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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2018 was nothing short of extraordinary. The year started with the announcement that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade was doubling our core New Zealand government funding and we celebrated Fulbright New Zealand's 70th anniversary throughout the year with alumni gatherings and our gala dinner on our actual birthday on 14 September. From an amazing pool of talent we were able to select nearly double the number of New Zealand graduates to go to the US in 2019 and know that we are sending them off with greatly enhanced financial support plus, for the first time, providing second year support.

The final major external event of the year was the fantastic Fulbright-Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Forum during the Indigenous Futures conference in November in which five

Fulbright-Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga graduate and scholar alumni spoke of their experiences and the impact of their scholarships on their academic, professional and personal lives. While it was a true celebration of the impact of nearly ten years of our partnership awards we were quite unprepared for the wonderfully effusive nature of the snapshots shared by alumni and delighted with the many questions from the audience, some of whom we hope will be future applicants for Fulbright-Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga scholarships. You can read more on page 16.

I hope that you enjoy reading the updates and stories from our staff, grantees and alumni captured in this summer edition of Bright Sparks. We wish you all a very good 2019!

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A group of the 2018 New Zealand Fulbright Graduate cohort celebrated Christmas together in New York City. Pictured left to right: Kate Stone, Paris Watson, Andrew Alder, Amanda Wallis, Francis Hwang, Guy Jones, Sophie Matthewman, Rez Gardi, Tess McClure and Rachael Jones. Story on page 14.



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Photo Credit: Ana Montgomery-Neutze.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:

FEELIN' FAMOUS

"Feelin' Famous," a film directed by 2016 Fulbright New Zealand Graduate grantee Ana Montgomery-Neutze, was screened publicly for the first time in September 2018 as part of the MFA Social Documentary Film Thesis Showcase at the SVA Theatre in Chelsea, New York.

Ana was selected for the 'Spotlight' section of the showcase, which meant that she had leaders from the documentary film industry provide feedback on her film, along with other faculty members, classmates and the public. She received really positive feedback and hopes to complete the film in time for the 2019 film festival.

A still image of her film was selected as the front page of the programme (pictured above), which depicts Gregory Green, a main

character in the film, dancing on the J Train that runs through Brooklyn, New York. The film tells the story of best friends Bryce and Greg who grew up in Brooklyn in public housing, and their desire to build a better life for themselves. Committed to their dreams of fame, they work full time dancing on the subway and perform their music in clubs hoping to get their big break, but as time passes, reality sets in. This is a story of true friendship and sheer determination.



FULBRIGHT CONNECTIONS: GRADUATE CLIMATE CONFERENCE

2017 NZ Graduate Award alumni Andrew Pauling and Hazelle Tomlin bumped into each other at the 2018 Graduate Climate Conference (GCC) in Pack Forest, Washington. The GCC is an interdisciplinary climate conference run by graduate students, for graduate students. The GCC has been running for twelve years, bringing together graduate students representing hundreds of academic institutions to present research and share ideas on climate and climate change in an array of disciplines.

Andrew is from Dunedin and is completing a PhD on the impact of Antarctic ice sheet collapse on the global climate at the University of Washington in Seattle. Hazelle is from Christchurch has recently returned to New Zealand after completing a Master of Environmental Science specialising in Greenhouse Gas Management and Accounting at Colorado State University.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Pacific Writers' Residency Application Deadline

Date: Friday 1 March 2019

Email lauren@fulbright.org.nz for more information.

University of Auckland Outreach: Doctoral and Postgraduate Morning Tea

Date: Wednesday, 13 March

Time: 10-11 a.m.

Location: iSPACE Lounge, Kate Edgar Info Centre

Email sarita@fulbright.org.nz for more information.

AUT Outreach: Fulbright Scholarship Information Session

Date: Thursday, 14 March

Time: 10-11 a.m.

Location: WA224A Conference Centre

Email sarita@fulbright.org.nz for more information.

Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Programme for NZ Teachers Application Deadline

Date: Friday 15 March 2019

Email pip@fulbright.org.nz for more information.

APRIL

Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowships in Public Policy Application Deadline

Date: Monday 1 April 2019

Email kyla@fulbright.org.nz for more information.

MAY

Fulbright Techweek19 Events

Date: Tuesday 21 May and Wednesday 22 May 2019

Time: 5:30pm

Location: We will be holding events in both Wellington (Bizdojo Market Lane) and Auckland (Auckland University of Technology).

To register email sarita@fulbright.org.nz.

Official registrations will open in March



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:

RETURNING ARTIST

Rebecca Swan has returned from her 2017 Fulbright-Wallace Arts Trust Award and residency at Headlands Center for the Arts in Sausalito, California. Below she has written a reflection on her experience.

When I spoke to some of the previous recipients of the Fulbright-Wallace Arts Trust Award I noticed as they were recalling that time they had this warm glow about them, as if recalling a summer romance. Now I understand why.

Headlands Center for the Arts is a very special place. The location in the National Park, the dedicated staff, the nourishing meals, the temporary community that we create and get to create within. I've never felt so deeply valued and supported as an artist.

