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From the Executive Director



Welcome to the refreshed Fulbright New Zealand newsletter. It is my pleasure to bring you this publication, replacing the Fulbright New Zealand Quarterly which was launched 20 years ago. This signals our new communications strategy, including regular website and social media updates.

This newsletter will be published three times a year to better tie in with our calendar of events. The magazine style format allows us to bring you some in-depth content about what our alumni and grantees are up to and how Fulbright New Zealand exchanges have benefitted their lives and careers.

We welcome your feedback. Please feel free to contact us on info@fulbright.org.nz. We hope you enjoy our new newsletter as much as we enjoyed putting it together.



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Congratulations to esteemed alumni recognised with Queen's Birthday Honours this year

Mark Pennington from Wellington was made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to design. He had a 1988 Fulbright New Zealand Cultural Grant to study major international philosophical changes occurring in product and environmental design in New York, Michigan, Ohio and Philadelphia. This translated into a design programme that has produced many internationally influential graduates in his role as Head of Design at Wellington Polytechnic School of Design. He is now Lead Coach for the government funded 'Better by Design' programme.

Dr Elizabeth Sneyd was recognised for services to music education. She received a 1990 Fulbright New Zealand Graduate Student Award to complete her PhD in Mathematics at The University of Wisconsin-Madison. However, she also had a passion for music which became her main career. Dr Sneyd provides lessons for children from families who have been unable to afford music lessons, for minimal or zero fees. She co-founded a charitable trust to provide free music tuition to students from low decile schools and a training orchestra for string players.



Fulbrighter **Frances Moore** directed the New Zealand School of Music double bill opera that recently played in Wellington: Dido & Aeneas by Purcell and L'Enfant et les Sortilèges by Ravel. Frances received a Fulbright Award in 2012 to study opera directing at New York University.



Wise words

Dan Bidois, inaugural Fulbright-Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Graduate Award recipient in 2010, shared inspiring words with students at his former high school:

“Be ambitious, set high standards for yourself”

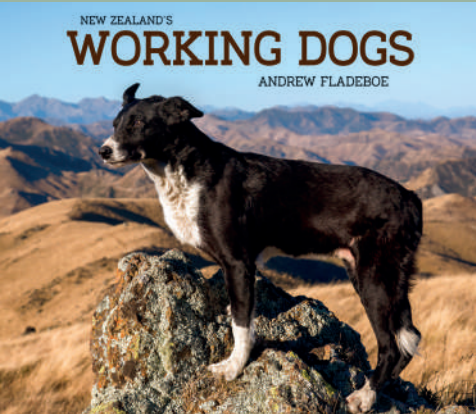
He told all students to see themselves as Harvard material. When Dan was in high school, he dropped out at age 15. As a young man, he battled bone cancer. He later completed a bridging course at Manukau Institute of Technology for entry to The University of Auckland. On his Fulbright, he studied Economic Policy at Harvard. He is now an international economist and policy maker advising the government of Malaysia.



Stuti Misra (2015 Fulbright New Zealand Travel Award) contributed to 'In Vivo Confocal Microscopy of Corneal Nerves: An Ocular Biomarker for Peripheral and Cardiac Autonomic Neuropathy in Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus', recently noted "research highlight" in Investigative Ophthalmology & Visual Science journal.



Fraser Hill, who received a Fulbright-Meg Everton Professional Enhancement Award in Education in 2013, has been appointed the inaugural Principal of new Rototuna Junior High School in Hamilton which opens next year. Follow him on Twitter: @fishill



The book 'New Zealand's Working Dogs' by 2014 Fulbright US Graduate Award grantee **Andrew Fladeboe** is being published by Pottan & Burton in September. Andrew (Rhode Island) took the images his Fulbright exchange to New Zealand.



Congratulations to Fulbright alumnus **Dr Graeme Wake** who won a double pass from Fulbright New Zealand to see Fulbright alumna and internationally celebrated soprano **Renée Fleming** perform in Wellington with the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra. Renée had a 1985 Fulbright Award to study in Germany. Photo above by Andrew Eccles.

