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From left: Dr Joe Hlubucek, Executive Director, AAFC; Prof. Peter Høj, Vice-Chancellor & President, University of South Australia; Mr David Hobbs, 2008 Fulbright Professional Scholar; Mr Michael Thurston, Fulbright Commission Board member, U.S. Consul General, Melbourne; Professor Michael Barber, Vice-Chancellor, Flinders University; The Hon. Michael O'Brien, MP, SA Minister for Employment, Training and Further Education; Professor Richard Russell, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research Operations) at the announcement of the Fulbright SA Scholarship. Photo: Jonathon Guppy, Flinders University

South Australia Fulbright Scholarship announced

South Australia now has a state specific Fulbright Scholarship.

The Fulbright South Australia Scholarship was launched at a reception held at Flinders University City Gallery in Adelaide on 2 April 2009.

The South Australian Minister for Employment, Training and Further Education, the Hon. Michael O'Brien MP, was joined by Professor Michael Barber, Vice Chancellor of Flinders University, Professor Peter Høj, Vice Chancellor of University of South Australia, Professor Richard Russell, representing the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Adelaide, Executive Director of the AAFC, Dr Joe Hlubucek, and U.S. Consul General and AAFC Board member, Mr Michael Thurston, in Adelaide to announce the establishment of the Scholarship.

Mr O'Brien announced \$150,000 in funding for the Scholarship from the South Australian Government, with Flinders University, the University of Adelaide, and the University of South Australia each contributing an additional \$100,000. Further support will be raised through donations from companies and individuals to establish the Scholarship in perpetuity.

"The Fulbright South Australia Scholarship is an opportunity for outstanding South Australians to participate in a world-renowned program, with 12 months of postgraduate or postdoctoral study in the United States," Minister O'Brien said.

"It's also an investment in the future of our State, because this Scholarship will be granted to a talented South Australian whose project will be on a topic of relevance and benefit to South Australia."

The Scholarship is valued at up to A \$50,000 per annum. **Applications for this Scholarship, and all other 2010 Australian Fulbright Scholarships are now open.** Applications close on 31 August 2009.

For more information visit www.fulbright.com.au



David Hobbs, 2008 Fulbright Professional Scholar and Senior Rehabilitation Engineer, Novita Children's Services, spoke at the reception about his Fulbright scholarship experience. Photo: Jonathon Guppy, Flinders University

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ED's Update

It has been a busy period at the Commission following the Presentation Dinner in Hobart in March.

One highlight was the selection of the nineteen impressive 2009 U.S. Scholars who will be coming to Australia in the coming months, and are profiled in this newsletter.

Another highlight was the launch of the Fulbright South Australia Scholarship by the SA Minister for Education on 2 April at a reception in Adelaide kindly hosted by Flinders University. This scholarship would not have been possible without the generous support from the SA Government,

the University of Adelaide, Flinders University, and the University of South Australia. We look forward to announcing the first Fulbright South Australia Scholar in March next year.

Other Fulbright State receptions hosted by the University of Western Australia, Griffith University, Macquarie University, and the U.S. Consul-General in Melbourne, were well-attended events for alumni, sponsors and other supporters to meet with Australian and U.S. scholars, as shown by the pictures on the next page.

We were also very pleased to have Sir Zelman Cowen, long-time patron of the Australian Fulbright Alumni Association, and Lady Cowen attend the Fulbright reception in Melbourne. Sir Zelman was in good form and was presented with a Fulbright pen as a token of our appreciation for his ongoing support.

We are also pleased to announce the inaugural recipient of the Fulbright CSIRO Scholarship, Ms Kyla Drushka, a PhD candidate at The Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California San Diego, who will spend 12 months at the Centre for Australian Weather and Climate Research at the CSIRO Marine Laboratory in Hobart.

The ANU College of Business and Economics at the Australian National University has also teamed with the Commission to introduce an exciting new U.S. Scholarship from 2010 for a U.S. postgraduate scholar to study for up to 12 months at the College, following the initiative of the Dean, Professor Keith Houghton.

