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Mr Colin Walters from the Fulbright Commission Board, U.S. Ambassador Bleich, Minister Warren Snowdon, Chief Defence Scientist Professor Robert Clark and Chief of the Defence Force, General David Hurley AC DSC at the launch of the new Distinguished Chair. Photo: Adam Wilson, U.S. Embassy, Canberra

## Fulbright partners with DSTO for new Scholarship

The Fulbright Commission and the Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO) have created a new Distinguished Chair in Advanced Science and Technology. It will bring an eminent U.S. scientist to DSTO or another research institution in Australia linked to DSTO for up to five months.

The new program was launched on 25 May 2011 at Parliament House in Canberra

by the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel Warren Snowdon.

In announcing the Scholarship the Minister talked about the great benefits that come from international collaboration in science and technology and he said that the new Distinguished Chair Program will be another example of the strong and abiding links between Australia and the U.S.

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## New Executive Director for the Fulbright Commission



Dr Tangerine Holt has been appointed as the new Executive Director for the Fulbright Commission.

In welcoming Dr Holt to the role, Australian-American Fulbright Commission Board Chair, Professor Steven Schwartz said she will bring extensive knowledge of

studying, teaching and leadership in not-for-profit management in Australia and internationally.

Dr Holt has a PhD in Human Service Management from the University of Melbourne as well as a Masters in Social Work from Washington University in St. Louis, USA. She also graduated from the University of Madras, India with a Masters in Social Work and Bachelors in Economics.

Dr Holt will take up her appointment in late August.

Professor Schwartz thanked Ms Lyndell Wilson for her contribution and leadership as Acting Executive Director of the Fulbright Commission.



## ED's update

Firstly I would like to welcome Dr Tangerine Holt, the incoming Executive Director, who will be joining the Commission in August. We are very much looking forward to her arrival and having a full team on board.

At this time of year it is always a pleasure to welcome the incoming U.S. Scholars, profiled on pages 4 and 5 of this newsletter. We have 18 talented people coming to Australia to work on a fascinating and diverse range of projects including solar technology, the use of animals in Australian Indigenous art, bone strength in women, improving life for blind people and cancer research.

I'm sure that you all look forward to meeting these new Scholars when they arrive in Australia, and at Fulbright events over the next year.

The past few months have been another busy period for the Commission, including my visit to the U.S. in April for presentations to the inaugural Wexler Scholars and meetings with Fulbright Alumni and State Department Staff.

It was great to be able to meet with our colleagues at the Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs (ECA); the Institute of International Education (IIE) and the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) and review aspects of our programs, and to meet with Fulbright Scholars and Alumni in Boston, New York and Washington.

During May, the Commission went into the cycle of state receptions and university promotions for the 2012 Scholarships. I would like to thank all of the hosts for their contributions to these successful and very enjoyable events.

As you have already read, we also had the successful launch of the new DSTO sponsored Distinguished Chair in Advanced Science and Technology in May. We are delighted to have the DSTO as sponsors and we look forward to the arrival of the first Distinguished Chair in Australia.

This will be my last ED's update – I've greatly enjoyed the past ten months as Acting Executive Director and will resume my role as Program Manager from late August. I would like to thank the Fulbright Commission team, the Board, the Alumni and everyone else who has supported me while undertaking this challenging role.

**Lyndell Wilson**  
Acting Executive Director  
Australian-American Fulbright  
Commission

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Mr Colin Walters, member of the Fulbright Commission Board, spoke on behalf of the Fulbright Commission at the launch and officially welcomed DSTO as a sponsor.

Professor Robert Clark, Chief Defence Scientist, said the new partnership will bring great benefits from the firsthand exchange of information and knowledge that the appointees, leaders in their fields, will bring to our institutions.

U.S. Ambassador Jeffery Bleich, who is the Co-Chair of the Fulbright Commission, said that the new Distinguished Chair is a further illustration of the willingness of

Australia and the U.S. to invest in the future and bring the greatest minds from each country together.

The Distinguished Chair will begin attracting applicants in the next Distinguished Chair cycle, which commences in February 2012.

The Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Advanced Science and Technology will complement the Commission's existing programs for U.S. Scholars, which include another Distinguished Chair in American Political Science hosted by Flinders University, and a postgraduate scholarship sponsored by the CSIRO, which brings a U.S. postgraduate scholar to work with the organisation in one of its Flagship Programs.



