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Fulbright celebrates the 2009 Australian Scholars

The 2009 Fulbright Presentation Dinner, held in Tasmania for the first time, was co-hosted by the University of Tasmania, and held at the spectacular Moorilla Estate in Hobart on 12 March 2009.

Twenty-three talented Australians were awarded their Fulbright Scholarships at the Presentation Dinner. The Scholars will work in the U.S. on a range of exciting projects including management of pain in critically ill patients, cancer research, economic development for poorer communities, cybercrime prevention, improving nerve regeneration and the effects of smoke on wine grapevines.

The Hon. David Bartlett MP, Premier of Tasmania, addressed the 210 dinner quests, and announced Tasmanian Government funding for the Fulbright Tasmania Scholarship for a further three years.

The Premier commented that "the Fulbright scholarships are a magnificent international statement about the power of ideas. Australia and the United States of course have enjoyed a long and fruitful friendship for generations."

"How significant then that the first treaty ever signed between our two countries was not about defence, or free trade or fishing rights - but about these Scholarships - with the setting up of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission by treaty in 1949."

"The Scholarships are a testimony to the vision of the late Senator Fulbright - and of the United States as a whole – for a better world based on the sharing of knowledge."

Professor Daryl Le Grew, Vice Chancellor and President, University of Tasmania, announced matching funding from the University for the Fulbright Tasmania Scholarship, and with Mr Daniel Clune, Chargé d' Affaires and Head, U.S. Embassy, also addressed the quests about the importance of education, and the objectives of the Fulbright Program.

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ED's Update

I have enjoyed my first four months as Executive Director with the Australian-American Fulbright Commission (AAFC).

It has been a steep but exciting learning curve as I familiarise myself with the extensive Fulbright networks, upcoming events, and meeting with Fulbright Scholars, Alumni and supporters.

In December, we farewelled Mark Darby, with a function by the lake in Canberra. It was well-attended by Fulbright Commission Board members, Selection Committee members, Alumni, staff, and other friends. The Board Chair, Tom Pascarella, thanked Mark on behalf of the Commission for his many contributions over eight productive years and to wish him well for the future.

It has been a busy start to the year with the Fulbright 2009 Presentation Dinner and orientation program for the new Scholars, held in Tasmania at the picturesque Moorilla Estate Winery, and sold-out weeks in advance. We are most grateful to the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Daryl Le Grew, and his colleagues at the University of Tasmania for co-hosting the Dinner and the excellent arrangements and entertainment. We were pleased to have Dan Clune, the Chargé d'Affaires at the U.S. Embassy, and the Premier of Tasmania, the Hon. David Bartlett MP as guests of honour.

The Presentation Dinner introduced the impressive cohort of 23 Australian Fulbright Scholars for 2009, including the two Fulbright Tasmania Scholars, Dr Peter Jarvis and Dr Gretta Pecl. The Scholarship will continue to support Tasmanian scholars to undertake research in the US on topics of importance to the state, with the welcome announcement

at the Dinner that the Tasmanian Government and the University of Tasmania have renewed joint funding of the Scholarship for the next three years.

The establishment of the Fulbright NSW Scholarship was also announced by the NSW Premier, the Hon. Nathan Rees MP at a launch on 17 March, for the first NSW State Scholarship to be awarded in 2010. The Scholarship is jointly funded by the NSW Government and the NSW universities, with additional funding to be sought from sponsors to establish the award in perpetuity.

In the U.S., we were pleased that many alumni were able to enjoy Australia Plays Carnegie Hall as part of the G'Day USA program, and sincere thanks to Alumnus Jonathan Miller and Richard Archibald at the Australian Consulate-General in New York for coordinating the arrangements.

The schedule for Fulbright State receptions in April-May has been finalised with the dates listed in the Calender on our website. I am looking forward to these as an opportunity to meet with more Fulbright Scholars, Alumni and supporters.

Joe Hlubucek Executive Director



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The highlight of the evening was the introduction of the Scholars. They were presented with Fulbright Pins by Premier Bartlett; with Certificates signed by the Prime Minister, The Hon. Kevin Rudd, and the U.S. Ambassador, presented by Mr Clune; and with Letters of Congratulation from the Prime Minister, presented by

Dr Tony Worby, National President of the Australian Fulbright Alumni Association.