There are specific benefits that have come out of my time here. I've made a suite of 18

new art works, I've got a local gallery showing most of that work in January 2019 with two great local artists and I've made contacts within the arts community both locally and internationally. However I think the greatest benefit is that this will change the way I make art. The complete luxury of being able to focus completely on my art work has meant I've tuned into those subtle threads of creativity and insight that are easily missed in the noise of everyday life.

My depth of gratitude for this experience has no words.

FULBRIGHT SPECIALISTS ANNOUNCED

Fulbright Specialist Awards are for New Zealand institutions to host US academics, artists or professionals for lectures, seminars, workshops, conferences or symposiums.

There were four projects selected from the 1 August 2018 round of Fulbright Specialist Awards.

- Dr Chris Jones, from **University of Canterbury's College of Arts**, will host Professor Chris Bellitto from Kean University, New Jersey, to focus on the project "Making the Humanities Matter."
- Emeritus Professor Janis Swan from the **University of Waikato**, hosted Dr Donna Riley from Purdue University, Indiana, as keynote speaker on "Diversity in Engineering" at the recent Australasian Association for Engineering Education conference.
- Dr Helen Sissons from **AUT's Journalism Department**, hosted Data Visualization Specialist Dianne Finch to focus on "Storytelling with Data."
- Dr Wei-Qin Zhuang from the **University of Auckland's Faculty of Engineering** will host Professor David Sedlak, from University of California Berkeley, on "Prospects of New Zealand's 'Three Waters' Issue."

GLOBAL IMPACT:

FROM NZ TO THE UK

Fulbright New Zealand alumna Jennifer Devlin attended Fulbright UK's annual alumni reception and 70th anniversary party at the Bank of England. "It was a lovely evening, with a speech by Bank Deputy Governor Ben Broadbent, himself a Fulbrighter. It was really nice to feel part of the Fulbright family again," said Devlin.



Above: (Left to right) UK Alumni Council President Olivia Horsfield, Fulbright alumnus Bank Deputy Governor Ben Broadbent, and UK Executive Director Penny Egan.

LIVING ABROAD?

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We would love to connect you with your local commission and events in your area. You can also make sure your contact information is up to date in our alumni database.

INTRODUCING:**ALUMNI FACEBOOK GROUPS**

We are excited to announce that this year Fulbright New Zealand has set up regional alumni Facebook groups - an initiative set up for alumni to engage with each other!

The premise is to foster connections with other alumni in your region through self-organised activities and meet-ups. Maybe you're speaking at or know about an event you think others would be interested in. Perhaps you're hosting a grantee and would like to introduce them to others in the area. Or maybe you just fancy a get together with fellow Fulbrighters. This is a space for you to start conversations.

Facebook groups have been established in the following regions throughout New Zealand: Auckland, Waikato, Whanganui/Manawatu, Wellington, Canterbury, and Otago, and we encourage you to join the region most appropriate to you (it doesn't have to be just one).

The groups are overseen by Fulbright New Zealand, but we would love to see this being championed by alumni by having dedicated alumni moderators for each group.

Keen to join a group?

Check Facebook for the following groups:

[Fulbright New Zealand Auckland Alumni Group](#)

[Fulbright New Zealand Waikato Alumni Group](#)

[Fulbright New Zealand Manawatu/Whanganui Alumni Group](#)

[Fulbright New Zealand Wellington Alumni Group](#)

[Fulbright New Zealand Canterbury Alumni Group](#)

[Fulbright New Zealand Otago Alumni Group](#)

Interested in being a moderator & want to know more?

Get in touch with our Events and Alumni Coordinator, Sarita Magan, by emailing sarita@fulbright.org.nz.



Top Left: Alumni connect at our 70th anniversary celebration in Wellington. Left Middle: After returning from her Fulbright, Scholar Ruth Empson presents her work at a University of Otago Fulbright Alumni function. Bottom Left: Alumni and Grantees celebrate at the annual Fulbright New Zealand Awards Ceremony.

IN MEMORIAM

Fulbright New Zealand would like to acknowledge that we received notice of the passing of the following alumni. We are saddened by the news of their passing, and are deeply proud of their contributions to the Fulbright community.

Dr. Geraldine McDonald

New Zealand Research Scholar, 1981

John Billingham

New Zealand Vocational Development Grant, 1979

Dr. Alison Hanham

New Zealand Graduate Award, 1950

Keith Hunter

New Zealand Research Scholar, 1990

Peter Peryer

New Zealand Cultural Development Grant, 1985

Dr. Hugh Laracy

New Zealand Research Scholar, 1994

John Wells

NZ Research Scholar recipient, 1982

Robert Cameron

Harkness Fellow, 1979



Above: 2018 Fulbright grantees Mallory Sea and Alexandra Ziibiins Johnson.

SECOND YEAR FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND

Fulbright New Zealand is thrilled to announce that recent 2018 Fulbright US Graduates Mallory Sea and Alexandra Ziibiins Johnson are recipients of The University of Auckland's Fulbright Scholarship. This scholarship enables them to complete the second year of their Masters' Degrees.

Alexandra Ziibiins Johnson will complete a Master's of Arts in Applied Linguistics to deepen her understanding of successful second language teaching methods. Her previous work in Minnesota supported the revitalisation and regeneration of her native Ojibwe language from the indigenous Red Lake Nation, which she hopes to continue upon completion of her Master's degree.