Coming up: Fulbright New Zealand thought leadership seminars

For details and to register:
www.fulbright.org.nz



**29 October, Wellington -
 Professor Devon Polaschek**
 Treatment, reintegration, neighbourhood factors: violent offenders on parole



**5 November, Auckland -
 Sanchia Jacobs**
 Taking Auckland to the World: burgeoning partnerships, breaking down barriers and building international profile



**11 November, Dunedin -
 Professor Janet Hoek**
 Smokefree NZ: how the country is acting as a leader in public health in the Pacific



**12 November, Christchurch -
 Wil McLellan**
 Leadership and innovation through collaboration



Kura Moeahu



2015 Fulbright New Zealand grantees

Congratulations and welcome to our new

With a prestigious ceremony at New Zealand's Parliament Buildings in Wellington, Fulbright New Zealand recognised the 2015 cohort of 84 Award grantees.

By giving grantees opportunities to study, research, teach or present their work in top institutions, the

awards open doors for tomorrow's leaders and thinkers. These grantees join the Fulbright New Zealand family of more than 3,000 esteemed alumni. As 'Fulbrighters' they are part of a global network of academic, professional and personal excellence.

More than 8,000 people worldwide are participating



05 Rebecca Thomson, Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Award grantee, and guest



Fulbright New Zealand Science and Innovation Award grantees Ashley Campbell, Benjamin Simons, Calum Rikard and David Collinson



Jodie Hunter, Fulbright New Zealand Scholar Award grantee, and guest



Tim Flint, Fulbright New Zealand Science and Innovation Award grantee

2015 Fulbright New Zealand grantees

in Fulbright exchanges this year, in more than 160 countries.

The Fulbright New Zealand Awards Ceremony and Alumni Reception was hosted by the Hon Chris Finlayson, U.S. Ambassador Mark Gilbert and Fulbright New Zealand Chair Dr Helen Anderson.

As always, this evening was an enjoyable event for all in attendance and an especially memorable evening for the 2015 cohort of Fulbrighters.

Many of the New Zealand grantees have now arrived in the U.S. We wish them academic, personal and professional success on their exchanges.



U.S. Ambassador Mark Gilbert, Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Pacific Writer's Residency grantee Karlo Mila and The Hon Chris Finlayson



Fulbright US Scholar Christina Franklin, Fulbright US Graduate Award grantees Christina Walker, Mark Specht, Haley Farrar and Ryan Metzler

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The Fulbright-Cognition Scholar Award in Education Research was the most **exciting** thing I have ever done with huge personal and social **value**

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Fulbright-Cognition Scholar: culturally responsive history teaching

Michael Harcourt is a Social Sciences teacher and Specialist Classroom Teacher at Wellington High School. He received the 2015 Fulbright-Cognition Scholar Award in Education Research. He researched culturally responsive history teaching and the role of ethnic identity in shaping students' interpretation of the past at Hunter College, the City University of New York.

I had two key goals, the first of which was to explore the way young people's ethnic identities shape the way they interpret the contested history of race relations. My second goal was to examine how effective teachers in multi-ethnic schools in New York manage the teaching of difficult and contested aspects of historical race relations and explore ways that New Zealand teachers can learn from their approaches.

My findings from this project will be particularly relevant to history teachers and expand on my original research proposal significantly.

The Fulbright-Cognition Scholar Award in Education Research was the most exciting thing I have ever done with huge personal and social value.

While on my exchange, I attended the American Education Research Association conference in Chicago. As well as meeting some key names in history education and re-establishing acquaintances, I met a group of teachers who engage in systematic inquiry of their own teaching.

I was not expecting to adapt so easily to living in Manhattan. However, I feel that America is a place I got to know better, and would like to spend

considerably more time in. New York was a place I could live in, which is not something I thought I would say at the beginning.

We lived in a small apartment in the East Village which was expensive, but made the experience much more enjoyable for my family.

We were able to participate in the cultural life of the city very easily and adapt to the family-friendly area that the East Village now is. We went on a “family adventure” every Saturday, exploring a different part of the city. I thoroughly enjoyed attending Fulbright organised excursions and meeting other Fulbrighters and exchanging ideas (and each other’s work). We involved ourselves fully in different church communities and cultural institutes such as the Goethe Institut.

We met many Americans in many different walks of life. I became good friends with my supervisor, Terrie Epstein, who I will continue to work and collaborate with. The connections I made with the scholars at the Difficult Histories conference and the AERA conference are ones that I will establish further when I attend this conference again. I was also very involved in the 15th Street Monthly Meeting (Quakers) and volunteered at the homeless shelter they ran. I had many conversations with Quakers about New Zealand, America and the similarities and differences between each other’s countries and the kinds of problems we each face.