Mr Tom Pascarella, Chair of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission Board and Managing Director and Country Executive Officer, Bank of America, introduced Fulbright Tasmania Scholar, Dr Gretta Pecl, who responded on behalf of the 2009 Fulbright Australian Scholars.

"We are honoured and excited to be recipients of these awards, and will certainly do our best as Ambassadors for Australia and the Fulbright organisation," Dr Pecl said, and thanked the AAFC, and the organisations and individuals that generously support the Fulbright Program.

New Fulbright Scholarship for **NSW**

Talented postgraduates and postdoctoral scholars in NSW will now have the additional opportunity to apply for a specific state Fulbright Scholarship.

The scholarship is valued at up to Aus \$50,000 for research or study for up to 12 months in the US on a topic of relevence to NSW. The first applications will be invited in June this year.

The Hon. Nathan Rees MP, the Premier of NSW, announced the establishment of the Fulbright NSW Scholarship at a meeting of NSW Vice-Chancellors, held at the University of New South Wales (UNSW) on 17 March 2009

The Scholarship is jointly funded by the NSW Government and NSW universities, with additional funding to be sought from sponsors to establish this Scholarship in perpetuity. The Scholarship will be awarded to the applicant whose project will have the greatest potential benefit to NSW.

"This is a fantastic opportunity to strengthen the ties between the Government and the higher education sector in NSW at a time

when governments around the world are looking increasingly to scientific research and higher learning to find solutions to our global problems," Mr Rees said.

Australian-American Fulbright Commission (AAFC) Board Chair, Mr Tom Pascarella, congratulated the NSW Government and the NSW universities on the establishment of the Fulbright NSW Scholarship, adding:

"This Fulbright NSW Scholarship will give talented young people from NSW special opportunities to participate in the prestigious Fulbright Program. It will promote professional and academic links between the U.S. and NSW, with research projects that will provide long-term benefits to the state.

The AAFC is grateful for the support for the Scholarship from the NSW Government and the NSW universities— Charles Sturt University; Macquarie University; the University of New England; the University of Newcastle; Southern Cross University; the University of NSW; the University of Sydney; the University of Technology, Sydney; the University of Western Sydney and the University of Wollongong.



Announcement of the Fulbright NSW Scholarship.

FROM LETF, ACK, ROW: Professor Jan Reid, VC, University of Western Sydney; Professor Ross Milbourne, VC, University of Technology, Sydney; Professor Nicholas Saunders, VC, University of Newcastle; Professor Steven Schwartz, VC, Macquarie University; Mr Tom Pascarella, Chair, AAFC Board; Dr Michael Spence, VC, University of Sydney; Professor Ian Goulter, VC, Charles Sturt University; Emeritus Professor Mary O'Kane, NSW Chief Scientist and Scientific Engineer.

FROM LEFT, FRONT ROW: Professor Gerard Sutton, VC, University of Wollongong; Professor Alan Pettigrew, VC, University of New England; Professor Paul Clark, VC, Southern Cross University; Mrs Judith Fergin, U.S. Consul General, Sydney; Mr Nathan Rees, Premier of NSW, Professor Frederick Hilmer, VC, University of NSW, Convenor, NSWVCC; Dr Joe Hlubucek, Executive Director, AAFC.



Photo: Dr Alice Garner

ARC grant to fund the Australian Fulbright Program's history

The history and impact of the 60 year Fulbright Program in Australia will be told through a project funded by an Australian Research Council Linkage Grant.

The proposal from La Trobe University, Deakin University, the Australian-American Fulbright Commission and the National Library to undertake the research was successful in October 2008.

The Fulbright program was initiated in 1949, as Australia entered a period of significant expansion and growth in institutions and in a period of social and cultural change.

The ARC project will examine the part that the Fulbright Program played in this period of social change. It provided the opportunity for many young Australians to spend time in the U.S., developing skills and being exposed to new experiences and relationships.

Heading up the history project are Fulbright Alumni Professor Diane Kirkby, (Fulbright Postdoctoral Fellow in History, 1985) Professor Dennis Altman (Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar 1964) both from La Trobe University, and Professor David Walker, Australian Studies, Deakin University.

Dr Alice Garner, Postdoctoral Fellow in History from La Trobe University will be contacting Australian Fulbright Alumni and interviewing them for the project over the next two-three years. The National Library is providing support with their expertise and technical equipment for the collection of oral histories.

Alice may contact you in the near future. If you have any questions about the project you are welcome to contact the Communication Manager at the AAFC on 02 6260 4460.

