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## Fulbright New Zealand

### Annual Report

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## Fulbright New Zealand Annual Report for the period 1 October 2006 - 30 September 2007

The Fulbright Programme was an initiative of US Senator J. William Fulbright to promote international understanding through educational and cultural exchanges between the US and other countries. He believed the programme could play an important role in building a lasting world peace in the aftermath of World War II.

The New Zealand-United States Educational Foundation (now trading as Fulbright New Zealand) was established in 1948 through a bi-national treaty between the governments of the US and New Zealand.

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# The Fulbright Programme



J. William Fulbright as University of Arkansas President, ca. 1941  
Special Collections, University of Arkansas Libraries, Fayetteville

“We must try and expand the boundaries of human wisdom, empathy and perception, and there is no way of doing that except through education.”

Senator J. William Fulbright

## Founder of the Programme

Senator J. William Fulbright was born in Sumner, Missouri in 1905. He was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Arkansas in 1925 and then went to Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar, where he received his Master of Arts.

When he returned to the US, Fulbright studied law at George Washington University before working in the Justice Department and at the George Washington University Law School. In 1936 he returned to Arkansas to lecture in law. From 1939 to 1941 he was the President of the University of Arkansas (at that time the youngest university president in the country).

Fulbright was elected to the US House of Representatives in 1942 and entered Congress in January 1943, where he became a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee. He quickly came to national attention when the House adopted the Fulbright Resolution which supported US participation in what became the United Nations.

Fulbright served as a Senator for 29 years until 1974, becoming one of the most influential and best-known members of the Senate. His legislation to establish the Fulbright Programme of international exchange, initially funded by war reparations and foreign loan repayments, was passed in 1946.

In 1949 he became a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and was its longest serving chairman, from 1959 to 1974. After leaving the Senate he was a legal counsel in Washington and continued to actively support the international exchange programme that bears his name.

Senator Fulbright received numerous awards from governments, universities and educational organisations around the world, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom awarded by President Clinton in 1993.

He died on 9 February 1995 at his home in Washington, DC.

## History of the Programme

The Fulbright Programme has been described as one of the largest and most significant movements of scholars across the face of the earth.

In Senator Fulbright's words, the 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.” This goal has always been as important to the programme as individual scholarship.

The New Zealand-United States Educational Foundation (now trading as Fulbright New Zealand) was set up in 1948 to administer the Fulbright Programme in New Zealand. New Zealand was the fifth country to join the programme, and is now one of over 150 participating countries. Fulbright New Zealand receives funding from both the US and New Zealand governments.

Since 1948 more than 1,300 New Zealanders and 1,100 Americans have received Fulbright awards under the New Zealand programme. Worldwide, the Fulbright Programme has assisted more than 300,000 people from over 190 countries to study, research and teach abroad.

The programme has produced numerous remarkable alumni internationally, many of whom have gone on to make significant contributions to scholarly knowledge and public life.

# Chair's Report



Tēnā koutou katoa, and welcome to the Fulbright New Zealand Annual Report for 2007. I was elected Chairperson of Fulbright New Zealand at the March 2007 Board meeting, taking over from Suzanne Snively. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Board to acknowledge the outstanding contribution Suzanne made in her seven years as Chairperson.

Under Suzanne Snively's watch the number of Fulbright grants available per year increased by almost 50% from 40 to 58. The annual budget of our programme increased by a similar margin from NZ\$1.88 million to NZ\$2.7 million, thanks to increased government funding and the development of new partnerships with like-minded organisations. As a Fulbright alumna Suzanne has been, and continues to be, a passionate advocate for our programme, and I look forward to continuing that tradition.

I would also like to acknowledge the contribution of Stephen Levine who left the Board in March after three years of service. Stephen was replaced by Scott Optican from the University of Auckland.

The year under review saw Fulbright New Zealand conclude the final year of our 2003-2007 Strategic Plan. Key features of that plan had been to strengthen Fulbright New Zealand's position as the leading provider of financial assistance and logistical support to outstanding Americans and New Zealanders who wish to study, research or lecture in each other's countries; to expand the funding base for the New Zealand Fulbright programme; and to enhance public awareness of the activities of Fulbright New Zealand and the prestige of its programmes. All of these have been successfully addressed over the period and the gains consolidated in 2006-2007.

The expansion in the number of awards enabled Fulbright to make a significantly greater contribution to the educational interchange between New Zealand and the United States and to enhance its profile in the tertiary community such that there were substantially increased numbers of applicants from both countries this year.

It was a great pleasure to award the John F Kennedy Memorial Fellowship to Frances Hesselbein, the first Fellow in many years, and to select another Fellow, Joseph Stiglitz, for 2008. We are proud to administer this generous fund which brings such prestigious American figures to New Zealand. The Kennedy Fellowship programme and the Ian Axford, Eisenhower and Harkness Fellowships give Fulbright a much wider reach than would otherwise be possible.

Our financial position continues to be strong, despite volatility in the foreign currency exchange. We strive to achieve a balanced partnership between the two countries and are deeply grateful for the support of both governments for their financial and other support of Fulbright New Zealand. I would like to thank the New Zealand Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Research, Science and Technology and Education, the American Ambassador, US and New Zealand government officials, sponsors and supporters of our programme. The combined endeavours of this very wide team have enabled Fulbright New Zealand to grow significantly over the last five years. We believe we can improve on this in the next five years and to this end we have established a new External Relations Committee to focus on developing our relationships with alumni, stakeholders and potential partners.

I would like to acknowledge the contribution of my fellow Board members. Their work on the main Board, Board subcommittees, selection committees and as enthusiastic promoters of NZ-US relations in general and Fulbright in particular, adds significantly to the effectiveness of what is essentially a small operation. I acknowledge in particular

Barbara Johnson, Deputy Chairperson and Jock Phillips, Treasurer.

2008 marks the 60th year of the New Zealand Fulbright programme, and planning has begun for a major conference which will be the centrepiece of our 60th Anniversary celebrations next year. In partnership with the University of Auckland, the conference will focus on 'Creative Partnerships' in all fields of academia, and we look forward to celebrating the success of our programme and showcasing its many talented participants.

At the conclusion of the year the Board and staff worked together to develop a new five-year Strategic Plan for 2008-2012. The five broad goals we have set ourselves are to:

- *Increase the Opportunities for Educational Exchange*

Fulbright New Zealand aims to grow its programme in size and diversity. We will implement strategies to increase funding for new awards and to increase the diversity of awards and candidates.

- *Provide an Outstanding Fulbright Experience*

We will provide excellent educational exchange opportunities by giving high quality service to applicants and grantees throughout the Fulbright award process and facilitating positive experiences for grantees on their exchanges.