In July we farewell Scott Weinhold, Counselor for Public Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Canberra, and a Commission Board Member. Scott has always kept the interests of the Fulbright program in mind and we will miss his support, but wish him well with his next assignment in Tokyo. We also look forward to welcoming Ian Thomas as a new American Member of the Commission Board. Ian is President, Boeing Australia & South Pacific, and has broad U.S. and international policy and management experience with industry, government and education. He has studied in Italy and Sweden, and has a Master's degree in international relations and a PhD in history from the University of Cambridge.

A reminder that November 2009 marks the 60th anniversary of the Fulbright program in Australia and that plans are underway to celebrate this landmark. They include the 60th Anniversary Fulbright Presentation Dinner in Melbourne at the National Gallery of Victoria on 18 March 2010, so please mark this important date in your diaries. Mrs Harriet Fulbright has also expressed an interest in coming to Australia next year.

Please also note that applications for the 60th Anniversary 2010 Fulbright Symposium [a \$30,000 grant] close on 31 July 2009, and that applications for 2010 Australian Fulbright Scholarships opened 1 June and close 31 August 2009.

Joe Hlubucek Executive Director

New Fulbright Scholarship at ANU

The ANU College of Business and Economics and the Australian-American Fulbright Commission have partnered to create a new postgraduate scholarship opportunity.

The Fulbright ANU College of Business and Economics Postgraduate Scholarship, valued at up to A\$40,000 per annum, will give a talented U.S. postgraduate scholar in the field of business or economics the opportunity to undertake study or research with the College for up to 12 months.

"This Scholarship will suit U.S. postgraduate scholars who wish to carry out research within our College in a University regularly ranked as Australia's best," said Professor Keith Houghton, Dean of the College.

The ANU College of Business and Economics seeks to advance knowledge through high quality teaching and research in the closely related areas of accounting, actuarial studies, business information



Professor Keith Houghton and Dr Joe Hlubucek at the College

systems, economics, econometrics, finance, international business, management marketing and applied statistics.

"The Commission is pleased to strengthen its links with the ANU and in offering this scholarship will establish a unique opportunity for a U.S. postgraduate in the field of Business and Economics to gain

experience at a top Australian research institution," said Dr Joe Hlubucek, Executive Director of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission.

For more information, please see the AAFC website: www.fulbright.com.au or the ANU College of Business and Economics website: <http://cbe.anu.edu.au>



Photo 1: Harold Clough with Professor Donald Watts (Fulbright Senior Scholar, 1967 at the WA reception. Photo 2: Catherine Gregory addresses the Queensland reception Photo 3: Sir Zelman Cowen (front row centre) with Dr Joe Hlubucek (AAFC Executive Director, 2nd from left) Mr Michael Thurston, U.S. Consul General (centre back row) and Australian Fulbright Scholars, Clyde McGill, Dr Colin Scholes, Dr Byron Wicks, Dr Tina Bell and Kim Mosse. Photo 4: U.S. Scholar, Lauren Hallett at the WA reception Photo 5: Gallery Curator, Dr Yuji Stone with AAFC Board member and host, Professor Steven Schwartz.

Around the States

The annual Fulbright State receptions in the capital cities have been opportunities to showcase the state-based Fulbright Scholars with local government representatives, U.S. Consuls, AAFC Board members, University representatives, Fulbright Scholarship sponsors and members of the Australian Fulbright Alumni Association.

The receptions began in fine style, with the announcement of the new Fulbright South Australia

Scholarship at the Adelaide reception on April 2 (see related story page 1).

The Western Australian Reception, at the University of Western Australia on 5 May was hosted by Professor Alan Robson. Professor John Yovich, Vice Chancellor, Murdoch University and Fulbright Commission Board member, and Dr Ken Chern, U.S. Consul General, Perth who is also a Fulbright Selection Committee member attended with a number of other guests including alumnus William Harold

Clough AO OBE, (Australia, Postgraduate, 1951).

The Rt Hon. Sir Zelman Cowen, Patron of the Australian Fulbright Alumni Association and former Governor-General and Lady Cowen joined about 80 people at the Victorian Reception on 7 May, which was held at the residence of Mr Michael Thurston, U.S. Consul General, Melbourne, and AAFC Board member. The two inaugural Victoria Scholars, Dr Colin Scholes and Dr Byron Wicks, were introduced to the Fulbright community along with their fellow state based

Australian and U.S. Fulbright Scholars.

