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Leah Thomas (Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Award) at the classical music series, the Pōneke Sessions, which she runs in Wellington.

Cover Photo: Will McNeil (Fulbright US Graduate Award) teaching University of Canterbury undergraduate students about field sampling methods near Banks Peninsula.

MESSAGES OF CONGRATULATIONS



"Mānawa maiea te putanga o Matariki,
Mānawa maiea te ariki o te rangi,
Mānawa maiea re Mātahi o te Tau"

"Celebrate the rising of Matariki,
Celebrate the rising of the Ariki of the sky,
Celebrate the rising of the New Year"

On behalf of the New Zealand Government, I congratulate the 2023 Fulbright Scholarship recipients. The Fulbright New Zealand programme honours the best and brightest from New Zealand and the United States. It represents a long-standing tradition of excellence, exchange and friendship between our two nations.

It is fitting that we celebrate your success as we approach Matariki, a time when we give thanks for new beginnings. I encourage all recipients to treasure this new and exciting opportunity and to focus on always making the most of your Fulbright learnings and experiences - for the betterment of yourself, your whānau and your community. I wish you every success.

Hon Nanaia Mahuta

*Minister of Foreign Affairs, New Zealand
Honorary Chairperson, Fulbright New Zealand*

Kia ora and congratulations to the 2023 Fulbright Scholarship recipients. This year marks 75 years of Fulbright in New Zealand. Three quarters of a century of academic excellence and professional opportunities between the United States and New Zealand is certainly worthy of celebration!

In becoming a Fulbrighter, you join a global community of exceptionally talented people and I commend you as you take your place among them. The late Senator J. William Fulbright envisioned the Fulbright program as providing a pathway to a more peaceful future through greater mutual understanding between different countries and cultures. As you begin this exciting new chapter in your life, I hope that you will keep his vision in mind and know that you are playing a part in making the world a better place.

I wish you all the best. Kia kaha!

Tom Udall

*US Ambassador to New Zealand, Samoa, Niue, and the Cook Islands
Honorary Chairperson, Fulbright New Zealand*

Tēnā koutou. On behalf of Fulbright New Zealand's Board of Directors and staff, my heartfelt congratulations to the 2023 grantees! As we celebrate 75 years of Fulbright in New Zealand, I reflect on what a taonga the Fulbright Programme is. It fosters the best minds and the most exceptional people to ensure a better, brighter, and more peaceful future for us all.

As a Fulbright alumna, I hope that you find this experience as enriching, challenging and life-changing as I have – and that you will return home with a wealth of knowledge and insights to share. We warmly welcome you to the Fulbright family and hope you will stay in touch with us, sharing your stories and successes, while on award and beyond. We wish you all the best as you embark on this exciting adventure. Ngā manaakitanga.

Wendy Larner

*Former Provost of Te Herenga Waka - Victoria University of Wellington
and Vice Chancellor and President Elect of Cardiff University
Chairperson of the Board, Fulbright New Zealand*

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THE FULBRIGHT PROGRAMME

The Fulbright programme of international educational exchange was an initiative of US Senator J. William Fulbright from Arkansas, who in the aftermath of World War II believed that mutual understanding between different countries and cultures was crucial to ensure a peaceful future for the world.

The Fulbright Act, an ingenious piece of legislation passed by the United States Congress in 1946, directed proceeds from the sale of surplus war property, foreign loan repayments and reparations to fund the “promotion of international good will through the exchange of students in the fields of education, culture, and science.”

In Senator Fulbright’s own words, the Fulbright programme aims “to bring a little more knowledge, a little more reason and a little more compassion into world affairs and thereby to increase the chance that nations will learn at last to live in peace and friendship.”

New Zealand was the fifth country to sign up to the Fulbright programme by bilateral treaty with the United States of America, in 1948. Since then Fulbright New Zealand has granted more than 3,000 exchange awards, sending over 1,900 New Zealand graduate students, artists, academics, teachers and professionals on exchanges to the US and welcoming over 1,600 Americans on exchanges to New Zealand.