- *Strengthen the Fulbright Network*

We will continue to develop strong and positive partnerships, relationships and networks with alumni and key stakeholders. We will implement strategies to raise our reputation and profile in New Zealand and the US, and develop a stronger alumni programme.

- *Broaden our Sphere of Influence*

We will increase our participation and influence in the New Zealand and US tertiary education sectors, and in the New Zealand policy arena of international education relating to the US.

- *Demonstrate Leadership and Innovation*

The Board and Staff of Fulbright New Zealand will demonstrate leadership and innovation in the way we govern, manage and deliver services. We will manage our financial, administrative and human resources effectively.

We believe the work programme that sits under this new plan will enable Fulbright New Zealand to continue to honour Senator J. William Fulbright's vision of increased mutual understanding between our two countries through educational exchange.

In conclusion I would like to thank Mele Wendt and the staff for providing a high quality service and demonstrating a strong commitment to Fulbright New Zealand. Their successes are measured in this report, and appreciated by us all.

Ruth Harley, Chair of the Board



# Board Members and Staff



**L TO R (BACK):** Roy Glover, Richard Nelson, Scott Optican, Rob McIntosh, Carl Worker, Stephen Jacobi, David Keegan, Jock Phillips  
**FRONT:** Suzanne Snively, Mele Wendt, Ruth Harley, Barbara Johnson  
**ABSENT:** Charles Royal



**L TO R (BACK):** Kara Wood, Theresa Taylor, Andy Mitchell, Maree Yong, Kameswari Vanka  
**FRONT:** Val Leach, Mele Wendt, Rae Holdsworth, Peggy Trampusch

## Fulbright New Zealand Board

### Honorary Chairs

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## Staff

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Theresa Taylor	Programme Administrator (Testing, Advising and Events)
Peggy Trampusch	Programme and Advising Team Leader (until March 2007)
Kameswari Vanka	Programme Administrator
Kara Wood	Programme Manager and Educational Adviser
Maree Yong	Accountant

# Executive Director's Report



Tēnā koutou katoa, talofa lava and warm Fulbright greetings. With the deaths this year of such esteemed alumni as Professor Alan MacDiarmid, Dame Marie Clay and Dame Jean Herbison, we were reminded that the Fulbright programme has already touched a lifetime of participants. As we approach our 60th Anniversary in 2008, we look forward to celebrating the success and achievements of our programme and its many participants.

Professor Alan MacDiarmid was one of the earliest participants in the New Zealand Fulbright programme, awarded a Fulbright New Zealand Graduate Award in 1950 to complete his PhD at the University of Wisconsin. He is one of our programme's most well known alumni, and indeed one of New Zealand's most well known scientists, having shared the 2000 Nobel Prize in Chemistry with colleagues Alan Heeger and Hideki Shirakawa for the discovery and development of electrically-conductive plastics. That achievement stands as but one vivid example of Professor MacDiarmid's career-long dedication to collaboration across borders, which began, of course, with his own Fulbright exchange to the US.

In 2001, the year after receiving his Nobel Prize, MacDiarmid returned to visit New Zealand as something of a national hero. Included in the busy schedule for his visit was a speech at the year's Fulbright Awards Presentation Ceremony, in which he said:

"I really cannot say, cannot express adequately, how grateful I am to the Fulbright programme... If it were not for the Fulbright fellowship I would certainly not have had the good fortune of obtaining a Nobel Prize, and I would probably never have left New Zealand. Certainly I think we all owe a great deal of gratitude to Senator Fulbright - his programme, I think, is conceptually one of the world's greatest education programmes to have been started."

Our programme year began in October 2006 with an alumni lecture from two more of our notable New Zealand alumni - writers Ngahua Te Awakotuku and Tusiata Avia. American alumni Mufi Hannemann, Mayor of Honolulu, and academic Kehaulani Kauanui visited us in New Zealand and also delivered alumni lectures.

In November we were delighted to hear that Irene Ballagh from Dunedin had been selected for one of the Fulbright programme's major new International Fulbright Science and Technology Awards, which are billed as the US government's most prestigious and valuable education scholarships and hotly contested among Fulbright commissions worldwide. Irene became a second generation Fulbrighter in the process, and we know her father Rob Ballagh is as proud of her as we are.

Also in November, selections for The Commonwealth Fund's Harkness Fellowships were held in Wellington, with Shane Reti and Rhema Vaithianathan selected as 2007/2008 Fellows. Our annual Thanksgiving dinner hosted by US Ambassador Bill McCormick and his wife Gail was a lovely way for US Graduate Students to wrap up their year in New Zealand, as always.

In February 2007 Stuart Middleton from Auckland was chosen to represent New Zealand in the Fulbright New Century Scholars programme, another major international programme that we were thrilled to successfully nominate a candidate for. Also this year we successfully nominated two candidates for the US Department of State's Study of the United States Institutes (Roydon Agent and Chris van der Krogt) and had New Zealand academic and Fulbright alumnus Oneroa Stewart chosen for the Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Programme. These extra awards increase the number of opportunities available for exchange between New Zealand and the US, and we will continue to pursue them vigorously in future.

In February we welcomed 19 new American grantees and their families to New Zealand with a week-long orientation programme featuring a number of Wellington-based alumni who we were grateful to involve. In late March the Fulbright New Zealand Board had its first meeting of the year, at which officers of the Board were elected. Fulbright alumna Ruth Harley was elected as Chair, having already served more than 10 years on the Board. She replaced Suzanne Snively who remains on the Board and has herself served the Board for over a decade (seven years as Chair!) and remains a dedicated member. Barbara Johnson, an American immigration attorney from Auckland, was elected as Deputy Chair. Jock Phillips was re-elected as Treasurer and also marked 10 years of service to the Board this year. The dedication of these people is truly exemplary, and I cannot thank them enough for their contributions and leadership.

The remainder of 2007 was as busy as ever. Our Outreach Tour in May 2007 took in more New Zealand campuses and had more attendees than ever before, and we held alumni functions in many centres along the way. Our Awards Presentation Ceremony at Parliament in June was likewise our biggest yet, both in terms of grantees recognised and people attending. We are thrilled that our programmes keep growing, and look forward to continuing that pattern in future. Indeed, the Fulbright New Zealand Board has identified increasing opportunities for educational exchange as the first priority in its Strategic Plan for the next five year years. This plan will be published shortly.

The Board met four times during the year and its various subcommittees, including newly-established committees dedicated to improving external relations and steering planning of our 60th anniversary celebrations in 2008, each met several times also. On the staff we farewelled Peggy Tramosch, our well-liked Programme and Advising Team Leader, in March 2007, and welcomed her replacement Rae Holdsworth in April. Overall it was a busy and productive period with staff working with huge commitment and purpose. Feedback from grantees was extremely positive about the services received and their overall experiences.