Mallory Sea will complete a Master's in Marine Science in shellfish restoration focusing on denitrification rates and the

spatial distribution of sub-tidal mussels in the Hauraki Gulf. She also works part-time as an aquarist at Kelly Tarlton's Sea Life Aquarium in Auckland.

The University of Auckland's Fulbright Scholarship offers up to three scholarships annually for Fulbright US Graduate grantees. To complete a Master's degree, the award covers tuition/research fees and a stipend of NZD\$15,000. To complete a PhD, the award covers tuition/research fees and a stipend of NZ\$25,000.

Fulbright New Zealand recognizes the University of Auckland as one of two New Zealand universities that offers this type of scholarship to support Fulbright Masters and PhD candidates in completing their programmes.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2018 MARSDEN GRANT RECIPIENTS

We would like to recognise those in the Fulbright New Zealand community who received a Marsden Grant in the 2018 selection round.

The Marsden Fund was established by the government in 1994 to fund excellent fundamental research. It is a contestable fund administered by the Royal Society of New Zealand on behalf of the Marsden Fund Council. Marsden Fund grants support research in science, engineering, maths, social sciences and humanities in New Zealand.

- Auckland University of Technology Associate Professor **Sharyn Graham Davies**, whose research project is Accessing Assisted Reproduction: Social Infertility and Family Formation. Sharyn was a Fulbright New Zealand Travel Award Recipient in 2013.
- Massey University's Distinguished Professor **Gaven Martin**, whose research project is Modern Analysis and Geometry. Gaven was a New Zealand Graduate Award recipient in 1981.
- Massey University's **Dr Spencer Lilley**, whose research project is The role of Galleries, Libraries, Archives and Museums (GLAMS) in revitalising te reo Māori. Spencer was a Fulbright-Nga Pae o Te Maramatanga Travel Award recipient in 2011.
- The University of Auckland's **Dr Aroha Harris**, whose research project is Whanau Ora With, Against, and Beyond the State. Aroha was a New Zealand Travel Award Recipient in 2009.
- University of Canterbury's Professor **Paul Millar**, whose research project is 'Kōrero mai. Tell us your earthquake story' — A longitudinal study of post-disaster narratives. Paul was a New Zealand Senior Scholar Award recipient in 2000.
- University of Otago's Vice Chancellor Professor **Harlene Hayne**, whose research project is Disorder in the Courtroom: How do Judicial Instructions and Question Trails Influence Juror Decision-Making? Harlene is Fulbright New Zealand's Board Chair.
- University of Otago's Associate Professor **Jacob Edmond**, whose research project is News of the World: The Global Poetics of the Newspaper. Jacob received a New Zealand Graduate Award in 2003.
- University of Otago's Associate Professor **Siân Halcrow**, whose research project is Small beginnings, significant outcomes: A new life-course approach to understanding the impacts of social inequality on human health in ancient China. Siân was a Fulbright New Zealand Travel Award Recipient in 2011.
- Victoria University of Wellington's Associate Professor **Joanna Kidman**, whose research project is He Taonga te Wareware?: Remembering and Forgetting Difficult Histories in Aotearoa/ New Zealand. Joanna was a New Zealand Senior Scholar Award Recipient in 2009.
- Victoria University of Wellington's Professor **Susan Frankel**, whose research project is "Mission Creep" in the Pharmaceutical Industry and its Impact on Innovation and Health. Susan was a New Zealand Senior Scholar Award recipient in 2013.
- The University of Auckland's Associate Professor **Johanna Montgomery**, whose research project is From big brains to little brains: what is the role of plasticity in the little brains of the heart? Johanna was a New Zealand Travel Award Recipient in 2005.



RUTHERFORD DISCOVERY FELLOWSHIP

2010 International Fulbright Science and Technology Fellow Jonathan Squire studied at Princeton University until 2015 and is currently a Rutherford Discovery Fellow in the Physics Department at the University of Otago.

“Magnetic fields are everywhere in the universe: in nearly all celestial objects, from galaxies to stars and planets, as well as in the diffuse media between them. But why is the universe magnetised at all? And how are such magnetic fields produced and sustained?” This is the context for Jonathan’s work.

“These are key unanswered questions in astrophysics. At least part of the answer lies in the turbulent dynamics of plasma, or ionised gas, a fluid that is spread so thin that its ions and electrons cannot recombine into atoms. Some aspects of the way that plasmas govern magnetic fields and enable their rapid growth are well studied. However, in extremely hot and diffuse plasmas – which are thought to be key sites of magnetic field generation – our understanding is very limited. This is because magnetic fields also influence the plasma, hence causing a complex feedback process. Current theories of cosmic magnetism are limited without better understanding of these processes,” explains Jonathan.

During his Rutherford Discovery

Fellowship, Dr Squire aims to disentangle how plasma dynamics and magnetic fields interact to determine how and why the universe is magnetised. He will develop and test new theories of magnetic-field generation in turbulence, focusing on hot, diffuse plasmas with weak magnetic fields.

The difficulties arise because collisions between particles in the plasma are rare, causing micro-instabilities (tiny wobbles in the plasma) to abruptly grow and violently mix the plasma and affect its motion on a large scale. Even very weak magnetic fields can therefore have disproportionate impacts on the plasma’s motion.