I think I will look back on my career and see the experience as a turning point in my working life.

Introducing Fulbright New Zealand Programmes & Engagement Director, Dr Colin Kennedy



Kia ora. I’ve been in this role since July. Previously, at Victoria University of Wellington I wore a number of different hats: Principal Adviser for Student Civic Engagement, Lecturer in Development Studies and Manager of Student Recruitment. In 2013, I was awarded Victoria’s inaugural Postdoctoral Fellowship in Social Design with a focus on social and educational inequality.

The core Fulbright principle of profoundly engaging with education and culture to encourage empathy and reason has long been at the heart of my research and worldview. As such, I am enthusiastic about connecting with likeminded applicants, grantees and alumni to learn about their experiences and to realise the Fulbright global ambition of global responsibility by turning nations into peoples. I will also be leading our engagement strategy, which involves working with tertiary education institutions, award partners, government and diplomatic support. And, of course, I am delighted to meet anyone with an interest in becoming involved with Fulbright. **I look forward to working with you all.**

Email Colin: colin@fulbright.org.nz



New horizons in New York

Lora Vaioleti (Tongan, European) received a Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Award in 2012 to study and research using dialogue, future thinking and digital technology to increase resilience to climate change in the Pacific region, at University of California, Irvine, towards a Master of Management Studies from University of Waikato.

Alumna Lora Vaioleti found the Fulbright network opened doors in the United States and her career continues to reap the benefits. Just a few years after finishing her award, she is back in the U.S. completing a prestigious and competitive internship at the United Nations Mission in New York.

When Ms Vaioleti came home in 2013 after her Fulbright exchange to University of California, she took up a position delivering a Master's level paper on State Policy and Indigenous Development at the University of Waikato. She conceptualised and managed the delivery of the first Pacific research conference - Kiwa's Colloquium - at the University where local and international experts discussed Pacific education, enterprise and climate change.

Not long after her exchange ended, Ms Vaioleti was also accepted as one of the first Pacific Security Scholars for the recently formed Pacific Islands Society (PacSoc) in the U.S.

"I interviewed regional experts in person and produced a series of original articles over the course of the year which were published across international fora. After a year I continued to write for PacSoc, focusing my work further to interview regional policy experts on challenges such as evolving Australia – Fiji

relations. I also travelled to Manila, Philippines in February 2014 with a regional research group IMPAECT to present my research from California at a UNESCO conference on climate change education."

In 2014 she worked in Melbourne as an Occupational Rehabilitation Consultant drawing on both managerial and communications qualifications as well as her previous qualification as a Physiotherapist.

"My time in this role was of great value, forcing me to grow my skill base in stakeholder engagement, conflict resolution, and negotiation. It was while I was in Melbourne that I was made aware of the opportunity to work for the New Zealand UN headquarters, report writing, preparation of correspondence to the New Zealand office, assisting with hosting receptions."

She first heard about the opportunity in New York from a fellow Fulbrighter.

"I then contacted a couple of Fulbright Alumni who had previously been associated with the Mission in New York and after an insightful phone call to NYC with one of those Alumni

from a café in Melbourne, I had enough insight to decide on committing to applying for the internship. Phone interviews followed my online application and a few months later, news of an offer came through,” Ms Vaioleti says.

“I believe it is an especially busy time for the Mission with the commencement of New Zealand’s seat on the UN Security Council this year. I am excited to gain further insight into the process of negotiations and planning around my special interests of climate change and development in particular.”

During her Fulbright exchange, Ms Vaioleti was supervised by Professor Richard Matthew at the University of California Irvine for two terms. Prof Matthew also heads the Center for Unconventional Security Affairs and Ms Vaioleti became a member of this group, attending and contributing to regular research meetings, breakfast clubs.

“I loved my time at UCI – the pace of study, and the commitment of my fellow students to their work challenged me to extend myself. I found the tertiary experience in the US to be far more consuming than my experience here . You are expected to participate in extracurricular groups, join interest organisations, and contribute to formal social events with fellow students and lecturers alike.”

She made sure to make the most of being in the U.S. while on her exchange, experiencing the culture in many ways.

“I drove with friends to Las Vegas for my birthday, attended a Fulbright Enrichment program in Phoenix Arizona which was excellent, flew to San Francisco and stayed in little motels by myself in San Mateo to hold interviews for a research project I ran on Pacific kin networks. I took salsa dancing lessons! I was also in California for the 2012 election, and was lucky to attend a Democratic rally at the University and hear ex-President Bill Clinton speak on election policies,” Ms Vaioleti reminisces.