Fulbright New Zealand is jointly funded by the US and New Zealand governments with additional funding from award partners, private philanthropists and alumni donors. It is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of New Zealanders and Americans.

The Fulbright programme has been described as one of the largest and most significant movements of scholars across the face of the earth and now operates in 165 countries, funding around 8,000 exchanges per year for participants to study, research, teach or present their work in another country.

The more than 400,000 Fulbright alumni worldwide include heads of state, cabinet ministers, ambassadors, politicians, judges, heads of corporations, university presidents, journalists, artists, professors and teachers. Esteemed alumni of the Fulbright programme include Dame Marie Clay, Sir Kenneth Keith, Sir Wallace Rowling, Dame Anne Salmond, David Cunliffe, Gareth Farr, Witi Ihimaera, Michael King, Alan MacDiarmid, Bill Manhire, Ron Paterson, Jan Wright and many other prominent New Zealanders.

Fulbright grantees make the most of their exchanges to get to know and understand a different country and culture, to advance themselves academically or professionally and to make lifelong friendships and professional relationships. Many look back on their Fulbright exchange as a life-changing experience and a defining moment of their career.



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Congratulations to the 2023 Fulbright New Zealand cohort! It is wonderful to be able to celebrate your success with you and we warmly welcome you to the Fulbright whānau.

Over the past three years, we have had to flex and adapt our programme to manage through the challenges of the pandemic and border closures. However, I am thrilled to report that this year we have at last been able to fully return to the business of in-person educational and cultural exchange, which is at the heart of the Fulbright programme.

We are delighted to have been able to welcome our US Fulbright grantees back, some of whom had to wait almost three years to be here. While the circumstances for the delays were challenging, it is exciting to now be able to say we have three cohorts in the country, a total of 27 US grantees in Aotearoa at the present time!

We are also thrilled to recognise and celebrate a full cohort of 26 New Zealand Fulbright grantees who will be heading to the US to take up their awards very soon.

This year is also significant in that we are marking 75 years of Fulbright in New Zealand. I reflect on and am grateful for the learning, friendship, exchange, compassion and mutual understanding that this programme has enabled over that long period.

My final words are of thanks to our Board Chair and Fulbright alumna, Wendy Lerner, who has been appointed Vice Chancellor and President of Cardiff University in Wales. Sadly, this means that Wendy will be stepping down as Chair this year, but she has graciously agreed to continue remotely for a few more months while the formal process of the appointment of new board members is finalised. We thank Wendy for her wonderful contribution to Fulbright New Zealand and wish her well in Wales.

Ngā mihi nui,

Penelope Borland
Executive Director, Fulbright New Zealand

FULBRIGHT GRADUATE PROGRAMME

Fulbright New Zealand offers a range of awards to New Zealand and American graduate students to study or research in each other's countries. Grantees are selected on the basis of academic excellence and ambassadorial qualities. In addition to award payments towards study or research, all grantees receive return airfares, a health benefit plan, enrichment activities and programme support during their exchange.

FULBRIGHT SCIENCE AND INNOVATION GRADUATE AWARDS

These awards are for promising New Zealand graduate students to undertake postgraduate study or research at US institutions in fields targeted to support growth and innovation in New Zealand.

Eight awards were granted this year. These awards are sponsored by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment.



JENNIFER BERRY

Jennifer Berry from Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland will complete a Master of Science specialising in Space Engineering at California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, California.

Jennifer graduated with a Bachelor of Engineering (Hons First Class) in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Canterbury in 2022.



NICO HACKNER

Nico Hackner from Te Whanganui-a-Tara Wellington will complete a PhD in Physics at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in Urbana-Champaign, Illinois.

Nico graduated with a BSc (Hons First Class) in Physics from the University of Otago in 2021.