Dr Squire will work with international collaborators to combine analytical theories, algorithms, and big data from simulations to better understand this interdependence between plasmas and magnetic fields. These new theories can then be tested through observations and spacecraft measurements to help answer big questions about the formation of our universe.



NEW ZEALAND ORDER OF MERIT

Congratulations to the following Fulbright alumni who were awarded appointments to The New Zealand Order of Merit.

- Professor **Margaret Ann Bedggood**, QSO, was appointed to be a companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit (CNZM) for services to human rights law.
- Professor **Peter Roy Crampton** was appointed to be a companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit (CNZM) for services to education and health sciences.
- Associate Professor **Selina Tusitala Marsh** was appointed to be an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit (ONZM) for services to poetry, literature and the Pacific community.
- Professor **Tracey Kathleen Dorothy McIntosh** was appointed to be a member of the New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM) for services to education and social science.
- **Dr Karlo Estelle Mila** was appointed to be a member of the New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM) for services to the Pacific community and as a poet.
- Former Fulbright Executive Director **Mele Luisa Wendt** was appointed to be a member of the New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM) for services to governance, the Pacific community and women.



SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT: FUTURE OF WORK

Gary Bolles, Chair for the Future of Work at Singularity University and an expert on the future of work and learning, came in to the Fulbright office on Tuesday the 27th of November 2018 to give a talk on his area of expertise, “The Future of Work”. The presentation included an overview on the future of technology, the impact this will have on work and learning, and proposed strategies to how individuals and communities can utilise these technologies to thrive in a digital work economy. Gary encouraged questions and opposing views which ignited important and meaningful discussion from the audience. This event was open to anyone interested.

GRANTEE EXPERIENCES:

TIS THE SEASON

2018 Fulbright New Zealand Graduate Grantees traded in the Kiwi Christmas experience for snow days and American apple pie this holiday season.

Cameron Birchall and Francis Hwang took to the countryside to go snow shoeing together.

Melissa Derby and son Awa found themselves a Winter Wonderland.

Francis Hwang, Andrew Alder, Rachael Jones, Sophie Matthewman, and Paris Watson soak in the sights in the Big Apple.

Salina Fisher brought a pavlova to Christmas dinner.

Sophie Matthewman, Amanda Wallis, Francis Hwang and Paris Watson take to the op shops for Christmas sales.

Cameron Birchall gets in the spirit skiing like Santa.

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BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS: INDIGENOUS FUTURES

To celebrate the partnership between Fulbright New Zealand and Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga, together we hosted a forum as part of the 2018 Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Indigenous Research Conference held last November.

The Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga - Fulbright 'Indigenous Futures' Forum took place on Tuesday the 13th of November at the The University of Auckland. We engaged a panel of five Fulbright-Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Graduate and Scholar Award alumni who discussed the future of Indigenous leadership, and highlights, connections and collaborations from their scholarship experience. The panel was chaired by Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade's Director of Pacific Connections, Georgina Roberts.

Together, Fulbright New Zealand and Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga offer the Fulbright-Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Graduate Award, which is for a promising New Zealand graduate student to undertake postgraduate study or research at a US institution in the field of indigenous development, and the Fulbright-Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Scholar Award, for a New Zealand academic, artist or professional to lecture and/or conduct research at a US institution in the field of indigenous development for three to five months. Fulbright has administered the Fulbright-Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga awards for nine years, and with the recent funding increase, Fulbright are able to provide more funding for the first year of study, and the possibility of second year funding, additionally.

"We were delighted to co-host this celebration of the important and wonderful partnership between Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga and Fulbright New Zealand," says Fulbright New Zealand Executive Director Penelope Borland. "Supporting indigenous scholarship is a priority for Fulbright New Zealand and every year these

partnership awards attract candidates of the very highest caliber. There was tremendous interest from the conference audience, some of whom we hope will be future applicants."

The panel included Daniel Bidois (Ngāti Maniapoto), Dr Eruera Tarena (Ngāi Tahu, Ngāti Porou, Te Whānau-a-Apanui), Dr Melinda Webber (Ngāti Whakaue, Ngāti Hau, Ngāti Kahu), Dr Rangi Matamua (Tūhoe) and Maia Wikaira (Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Ngāpuhi, Te Rarawa).

Dan was the first recipient of a Fulbright-Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Graduate Award, when the partnership was established in 2010. He completed a Master in Public Policy degree, specialising in political and economic development at Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts. Dan is currently the National Party MP for Northcote, and Associate National Spokesperson for Workplace Relations.

Eruera received a Fulbright Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Scholar Award in 2013. With this award he researched the features and mechanisms of contemporary Indigenous organisation design at Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona and the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in Honolulu, and completed case studies on the Alaska Native Corporation, Sealaska and the Native Hawaiian Ali'i lands trust, Kamehameha Schools. This work contributed to his doctoral research which he completed in 2015. Eruera is the Executive Director at Tokona te Raki: Māori Futures Collective, a Ngāi Tahu-led partnership to achieve equity in education, employment and income for all Māori in the Ngāi Tahu takiwā by 2040.