Professor Ian O'Connor, Vice-Chancellor of Griffith University, hosted the Queensland reception on 13 May at the university's Queensland College of Art. Sixty people came to meet the Queensland based Fulbright Scholars.

The final reception in New South Wales was hosted by Professor Steven Schwartz, Vice Chancellor of Macquarie University and AAFC Board member at the Art Gallery, Macquarie University.

CSIRO Scholar

Inaugural CSIRO Scholar to shed more light on drought



Photo: Kyla Drushka

Kyla Drushka, the first winner of the Fulbright CSIRO Postgraduate Scholarship, will arrive in Australia in September this year. Kyla is a PhD candidate in oceanography at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California San Diego.

She will research climate and oceanography at the Centre for Australian Weather and Climate Research at the CSIRO Marine Laboratory in Hobart, working with CSIRO Principle Research Scientist Dr Susan Wijffels.

She will examine the so-called Indonesian Throughflow, a current that links the tropical Pacific to the Indian Ocean.

"The Western Pacific and Indian Ocean warm pools and how they interact can tell us a great deal about two important modes of climate variability that greatly impact Australian and regional climate: El Niño – Southern Oscillation and the Indian Ocean Dipole," Kyla said.

Kyla hopes her research can lead to better prediction of Australia's drought conditions.

Three other U.S. Scholars will be working with CSIRO in 2009-10: Heather Pace; Ryan Meyer; and Chelsea Lane-Miller.

The Fulbright CSIRO Postgraduate Scholarship was established in 2008 through collaboration between the Australian-American Fulbright Commission and the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO). Applications for the 2010 Fulbright CSIRO Postgraduate Scholarship will close in October 2009.

ANU Distinguished Chair

Political campaign funding in Australia and the U.S.



Photo: Diana Dwyre

"Australia and the United States face some of the same social, economic, ecological and political challenges in the early 21st Century, including the issue of how campaigns for elective office are financed."

Diana Dwyre, Professor of Political Science at California State University, Chico, is the 2009-10 Fulbright Australian National University Distinguished Chair in American Political Science.

Professor Dwyre will join the ANU for five months from February 2010. Her research will examine issues of political finance and governance, with particular attention to the private funding of campaigns in Australia and the U.S.

"Both Australia and the U.S. have energetic policy debates around the issue of political finance that focus on similar areas of concern, such as freedom of speech, the place of political parties and

independent groups, the effectiveness of public financing, the growing influence of private funding and big money, and the ability of ordinary citizens to participate in the political system in a way that allows for representation of their interests," Dwyre said.

"While Australia has a parliamentary system and the U.S. a presidential system, the two countries share many similar political characteristics. Moreover, Australian elections are increasingly costly and professionalised, as in the U.S."

Diana Dwyre is the fourth Fulbright ANU Distinguished Chair, and one of 19 U.S. Scholars travelling to Australia in 2009/2010.

The Fulbright ANU Distinguished Chair, established by the Australian National University (ANU) and the Fulbright Commission in 2005, aims to build collaborative research and focus on the study of American politics in Australia, and awareness and study of the Australian political system in the U.S.

Applications are invited from universities to host the next round of Distinguished Chairs in American Political Science, 2011-2015.

For more information please contact the Executive Director, AAFC on 02 6260 4460.

2009 U.S. Fulbright Scholars

Postgraduate Scholars



Kate D'Ambrosio

U.S. Alumni Scholar

Political Science and History,
Willamette University, Oregon

Research on Wildfire Risk
Management, with particular
emphasis on Australia's stay and
defend policy, at RMIT University,
Melbourne and the Bushfire CRC.



Chelsea Lane-Miller

Geography, Colorado

Research on healthy rivers and
sustainable rural communities
at CSIRO and the University of
South Australia.