Minister Warren Snowdon

## Fulbright Alumni on video

As part of the celebrations for the Fulbright Program's 60th Anniversary, the Fulbright Commission and the U.S. Embassy produced a series of short video vignettes of some Fulbright Alumni.

Dr William Harold Clough AO OBE, Professor Margaret Gardner AO, Professor Jennifer Keene, Monique di Mattina, Anthony Robinson and Professor Allan Fels AO all took part in the project.

The videos are now available through the U.S. Embassy website: <http://canberra.usembassy.gov/fulbright.html>

## Fulbright Facebook group

The Commission has joined the social network revolution. If you are an Alumnus or current Scholar and have a Facebook account, search for our Group page under the name 'Australian-American Fulbright Commission' and request to join.

The group is open to Scholars and Fulbright Alumni connected to the Australian-American Fulbright Program.

We post up-to-the-minute information for the benefit of all our Alumni and Scholars and encourage them to add links to their blogs, news, comments, photos and notices of events.

If you are interested in joining the group and need assistance to do so, please contact the communication manager at [commsmanager@fulbright.com.au](mailto:commsmanager@fulbright.com.au) or the program officer at [katelyall@fulbright.com.au](mailto:katelyall@fulbright.com.au)



Fulbright Australian Scholar Lashi Bandara with Fulbright Alumna Roberta Shepherd and Fulbright U.S. Scholar Krysten Keches at the NSW reception. Photo: Morris McLennan for Morris Images, Sydney

Fulbright Alumni Geraldine Chin-Moody and Janet Flint at the NSW reception. Photo: Morris McLennan for Morris Images, Sydney

Professor Gardner speaking at the Victorian reception



Fulbright Commission Board members at the Victorian Reception: Mr Colin Walters, U.S. Consul General-Melbourne, Michael Thurston, Professor Gardner, Professor Steven Schwartz, Ms Erin Flaherty, Ms Jane Hardy and Professor Don De Bats

Fulbright Alumna Dr Jonathan Paget, Ms Apple Leong, Fulbright Alumna Dr Martin Soh and current Fulbright Australian Scholar Ms Anna Rakoczy at the WA reception. Photo: Lisa Marino

Professor Sharon Bell speaking at the NT reception



Acting Executive Director of the Fulbright Commission Ms Lyndell Wilson, Fulbright NT Scholar Dr Steven Tong and Professor Sharon Bell, at the NT reception



Ms Lyndell Wilson, Fulbright Alumni Professor Cassandra Pybus, Ms Maggie Tomkins, Mr Keith Pembleton, Ms Wendy Heatley, Dr Peter Jarvis, UTAS VC Professor Peter Rathjen, Fulbright Alumna Dr Tony Worby and current Fulbright Tasmania Scholar Dr Natasha Wiggins at the Tasmanian reception. Photo: Ms Amanda Wojtowicz

## 2011 Fulbright State Receptions

The current Fulbright Australian and U.S. Scholars were welcomed to the Fulbright community in the Australian states where they are based at the annual Fulbright State Receptions in May.

The receptions began in NSW on 12 May at UNSW, hosted by the VC, Professor Fred Hilmer. This well-attended event was held in the Council Chamber at the University.

Victoria followed on 19 May, hosted by new Fulbright Commission Board member and VC of RMIT Professor Margaret Gardner AO, who is also a Fulbright Alumna. It was held in the stylish "Green Brain", a landmark building in Melbourne, owned by RMIT.

WA was an opportunity for Fulbright Scholars and Alumna to meet the new U.S. Consul General, Perth, Ms Aleisha Woodward, when she hosted a reception at her residence on 24 May.

Charles Darwin University held a reception honouring the inaugural Fulbright NT Scholar, Dr Steven Tong, on 26 May. Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research and International, Professor Sharon Bell represented the host VC Professor Barney Glover and the event was held in The Colonnade at the University.

The last reception was held in Tasmania hosted by Professor Rathjen, VC of the University of Tasmania on 31 May in the University Staff Club at the Sandy Bay Campus.

## 2011 Fulbright U.S. Scholars

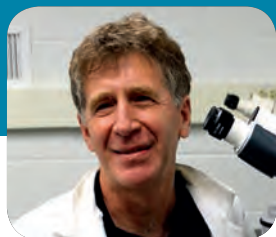
### FULBRIGHT FLINDERS UNIVERSITY DISTINGUISHED CHAIR IN AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE



**Professor Howard Schweber**  
Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Research the ways in which foundational concepts of representative government have shaped the development of Australian constitutional and political culture, at Flinders University



### SENIOR SCHOLARS



**Professor Timothy Bralower**  
Earth Science, Pennsylvania State University. To set up a joint U.S.-Australian project to address ocean acidification and the larger issue of climate change, with UNSW.