ISABEL KELLY

Isabel Kelly from Te Whanganui-a-Tara Wellington will complete a Master in Public Policy specialising in climate change policy at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Isabel graduated with an LLB and a BCom in Economics from the University of Auckland in 2019.



NINA OPACIC

Nina Opacic from Te Whanganui-a-Tara Wellington will complete an LLM in Environment and Energy Law from New York University in New York City, New York.

Nina graduated with an LLB (Hons First Class) and a BA in International Relations and Political Science from Te Herenga Waka - Victoria University in 2019.



ANDREA (ANDI) SHIRTCLIFFE

Andi Shirtcliffe from Te Whanganui-a-Tara Wellington will complete a Master of Public Health specialising in Health Behaviour and Society at Johns Hopkins University's Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore, Maryland.

Andi graduated with a Bachelor of Pharmacy and a PGDip in Pharmacy (Dist) from the University of Otago. She is a Clinical Chief Advisor in the Office of the Chief Clinical Officers at Aotearoa New Zealand's Manatū Hauora (Ministry of Health).



NAOMI SIMON-KUMAR

Naomi Simon-Kumar from Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland will complete a Master of Public Health specialising in Environmental Health Sciences at Columbia University in New York City, New York.

Naomi graduated with a BA and a BSc from the University of Auckland in 2018 and a Diploma of International Relations from the University of Oxford (UK) in 2019.



AMY SPITTAL

Amy Spittal from Kirikiriroa Hamilton will complete a Master of Arts in Economics at New York University in New York City, New York.

Amy graduated with a BA in French and International Relations and a BCom in Economics from Te Herenga Waka - Victoria University of Wellington in 2021.



KRYSTAL WRIGHT

Krystal Wright from Kāpiti will research improving adherence to endocrine therapy for young women with breast cancer at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. She is studying for a PhD at the University of Auckland.

Krystal graduated from the University of Auckland with a BHSc in Population Health and a BA in Psychology and Politics in 2021. She completed a Master of Health Psychology in 2023.

FULBRIGHT NGĀ PAE O TE MĀRAMATANGA GRADUATE AWARD

This award is for a promising New Zealand graduate student to undertake postgraduate study or research in the US in the field of Indigenous Development.



YASMIN OLSEN NGĀPUHI, TE RARAWA, NGĀTI WHĀTUA, NGĀTI TĪPĀ

Yasmin Olsen from Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland will complete a Master of Laws at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut.

Yasmin graduated with an LLB (Hons First Class) and a BA in English Literature from the University of Otago in 2015.



Te Maiora Rurehe (Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Award) and whānau presenting at a Rangatahi wānanga at Te Koutu Marae in Rotorua.

FULBRIGHT NEW ZEALAND GENERAL GRADUATE AWARDS

These awards are for promising New Zealand graduate students to undertake postgraduate study or research at US institutions in any field.

Nine awards were granted this year.



EMERITA BAIK

Emerita Baik from Kirikiriroa Hamilton will complete a Master of Fine Arts at Columbia University, New York City, New York.

Emerita graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts (Hons First Class) from Massey University, Wellington in 2019.



BONITA BIGHAM NGĀRUAHINE, TE ATIWA

Bonita Bigham from Manaia, Taranaki will research impacts of laws and conventions on the retrieval and use of marine mammal resources for artistic purposes, in Aotearoa and Hawai'i.

Bonita is studying for a PhD in Fine Arts at Massey University. She graduated with a Diploma in Print Journalism at Western Institute of Technology at Taranaki in 2002, a Master of Fine Arts in 2019 and a Master of Māori Visual Arts in 2021 from Massey University, and Toi Paemātua Raranga - Diploma in Māori Arts at Te Wananga o Aotearoa in 2021. Bonita is a Taranaki Regional Councillor, artist and passionate community and Māori arts advocate.