Pamela McGaha

Military Sciences, Pennsylvania

A collaborative comparative study
of the Australian Army Reserve
and the U.S. Army National
Guard in order to strengthen both
organizations' response to their
communities during domestic
security emergencies, with ADFA.



Heather Pace

Chemistry, Colorado School of
Mines

PhD research on the detection
and characterization of metal-
containing nanoparticles in
exposed biological systems, at the
CSIRO Future Manufacturing
Flagship in Sydney.



Joshua Daskin

Biology, Brandeis University
Massachusetts

Temperature effects on
antifungal bacteria in rainforest
frogs threatened by chytrid
fungus at James Cook University
in Townsville.



Louise Mandour-Brackin

International Relations, U.S.
Coast Guard Academy

Research into expanding
Australia's law enforcement role
in Oceania. Her research will
form part of a Master's Degree
at the University of New South
Wales and ADFA.



Ryan Meyer

Science and Technology Policy,
Arizona State University

Linking climate science
investments to societal needs
in Australia at CSIRO and the
University of Melbourne.



Kyle Pula

Mathematics, University of Denver

PhD research in the mathematical
topic of Latin squares at Monash
University. Kyle will collaborate
with Australian experts to explore
recent developments and resolve
important problems in this
historically significant field.



Kyla Drushka

*Fulbright CSIRO Postgraduate
Scholar*

Oceanography, University of
California, San Diego

PhD research in climate and
oceanography at the CSIRO
Marine Laboratory in Tasmania.



Susan Massey

Architecture, University of
Michigan

Research on the aesthetics
of performance in regards to
regulating architectural style
in low income housing policy at
the Australian Housing & Urban
Research Institute, Melbourne.



Karl Mingos

Public Health, Columbia
University

Research at Monash University,
conducting a systematic
evaluation of Baker IDI Heart and
Diabetes Institute's Lift for Life,
an innovative health behaviour
strength training program for
diabetic adults.



Elizabeth Webb

Biology, Washington & Lee
University

Exploring the connection
between the KITLG gene, which
is responsible for skin and hair
pigmentation, and malignant
melanoma, at the University of
Queensland.

ANU Distinguished Chair



Diana Dwyre

2009 Fulbright ANU Distinguished Chair in American Political Science

Political Science, California State University, Chico

Collaborative comparative research at the Australian National University on issues of political finance and governance.

Senior Scholars



James Blackman

Pediatrics, University of Virginia

Investigating the effect of the Apolipoprotein E gene on the severity of Cerebral Palsy at the University of Queensland.



Rick Geddes

Economics, Cornell University

Analysing Negotiations vs. Auctions in Public Sector Procurement at the Australian National University, utilising evidence from Australian Public-Private partnerships.



Nancy Paxton

English, Northern Arizona University

Research on Jean Devanny's unpublished papers at James Cook University, the National Library and National Archives, and exploring the history of censorship.



Geoff Dougherty

Mathematics and Applied Physics and Medical Imaging, California State University Channel Islands

Development of a global Fiber- Alignment Metric to characterize articular cartilage at the Queensland University of Technology.



Brian Maguire

Public/Global Health, University of Maryland

Study occupational injuries and illnesses among ambulance personnel in Australia at Edith Cowan University.



Gregory Pottie

Engineering, University of California, Los Angeles

Investigating cooperation, mobility, and utility in sensor networks at the University of Sydney.

Jo Lawry: to the world centre of jazz and beyond



PHOTO: Jo Lawry
IMAGES:
The CD, "I Want to Be Happy" is available for download on iTunes, and hard copies can be purchased at www.cdbaby.com/jolawry

Fulbright Australian Postgraduate 2003 – University of Adelaide to Purchase College in New York

Jazz singer Jo Lawry's Fulbright Scholarship took her from Adelaide to New York in 2003 on a journey of musical exploration. She has now made New York her home and recently released a CD of her music. She talks about the impact that the Fulbright has had on her life and her music.

My first thought when I heard I had received a Fulbright Scholarship was "Oh, wow... now I actually have to go to New York!!!" I was excited, shocked, thrilled and terrified, all at once.