**Professor Virginia Carrieri-Kohlman**  
Medical science, UC-San Francisco. Testing an online management intervention for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and other lung diseases in Australia, at UTS.



**Dr Nicole Carter**  
Engineering, Congressional Research Service. Research into the role of government policies in shaping the energy sector's water use in Australia, at ANU.



**Professor Thomas Hangartner**  
Engineering, Wright State University. Development and implementation of an accurate computer model of bone to evaluate the effect of aromatase inhibitors on bone strength in individual patients, with The University of Melbourne.



**Mr Curt Tofteland**  
Theater, Shakespeare Behind Bars. Researching the impact that art, theatre and the works of William Shakespeare have on changing the behaviour of convicted criminals, with the University of Queensland.

## POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARS



**Mr Marvin Alfaro**

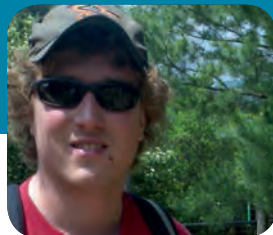
*2011 Fulbright CSIRO  
Postgraduate Scholar*

Meteorology and Mathematics, University of Miami. Studying the impacts and implications of a particular ocean boundary within the Antarctic Circumpolar Current, the Antarctic Polar Front, on global climate change, at the Climate Change Research Centre (CCRC) at UNSW and the CSIRO Marine Laboratories in Hobart.



**Mr Nicholas Apollo**

Biomedical Engineering, Chemistry, University of Pittsburgh. Improving quality of life for the blind community through bionic eye implants and addressing accessibility issues, with Bionic Vision Australia.



**Mr Stephen Aro**

Chemistry, Carnegie Mellon University. Evaluation of silica-coated iron oxide particles as MRI contrast agents to increase the uses of MRI, at the University of Western Australia.



**Ms Emily Baldock**

*2011 Fulbright ANU College  
of Business and Economics  
Postgraduate Scholar*

Accounting and International Business, University of Louisville. To undertake a comparative analysis of accounting and auditing standards used in Australia and the United States to detect and prevent fraud in each country's public companies, at ANU.



**Ms Margit Bowler**

Linguistics, Reed College. Research the syntax and semantics of the Australian Indigenous language Warlpiri with respect to quantifiers, which are words such as "each" and "all", at ANU.



**Ms Jennifer DeBerardinis**

Biology, Philosophy, Smith College, MA. Research in philosophy of science and dialetheism, which suggests contradictions can be true, at the Universities of Sydney and Melbourne.



**Ms Kerry Drury**

Biology, Biochemistry, Premed, College of the Holy Cross. Research the role of specific cell adhesion molecules in cancer cell proliferation, in order to begin to develop novel treatments and techniques to combat the disease, with the Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research in Melbourne.



**Ms Molly Gabbard**

Fine Arts, Indiana University. Undertake research into the use of animals in Australian Indigenous art, endangered Australian wildlife, and study woodcarving, at Gray Street Workshop in Adelaide.



**Mr Jonathan Gelber**

Biology, Molecular Biology, Pomona College. Research on the pathogenic biofilm of *Vibrio cholerae*, to assess what factors drive the Vc biofilm's virulence and its resistance to immune systems, at UNSW and Sydney Institute of Marine Science.



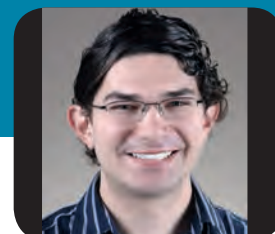
**Mr Matthew Hoffman**

*2011 Fulbright U.S. Alumni Scholar*  
Mechanical Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology. Conducting research on a novel type of solar energy collector at the UNSW in Sydney. Optimizing the heat transfer characteristics of hybrid roof-mounted collectors is an important step towards making solar energy a more efficient and cost-effective energy solution worldwide.



**Ms Kristen Lear**

Zoology, Ohio Wesleyan University. Study population and breeding of the Southern Bent-wing Bat through the development of an automated counting system to monitor the population at Naracoorte Caves National Park, hosted by the University of Melbourne.