REBECCA HAWKES

Rebecca Hawkes from Methven will complete a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Rebecca graduated with a BA in Media Studies from Te Herenga Waka - Victoria University of Wellington in 2015, an MA in Creative Writing from the International Institute of Modern Letters at Te Herenga Waka - Victoria University of Wellington in 2016, and First-class Honours in Media Studies from Te Herenga Waka - Victoria University of Wellington in 2017.



TIMOTHY (TIM) LAWLER

Tim Lawler from Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland will research rights protection in presidential counter-terrorism policy at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut, at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, and at George Washington University in Washington DC.

Tim graduated with a BA in Politics in 2019 and a Master of International Studies (Dist) from the University of Otago in 2020.



TE MAIORA RUREHE TŪHOE/TE ARAWA

Te Maiora Rurehe from Tūhoe/Te Arawa will complete a Master of Environmental Laws at Pace University in White Plains, New York.

Te Maiora graduated with an LLB and a BA in Te Reo Māori from the University of Waikato in 2021.



LACHLAN TAYLOR

Lachlan Taylor from Ōtautahi Christchurch will complete a PhD in Art History at the University of Texas at Austin in Austin, Texas.

Lachlan graduated with an MA in Art History from Te Herenga Waka - Victoria University of Wellington in 2019 and an MA in Creative Writing from the International Institute of Modern Letters at Te Herenga Waka - Victoria University of Wellington in 2022.



LEAH THOMAS

Leah Thomas from Te Whanganui-a-Tara Wellington will complete a Master of Arts Management and Entrepreneurship at the New School in New York City, New York.

Leah graduated with a BMus (Hons First Class) from Te Kōkī – the New Zealand School of Music in 2021 and an LLB from Victoria University of Wellington in 2023.



JAMES (JIMMY) TOEBES

Jimmy Toebes from Te Whanganui-a-Tara Wellington will complete a Master of Laws with a focus on criminal law and theory, therapeutic jurisprudence, and the implementation of its principles via the Te Ao Mārama model at New York University in New York City, New York.

Jimmy graduated with an LLB (Hons) and a BA in Politics and International Relations from the University of Auckland in 2017.



KATHERINE (KAT) WERRY

Kat Werry from Te Whanganui-a-Tara Wellington will complete a Master of Laws specialising in Criminal Justice at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Kat graduated with an LLB (Hons) and a BA in Politics and Philosophy from the University of Auckland in 2020.

FULBRIGHT US GRADUATE AWARDS

These awards are for promising US graduate students to undertake postgraduate study or research at New Zealand institutions in any field.

Fifteen US Graduates took up their awards in New Zealand this year.



ABI BARTLETT

Abi Bartlett from Monticello, Minnesota will research geomorphology of rivers and the relationship people have with them in New Zealand, learning Māori ways of knowing.

Abi graduated with a BA in Geology, with an emphasis in Hydrology and Geochemistry, from the University of Minnesota, Morris in 2022.



EMILY BECK

Emily Beck from Hilton Head Island, South Carolina will complete a Master of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the Auckland University of Technology.

Emily graduated with a BA in Psychology (summa cum laude) from the College of Charleston in 2017.



MICHAEL BISHOP

Michael Bishop from Honolulu, Hawai'i will research sacred ground, legal personhood, the rights of nature, and creative non-fiction writing at the University of Auckland.

Michael graduated with a BA in Psychology from the Metropolitan State University of Denver in 2010 and an MFA in Creative Writing from the University of Idaho in 2021.



CAROLINE CALDWELL

Caroline Caldwell from Cascade, Montana will complete a Master of Management in Agribusiness at Lincoln University.

Caroline graduated with a BA in Environmental Studies from Bates College in Lewistown, Maine in 2015.



NICHOLAS (NICK) DRAGONE

Nick Dragone from Boulder, Colorado will research the microorganisms found in New Zealand's geothermal and volcanic environments at the University of Canterbury.

Nick graduated from Middlebury College, Vermont in 2014 with a BA in Biology and will complete a PhD at the University of Colorado Boulder in 2023.