The outcome of the project will be a monograph of approximately 80,000 words, and also an oral history archive, but we look forward to providing periodic progress reports.

2009 Australian Fulbright Scholars

Fulbright Postgraduate Scholars



Alyson AuliffFulbright Queensland Scholar

Parasitology, University of Queensland. Research on the malaria parasite and the mechanism by which it develops resistance to certain drug treatments. University of South Florida and the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, Maryland (Aust. PhD research).



Shom Goel Fulbright Postgraduate Alumni (WG Walker) Scholar

Medical Oncology, Sydney South West Area Health Service. Improving the effectiveness of anti-angiogenic therapy for breast cancer. Harvard University.



Catherine Gregory

Music, Queensland Conservatorium, Griffith University. Further build and develop musical and flute performance skills. Host to be confirmed.



Hugo Leith

Fulbright Western Australia Scholar

Law, State Solicitor for Western Australia/ University of Western Australia. Comparative study of governmental power and constitutional structures in Australia and the United States. Yale University (Masters in Law).



Mark McMillan

Fulbright Indigenous Scholar sponsored by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

Law, University of Technology Sydney. Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD) course in the Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy Program. University of Arizona (U.S. Doctorate in Law).



Kim Mosse

Molecular Biology, Monash University. Examining the effects of irrigation with winery wastewater on soil and plant health in nearby regions. University of California, Davis.



Florian 'Floyd' Mueller

Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar in Technology and Communications sponsored by Telstra

Interaction Design, University of Melbourne. Introduce the fitness and bonding benefits of sports to video games and combine them with the advantages of computer networks to enable 'Sports over a Distance'. Stanford University.



Matthew Tilleard

International Law, Development Consultant based in Afganistan. Research aiming to find ways to improve economic development for poor communities and nations. Harvard University.



Camilla Whittington

Genomics, Faculty of Veterinary Science at the University of Sydney. Research into the genetic components of mammalian venom to build an understanding of toxins from two venomous mammals, the platypus and the shrew. Washington University (Aust. PhD research).



Alexander Wyatt

Fulbright Western Australia Scholar

Oceanographic Engineering, The University of Western Australia. Collaborative research in coral reef oceanography. Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California San Diego.



Jeremy Wykes

Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar in Science and Engineering sponsored by BHP Billiton

Earth Science, Australian National University. Experimental research into the geochemical behavior of lead and sulfur in subducting tectonic plates. University of California, Los Angeles (Aust. PhD research).

Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholars



Dr Joshua Burns

Podiatry, University of Sydney. Research on Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease (CMT), a genetic nerve disease which causes progressive muscle weakness, painful foot deformity and walking difficulty. Wayne State University School of Medicine.



Dr Gretta Pecl Fulbright Tasmania Scholar

Marine Ecology, University of Tasmania. Researching how ecological modelling can help assess impacts of climate change on the productivity and sustainability of marine resources, using the Alaskan Red King Crab and Tasmanian Rock Lobster as case studies. University of Alaska.



Dr Colin ScholesFulbright Victoria Scholar

Chemistry, University of Melbourne. Working on cheaper ways to mitigate carbon emissions from coal-fired power plants. University of Texas, Austin.



Dr Byron WicksFulbright Victoria Scholar

Electrical and Biomedical Engineering, NICTA, University of Melbourne. Research furthering the development of a bionic eye and high-speed wireless communications which will enable the transfer of high definition multimedia between electronic devices. University of California, Berkeley.

Fulbright Senior Scholars



Professor Leanne Aitken

Nursing, Griffith University & Princess Alexandra Hospital. To develop and test the feasibility of a complex clinical intervention to improve analgesia and sedation management in critically injured patients. University of Pennsylvania.



Associate Professor John Foster

Biomaterials, University of New South Wales. Working with a U.S. based researcher to combine two key technologies to develop a procedure to improve nerve regeneration. University of Pittsburgh.



Dr Peter JarvisFulbright Tasmania Scholar

Physics, University of Tasmania. Undertake foundation studies in mathematical physics and mathematical biology. University of California, Berkeley.



Professor Scott Kable

Laser spectroscopy, University of Sydney. Undertake research into ultra-fast photochemistry in order to understand in detail how complex chemical reactions unfold. University of Wisconsin.