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Above and right: Panelists discuss their Fulbright experience with chair Georgina Roberts. Photos supplied by Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga event photography.




NGĀ PAE O TE
MĀRAMATANGA

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Melinda was awarded a Fulbright-Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Travel Award in 2013. While on her award, she gave presentations on indigenous and Māori student achievement, adolescent social psychology and Māori identity development, at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. Melinda is currently an Associate Professor at the University of Auckland, a Marsden grant recipient and a 2017 Rutherford Discovery Fellow.

As a recipient of a Fulbright-Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Scholar Award in 2014, Rangi researched how astronomy is embedded within the cultural practices of indigenous peoples, at the University of Minnesota in Duluth. Rangi is a Professor based in the Faculty of Māori and Indigenous Studies at the University of Waikato and author of the highly acclaimed Matariki: The Star of the Year book published by Huia Publishers in 2017.

Maia has recently returned to New Zealand as a Fulbright-Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Graduate alumnae. In 2016 she completed a Masters in Environmental Law and Policy at Stanford University, where she researched indigenous water property rights regimes. After completing her award, Maia took a Legal Fellowship with the Yurok Tribe in Northern California. There, she practiced Yurok Tribal law, and represented the tribe in engagement with federal and state governments regarding legal and policy issues that included natural resources and water rights, taxation, tribal gaming, economic development and child welfare. Maia recently joined Fulbright alumna Horiana-Irwin Easthope at Whāia Legal, as a Director of the firm.

Over 300 people registered to attend the forum to hear from the panelists and their advice to those interested in pursuing an award. Each panelist also spoke about the impact of their award both personally and professionally, as it contributes to indigenous research. 2018 Fulbright US Graduate Ziibiins Johnson, who is of the Ojibwe tribe, and studied indigenous language revitalization in New Zealand whilst on her Fulbright, was amongst attendees.

"Attending the Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga - Fulbright 'Indigenous Futures' Forum in mid-

November was a special treat as the capstone to my Fulbright year. Back in 2015, when New Zealand and Fulbright seemed like a pipe dream, I had the special opportunity to meet Rangi Matamua at a R.I.C.H. (Research for Indigenous Community Health) Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA. At the time, Rangi was finishing his own Fulbright, presenting on the use of stars for Māori sustainability-planting, fishing, gardening, etc. Speaking with Rangi was influential in my own path towards a Fulbright realizing that it is possible as an indigenous person to travel to the complete other side of the world and feel welcomed on new land and a new country by my indigenous relatives. The speakers for the Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga - Fulbright 'Indigenous Futures' Forum expressed the same sentiments that I felt. Sharing indigenous knowledge and practices with other indigenous people from around the globe is mind-opening to see we all have had similar histories in the forms of colonization and urbanization, language loss and oppression of culture. However, we are strong. It's inspiring to see how strong and resilient we are as indigenous peoples, and it's beautiful to be able to share stories and teachings with each other as a result of the Fulbright program. Ani-ombishkaatooyang gidinwenininaan, gidizhichitwaawininaan, geget igo naa gimashkawiziimin ginibwaakaamin gidani-mino-bimaadizimin igaye. Miigwech (when we start to revitalize our language and our ways of life, that is when we are strong, we are smart, and we are beginning a good way of life)" said Johnson.

Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Co-Director Jacinta Ruru commented saying "Our deliberate partnership with Fulbright New Zealand has reaped significant rewards individually and collectively. It has enabled the most incredible cultural and knowledge exchanges to be valued. Nearly ten years on of working together, we have together created an outstanding cohort of Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga - Fulbright NZ alumni. The Forum was a truly inspiring celebration of 5 of our alumni. It was a stellar event. Ka mau te wehi!"

Fulbright looks forward to our continuing partnership with Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga.





GLOBAL IMPACT:

FULBRIGHT GRANTEES EMBARK ON VOTING RIGHTS TRIP ACROSS SOUTH DAKOTA

Kate Stone and Rachael Jones conducted non-partisan poll observations in South Dakota to protect the voting rights of Native Americans in November's midterm elections. The following has been reprinted from Kate's blog about the experience.

On Saturday, 3 November, Rachael Jones and I (both Columbia Univesrity LLM '19) left New York city with four other members of the Native American Law Students' Association (NALSA) to conduct non-partisan poll observations in South Dakota and to protect the voting rights of Native Americans in the midterm elections.

NALSA has partnered with Four Directions and Native Vote for many years now to empower the Native American community through greater participation in the electoral process. This year we were also joined by two students from Yale Law School and a Columbia Alumnus. Another alumnus who has worked with and alongside Four Directions and

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Above: NALSA members Agatha Erickson, Jessie Grace Sennett, Juliana Bennington, Idun Klakegg, Rachael Jones and Kate Stone at Rosebud Sioux Tribal Headquarters in South Dakota. Top Left: Visiting a reservation store in South Dakota. Left Middle: Indian Cemetery. Bottom Left: Kate Stone and Rachael Jones at Mt. Rushmore.

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Native Vote from the beginning of NALSA's involvement, supported our team and took an entire day out of his hectic pre-midterm schedule to acquaint us with our polling stations on the Rosebud Sioux and Pine Ridge Reservations and their surrounds.