My original intention was to undertake a Masters degree in Jazz Performance at New England Conservatory in Boston. I ended up at Purchase College in New York, and completed my Masters there in 2005. However, in 2006 I was offered a generous scholarship to begin my D.M.A (Doctor of Musical Arts) in Jazz Studies at New England Conservatory. I suppose you could say I took the scenic route!

What I did not expect was such an expansion of my musical horizons beyond the jazz idiom. Since arriving here, I have studied and played not only all kinds of jazz, but music ranging

from Indian ragas to twelve-tone music. Just this month I recorded an album with a band whose foundation is in Irish music, but with Brazilian rhythms, jazz harmonies and all sorts of other things thrown in.

I never expected to make any kind of dent in the New York music community, but these days I regularly find myself sharing the stage with some of the world's most influential musicians, at landmark jazz venues and concert halls. This community is remarkably open and welcoming, and I have been amazed at how enthusiastically I have been embraced as a colleague.

Professionally, being able to build a career and network here has been invaluable. Now that I have finished the coursework portion of my study, I am transitioning into what I anticipate will be the busiest few years of my performing career. I'm currently teaching at Purchase College, and I am sure that I will continue to be involved in academia, even as my performing career develops.

I expect to be doing some international touring, and releasing a second album in 2010. I plan to do some shows in Adelaide, Sydney and Melbourne in December '09/January '10, and information about those performances should be available at the website in the next few months. Tour and other information can be found at: www.jolawry.com

Riding the winds of change

Shayle Kann, U.S. Postgraduate Scholar 2007 - Pomona College to the ANU

Shayle Kann came to Australia in 2008 to conduct research into the use of wind power in Australia and the major barriers currently faced by wind developers. Shayle's Fulbright Scholarship has led to the publication of his primary Fulbright research paper, entitled "Overcoming barriers to wind project finance in Australia," in the August 2009 issue of the journal Energy Policy, which has an international audience. Now back in the U.S., he talks about his Fulbright experience.

I came into this experience with almost no expectations for what I would accomplish on my Fulbright. My only hope was that I would have the opportunity to step outside my comfort zone and learn something entirely new. My research took me far away from anything I had previously studied, and as a result I developed a brand new skill set.

As the early days of my Fulbright passed, the structure of my research took on its own form, and I ended up following the research along its own path, rather than setting the path myself beforehand. This proved to be an important lesson for me.

The opportunity to speak with executives from a variety of fields was probably one of the most valuable aspects of my Fulbright research as it allowed me to gather a wide range of responses to the global financial crisis and the effect it was having on the development of their wind projects.

I arrived in Australia at a crucial time for renewable energy as the Labor Government had promised to enact a number of policies to combat climate change and support technologies such as wind power. However during my stay, the global credit crisis struck and as a result, the financing mechanisms that had previously been so successful for developing wind projects started to fail and developers were forced to seek new strategies.

I interviewed a variety of stakeholders, including developers, investors, government organizations, and utilities, in order to determine the primary barriers to wind development, and to find a few strategies to overcome the barriers.

The results of this work are in the paper I've just published. Publishing my paper is an exciting achievement for me, as it will be my first academic publication and it will allow for wider dissemination of the results of my research.

My Fulbright experience has opened my eyes to the variety of challenges facing the development of alternative energy sources in Australia, and the choices being made to overcome them. It has proven to be an invaluable experience for me and one that I will cherish for the rest of my personal and professional life.

My experience and my time in Australia allowed me valuable time to reflect on my life, a luxury that we rarely have in our adult lives, and one I have found hard to give up. I can't give enough praise to the people I met in Australia, who were without exception warm, welcoming, and fascinating.



PHOTO: Shayle Kann at the Orientation Program for the 2009 Australian Scholars in Hobart, shortly before returning to the U.S.



ФОТО: Kate D'Ambrosio

Kate D'Ambrosio U.S. Alumni Scholar

Kate D'Ambrosio, a program specialist with the United States Forest Service's National Headquarters Fire and Aviation Management staff, has won the 2009 Fulbright Postgraduate U.S. Alumni Scholarship,

which is funded through the generous donations of the U.S. Alumni and is awarded to the top ranked U.S. postgraduate scholar.