Fulbright Professional Scholars



Dr Tina Bell

Fulbright Professional Business/Industry (Coral Sea) Scholar

Ecology, University of Melbourne. Exploring changes to and recovery of key physiological processes of grapevines exposed to smoke from fires. University of California, Berkeley.



Dr Kim Kwang (Raymond) Choo

Fulbright Professional Australia-U.S. Alliance Studies Scholar sponsored by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Criminology and Information Technology, Australian Institute of Criminology. Research into the cybercrime threat environment. Rutgers University and the Palo Alto Research Center.



Dr Vanessa Hayes

Cancer Genetics, Children's Cancer Institute Australia, University of New South Wales. Using Next Generation Sequencing technology to examine the entire DNA sequence (genome) relevant to cancer development. Pennsylvania State University.



Martin Riordan

Fulbright Professional Scholar in Vocational Education and Training (VET) sponsored by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

Business Management, TAFE Director's Australia. Industry and community engagement, especially how this supports wider post-school and adult education up-skilling in the American Community College system. The American Association of Community Colleges (AACC).

2009 Fulbright Symposium

Impact of the U.S.-AUS Free Trade Agreement: on the last five years, the next five years

Five years after its much-debated signing, the economic and political impact of the United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement will be the focus of the 2009 Fulbright Symposium in August 2009.

Hosted by The University of Queensland's TC Beirne School of Law, and convened by UQ's Dr Robert Burrell and Ms Kimberlee Weatherall, the symposium will examine the effects of the agreement across a broad range of trade areas including agriculture, trade in services, public procurement,

pharmaceuticals and intellectual property rights and assess the costs and benefits both to industry, and to the broader political and strategic relationship between the countries.

The symposium will provide a timely opportunity to reassess the agreement in light of evolving conditions in international trade, and the changes which have occurred within the governments of both countries.

"The Obama administration and the Rudd Government have made it clear that they have different foreign policy priorities to their predecessors," Dr Burrell said.

"By assessing the relationship and economic impact of the agreement, with the benefit of time and experience, the symposium will generate much-needed debate about the early outcomes from the agreement and future trade and political issues for the U.S. and Australia."

Drawing on participants from the U.S. and Australia, and from a range of disciplines, the symposium will seek to provide a measured perspective on the agreement's benefits and costs across a full range of areas, including the more controversial aspects of the agreement.

The symposium will be held on 24-25 August at Old Parliament House, Canberra. The University of Queensland was selected to host the symposium following a nationwide competitive grant process.

The symposium will be of broad interest to those working in policy development, as well as government representatives, academics, journalists and others with an economic interest in trade with the United States.

Online registration and a complete list of the conference speakers and program is available at www.law.uq.edu.au/fulbriqht2009

Applications now open for Fulbright Alumni Initiative Grant

The Fulbright Alumni Initiative Grant aims to help build individual Fulbright experiences into long term institutional collaboration and linkages.

This grant provides A\$10,000 to support a Fulbright Alumnus work with their original home and host institution to develop innovative projects that will foster institutional linkages and sustainable, mutually beneficial relationships.

The visit can be between three to twelve weeks and the grant supports any activities which achieve both short and long term

objectives of ongoing institutional collaboration. It does not support individual research.

Applications are now being accepted and close 30 April 2009.

For more information visit www.fulbright.com.au

Fulbright U.S. Senior Specialist Program

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

Applications from Australian universities for 2010 Senior Specialists will open 1 July 2009 and close 9 October 2009.

The 2009 Fulbright U.S. Senior Specialists are:

Senior Specialist U.S. Institution	Project	Australian Host Institutions	Period of Visit
Prof Em Tim Berra Ohio State University	To take part in the Darwin 200 events at Charles Darwin University and also visit Flinders University.	Charles Darwin University, Flinders University, Museums and Art Galleries of the Northern Territory	12 Sept-23 Oct 2009
Prof Em Muriel Lezak Oregon Health & Science University	To give lectures, master classes and consultations in clinical neuropsychology.	University of Sydney, Monash & Griffith Universities	14 Sep-23 Oct 2009
Assoc Prof Cindy Davis University of Tennessee	To provide curricula development and delivery in the area of social work curricula online.	University of Sunshine Coast and James Cook University	17 Jul-7 Aug 2009
Prof R Mawdsley Cleveland State University	To develop a curriculum for Australian school leaders and teacher education students in education law.	Griffith University and Queensland University of Technology	17 Jul-7 Aug 2009
Prof H Onsrud University of Maine	To give lectures on cyberlaw topics as they relate to the advancement of spatial technologies and development of spatial databases.	University of Melbourne	1 Feb-14 Mar 2009
Prof N Polikoff American University	To present a comparative analysis of Australian and US family recognition models, focussing on how law can and should adapt to non-biological parent-child relationships.	University of Technology, Sydney and University of Melbourne	27 Feb- 1 Apr 2009