**Mr Steven Lombardo**

Pharmaceutical Chemistry, University of Toledo. Evaluation of novel flavonoids for the treatment of anxiety, and promotion of mental illness as a medical issue, with the University of Sydney and Black Dog Institute.

## Update of ARC Fulbright history project

**Dr Alice Garner and a team of researchers from La Trobe and Deakin universities are researching the impact of the Fulbright Program in Australia, funded through an ARC grant. Alice has sent us this report:**

In 2009, we began exploring the history of the Australian-American Fulbright exchange since 1949. It has been quite an adventure, and we still have some discoveries awaiting us.

We have been making our way carefully through many thousands of documents held in the National Archives of Australia, most of which were until now labelled 'Not Yet Examined', as well as records in the United States Department of State archives, and university special collections and archives in Australia and the U.S. We have also had the pleasure of conducting in-depth interviews with Fulbright Alumni in many fields, listening to pre-existing interviews in various oral history collections, and reading biographical and autobiographical material.

About 175 Australian Alumni from all decades completed our online survey, for which we are very grateful.

What is most striking is the diversity of scholars' experiences—across many different fields, career stages and institutions, over six decades. Writing a history that embraces this diversity is the challenge that faces us!



Photo: Alice interviewing Arnold Zable. Arnold received a postgraduate Fulbright Scholarship in Political Science from Melbourne University to Columbia University in 1970. He is now a novelist and his books include: *Violin Lessons* (forthcoming, Text Publishing, August 2011), *Sea of Many Returns* (Text, 2008; nominated for IMPAC Dublin Literary Award, 2010), *Scraps of Heaven* (Text, 2004), *The Fig Tree* (Text, 2002), *Café Scheherazade* (Text, 2001), *Jewels and Ashes* (Scribe, 2001), *Wanderers and Dreamers* (Hyland House, 1998).

But there are certain threads that have emerged as particularly fascinating, including: the program's encouragement and nurturing of new research fields from its earliest days; the challenge for scholars and administrators in navigating between two (or more) quite different academic cultures; the way changing social and political landscapes in both countries have affected both the program and scholars' experiences at various times (for example the McCarthy era; Civil Rights and indigenous rights movements; immigration reform efforts; the Vietnam War; the women's movement; and periods of financial crisis); a growing Australian awareness of educational

exchange as a fundamental element of cultural diplomacy, from the mid-1960s onwards; and, last but not least, the personal transformation that the exchange experience has wrought in many scholars' lives.

We have been presenting papers at conferences on aspects of this rich history – in Melbourne, Perth, Adelaide, Vienna, and, soon, in Launceston. In June this year, Alice Garner had the pleasure of lunching with Mrs Harriet Fulbright who was very interested in the project. We look forward to reporting back again when our research is completed and our final writing-up kicks into gear.



Dr David O'Sullivan

### Fulbright remembers

**Dr David More O'Sullivan OAM  
MBBS FRCP (Edin.) FRACP  
1926-2011  
Fulbright Australian  
Postgraduate Scholar 1956**

David O'Sullivan, a graduate of the University of Melbourne's medical school, undertook his Fulbright scholarship in 1956 to work in cardiology and general medicine at the Pratt Diagnostic Clinic-New England Centre Hospital in Boston, now known as Tufts. In London and Edinburgh, David furthered his education and practice in respiratory and neurological medicine. As a physician in the Victorian city of Ballarat, David

worked in paediatric medicine and later with adults. With a passion for medical and social history, for twenty years David was the Honorary Curator of the Australian Medical Association's Museum and Library. He was one of a group of Ballarat people who, in 1969, devised plans for Sovereign Hill, an outdoor working museum which celebrates the role of gold mining in the city's history. Sovereign Hill's Reference Library bears David O'Sullivan's name. In 1991, David was awarded an OAM for his commitment to community history. He died in April 2011.

**Emeritus Professor  
James Mackie, Fulbright  
Australian Senior Scholar  
1977.** Senior Scholar in Political Science, from Monash University to the Brookings institution. James died in April 2011.

**Mr Jock Herbert, Educational  
Development scholarship in  
1977** to various institutions in the U.S. Jock died in May 2011.

**Dr Peter J. Khan, Fulbright  
Australian Senior Scholar  
1963,** Senior Scholar in Engineering, from the University of Sydney to Stanford University. Peter died in July 2011.