MADISON EMOND

Madison Emond from Providence, Rhode Island will be creating photographic work at Massey University's College of Creative Arts in Wellington, New Zealand.

Madison graduated with a BA in Photography at Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson, New York in 2018.



ALEX HAWLEY DINÉ, NAVAJO

Alex Hawley from Farr West, Utah will pursue a Master of Arts degree in Museums and Heritage Conservation at the University of Auckland.

Alex graduated with a BA in Anthropology and Native American Studies from Dartmouth College in 2019.



KEVIN LUJAN LEE CHAMORU, FAMILIAN CAPILI

Kevin Lujan Lee from Johor Bahru (Malaysia) and Guåhan will research Pasifika community organisations and low-wage work at the University of Auckland.

Kevin graduated with a BA in Philosophy and the Study of Religion from the University of California, Los Angeles in 2015, and an AM in Social Sciences from the University of Chicago in 2017.



SAMANTHA (SAMMI) MAZA

Sammi Maza from Englewood, New Jersey will research Mana Wahine epistemology and indigenous feminist knowledge production at the University of Auckland.

Sammi graduated with a BA in Gender and Sexuality Studies (Hons), and a certificate in Gender Based Violence Prevention from Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana in 2022.



WILSON (WILL) MCNEIL

Will McNeil from Morgantown, West Virginia will research the impact of outdoor air quality on stormwater runoff contamination at the University of Canterbury.

Will graduated with a BS in Civil Engineering from West Virginia University in 2021 and an MS in Civil & Environmental Engineering from the University of California, Berkeley in 2022.



MELANIE STOWELL

Melanie Stowell from Denver, Colorado will support the evaluation and expansion of a health promotion intervention designed to support new mothers and families in preventing childhood obesity, at the University of Auckland.

Melanie graduated with a BA in French and Psychology from the University of Denver in 2014, and an MSc in Medical Anthropology from the University of Edinburgh in 2015.



MARK STUKEL

Mark Stukel from Naperville, Illinois will research the evolutionary relationships and history of hybridisation events in New Zealand cicadas at the University of Auckland as part of his PhD dissertation work at the University of Connecticut.

Mark graduated with a BS in Biology from Hope College in Holland, Michigan in 2016.



LAEL TATE

Lael Tate from Portland, Oregon will complete a BA (Hons) in Māori Studies at the University of Auckland.

Lael graduated with a BA in Ethnicity and Race Studies at Columbia University in New York City, New York in 2020.



CHRISTINA DAWA KUTSMANA THOMAS NUMU-NORTHERN PAIUTE, NEWE-WESTERN SHOSHONE, HOPI

Christina Thomas from Wadsworth, Nevada will be based at the University of Auckland, working with iwi across Aotearoa to conduct research on Te Reo Māori, performance and culture.

Christina graduated with a BA in Music and a Minor in Biology at the University of Nevada, Reno, in 2019, and received an MA in Native American Studies from the University of California, Davis in 2021. Christina is currently a doctoral student in Native American Studies and earning a Designated Emphasis in Performance and Practice Studies at the University of California, Davis.



LANEA TUIASOSOPO

Lanea Tuiasosopo will complete a Master of Global Studies at the University of Auckland. Her focus is on sport as a developmental tool for health, education, and gender equality in Pacific communities.

Lanea graduated with a BA in Communications and Global Health from the University of California, Los Angeles in 2019.

FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR PROGRAMME

Fulbright New Zealand offers a range of awards to New Zealand and American academics, artists and professionals to research, teach, present their work and gain practical experience in each other's countries.

Awards range from small contributions towards short term visits to fully-funded exchanges of up to one academic year, including airfares, a health benefit plan and programme support.

FULBRIGHT NEW ZEALAND SCHOLAR AWARDS

These awards are for New Zealand academics, artists or professionals to lecture and/or conduct research in the US for three to five months.

Six awards were granted this year.