I would like to thank all members of staff, the Board, alumni and friends whose commitment to this awesome programme is unwavering and very much appreciated. We also sincerely thank all those who provide financial support especially the American and New Zealand governments and other sponsoring agencies and individuals.



**Mele Wendt, Executive Director**

# Graduate Student Programme

The Fulbright Graduate Student Programme enables New Zealand graduate students to go to the US and American graduate students to come to New Zealand to undertake postgraduate study or research. Applicants are selected on the basis of academic excellence, personal and ambassadorial qualities and the feasibility and benefits of their proposed projects.

## Fulbright New Zealand Graduate Awards

With the exception of the three year International Fulbright Science and Technology Awards and two year Fulbright-Platinum Triangle Scholarship in Entrepreneurship, Fulbright New Zealand Graduate Awards fund grantees towards one year of study or research in the US. Fulbright grantees generally have no difficulty winning places in top US universities and attracting the balance of their requisite funding from these institutions.

All New Zealand grantees travelling to the US attend a three day predeparture programme in Wellington in June, and enrichment programmes while in the US.

## International Fulbright Science and Technology Awards

A new programme introduced in 2007, International Fulbright Science and Technology Awards are granted for PhD study at top US universities in fields of science, technology or engineering. The awards fully fund three years of PhD study, with the grantee's host institution funding the remaining two years of study. Nominations are accepted from any participating countries in the Fulbright exchange programme, and the winners selected by open and rigorous competition. 25 awards were offered in the inaugural year of competition, and 119 nominations were submitted by 70 countries. Fulbright New Zealand was successful in nominating Irene Ballagh (a standout applicant for our Ministry of Research, Science and Technology Graduate Awards) for one of the awards.

The International Fulbright Science and Technology Awards programme was expanded to offer 40 awards internationally for 2008. Fulbright New Zealand received eight applications and nominated two candidates for the awards.

## Fulbright-Platinum Triangle Scholarship in Entrepreneurship

The Fulbright-Platinum Triangle Scholarship in Entrepreneurship is granted for study in a knowledge economy-related field, and is valued at US\$100,000 plus travel expenses. In addition, it includes an internship in the US and employment or start-up capital opportunities upon the recipient's return to New Zealand. Five applications were received for the 2008 scholarship and one recipient selected.

We acknowledge the support of the Ministry of Education and a number of private donors in making this award possible.

## Fulbright-Ministry of Research, Science and Technology Graduate Awards

Fulbright-Ministry of Research, Science and Technology Graduate

Awards are granted for study or research in areas targeted to support growth and innovation in New Zealand, and are valued at up to US\$25,000 plus travel expenses. 26 applications were received for 2008 awards and 10 recipients selected.

We acknowledge the support of the Ministry of Research, Science and Technology in making these awards possible.

## Fulbright-EQC Graduate Award in Natural Disaster Research

The Fulbright-EQC Graduate Award in Natural Disaster Research is granted for study or research in the field of natural disaster research, and is valued at up to US\$25,000 plus travel expenses. Three applications were received for 2008 awards and two recipients selected.

We acknowledge the support of the Earthquake Commission in making this award possible.

## Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Awards

Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Awards are granted for study or research in any field, and are valued at up to US\$25,000 plus travel expenses. 43 applications were received for 2008 awards and eight recipients selected.

## Supplementary Awards

Fulbright New Zealand offers two supplementary awards for New Zealand graduate students. The Robin W. and Avril Flockton Winks Award, sponsored by The Lois Roth Endowment, provides US\$1,500 towards research costs and book purchases to a student in the field of humanities and/or social sciences. Two awards were granted this year, to Ben Steele and Georgina White.

The Sir Wallace Rowling Memorial Award provides US\$2,500 towards the cost of taking up an internship in Washington, DC for a student in the field of political science, international relations, journalism or international law. One award was granted this year, to Chye-Ching Huang.

## Fulbright US Graduate Awards

Fulbright US Graduate Awards are granted for study or research in any field, and provide full tuition fees, a cost of living stipend and travel expenses for one year in New Zealand. 94 applications were received for 2008 awards, and ten awards granted.

All American grantees travelling to New Zealand attend a week-long orientation in Wellington in February, a mid-year report back in June and Thanksgiving dinner and a year-end report back in November.



# New Zealand Graduate Students



**L TO R (BACK):** Ross McGurk, Shane Geange, Kenji Sumida, Toni Moyes, Simon Consedine, Kyle Lin, Andy Wood  
**MIDDLE:** Tom Algie, Ulric Ferner, Mark Wheldon, Charlotte Brown, Phillip Hall, Ryan Higgs, Brian Walters, Richard Conroy  
**FRONT:** Ben Steele, Leigh Parker, Rachel Liebert, Georgina White, Chye-Ching Huang, Saeeda Verrall, Sarah Hill, Alex Dunayev

The following students commenced Fulbright grants this year:

## International Fulbright Science and Technology Awards

**Irene Ballagh** from Dunedin is completing a PhD in Neuroscience, specialising in the role of synaptic plasticity in learning and memory, at Columbia University in New York.

## Fulbright-Platinum Triangle Scholarship in Entrepreneurship

**Alex Dunayev** from Auckland is completing a Master of Business Administration degree at Stanford University in Stanford, California.

## Fulbright-Ministry of Research, Science and Technology Graduate Awards

**Tom Algie** from Auckland is researching geotechnical earthquake engineering at the University of California, Davis towards a PhD in Engineering from the University of Auckland.

**Richard Conroy** from Hamilton is researching image sensor technology for 3D imaging at Canesta Inc in Sunnyvale, California towards a PhD in Engineering from the University of Waikato.

**Simon Consedine** from Wellington is completing a Master of Laws degree specialising in energy law at Columbia University in New York.

**Ulric Ferner** from Auckland is completing a Master of Science degree and PhD in Engineering, specialising in information systems and wireless communications, at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge.

**Shane Geange** from Hawera is researching interactions in reef fish communities at the University of Florida in Gainesville, towards a PhD in Marine Ecology from Victoria University of Wellington.

**Phillip Hall** from Dunedin is completing a PhD in Psychology, specialising in neuroeconomics, at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

**Ryan Higgs** from Hamilton is completing a Master of Science degree in Animal Science, specialising in dairy production and nutrition, at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York.

**Kyle Lin** from Auckland is completing a Master of Science degree in Engineering, specialising in financial engineering and risk management, at Stanford University in Stanford, California.

**Ross McGurk** from Christchurch is researching the application

of Monte Carlo techniques to optimise radiation beam therapy at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

**Toni Moyes** from Tauranga is completing a Master of Laws degree specialising in energy policy and law at New York University.