She attended the first Tribal Listening Conference held at UCI where she met with and began to understand some of the local indigenous challenges, in their words, regarding resource stewardship.

“Here I was also a participant in a number of ‘smudging’ ceremonies led by a local tribal leader which was humbling; and I was invited as a guest to an event my Supervisor spoke at in NYC, ‘The Moth’ in the infamous Players Club, where he story-told of some of the dire situations he had found himself in during UN security missions in Congo.”

Beyond her current internship, Ms Vaioleti wishes to contribute to the global policy space around climate change action and development.

“Long term, I aim to build a social enterprise which links the Pacific with major global markets which I hope will contribute to improved climate resilience for some of our regions most exposed.”



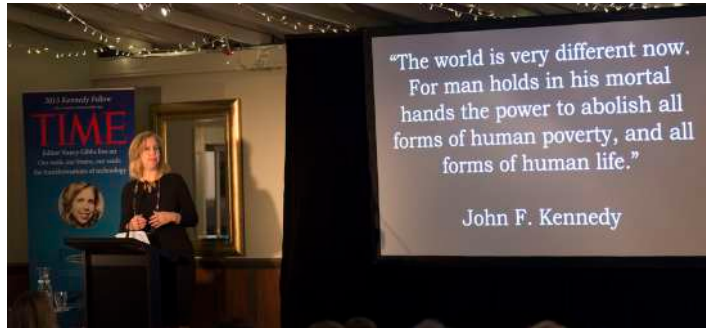
Congratulations

2016 Fulbright-Wallace Arts Trust Award
grantee, sound and intermedia artist

PHIL DADSON

Phil is a transdisciplinary artist who works in video and sound installation, sound sculpture, construction of experimental musical instruments, music composition and improvised performance. His work is held in public and private collections including at Museum of Modern Art in New York, Te Papa Tongarewa Museum of New Zealand and Auckland Art Gallery, Toi o Tamaki. He founded the original rhythm/performance group From Scratch in 1974, who perform with custom-built instruments made from industrial and natural materials. Mr Dadson was named Arts Foundation Artist Laureate in 2001 and made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for Services to Art in 2005.





Kennedy Fellow: TIME Editor Nancy Gibbs

Nancy Gibbs, the first woman Editor of iconic publication TIME, came to New Zealand in August as the 2015 Kennedy Fellow. The John F. Kennedy Memorial Fellowship is administered by Fulbright New Zealand, and executed in partnership with New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade and the Embassy of the United States of America, Wellington.

TIME Editor Nancy Gibbs has an impressive resume. She is the first woman editor of the iconic publication, has written more TIME cover stories than any other writer in its history, has co-authored a New York Times bestseller and led TIME's transition to digital.

One thing she lacks, however, is time. There are only two weeks of the year when TIME is not published.

Fulbright New Zealand was honoured when Ms Gibbs accepted the 2015 John F. Kennedy Memorial Fellowship, spending one of her two precious annual vacation weeks travelling to New Zealand for speaking and media engagements.

The John F. Kennedy Memorial Fellowship was created following the death of President John F. Kennedy, for the purpose of bringing eminent Americans to New Zealand for speaking and teaching engagements in honour of the late President.

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While in New Zealand on the Fellowship, Ms Gibbs delivered two public lectures on the topic of “Our tools, our brains, our souls: the transformations of technology”, one in Auckland and one in Wellington. Both lectures were fully booked out.

She spoke about how all through human history, people have acquired tools before we fully understand their power. Ms Gibbs then addressed how we as families, communities and societies monitor the impact of technologies that are so powerful and so deeply embedded in our daily lives.

Ms Gibbs was interviewed by TVNZ's Breakfast and Radio New Zealand's Kim Hill. On Susan Wood's first day back at work at TVNZ after her brain injury, she interviewed Ms Gibbs for Q&A. Publications including Sunday Star Times, NZ Herald, Stuff.co.nz and NZ Listener covered Ms Gibbs's visit.

Images on opposite page from top left, clockwise: Nancy Gibbs speaking in Auckland; Nancy Gibbs speaking in Wellington; at a lunch where she spoke on the topic 'Women and the Will to Lead: Being the one to break through the glass ceiling'; speaking in Wellington; with Nancy Gilbert, wife of the U.S. Ambassador to New Zealand; being interviewed for TVNZ. Photos by the U.S. Embassy.