Kate's Fulbright will bring her to Australia for 12 months to carry out research into wildfire (bushfire) risk management. Working with experts at the RMIT University in Melbourne and the Bushfire CRC, her project will examine Australia's stay and defend policy in the event of a bushfire.

"Each summer, the threat is the same, though on opposite sides of the world: wildfires sweep across U.S. and Australian landscapes, endangering communities, homes and lives, and at times, causing devastating losses," Kate said.

However, each country employs different strategies to deal with the risks wildfires pose to communities. In the United States, federal, state and local firefighters tend to be the first line of response when wildfires threaten a community, and in some cases will try to protect individual homeowners' properties. The Australian policy, however, supports citizens who opt to stay with their homes during a wildfire and try to protect their properties themselves.

"Components of Australia's stay and defend policy are regarded with growing interest among public land management agencies in the U.S. as a possible way to improve community and fire-fighter safety and manage escalating wildfire suppression costs," Kate said.

Kate will examine the institutional structures that support the stay and defend policy, and hopes to develop a framework for considering the strategy's implementation in the U.S.

Kate has a B.A in Political Science and History from Willamette University, Oregon, and has studied international environment and development at American University. She has received numerous scholarships and fellowships including a Truman Scholarship in 2005, as well as a professional fellowship with Senator Max Baucus in 2006.

Shom Goel, 2009 Fulbright Postgraduate Alumni (WG Walker) Scholar

Dr Shom Goel, a senior medical oncology registrar with the Sydney South West Area Health Service, has won the 2009 Fulbright Postgraduate Alumni Scholarship.

Shom will use his Fulbright to conduct research into the process of malignant angiogenesis – the growth of new blood vessels within tumours. His research at Harvard University will involve investigating ways by which malignant angiogenesis can be inhibited or manipulated to maximise our ability to kill tumour cells.

"Drugs designed to inhibit blood vessel growth in tumours – 'anti-angiogenic therapies' – have recently been tested in patients with breast cancer, and while the results have been promising, survival rates have not been improved," Shom said.

"I will study these drugs in the laboratory, aiming to increase our understanding of how they work and to find out if their effectiveness can be increased."

Harvard is a world leader in tumour angiogenesis, and Shom hopes his work there will help extend the duration and quality of life for breast cancer patients. Upon returning to Australia he plans to assist in the training of young Australian doctors and cancer researchers.

Shom graduated with First Class Honours and the University Medal in Medicine and Medical Science from the University of Adelaide and will go to Harvard for twelve months' research as part of his Australian PhD.

The prestigious Australian Alumni (WG Walker) Scholarship goes to the highest ranked postgraduate and is supported by donations from Australian Fulbright Alumni and Friends of the Fulbright Program.



ФОТО: Dr Shom Goel, centre, with AFAA executives, Dr Tony Worby, Ms Kerrie Burmeister, Mr Paul Hubbard and Ms Geraldine Chin-Moody

Events and dates

August

24-25 August 2009

Fulbright Symposium, The US-Australia Free Trade Agreement: the last 5 years, the next 5 years, Old Parliament House, Canberra

September

16-18 September 2009

Enrichment Program for U.S. Scholars.

March

18 March 2010

60th Anniversary Fulbright Presentation Dinner, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne

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Applications are closing soon to host the Fulbright 60th Anniversary Symposium in 2010.

Applications close on 31 July 2009. See www.fulbright.com.au

2009 Fulbright Symposium

The US-Australia Free Trade Agreement: the last 5 years, the next 5 years

At a time when both Australia and the United States face a challenging economic and trade environment, and against the backdrop of an apparent rise in protectionism, the 2009 Fulbright Symposium provides an opportunity to reassess the US-Australia Free Trade Agreement's past and future.

When: 24th - 25th August 2009

Where: Old Parliament House, King George Terrace, Canberra

Cost: \$450 (on or before 31 May 2009)
\$599 (1 June-14 August 2009)

Register at: www.uq.edu.au/law/fulbright2009

The 2009 Fulbright Symposium is proudly hosted by The University of Queensland's TC Beirne School of Law and supported by the Australian-American Fulbright Commission.

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