**Kenji Sumida** from Rotorua is completing a PhD in Chemistry, specialising in inorganic and physical chemistry, at the University of California, Berkeley.

**Brian Walters** from Wellington is completing a Master of Science degree in Financial Mathematics, specialising in computational finance, at Florida State University in Tallahassee.

**Mark Wheldon** from Christchurch is completing a PhD in Statistics, specialising in statistical genetics, at the University of Washington in Seattle.

**Andy Wood** from Auckland is researching new treatments for neuroblastoma at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

## Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Awards

**Charlotte Brown** from Hamilton is completing a Master of Laws degree specialising in human rights and media law at Columbia University in New York.

**Sarah Hill** from Wellington is completing a PhD in Public Health, specialising in social epidemiology, at Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts.

**Chye-Ching Huang** from Auckland is completing a Master of Laws degree specialising in constitutional law and economic regulation at Columbia University in New York.

**Rachel Liebert** from Auckland is completing a PhD in Social Welfare, specialising in critical mental health, at Stony Brook University in Stony Brook, New York.

**Leigh Parker** from Palmerston North is completing a Master of Design degree at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

**Ben Steele** from Wellington is completing a Master of Arts degree in Anthropology, specialising in indigenous rights and treaty issues, at Columbia University in New York.

**Saeeda Verrall** from Te Anau is completing a Master of Laws degree specialising in public interest law at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

**Georgina White** from Wellington is completing a Master of Arts degree in Museum Studies at New York University.

# US Graduate Students



**L TO R (BACK):** Willie Franco, Kenny Gillingham, Amanda Cravens, Becky Hamner, Tiffany Rinne  
**FRONT:** Drew Shipley, Shaw Gargis, Amy Fowler, Dana Greenfield, Emily Howard

## Fulbright US Graduate Awards

**Amanda Cravens** from Loveland, Colorado is completing a Master of Arts degree in Geography, specialising in the history of South Island mountain tourism, at the University of Canterbury.

**Amy Fowler** from Memphis, Tennessee is completing a Master of Science degree in Marine Science, specialising in the threat of invasive species to native biodiversity, at the University of Auckland.

**Willie Franco** from San Diego, California is completing a Master of Fine Arts degree in Installation Art at Massey University in Wellington.

**Shaw Gargis** from Muscle Shoals, Alabama is researching the mechanism of Zoonin A resistance at the University of Otago, towards a PhD in Biology from the University of Alabama.

**Kenny Gillingham** from Stanford, California completed a Master of Arts degree in Economics, specialising in the economics of solar power in New Zealand, at the University of Auckland.

**Dana Greenfield** from New York is completing a Postgraduate Certificate in Gender Studies, specialising in medical management of intersex, at the University of Canterbury.

**Becky Hamner** from Rochester, New York is completing a Master of Science degree in Biology, specialising in the major histocompatibility complex of cetaceans, at the University of Auckland.

**Emily Howard** from Dodge City, Kansas is completing a Master of Arts degree in Political Science, specialising in media coverage of biopharming, at the University of Canterbury.

**Tiffany Rinne** from Athens, Georgia is completing a Master of Arts degree in Political Science, specialising in cross-cultural meanings of genetically modified food technology, at the University of Canterbury.

**Drew Shipley** from Portland, Oregon is researching sociocultural identities at Victoria University of Wellington.



### Toni Moyes

Fulbright-Ministry of Research, Science and Technology Graduate Award recipient Toni Moyes from Tauranga is completing a Master of Laws degree specialising in energy policy and law at New York University.

I still can't quite believe my luck to be studying at one of America's finest law schools and living in one of the world's coolest urban locations at the same time. Manhattan-dwellers tend to think of their island as the centre of the universe. Many residents of Greenwich Village, the home of New York University School of Law, feel especially smug about their charmingly quirky neighbourhood – and I count myself as one. It's the kind of place that

changes your perspective.

The Master of Laws programme at NYU Law has absolutely exceeded my high expectations. Against the vibrant political, cultural and social backdrop of New York City, the school is a hub for some of the world's best scholars and makes for a rigorous and stimulating academic environment. It provides fantastic opportunities for me to pursue my interest in international and environmental legal issues, particularly in relation to climate change, both in and out of the class room. Last semester I had the special fortune to report for the United Nations Secretary General's Global Colloquium of University Presidents focusing on climate change, at which I got to meet UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon.

I'm very excited about my Spring 2008 program, including continued research greenhouse gas emissions trading, and also about attending a Fulbright enrichment seminar in San Antonio, Texas! Above all, it is the people attracted to this special place that make the experience. I look forward to further developing my relationships with the faculty and my many new friends from all over the world during the upcoming months. My only fear is that it will be over too quickly!

# Senior Scholar Programme

The Fulbright Senior Scholar Programme enables New Zealand academics, artists and professionals to visit the US and American academics, artists and professionals to visit New Zealand to undertake research, share their specialist knowledge and participate in collaborative projects.

## Fulbright New Zealand Senior Scholar Awards

Fulbright New Zealand Senior Scholar Awards are for New Zealand artists, academics or professionals to pursue research or practical experience in the US for three to five months, and are valued at up to US\$32,500 plus travel expenses. 14 applications were received this year and five awards granted for 2008.

## Fulbright Visiting Lectureships in New Zealand Studies

Fulbright Visiting Lectureships in New Zealand Studies are for New Zealand academics to teach New Zealand Studies and conduct research at Georgetown University in Washington, DC for one semester, and are valued at up to US\$32,500 plus travel expenses. Two applications were received this year and two awards granted for 2008.

## Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Pacific Writer's Residency

The Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Pacific Writer's Residency is for a New Zealand writer in any genre to carry out work on an approved creative writing project exploring Pacific identity, culture or history at the University of Hawai'i for three months, and is valued at NZ\$30,000. Nine applications were received this year and the award granted to Sārona Aiono-Iosefa.

We acknowledge the support of Creative New Zealand in making this award possible.

## Fulbright New Zealand Travel Awards

Fulbright New Zealand Travel Awards are for New Zealand academics, artists and professionals to visit the US for 10 to 90 days in order to present papers at conferences and/or deliver lectures in the US from a New Zealand perspective, and are valued at up to NZ\$5,000. 38 applications were received this year and 15 awards granted.

## Fulbright New Century Scholars Programme

The Fulbright New Century Scholars Programme brings together 30 outstanding research scholars and professionals from the US and around the world to engage in multidisciplinary collaboration on a topic of substantial global significance. Fulbright New Zealand was successful in nominating Stuart Middleton to take part in this year's programme addressing the topic of "Higher Education in the 21st Century: Access and Equity."

## Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Programme

The Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Programme is for US academic institutions that otherwise have limited opportunities to participate in the Fulbright Scholar Programme to host New Zealand academics to teach for one semester or full academic year, and are valued at up to US\$29,000 plus travel expenses. One New Zealand academic was selected as a Scholar-in-Residence this year.



### Oneroa Stewart

Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Oneroa Stewart from Tauranga is assisting with research and teaching in education, language, cultural and social sciences at Georgia Southwestern State University in Americus, Georgia.

My wife and I left Tauranga in the middle of July and arrived in this small southern cotton and peanuts town where the temperature went over 40 degrees celsius everyday. But maybe that was not so hard to get used to as the local Southern drawl, and checking for rattle snakes and raccoon holes around the back yard.

The university here is situated in over 250 acres of beautiful parkland and has a roll of

two and a half thousand students of whom most are from rural Georgia, with very few having been outside of the state let alone the US. In contrast the staff is mainly international giving the students a much wider perspective on their tertiary experience. My wife teaches a Russian language and culture class and quickly made friends with four other Russian professors. It's a long walk from one side of the campus to the other, made even longer by the local and obligatory custom of having to say "how-ya'all" to everyone you pass.

I myself am kept busy teaching multicultural and teacher preparation classes. It is really great to venture out into the far countryside to visit so many rural schools and see the "real Georgia" where very subtle forms of segregation still exist. Churches, schools and suburbs seem to be either black or white.

Once people know you are here the invitations flood in from the neighbouring colleges. I have been kept very busy by various budding academics dropping me off research papers to critique. The chance to mentor so many graduate students is something I have enjoyed the most.

Apart from everyone cooking with heaps of chillies the other big problem is deer running over the road. After so many close calls when driving, the inevitable happened. Not a scratch on us but one very dead deer and a totalled "automobile". Now after one semester here we are on the move North to Clayton State University near Atlanta.

Ngā mihi aroha ki a koutou i Aotearoa.

## Fulbright US Senior Scholar Awards

Fulbright US Senior Scholar Awards are for American artists, academics or professionals to pursue research or practical experience in New Zealand for three to five months, and are valued at up to NZ\$32,500 plus travel expenses. 29 applications were received this year and five awards granted for 2008.

## Fulbright Senior Specialist Awards

Fulbright Senior Specialist Awards are for New Zealand academic institutions to host US academics, artists or professionals for lectures, seminars, workshops, conferences or symposiums for two to six weeks, and are valued at up to NZ\$8,400 plus travel expenses. 17 applications were received this year and seven awards granted.



**Pam Chasek**

Fulbright US Senior Scholar Pam Chasek from Manhattan College researched Pacific regional responses to environmental challenges at Victoria University of Wellington.

My time in Wellington was awesome! I brought the entire family with me and the kids got to experience the New Zealand primary school system at Kelburn Normal School and my husband cycled the country in between business trips.

While my research focused on the small islands of the South Pacific, some of the best human and written resources on this subject

are found in New Zealand and my six months in Wellington enabled me to connect with some of the best governmental and academic experts in the field. During my stay I was able to interview over 30 people in New Zealand, Australia, Fiji and Samoa about the challenges that the Pacific islands face in implementing their international environmental treaty commitments.

While in Wellington, I also was able to contribute to work that the Institute for Policy Studies was doing on climate change. I participated in a series of roundtable discussions on New Zealand's objectives for post-2012 (after the Kyoto Protocol's first commitment period) and contributed to a book published in November 2007 – Towards a New Global Climate Treaty: Looking Beyond 2012.

My research in New Zealand has given me new understanding about the South Pacific and the influential roles of both New Zealand and Australia in environmental and developmental politics in the region. This has enabled me to bring new examples and case studies into my teaching of international studies at Manhattan College in New York as well as giving me a greater understanding about the realities in small developing countries in my parallel work at the United Nations.



**Phil Sheard**

Fulbright New Zealand Senior Scholar Phil Sheard from the University of Otago researched nerve cell connectivity patterns at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

My year as a Fulbright scholar in Boston went fantastically well. At Harvard University I had access to the best resources on the planet and shared them with people who know how to get the most from them.

I achieved a great deal and the new results will contribute significantly to our understanding of how cells in the developing nervous system make their decisions about which connections

to retain and which to relinquish. I had the opportunity to share my expertise with my American colleagues and my presence helped them advance a number of causes. I'm certain our mutual interests and complimentary knowledge and expertise will lead to ongoing research collaboration.

My family enjoyed the marvellous opportunity to spend a year in the American system, seeing the world from a different perspective and being fascinated by both the similarities and the differences. The Boston Fulbright committee ran a rich social and cultural programme that saw us at soirees, art galleries, live theatre, historic tours and visits, and a memorable dinner cruise on Boston's Charles River. We took over 4,000 photos, many of which are still being collated. We have treasured memories and have made many good friends.

It was a privilege to be in the US as a Fulbright New Zealand Senior Scholar, to tell our new friends about our country and to find out about theirs.



**Bob McElvaine**

Fulbright US Senior Scholar Bob McElvaine from Millsaps College researched the influence of the US New Deal model on New Zealand's handling of the Great Depression at the Alexander Turnbull Library in Wellington.

The three months my wife, Anne, and I spent in New Zealand was literally the time of our lives. We loved virtually every minute of it, as we did our side trip to Australia and Papua New Guinea, where I gave Fulbright-sponsored lectures at the University of Tasmania and the University of Papua New Guinea.

Wellington is a wonderful city and we enjoyed living downtown and walking everywhere.

What we learned about New Zealand and its people from the Fulbright orientation program, our travels and the people we met in all parts of the country was not only educational, but led us to truly identify with the country.

We made two trips to the South Island and were dazzled by the diverse beauty and the fact that excellent espresso drinks are available in the most out-of-the-way locations across the country. Although we have been to many countries around the world, New Zealand is now solidly our favourite.

In my research, I discovered that there were many more influences running in both directions between New Zealand and the United States than I had realised or that, to my knowledge, anyone else had realised. I am currently completing an article to be published in an academic journal.



# New Zealand Senior Scholars

The following scholars commenced Fulbright grants this year:

## Fulbright New Zealand Senior Scholar Awards

**Melani Anae** from the University of Auckland researched the Samoan diaspora and ethnic identity at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in Honolulu.

**Penny Brothers** from the University of Auckland is researching the use of porphyrins for hydrogen storage and beryllium sensing at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico.

**Matthew Palmer** from Wellington is researching comparative indigenous peoples' rights at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut.

**Phil Sheard** from the University of Otago researched nerve cell connectivity patterns at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

## Fulbright Visiting Lectureships in New Zealand Studies

**Tom Ryan** from the University of Waikato taught New Zealand Studies and conducted research at Georgetown University in Washington, DC for the University's Fall semester.

## Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Pacific Writer's Residency

**Sārona Aiono-Iosefa** from Christchurch is finishing a teenage novella entitled *O Se Mea e Tatau* at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in Honolulu.

## Fulbright New Zealand Travel Awards

**Karen Barbour** from the University of Waikato presented a paper at the Congress on Research in Dance's 38th Annual Conference in Tempe, Arizona.

**Jacqueline Beggs** from the University of Auckland presented a paper evaluating the success of a community restoration project on Motuora Island at the 2007 joint meeting of the Ecological Society of America and the Society for Ecological Restoration International in San Jose, California.

**Sally Davenport** from Victoria University of Wellington attended the Entrepreneurship Development Program at the MIT Sloan School of Management in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

**Grant Davidson** from the Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre of New Zealand presented a workshop at the Association of Experiential Education's 34th Annual Conference in St. Paul, Minnesota.

**Deborah Fraser** from Hamilton gave a presentation on non-verbal ways of knowing at the University of Chicago at Urbana-Champaign.

**Jordy Hendrikx** from NIWA presented a paper at the 2006 International Snow Science Workshop in Telluride, Colorado.

**Janet Jennings** from Macleans College presented a paper on the integration of drama into the New Zealand secondary school curriculum at the Drama Across the Curriculum and Beyond conference at New York University's Steinhardt School of Culture, Education and Human Development.

**Kate Kearins** from Auckland University of Technology gave presentations on business sustainability at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the Academy of Management in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

**Geoff Lealand** from the University of Waikato participated in an Alliance for a Media Literate America (AMLA) Research Summit and conducted a workshop on teaching media in New Zealand high schools and universities at the AMLA's 2007 National Media Education Conference in St Louis, Missouri.

**Sarah-Jane Paine** from Massey University presented a paper on sleep and circadian rhythms at the 21st Annual Meeting of the Associated Professional Sleep Societies in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

**James Russell** from the University of Auckland presented the findings of his research into the invasion ecology of rats at the University of Hawai'i's Rats, Humans and Their Impact on Islands conference in Honolulu.

**Christine Todoroki** from Ensis Wood Processing gave a presentation on maximising benefits from oval logs at the Forest Growth and Timber Quality conference in Portland, Oregon.

## Fulbright New Century Scholars Programme

**Stuart Middleton** from Manukau Institute of Technology is participating in a programme on the theme of Higher Education in the 21st Century: Access and Equity. He will research the challenge of diversity and increasing access, retention and success in higher education at the University of California, Berkeley.

## Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Programme

Georgia Southwestern State University in Americus, Georgia is hosting **Oneroa Stewart** from Tauranga, who is assisting with research and teaching in education, language, cultural and social sciences.

# US Senior Scholars

## Fulbright US Senior Scholars

**Pam Chasek** from Manhattan College researched Pacific regional responses to environmental challenges at Victoria University of Wellington.

**Doug Creed** from the University of Rhode Island researched New Zealand's response to the US model for workplace diversity management at Victoria University of Wellington.

**Tom Egnew** from University of Washington developed a doctor-patient relationship curriculum for the University of Otago.

**Beth Jakob** from the University of Massachusetts Amherst researched the behaviour of jumping spiders at the University of Canterbury.

**Bob McElvaine** from Millsaps College researched the influence of the US New Deal model on New Zealand's handling of the Great Depression at the Alexander Turnbull Library in Wellington.

## Fulbright Senior Specialists

Auckland University of Technology hosted **Peter Dorfman** from New Mexico State University, who gave presentations about the Global Leadership and Organisational Behaviour Effectiveness project.

Auckland University of Technology hosted **Julie Ellison** from the University of Michigan, who was a keynote speaker at the 2007 Congress of the Council for the Humanities in Wellington.

The University of Waikato hosted **Linda Levine Madori** from St Thomas Aquinas College, who lectured and conducted workshops on recreational therapies for the aged.

Auckland University of Technology hosted **Pauline Oliveros** from San Francisco, California, who performed at the 2007 Alt.Music Festival in Auckland.

The University of Waikato hosted **Bill Swagerty** from the University of the Pacific, who gave lectures and lead seminars and workshops on environmental history.

Auckland University of Technology hosted **Howard Zehr** from Eastern Mennonite University, who assisted with curriculum development, gave lectures, lead seminars and developed a research plan for the University's new Restorative Justice Centre.



### Roydon Agent

**Roydon Agent** from Kamo High School participated in a six week Study of the United States Institute for Secondary Educators at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

My time in the US on the six week Study of the United States Institute was a life-changing experience. The major highlight was the lecture and tour components associated with the 1950s-1960s Civil Rights Movement. The lecturers were exceptional, not only in the delivery of their lectures, but also in accommodating questions and perspectives from people from a variety of cultures and backgrounds on the US's role in the world today.

A major reason for my applying for the Institute was to do research for a Year 11 and Year 12 text book on the Civil Rights Movement for New Zealand schools. The most beneficial aspect of my research was being exposed to scholarship outside the traditional narrative that New Zealand students are exposed to and this has whet my appetite to dig deeper and to write a book that gets students to adopt a more thoughtful, investigative, less traditional approach to the subject; in other words, to think outside the square.

Certainly I am more informed on matters US, am following the present elections with greater interest, and am more confident in bringing this into the class room. For example in a new course we are running at school called 'Global Studies' my students will be following the US elections throughout the year.



### Matt Nice

**Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellow in Public Policy Matt Nice** from the Multnomah County Department of County Management compared outcomes of legislation on methamphetamine use in New Zealand and the US at New Zealand Police.

My hosts at National Police Headquarters, the National Drug Intelligence Bureau and Massey University were generous with their time, expertise and support of this world-class fellowship.

The fellowship was an amazing opportunity to work alongside talented experts dealing with many of the same challenges that we face in

the United States, and which are increasingly globally. My work resulted in a detailed outcome-based analysis of New Zealand's methamphetamine markets over time, contrasted market changes with various drug policies, and provided a basis for future policy discussions and direction.

The knowledge and experience gained during my fellowship was directly relevant to my applied drug and crime research in Oregon. The Kiwis' pragmatic, no nonsense approach to social issues was refreshing when compared with the often value-laden American approach.

The personal and professional growth I experienced will be invaluable as I embark on my next challenge monitoring the global synthetic drug markets trends with a team of experts at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in Vienna, Austria.

# Other Fellowships and Awards

Fulbright New Zealand administers a range of other exchange programmes between New Zealand and the US on behalf of their various agencies.

## Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowships in Public Policy

Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowships in Public Policy are for outstanding mid-career American professionals to study public policy in New Zealand for six months, and are valued at up to NZ\$39,000 plus travel expenses. Fulbright New Zealand administers the Ian Axford Fellowship programme on behalf of the Board of the Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowships in Public Policy.

The Ian Axford Fellows for 2007 were:

- **Fiona Alexander** from US Department of Commerce, who researched regulation of the Information and Communications Technology sector to encourage broadband uptake at the Ministry of Economic Development.
- **Ann Morse** from the National Conference of State Legislatures, who compared perspectives of immigration and integration in New Zealand and the US at the Department of Labour.
- **Matt Nice** from the Multnomah County Department of County Management, who compared outcomes of legislation on methamphetamine use in New Zealand and the US at New Zealand Police.

The findings of their fellowships are published in reports downloadable from the Fulbright New Zealand website.

We acknowledge the support of the 22 New Zealand government agencies which fund these fellowships.

## Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy and Practice

Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy and Practice are for promising New Zealand health policy researchers and practitioners to conduct a policy-oriented research project and work with leading health policy experts in the US for seven to twelve months, and are valued at up to US\$95,000. Fulbright New Zealand administers the New Zealand selection and report-back process for Harkness Fellowships on behalf of the Commonwealth Fund of New York.

The Harkness Fellows for 2007 are:

- **Shane Reti** from Whangarei, who is researching patient access to electronic personal health records at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital and Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts.
- **Rhema Vaithianathan** from the University of Auckland, who is researching value-based insurance design for the uninsured at Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts.

## Eisenhower Fellowships

Eisenhower Fellowships are for emerging US leaders to visit New Zealand to meet with local experts in their field of study, and provide

travel and accommodation expenses and a cost of living stipend for four to eight weeks in New Zealand. Fulbright New Zealand organises fellows' schedules and supports them during their visits.

The Eisenhower Fellows for 2007 were:

- **Joe Guthrie** from Guthrie Farms, who researched funding of agricultural research and application of research findings in New Zealand.
- **Rick Sauer** from the Philadelphia Association of Community Development Corporations, who researched affordable housing, community development and sustainable neighbourhood revitalisation in New Zealand.

## John F Kennedy Memorial Fellowship

The John F Kennedy Memorial Fellowship is for New Zealand organisations and institutions to bring eminent Americans to New Zealand on high profile visits. Fulbright New Zealand administers the John F Kennedy Memorial Fellowship on behalf of the New Zealand government.

The Kennedy Fellow for 2007 was **Frances Hesselbein** from the Leader to Leader Institute, who was the keynote speaker at the Royal New Zealand Plunket Society's Centenary Conference in Dunedin.

## Study of the United States Institutes

Study of the United States Institutes are intensive, multinational, six week programmes for foreign secondary educators and university faculty with little or no experience in the US to deepen their understanding of American society, education, culture and politics. The awards cover the full costs of programme participation. Fulbright New Zealand nominates New Zealand candidates for Study of the United States Institutes to the US Department of State.

Two New Zealanders were selected to attend Study of the United States Institutes this year:

- **Roydon Agent** from Kamo High School participated in a six week Institute for Secondary Educators at the University of Illinois at Chicago.
- **Chris van der Krogt** from Massey University participated in a six week Institute on Religious Pluralism at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

# Events



## New Zealand Events

Esteemed Fulbright New Zealand alumnae Ngahua Te Awekotuku and Tusiata Avia spoke on the theme of 'Goddess: Mythic Women of the Pacific' at the National Library Auditorium in Wellington in October 2006 as part of our ongoing alumni lecture series.

In November the annual dinner for Harkness Fellowship in Health Care Policy and Practice fellows and alumni was held at the Wellesley Club in Wellington, with John Craig and Robin Osborn from the Commonwealth Fund of New York in attendance. At the dinner we announced and introduced the 2007 Harkness Fellows, Shane Reti and Rhema Vaithianathan.

Later that month the US Ambassador to New Zealand, William McCormick, and his wife Gail hosted a group of current Fulbright US Graduate Students, staff and Board members for our annual Thanksgiving dinner.

In February 2007 we welcomed 19 new American grantees to New Zealand with a week-long orientation programme in Wellington, which included seminars on New Zealand and Pacific history, culture, politics and people, an overnight stay at Waiwhetū Marae and visits to Te Papa museum, Otari-Wilton's Bush and Parliament.

In May we held another alumni lecture, this time featuring esteemed American Fulbright alumnus Mufi Hannemann, Mayor of Honolulu, who spoke at Victoria University of Wellington's Rutherford House.

2006 Harkness Fellow Rhys Jones reported the findings of his Fellowship research at a series of seminars during May at the University of Auckland, Fulbright New Zealand's offices in Wellington and the Christchurch School of Medicine and Health Services.

Throughout May we held alumni functions in Hamilton, Dunedin and Christchurch, whilst visiting these centres on our Outreach Tour. It was great to hold functions in these cities for the first time in several years, and to catch up with so many of our alumni and grantees there.

Also in May, Gail McCormick generously hosted a function at the US Ambassadorial residence in Lower Hutt to welcome Frances Hesselbein, the first John F Kennedy Memorial Fellow in eight years, to New Zealand.

In June we held our 2007 Fulbright New Zealand Awards Presentation Ceremony at the Banquet Hall of the Beehive in Wellington, hosted by Rt

Hon Winston Peters, Minister of Foreign Affairs. Hon William McCormick, US Ambassador to New Zealand, and Hon Steve Maharey, Minister of Research, Science and Technology, also spoke at the event, which again featured record numbers of both grantees and attendees. The following week an alumni event was hosted at PricewaterhouseCoopers in Auckland by Hon Phil Goff, Minister of Trade, alongside John Desrocher, US Consul General to New Zealand, to give Auckland-based alumni a chance to meet 2007 grantees based in their area.

In July Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowship in Public Policy fellows Fiona Alexander, Ann Morse and Matt Nice reported the findings of their research at the BP Theatre in Wellington.

In August, for the first time, we held a panel discussion in Wellington to mark New Zealand Leadership Week, with Fulbright and Harkness Fellowships alumni Suzanne Snively, Helen Anderson, Shane Jones and Gary Wilson sharing their experiences and views on leadership in their respective fields.

Later in August Fulbright alumna Kehaulani Kauanui participated in a panel discussion alongside Fulbright alumna Alice Te Punga Somerville and others, and gave a lecture at Victoria University of Wellington, an event held in conjunction with the University's Pacific Studies programme.

## US Events

Fulbright New Zealand's Executive Director Mele Wendt visited the US in May, during which time Roy Ferguson, New Zealand Ambassador to the US, hosted the annual function for Ian Axford Fellowship applicants, alumni and friends at his residence in Washington, DC. During her US trip Mele hosted a Fulbright alumni function at the Institute of International Education offices in New York.