2015 Ian Axford Fellow Jill Ozarski



At a booked out lecture in Wellington, 2015 Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellow **Jill Ozarski** presented her research on Cooperation for Mutual Benefit: Opportunities for primary industry and the New Zealand Department of Conservation.

Ozarski was the Senior Natural Resources Adviser to U.S. Senator Mark Udall from Colorado and was based as an Axford Fellow at the Department of Conservation.

Jill's research report and a video of her presentation can be found at www.fulbright.org.nz



2015 Ian Axford Fellow Ziyad Hopkins



Before returning home to the U.S., 2015 Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellow **Ziyad Hopkins** presented in Wellington his research on Diverted from Counsel: Filling the Rights Gap in New Zealand's Youth Justice Model.

Hopkins, a Boston-based attorney, works Youth Advocacy Division for the public defender's office. During his Fellowship, he was hosted by the Ministries of Social Development and Justice.

Ziyad's research report and a video of his presentation can be found at www.fulbright.org.nz



I (28-10-2013)

Rogelio Noriega

I saw the note you left
in the fridge, on top of the Italian cheese,
still in its wrapper:
the sort of note you always leave me
when you go, I can tell
your firm hand, can even see you writing it,
hurriedly, with your back to me/ but it's
as if it's the first time you're leaving
me a note when you go, every time I read it
I'm right back there with you,
I read it and straight away I see you boarding
the plane,
disappearing in a horde of people/
I never shift the notes from where
you leave them, I like to come back to them
now and then, throughout the day, mostly
just before I go to bed:
only then can I convince myself
you haven't gone.

Rogelio Noriega received a 2015 Fulbright New Zealand Travel Award to give lectures on New Zealand poetry at Texas A&M University and Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He is Associate Professor and the coordinator of the Spanish Programme at the University of Otago.



In case you missed it...

The videos of recent Fulbright New Zealand seminars are online at **Fulbright.org.nz**. These include a panel discussion on the topic of 'Mind the (gender) gap: Women's equality in New Zealand and the Pacific' with Fulbright alumni **Horiana Irwin-Easthope, Nicola Kean and Makerita Urale**, and Public Service Association national secretary Erin Polaczuk.

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The Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowships in Public Policy grantees for 2016 are **Jackie Dingfelder**, Policy Director at Office of Mayor Charlie Hales in City of Portland, Oregon who will develop an integrated approach to water resources management in New Zealand; and **Anastasia Telesetsky** who is Associate Professor at University of Idaho College of Law. She will research marine food security and sustainable fishing practices in New Zealand. We look forward to welcoming them both to New Zealand next year!

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Upcoming application closing dates:

- **Fulbright New Zealand Scholar Awards** close 1 October
- **Fulbright-Cognition Scholar Award in Education Research** close 1 October
- **Fulbright-Meg Everton Professional Enhancement Awards** close 1 October
- **Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching** close 1 November

Fulbrighters around



Above: Carlisky Belizaire from Long Island who has been granted a Fulbright English teaching assistantship to spend a year in Kaohsiung, Taiwan.

Below: Fulbright grantees from Ireland soak up some sun and explore the local scenery while on their exchange.



the world: our global Fulbright family



Above: Fulbrighters at their orientation in Finland.



Right: A new cohort of U.S. Fulbright grantees getting ready to travel abroad.



Above: Fulbright-National Geographic Fellows for 2015-2016, from left: Ryan Bell, Christina Gerosa, Ari Beser, Janice Cantieri, Hiba Dlewati. Photo by Mark Thiessen, National Geographic.

Right: This year's Fulbright-mtvU Fellows. This is an award for U.S. graduate students and recent graduates to pursue a project exploring the power of music as a global force for mutual understanding. The selection panel this year included Macklemore & Ryan Lewis, Fall Out Boy bassist Pete Wentz and the band OK Go.





Remembering Fulbrighter Manos Nathan

Fulbright New Zealand remembers renowned Maori carver and clay artist **Manos Nathan** (Ngati Whatua, Ngapuhi), who passed away at his home in Dargaville on September 2 after battling leukemia. Mr Nathan received a 1989 Fulbright New Zealand Cultural Development grant to travel to the United States in order to make contact with indigenous American potters. Kei maumaharatanga.

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