SIAUTU ALEFAIO-TUGIA FAGAMALO, MATAUTU-TAI,
SĀSINA MA MANUNU

Siautu Alefaio-Tugia from South Auckland is researching Pacific-Indigenous and urban diasporic resilience across disaster and humanitarian contexts, at the National Disaster Preparedness Training Centre (NDPTC) University of Hawai'i, and the Centre for Human Rights & Humanitarian Studies (CHRRS) at Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island.

Siautu is an Associate Professor in Psychology and Associate Dean Pacific in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at Massey University.



GILLIAN (GILL) BONNETT

Gill Bonnett from Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland will research the Migration 5 collaboration between New Zealand, the US, UK, Canada and Australia at the Institute for the Study of International Migration at Georgetown University in Washington DC.

Gill is a graduate in politics and French from the University of Liverpool and is the Immigration Reporter at Radio New Zealand.



ALICE CHANG-RICHARDS

Alice Chang-Richards from Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland will research building recovery trajectories following the Northridge earthquake in Los Angeles at the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA).

Alice is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Auckland.



SIÂN HALCROW

Siân Halcrow from Ōtepoti Dunedin will research the bioethics of the use of anatomical human remains in Aotearoa and the United States at the University of California, Berkeley.

Siân is a Professor in the Department of Anatomy at the University of Otago.



MURDOCH STEPHENS

Murdoch Stephens from Te Whanganui-a-Tara Wellington will research how countries respond to global humanitarian emergencies at California State University Northridge in Los Angeles, California.

Murdoch is the Senior Policy Advisor at New Zealand Red Cross and a Senior Research Fellow in the Centre for Asia Pacific Refugees Studies at the University of Auckland.



ANNIE TE ONE TE ĀTIAWA, NGĀTI MUTUNGA

Annie Te One from Te Whanganui-a-Tara Wellington will research connections between Māori and Hawai'iian political philosophies and the ways they inform political practice in the Indigenous Politics Programme at the University of Hawai'i in Mānoa.

Annie is a Lecturer in Te Kawa a Māui, the school of Māori Studies at Te Herenga Waka – Victoria University of Wellington.



Gina Cole (Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Pacific Writer's Residency) launching her novel 'Na Viro'.

FULBRIGHT NGĀ PAE O TE MĀRAMATANGA SCHOLAR AWARD

This award is for a New Zealand academic, artist or professional to conduct research and/or lecture in the US for three to five months in the field of Indigenous Development.



HINEKURA SMITH TE RARAWA, NGĀPUHI

Hinekura Smith from Northland will research Native American and Native Hawai'iian women's traditional clothing making as decolonising and culturally regenerative arts praxis at the University of Washington and the University of Hawai'i, Mānoa.

Hinekura is a senior lecturer and director of Ngā Wai a Te Tūi Māori and Indigenous Research Centre at Unitec Te Pūkenga.

FULBRIGHT-CREATIVE NEW ZEALAND PACIFIC WRITER'S RESIDENCY

This award is for a New Zealander of Pacific heritage to carry out work on a creative writing project exploring Pacific identity, culture or history at the University of Hawai'i, Manoa for three months.



GINA COLE

Gina Cole from Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland, New Zealand will attend a three-month writer's residency at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa to work on a science fiction fantasy novel in the genre of Pasifikafuturism.

Gina graduated with an LLB (Hons) from the University of Auckland in 1991, a Master of Jurisprudence in 1995, a Master of Creative Writing (First Class Hons) in 2014 and a PhD in Philosophy from Massey University in 2021.

FULBRIGHT US SCHOLARS AWARDS

These awards are for US academics, artists or professionals to lecture and/or conduct research in New Zealand for three to five months.

Eight US Scholars took up their awards in New Zealand this year.



KELLEY BARSANTI

Kelley Barsanti from Boulder, Colorado will research the linkages between fuels, fire behaviour, fire emissions, and air pollutant formation with the Rural Fire Research Group at Scion in Christchurch.