Our role as non-partisan poll observers was to make sure that all voters, but particularly Native American voters, were not prevented from voting when and where they were lawfully entitled to vote. We had to make sure election officials working at polling stations (who are usually local people brought in to work at the polls) knew what the law was and were applying it correctly as voters came in to vote. This involved, for example, ensuring that voters who came in without ID were enabled to fill out an affidavit to confirm their identity and then allowed to vote, or contacting the County Auditor to verify an elector's registration if they didn't appear on the list at the polling station.

The teams had mixed experiences at our respective polling stations, and a troubling trend emerged of voters who had recently registered to vote not making it onto the register and being forced to cast provisional

ballots.

Nevertheless, Greg ran some of the numbers after election day and the numbers show that Native voters in South Dakota came out in force, with many of the highest increases in turn-out from the 2016 presidential elections being registered on reservations.

We also managed to fit in some sight-seeing around the Great Plains as we drove from Rapid City, South Dakota down to the Nebraska border for election day, including the snow-clad Black Hills National Forest, Crazy Horse Memorial, Mt. Rushmore, the site of the Massacre at Wounded Knee and the astounding Badlands National Park.

Many thanks to Greg, Agatha Erickson and Juliana Bennington for all the hard work organizing the trip. Thanks also to SJI for providing financial support for the trip. Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou! (An acknowledgement to you all in te reo Māori – the indigenous language of New Zealand.)

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WANT TO KNOW MORE?

[Check out the original post at Kate's Blog.](#)

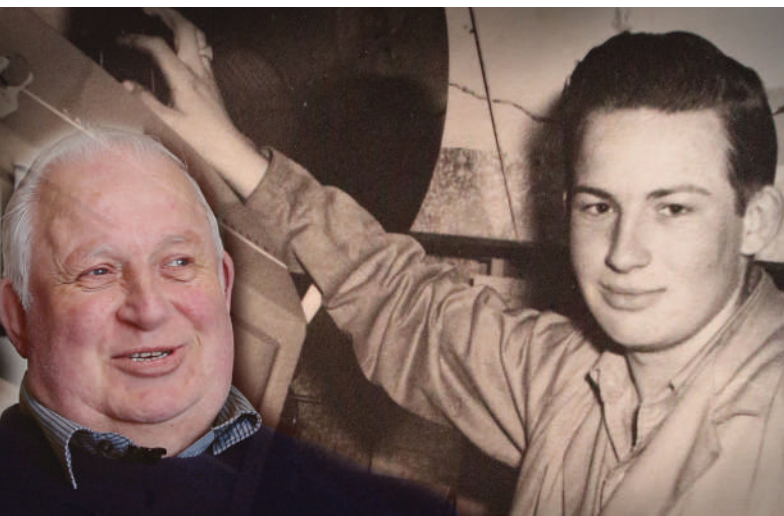


ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: 'THE REEL PEOPLE OF NEW ZEALAND'

Nicholas Homler from Mahwah, New Jersey researched and filmed a documentary focused on the future of independent cinema culture at the University of Waikato for his 2015 Fulbright US Graduate Award. The following update on Nick's work was submitted by Geoff Lealand.

Nick Homler was a Fulbright Student Program visitor in 2015-16, attached to the Screen and Media Studies programme at the University of Waikato. Living in New Jersey, he had been developing an interest in creating documentaries about film culture and was inspired to come to New Zealand when he came across University of Waikato academic Geoff Lealand and his Cinemas of New Zealand website (www.cinemasofnz.info). This led him to New Zealand and the hundred or more independent cinemas, big and small, which can be found in towns and cities throughout the country. It resulted in a 30 minute documentary 'The Reel People of New Zealand', which tells the story of six cinemas (the Regent in Te Awamutu, Everybody's in Opunake, King's Theatre in Stratford, Alice's in Christchurch, Ruby's in Wanaka and The Bunkhouse on Stewart Island), the people who run these cinemas and the communities they serve. The film is also about the role cinema plays in the lives in New Zealanders and the places we value.

'Reel People' first screened in the prestigious Doc Edge Festival 2017, the 2017 Arohanui Film Festival, and on Sky Arts Channel in 2018. It has had many subsequent screenings around New Zealand, to all kinds of audiences (universities, cinemas, service groups, community halls). Nick has returned to the USA, where he now has a great job, creating media for the New York Rangers whilst Geoff, as co-producer, has ensured his film continues to be seen by very appreciative audiences in New Zealand and Australia. It now can also be easily accessed on the NZ On Screen site, at <https://www.nzonscreen.com/title/the-reel-people-of-nz-2016>.





FULBRIGHT CONNECTIONS: FULBRIGHT IN THE HOROWHENUA

Sera Henare connected with Brian Ristow, a fellow recipient of the Fulbright Distinguished Award in Teaching, in her hometown of Levin. Sera said, "We have connected, attended an amazing event at my old College and enjoyed family time together. I left his place with gifts from his generous wife and kisses from his kind and friendly daughters."

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:

THE MAKING OF THE ARCHIVES

The following story was submitted by the husband Alan Hall of Fulbright alumnae Pamela (Cocks) Hall. Pamela was received a Fulbright New Zealand Graduate Award in 1954.