News

Fulbright Scholar wins two **ARC** grants

Dr Jiyuan Tu, 2008 Fulbright Australian Senior Scholar has been awarded two ARC grant awards, one ARC-Discovery and one ARC-Linkage grant. Dr Tu will use his ARC grants to continue his research collaboration with Prof T. Hibiki from the School of Nuclear Engineering at Purdue University and Prof Q. Chen from the School of Mechanical Engineering also at Purdue University, commencing in 2009 for the next three years.



Fulbright Alumni at head of Universities Australia

Professor Peter Coaldrake, Vice-Chancellor Queensland University of Technology (QUT) (Postdoctoral Scholar, 1980; Senior Scholar, Political Science, 2001) with his fellow Fulbright Alumnus, Dr Glenn Withers AO, Chief Executive Officer of Universities Australia (Postgraduate Scholar, 1970) Professor Coaldrake will take up his post as Chair Universities Australia from May 2009. He was previously Chair of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission. He has also been reappointed as vice-chancellor of the Queensland University of Technology for a further term until 2015.

Inauguration of the President

Sarah Beavan, 2008 Australian Postgraduate Scholar, reports from the U.S.:

On the 20th January, 1.7 million people braved the freezing cold (about -6 deg C) to gather in the middle of Washington DC for the inauguration of President Barack Obama.

After dragging ourselves out of bed at 5am my partner and I caught the 'metro' train into DC. Even at this early hour (6am, 6 hours before inauguration) the train was filled at the first stop.

We eventually found our ideal viewing position after squeezing through some patches of crowd that were more densely packed than

a music festival mosh-pit! With a nice view of the Capitol in the distance, and a giant TV screen in clear sight, the remaining time passed quickly amidst our boisterous and cheerful neighbours.

Being clearly marked as Australian (with the flag on our faces) we spoke to other Australians who were in town for the event, as well as many Americans who were surprised, interested, and in some cases extremely excited to see the global interest in their country's affairs!

Shortly after midday, Obama was welcomed into his job with a deafening cheer from the crowd, and the mass of people began to disperse. The day was exhausting, fascinating, and great fun!



Fulbright remembers a great legal Scholar

Professor George Winterton, Professor of Constitutional Law at the University of Sydney and Emeritus Professor at the University of NSW, passed away in November 2008. He was prominent in the Australian republican movement. Professor Winterton received a Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship in 1973 to Columbia University. He also served on the NSW Fulbright Selection Committee for five years and was committee chair for two years.





Events and dates for 2009

May

Tuesday, 5 May
Western Australia State
Reception, hosted by University
of Western Australia

Thursday, 7 May Victorian State Reception, hosted by U.S. Consul General

Wednesday, 13 May Queensland State Reception, hosted by Griffith University

Thursday, 21 May New South Wales State Reception, hosted by Macquarie University

August

24-25 August

Fulbright Symposium, Impact of the U.S.-AUS Free Trade Agreement: on the last five years, the next five years, Old Parliament House, Canberra

September

16-18 SeptemberEnrichment Program for U.S. Scholars

The Fulbrighter is the newsletter of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission. We welcome your stories, photographs and comments. If you would like to contribute to the newsletter, please contact:

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Applications are now invited to host the **Fulbright 60th Anniversary** Symposium in 2010.

The Australian-American Fulbright Program will celebrate its 60th anniversary in 2010. To mark the occasion the Commission will offer a grant of A\$30,000 to support an Australian institution to host an event on a topic of special significance to Australia and the United States, and which relates to the global objectives of the Fulbright program.

Suitable topics could relate to, but are not restricted to, a theme of global sustainability for peace with imaginative policy and strategic responses to issues such as energy security and energy conservation; improving the efficient use of natural resources; and/or addressing poverty, health and quality of life for disadvantaged communities. The Symposium could incorporate a conference, international workshop or think-tank.

The Fulbright 60th Anniversary Symposium is to be held in March - September 2010.

For more information and an application form visit: www.fulbright.com.au

Applications close on 31 July 2009.

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