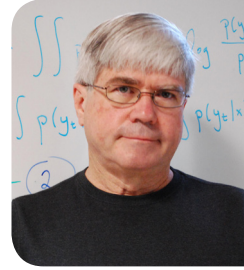
Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Advanced Science and Technology

Sponsor: Australian Government Defence Science and Technology Group – DSTG

Home: Arizona State University

Host: Defence Science and Technology Group

Doug's Fulbright activity will focus on emerging concepts in radio-frequency remote sensing rather than with particular emphasis on passive methods that rely on opportunistic signals. Australian researchers have leveraged their long history of excellence in remote sensing to establish Australia at the forefront of this developing area. During his Fulbright visit, Doug will collaborate extensively with colleagues in the Defence Science and Technology Group, the University of Queensland, and the Defence Science Institute. He hopes to foster an exchange of ideas that will extend well beyond the Fulbright visit.



PROFESSOR ANN CAROL WEISSERT

Fulbright-Flinders Distinguished Chair in American Political Science

Sponsor: Flinders University

Home: Florida State University

Host: Flinders University

The topic of cooperation and coordination between federal and state governments is a long-time interest for Carol. As part of her Fulbright research project, she seeks to understand how changes over the past decade in political leadership and partisanship in Australia and the U.S. have altered intergovernmental relations, with a special focus on health policy. She is interested in the impact of hyper partisanship on federal-state relationships and on health policy that results in the U.S. and Australia. Of particular concern is the role of intergovernmental groups in representing states' interests at the national/commonwealth level.



U.S. SENIOR SCHOLARS



DR LINDA FETERS

Fulbright Senior Scholarship

Home: University of Southern California

Host: Cerebral Palsy Alliance Research Institute

Linda will work with an international team, headed by Professor Iona Novak of the Cerebral Palsy Alliance Research Institute to collaboratively develop an international clinical practice guideline for the identification, assessment and treatment of infants (birth to 2 years) who are at risk for or diagnosed with cerebral palsy. She plans to visit educational programs and clinical environments that serve infants and children who have developmental challenges. This is Linda's first experience in Australia and she plans to explore the culture, communities and passions of Australia.



DR DAVID LEE

Fulbright Senior Scholarship

Home: University of Miami

Host: The University of Sydney

David will participate in teaching a seminar course on the intersections of psychology and spiritual/contemplative practices and will mentor students. He will also undertake a cross-cultural assessment of mindfulness practices at the University of Sydney, the University of Miami, and Udayana University, Bali, Indonesia. Physical and psychological health measures will also be assessed to determine if mindfulness practices correlate with these outcomes. Research findings and student engagement will help to further establish the University of Sydney as a leader in mindfulness research and to inspire students to pursue this field of study.

DR KIRSTEN NIELSEN

Fulbright Senior Scholarship

Home: University of Minnesota

Host: The University of Queensland

Kirsten's research interests focus on understanding how fungal pathogen *Cryptococcus* causes disease in humans, with the goal of developing better treatment strategies that reduce the mortality of this deadly pathogen. As part of her Fulbright research project, Kirsten will work with researchers at the Australian Infectious Diseases Research Centre to address the most fundamental and crucial problem regarding this deadly infection: how does *Cryptococcus* evolve in response to the host environment to survive and cause disease? The answer to this question will impact not only our understanding of *Cryptococcus* infections, but also many other microorganisms that cause deadly disease in humans.



PROFESSOR PAUL SECUNDA

Fulbright Senior Scholarship

Home: Marquette University

Host: The University of Melbourne

Paul plans to present a number of seminars on his Super research at: numerous Australian universities (including at Business, Law, and finance and economics departments), various law firms, and Super funds across the country. In addition to exploring his home city of Melbourne, Paul is looking forward to his travels to Brisbane, Sydney, Adelaide, and Tasmania in furtherance of his Fulbright research. His plan is to present the findings of his workplace pension research to the United States Department of Labor on his return in January of 2016. Paul also hopes to use his newly-obtained comparative perspective to develop innovative courses for his law students on his return to North America.





DR MICHAEL WEBSTER

Fulbright Senior Scholarship

Home: Cornell University

Host: The University of Melbourne

Mike has two goals for his period as a Fulbright Scholar in Australia. The first is to establish collaborative research relationships with several Australian researchers to develop a large, multi-investigator comparative study of Australian fairy-wrens. The second is to establish a strong and mutually beneficial working relationship between the Macaulay Library and the Australian National Wildlife Collection, aimed primarily at building a comprehensive collection of audio/video recordings capturing the behavior of Australian animals.



PROFESSIONAL SCHOLAR

MICHAEL JENSEN

Fulbright Professional Scholarship in Climate Change and Clean Energy

Sponsor: Australian and U.S. Governments

Home: U.S. Department of Energy

Host: The University of New South Wales

Accelerated investment in clean energy solutions is needed to mitigate climate-related risks, yet institutional investors traditionally have not financed energy efficiency and renewable energy projects at a scale necessary to address this challenge. Innovative policies to encourage the development of robust secondary markets for clean energy loans thus are critical in attracting private sector capital investment in this arena. Secondary market financing only recently has proved successful under disparate state and local programs in the United States; however, each of these programs overcame significant policy and financial obstacles to deployment. Through his research and dialogue with government officials, academics, financiers, and the energy industry, Michael intends to discuss strategies to address these barriers and to foster cooperation between both Australia and the United States in adopting and promoting successful policies for clean energy finance.

POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS

SECOND LT COURTLAND ADAMS

Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship

Home: United States Military Academy

Host: The University of Melbourne

As a Fulbright Scholar, Court will pursue a coursework-based Master of Environment degree at the University of Melbourne to gain the necessary knowledge and skill set required to take on an influential leadership role in the multilateral effort to mitigate the impacts of climate change. The Master of Environment program offers him a unique opportunity to study climate change mitigation because of the similar environmental challenges experienced by both the United States and Australia.



MARY AJAMIAN

Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship

Home: Columbia University

Host: Monash University

Like the U.S., Australia experiences a deficit of women in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), especially at higher levels of academic or institutional seniority. Australia also faces educational inequities for students of indigenous descent. As part of her community engagement, Mary seeks to mentor students from underrepresented backgrounds who are interested in STEM fields, particularly female students and those of indigenous descent. She hopes to encourage a new generation's curiosity in stem fields, bolster confidence, inspire action to reach out to potential career mentors, and understand challenges from a different cultural perspective.





BRIAN ENTLER

Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship

Home: The University of Scranton

Host: Macquarie University

Working with Dr Barron at Macquarie University and his collaborator Dr Vincent Daria at The Australian National University Brian will examine mechanisms of choice and decision in the honeybee brain to enable computer modeling of insect brain function. Understanding how the brain works, processes thought, and how both thought and decisions emerge from brain circuitry are the last grand challenges of modern neuroscience. Currently there is enormous interest in efforts to model the human brain, but Dr Barron, Dr Daria, and Brian share a mutual conviction that first modeling an organism with a far smaller brain will reveal the essential and fundamental mechanisms by which thought and decisions emerge.



ABBY KELLY

Fulbright-CSIRO Postgraduate Scholarship

Sponsor: CSIRO

Home: University of Washington

Host: CSIRO Manufacturing Flagship

Abby will conduct her Fulbright research at the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization in the manufacturing flagship where she will characterize the effects of polymer architecture on the efficacy and toxicity of peptide delivery. She is most excited to improve her polymer synthesis skills while working with the inventors of one of the most-used polymerization techniques in the world, reversible addition fragmentation chain-transfer (RAFT) polymerization. Abby will be joined in Australia by her husband, an aspiring filmmaker who is excited to document their once-in-a-lifetime Australian Fulbright adventure.

MATTHEW LEE

Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship

Home: University of Pennsylvania

Host: Queensland University of Technology

While in Australia, Matthew will be studying the relationship between peer aggression in online games and the design of underlying systems that promote or inhibit communication, cooperation, and other forms of social interaction, in an effort to learn how online communities – just as communities in the offline world – are shaped by the context of their interactions. Through an understanding of this relationship, Matthew seeks to minimize online ‘toxicity’ through better design, ultimately helping online communities foster a culture of tolerance and transparency while remaining true to their community’s character and guiding principles.



VINCENT REDHOUSE

Fulbright Anne Wexler Scholarship in Public Policy

Sponsor: Australian Government, Department of Education and Training

Home: University of Arizona

Host: Australian National University

Vince has three aspirations for his Scholarship term: first, he would like to begin changing the world. He believes that democratic institutions must evolve in order to remain democratic in the diverse world that we all share, and that Australia may be a good place to start. Secondly, Vince would like to learn from the current relationship between the Australian government and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, as their historical relationship is unfortunately similar that of the United States and the Native American populations. Lastly, Vince would like to take advantage of this unique opportunity to develop strong relationships with Australian academics, activists, leaders, and politicians.





JANA SOARES

Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship

Home: St. Edward's University

Host: University of Technology Sydney

As a Fulbright scholar with a passion to improve people's lives, Jana seeks to learn as much as possible while in Australia. She hopes her research will allow her to approach large problems with a scientific understanding, and plans to broaden her perspective through participation in available opportunities in professional, academic and work environments. Jana is interested in translating scientific research findings into improvements that help the public, and aspires to attend lectures and partake in workshops to learn how scientific innovations are making an impact on the world. Beyond her research in the lab, Jana looks forward to immersing herself in Australian culture by sampling different cuisines, exploring new sights, and taking part in recreational activities.



BENJAMIN TIEN

Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship

Home: Princeton University

Host: Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Monash University

As a Fulbright Scholar, Benjamin will work with Professor Michelle McIntosh and her team at the Monash Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences to develop an oxytocin aerosol to prevent postpartum hemorrhage (PPH), or bleeding after childbirth. Over 100,000 women die each year from PPH, though it can be prevented with an injection of oxytocin; oxytocin stimulates uterine contractions, which prevents PPH. However, the injectable form of oxytocin requires refrigeration infrastructure that is not available in many low-resource settings. Our team seeks to develop an aerosol formulation with oxytocin that does not require refrigeration and can be inhaled by patients immediately after childbirth, a product that could save numerous lives of mothers in low-resource settings. Benjamin also plans to interact with the indigenous Australian population to assess its healthcare needs, especially as they pertain to maternal health.

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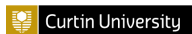
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