I was a Fulbright Scholar from September 1957 to January 1959 at the University of America in Washington D.C.

I was employed by the National Archives, later Archives New Zealand, at the time. I started working for the National Archives in January 1950 as an archivist. At that time the Archives employed three people in the attic at Parliament Buildings in Wellington. Michael Standish was the Archivist in charge and later became Chief Archivist.

I had been at Library School in 1949 after completing an M.A. in history at Canterbury University. I completed a thesis on Henry Sewell, New Zealand's first Prime Minister.

I clearly remember being in Parliament Buildings, doing some work as a student and knocked on a door. I went in and saw two men, Michael Standish and John Miller. I talked to Michael about the work he did...I was immediately hooked, and I knew it was for me. I had to convince the Library School that I could work at the Archives, rather than in a library. Michael supported me.

The Archives in New Zealand was very much in its infancy. We needed to learn a lot. An American Historian visited the Archives daily and encouraged me to apply for a Fulbright to go to America. I was fortunate to be awarded a Fulbright, and was accepted by the University of America in Washington D.C. It had a good Archives Department under Professor Pozner, a German archivist who had left Germany before the war, as his wife was Jewish.

I travelled to America by ship. Other Fulbrights were on the ship going to Britain and America. We had a great time together. I got off the ship at Panama, flew to Miami and went by train to Washington, D.C. The course

was for a year. I learnt a lot. I recall writing each month to Michael about what I had learnt so that we could apply the learning on my return. During my time in Washington, I visited archives on the East Coast.

Washington, D.C. was a beautiful place. I was lucky enough to meet an English girl. We remained friends even when she returned to England.

After the course I went to England, visited the National Archives and many of the County Archives. I was fortunate to be on half pay from Internal Affairs during my time away.

I returned to New Zealand to my old job. I remained in the Archives until I married in 1968 and went to Gisborne where I worked at the Gisborne Library until I had children. Later, I was Honorary Archivist at the Gisborne Museum for about 19 years.

During my time at the Archives I gave lectures Archives at the Library School and to Archives conferences and the like. [I also] contributed papers during my time at the Archives and after I settled in Gisborne.

I am grateful to Fulbright for giving me the opportunity to advance my knowledge. It was good to be able to assist the growth of National Archives, now Archives New Zealand, in its formative years.



GRANTEE EXPERIENCES:

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK



The week of 12 November 2018 marked the 19th annual International Education Week (IEW), a joint initiative between the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education, which celebrates and promotes the benefits of international education and exchange programs worldwide. Initially created so that America could inspire its students to travel abroad, IEW now encourages and supports foreign students interested in making the leap to study in the United States. Today, IEW is celebrated in over 100 countries, and two of our Fulbright New Zealand grantees were featured by the US Embassy in New Zealand during their coverage of IEW.

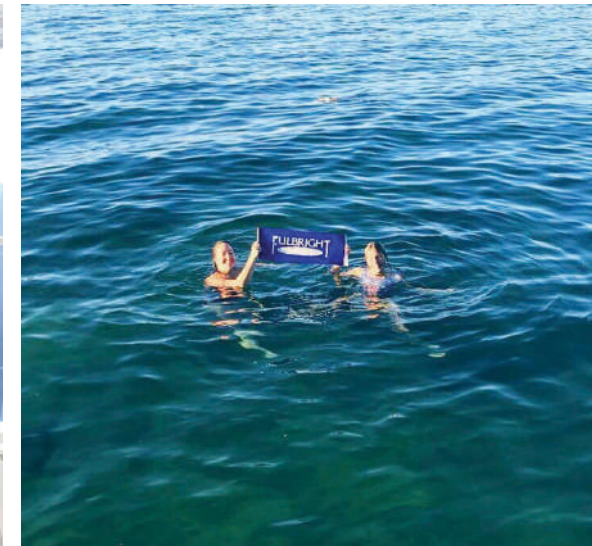


MELISSA DERBY

What has been your biggest challenge and biggest highlight since living in America?

The biggest challenge was getting used to being in unfamiliar situations. In New Zealand, I take it for granted that I know how things work and what to do. In the US, so much was unfamiliar and it would take time to get things done. Even going to the supermarket takes three times as long because I have to check all the food packaging so thoroughly to make sure I'm buying what I think I'm buying! The highlight has definitely been exploring the country, and connecting with people from all sorts of walks of life. I love learning about other cultures, so the Fulbright orientation was incredible. 55 or so people from 35 or more countries. I was the only one from NZ, and it was wonderful!

"I believe international education is important because through connecting with other cultures we learn about ourselves, about others, and ultimately come to see our shared humanity – and that can only be a good thing!" - Melissa Derby



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OSCAR YIP

What advice can you offer to any students hoping to study abroad or go on exchange in the future?

To any students hoping to study abroad or go on exchange in the future, I would say do not hesitate to do so! Getting to learn in a different country and to form meaningful relationships with people from different backgrounds is an amazing opportunity. I would also suggest stepping out of your comfort zone and attending events and outreaches that will allow you to interact and explore new interests because that is a great way to meet people and make connections with people that have a wealth of knowledge to share.

"I believe international education is important because with any field of study or career, the ability to work with people of different backgrounds and with different perspectives is absolutely essential." - Oscar Yip



WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Check out the original blog posts.