Kelley is a scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research, in the Atmospheric Chemistry Observations and Modeling Laboratory, in Boulder, Colorado.



JACQUALINE (JACKIE) GRANT

Jackie Grant from Cedar City, Utah will research native plant seed collection and cultural significance at the New Zealand Indigenous Flora Seed Bank at Massey University in Palmerston North.

Jackie is an Associate Professor in the Department of Geosciences and Museum Curator at Southern Utah University in Cedar City, Utah.



JESSICA HARDIN

Jessica Hardin from Staten Island, New York will research medical decision making in Samoan communities at the University of Auckland.

Jessica is an Assistant Professor at the Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, New York.



HANNAH JOHNSON

Hannah Johnson from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania will research rhetoric deployed against marginalised outgroups in Western history at the University of Otago.

Hannah is a Professor in the Department of English at the University of Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.



EMILY LEVESQUE

Emily Levesque from Seattle, Washington will research Thorne-Zytkow Objects and the evolution of binary massive stars at the University of Auckland.

Emily is an Associate Professor in the Department of Astronomy at the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington.



ROBIN PRICHARD

Robin Prichard from Munroe Falls, Ohio will research Aotearoa/ New Zealand Māori Dance and Decolonising Dance Education at the University of Auckland.

Robin is an Independent Scholar/Artist in the US and holds a BFA in Dance from State University of New York at Purchase and an MFA in Dance from the University of California, Los Angeles.



JOELLEN RUSSELL

Joellen Russell from Tucson, Arizona will help design the modelling framework to combine atmospheric and oceanic observations in order to provide near-real-time information about carbon dioxide emissions and uptake with scientists at the National Institute of Water and Air (NIWA) in Te Whanganui-a-Tara Wellington.

Joellen is a Distinguished Professor in the Department of Geosciences at the University of Arizona in Tucson, Arizona.



KATHARINE SUDING

Katharine Suding from Boulder, Colorado will research trajectories of biodiversity change at the University of Canterbury.

Katharine is a Distinguished Professor in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Colorado in Boulder, Colorado.

FULBRIGHT DISTINGUISHED AWARDS IN TEACHING FOR US TEACHERS

These awards are for highly accomplished US teachers in primary or secondary schooling to participate in an intensive professional development programme in New Zealand for three to five months with the Faculty of Education at Te Herenga Waka - Victoria University of Wellington.



EMILY JULIEN MUSTA

Emily Musta from Flagstaff, Arizona will research Ka Hikitia and culturally responsive and relational strategies for teachers at Te Herenga Waka - Victoria University of Wellington.

Emily is the Honours & AP Biology teacher at Flagstaff High School in Flagstaff, Arizona.



ANDREA RUIZORVIS

Andrea Ruizorvis from New York City, New York, will be researching the 'Teaching as Inquiry' framework, employed in the New Zealand public education system, at Te Herenga Waka - Victoria University of Wellington.

Andrea is a primary school teacher at Mott Haven Academy Charter School in the Bronx, New York.



IAN AXFORD (NEW ZEALAND) FELLOWSHIPS IN PUBLIC POLICY

These fellowships, offered by the Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowships Board and funded by various New Zealand government agencies, are for outstanding mid-career US professionals to research and gain first-hand experience of public policy in New Zealand for three to five months. Fulbright New Zealand administers these Fellowships on behalf of the Ian Axford Fellowship Board.

Two fellowships were granted this year.



SAM MULOPULOS

Sam Mulopulos from Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, U.S. Senate, will research 'Supply Chain Resiliency: A Comparative Analysis of Policy Solutions in New Zealand and the United States' while gaining experience at the Treasury and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade.



RACHEL WOLBERS

Rachel Wolbers from the Oversight Board (for Meta) will research 'Next Steps for the Christchurch Call to Action' while gaining experience at the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.



Above: Bonita Bigham (Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Award) with her installation 'Mātauranga Interrupted' at the Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth

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