## Fulbrights in the family

**For two of this year's Fulbright Australian Scholars the joy of sharing the Fulbright news with their families and friends was doubled. The Maynard-McEvoy household had both partners receive a Fulbright Scholarship at the same time.**

Libby Maynard won the 2011 Fulbright Professional Business/Industry (Coral Sea) Scholarship. She will go to George Mason University, Virginia, to study methodologies for measuring and evaluating the performance of community legal services for women experiencing family breakdown and violence.

Libby's husband Timothy McEvoy won the 2011 Fulbright Professional Australia-U.S. Alliance Studies Scholarship sponsored by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, to assess the desire for greater mutual recognition and enforcement of judgments expressed in the Australia-U.S. Free Trade Agreement, at the universities of Georgetown and Virginia.

Libby and Tim are joining a rare group of Australian couples who have both won Fulbrights at the same time—only two other such couples are known to the Commission.

Tim said that he was delighted that they could both pursue the research they had identified together in the U.S. at the same time.

"It gave real definition to a sabbatical that we'd wanted to take for a while in the U.S., and much greater freedom to do it with the support of the Commission. Not to mention the advantages associated with the Fulbright name in opening doors in the U.S. Neither of us expected to be awarded a scholarship, and we thought that at best one of us might secure one. We never seriously considered that we would both be successful," Tim said.

Libby agrees with Tim.

"I was first of all "blown away" by the fact that I was a recipient. I had always thought that Tim had a much better chance than I did. We almost couldn't believe that we had both been successful," Libby said.

Libby said that their family, friends and business colleagues were generally delighted.

"Our children will grow up thinking that this is par for the course! I am just sorry my father isn't still alive. He was a boy from the bush who first left school at 13, but who returned to his studies later in life and ended up making a significant contribution to post-secondary education as an academic and administrator.

He instilled in me the value of education and he would have been immensely proud given his humble 'academic' beginnings," Libby said.

Libby and Tim will go to the U.S. on their Fulbright Scholarships at the same time. They have scheduled their visits to relevant people and organisations around each other's research commitments, and also managed to fit in schooling for their two daughters aged nine and five.



Libby Maynard and Timothy McEvoy at the Victorian Reception



Professor Nohe undertaking field recording work during his Fulbright project. Photo: Jacky Redgate, University of Wollongong.

## Fulbright Alumni Initiative Grant (FAIG) winner: Professor Timothy Nohe

U.S. artist and educator Professor Timothy Nohe (Fulbright U.S. Senior Scholar, 2006) has received the 2011 FAIG to work with La Trobe University based sound and media artist Dr Norie Neumark (Director, Centre for Creative Arts, La Trobe University).

Timothy and Norie are developing an artists' research and exchange network linking The Centre for Creative Arts, La Trobe University and the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC), and the FAIG will help to support this project.

Their goal through the network is to present and cross-pollinate artists working in extremely diverse urban and rural communities through a range of artistic means. It will support artists' exchanges and exhibitions, with a focus on sustainability practices. Artworks will be exhibited through university and regional gallery venues in Australia and the United States.

Sites under consideration range from post-industrial cities, community supported

farms surviving amidst suburban sprawl, vast industrial agricultural operations, outback farming communities, and situational cultures that are emerging in their respective nations.

They will also seek further funds for the project from the National Endowment for the Arts and Maryland State Arts Council (USA), and the Australia Council for the Arts and Arts Victoria.

Timothy was recently invited to become an Adjunct Professor and member of the newly established Centre for Creative Arts at La Trobe University.

His Fulbright research, hosted by the University of Wollongong in 2006, was Sounding Botany Bay, Sounding Kamay, which explored the human use of Botany Bay, New South Wales, Australia, from the first human settlement to the present.

It was presented in the form of a documentary photographic installation accompanied by a surround-sound audio composition, and also as a concert work.

## Events and dates

### August

#### 11 and 12 August 2011

2011 Fulbright Symposium

'Australia-U.S. Relations and the Rise of China: From Bilateralism to Trilateralism?'

Deakin University, Melbourne

#### 25 August 2011

Enrichment program for Fulbright U.S. Scholars, Brassey House, Canberra

Enrichment dinner for Fulbright U.S. Scholars

The Boat House by the Lake, Canberra

#### 31 August 2011

Australian Scholarship applications close

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## 2011 Fulbright Symposium

### Australia-US Relations and the Rise of China: From Bilateralism to Trilateralism?

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