Link below for Digital Version: <https://nz.usembassy.gov/international-education-week-with-oscar-yip/>

<https://nz.usembassy.gov/international-education-week-with-melissa-derby/>



GRANTEE EXPERIENCES:

THANKSGIVING AND END OF YEAR PROGRAMME

On 21 - 22 November 2018, Fulbright NZ held the End of Year Programme for the 2018 US Graduate grantees. The programme signifies the end of their grant period in New Zealand. The first day was spent reflecting on their experiences over the past year and what lessons they'll carry with them as they move forward.

During this programme, the 2018 US Graduate cohort and Fulbright New Zealand staff were invited to celebrate Thanksgiving with Ambassador Scott Brown and his wife, Gail Brown, at the Ambassadorial residence in Lower Hutt. This is a much anticipated annual event.

The Fulbright team extend warm thanks to Scott and Gail Brown for hosting our group, and for a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner and celebration.

On arrival guests were given a tour of the Camperdown residence and the beautiful surrounding gardens before sitting down to

a delicious three course Thanksgiving feast. Guests were encouraged to share what they were thankful for in 2018 while enjoying traditional Thanksgiving fare including turkey, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie for dessert.

Following dinner there was time for guests to explore the Rock n' Roll memorabilia wing of the residence and take turns on the original drum set from hair band KISS's latest tour, which is given pride of place amongst the collection.

On the second day of End of Year Programme, grantees delivered final presentations where they shared details of their research, and highlighted personal achievements such as traversing mountains, running marathons, and winning pizza eating competitions.

Fulbright NZ bids the 2018 US Graduate cohort farewell and wishes them the best of luck!



EAST ASIA PACIFIC UPDATE

In the first week of December, Fulbright New Zealand staff members Julie Williams and Kyla Orr joined representatives from Fulbright Commissions in the East-Asia Pacific and European regions in Washington, DC for a training workshop. This was the first time in a decade such training had taken place. Staff from IIE and World Learning – the organisations contracted to administer some of the Fulbright programmes - were there throughout and worked closely with attendees and State Department's Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs (ECA) to present on a wide range of topics and programmes.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: CAMPUS ADVISORS

In November 2018, Fulbright New Zealand brought together their Campus Advisors for the annual Campus Advisors meeting, held at the Fulbright offices in Wellington.

Fulbright New Zealand Campus Advisors are stationed on campuses across New Zealand. The Advisors are all Fulbright alumni who are available to discuss their exchange experiences with students and staff, as well as to give basic information about Fulbright awards.

The Campus Advisor meeting is held annually to update the advisors on Fulbright news, give an overview of award information and any updates, and also provide a space to share best practices amongst each other.

This was a valuable meeting for both advisors and Fulbright staff, and a nice chance to acknowledge the Campus Advisors for the great work that they do for Fulbright.

Above: Team photos from the East Asia Pacific meeting in Washington DC. Below: Rahcel leads the Campus Advisors at their annual meeting in Wellington.



KAI AND KORERO:

MORNING TEA GUESTS

True to New Zealand culture, every day at 10:15am the Fulbright office pauses to take part in the Dominion Post Quiz over coffee. We normally score a 12 out of a possible 10 questions - with bonus points for creativity and collaboration. Our most recent visitors include:

- 2015 New Zealand graduate **Calum Rickard** joined us for a cuppa on the 14th of December just before the holidays. Calum is completing his PhD in Applied Mathematics at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.
- 2017 New Zealand graduate **Charlotte Skerten** popped by for a quick quiz and coffee. Charlotte just finished her Fulbright in August completing a Master of Laws specialising in international law at Columbia University in New York.
- **Octavius Jones**, our 2019 US graduate, came in to the office for a coffee and quiz shortly after landing in New Zealand. Through digital stories and storytelling, Octavius is examining the importance of Maori women narrative in marine conservation at Victoria University of Wellington.
- US Global Scholar, **Michael Falk**, popped into the office for a quiz and coffee. Michael is researching hyperplane arrangements, artin groups and matroids at Victoria University of Wellington.
- 2016 Fulbright New Zealand Graduate **Ana Montgomery-Neutze** came by in the afternoon for a coffee, quiz and a catch up. Ana used her Fulbright to complete a Masters in Social Documentary Film at The School of Visual Arts in New York.

WANT TO JOIN US?

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We always welcome those in the neighbourhood to drop by and join us - if you'd like to schedule a time feel free to email alumni@fulbright.org.nz or reach out to your programme manager.

KNOW A FUTURE FULBRIGHTER?

Fulbright New Zealand offers a range of exchange awards for New Zealand and United States citizens wanting to study, research, teach or present their work in each other's country. We love for our alumni and contacts to share their experiences, and spread the word about our programme to potential applicants.

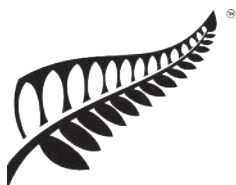
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Fulbright US Scholar Awards
Fulbright New Zealand Scholar Awards
Fulbright-Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Scholar Award
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Fulbright-Scholar in Residence Program
Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Programme for US Teachers
Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Pacific Writers' Residency
Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Programme for NZ Teachers
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