# Non-Grant Programme Activities

Fulbright New Zealand promotes educational and cultural exchange between New Zealand and the US. Our educational advising services include informing New Zealanders and Americans about university study in each other's countries.

## Educational Advising and Testing Services

Fulbright New Zealand's Educational Advising Service provides the most comprehensive source of advice on study in the US available in New Zealand.

Our dedicated educationUSA advising centre provides US university catalogues, directories and application guides, a resource library and computers as well as test registration and preparation materials. The centre is open to the public during office hours, by appointment.

Our Educational Adviser conducts high school and tertiary campus visits to promote study in the US and to explain the application process.

This year, our Educational Advising Service answered 650 inquiries in person or by mail, phone, email and fax. In addition there were approximately 20,000 visits to the Education Services section of the Fulbright New Zealand website and a further 26,000 seeking general information on study in the US or New Zealand.

Our Educational Advising Service also gives advice about and/or administers the following standardised tests for US university admissions:

- ACT
- SAT
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
- Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT)
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

Fulbright New Zealand administered the GRE test in October 2006 and February 2007 to a total of 46 participants. We administered the SAT test in November 2006 and January 2007 to a total of 24 participants, and the ACT test in December 2006, April 2007 and June 2007 to a total of 5 participants.

## Outreach Tour

In May and July of 2007 Fulbright New Zealand's Educational Advising team undertook their annual Outreach Tour, visiting 16 tertiary education institutions around the country with 483 attendees. Wintec in Hamilton, WelTec in Wellington, Te Wānanga-o-Raukawa in Ōtaki and Whitireia Polytechnic in Porirua were all visited for the first time. Students and staff were introduced to the range of awards available on the Fulbright programme, heard the experiences of Fulbright alumni and found out more about studying in the US.



### Becky Hamner

Fulbright US Graduate Student Becky Hamner from Rochester, New York is completing a Master of Science degree in Biology, specialising in the major histocompatibility complex of cetaceans, at the University of Auckland.

Not long after arriving in New Zealand, I stumbled across the following anonymous quote displayed near the Wellington waterfront: "It's true you can't live here by chance, you have to do and be, not simply watch or even describe. This is the city of action, the world headquarters of the verb." This describes my mindset then, as well as now.

I came to New Zealand to advance my education by studying and contributing to the conservation of the endangered Hector's dolphin. My time management skills were put to the test as I worked to accomplish this as a Master of Science student at the University of Auckland while taking every available opportunity to build friendships and enjoy the natural beauty of New Zealand.

While I was leaving countless ephemeral footprints from the heights of McKinnon Pass to the seafloor near Great Barrier Island, the people and ambiance of New Zealand were making a permanent impact on me. I can only hope that the friendships I developed here and the endangered subject of my research will endure much longer than my footprints.



### Ryan Higgs

Fulbright-Ministry of Research, Science and Technology Graduate Award recipient Ryan Higgs from Hamilton is completing a Master of Science degree in Animal Science, specialising in dairy production and nutrition, at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York.

My first taste of the US has been great! For someone with a very limited travelling portfolio, touching down at LAX and then spending a week being 'orientated' in downtown Miami was certainly somewhat of an adventure. The following transition into life as an upstate New Yorker has been equally adventurous, and as I look out the window to see nothing but a sea of white, I realize the Kiwi barby is probably off

the menu for Christmas this year.

Academically, I feel privileged to be exposed to some of the world's smartest minds in animal science. I find myself being challenged and stimulated to think and look at problems from a much different perspective. Cornell has access to astonishing resources and utilizes these fully in their academic programs. It's not uncommon to have the CEO of a billion dollar company come in and give a lecture or for the class to be flown halfway across the country on a field trip to visit a leading agricultural business. I feel exposure to these kinds of opportunities will be invaluable to my career back home.

Despite a busy academic schedule I haven't let an opportunity pass to get out and about and have found the social regime of Cornell students equally as rigorous as back home. New Zealand has a great reputation over here and you do truly feel proud to be a Kiwi.

# Related Organisations

Fulbright New Zealand works closely with various partner organisations and groups in the US and New Zealand, who are involved in various aspects of the Fulbright programme.

The following organisations and groups work closely with Fulbright New Zealand:

## J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FSB)

The FSB is composed of 12 educational and public leaders appointed by the President of the US. This board establishes worldwide policies and procedures for the international Fulbright programme in over 150 countries and approves all Fulbright award selections.

## US Department of State

The US Department of State is the government agency that, through its Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, promotes and administers educational and cultural exchange programmes to bring about greater understanding between the people of the US and the peoples of the world. The Deputy Chief of Mission and Public Affairs Officer from the US Embassy in Wellington serve as ex-officio members on the Board of Fulbright New Zealand.

## Institute of International Education (IIE)

IIE is an independent, non-profit organisation based in New York which administers over 250 international education programmes including the Fulbright Graduate Student Programme in the US. IIE manages the application process for Fulbright US Graduate Awards and supports grantees before they depart for New Zealand. They also support New Zealand Fulbright graduate students while they are in the US.

## Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES)

CIES is a division of IIE based in Washington, DC that administers the Fulbright Senior Scholar Programme in the US. CIES manages the application process for the Fulbright US Senior Scholar programme and supports grantees before they depart for New Zealand. They also support New Zealand Fulbright scholars while they are in the US.

## Fulbright New Zealand Selection Committees

Fulbright New Zealand selection committees draw members from Fulbright alumni, the Fulbright New Zealand Board and relevant academic and government sectors to interview and select applicants for awards.



### Shaw Gargis

Fulbright US Graduate Student Shaw Gargis from Muscle Shoals, Alabama is researching the mechanism of Zoonin A resistance at the University of Otago, towards a PhD in Biology from the University of Alabama.

Studying in Dunedin at the University of Otago has been a wonderful experience for me. My research deals with how bacteria produce enzymes to kill their close competitors so they can have an evolutionary advantage. Also, I study how bacteria have established methods to protect themselves from the enzymatic onslaught of others. I came to New Zealand from the University of Alabama to work with a collaborator of ours on an enzyme that could

be used as a chemotherapeutic agent against pathogenic streptococci.

I found the University of Otago to be very student oriented, and the city of Dunedin is a great place to get an education. Coming from Alabama, my wife and I enjoyed comparing the "South" we knew to New Zealand's "South". The dynamics of each are very similar, which made moving to the other side of the world much easier. We were very impressed with the Kiwi hospitality and Dunedin's southern charm.

With its majestic landscape and fantastic people, New Zealand has further opened my eyes to the beauty of the world. None of this would have been possible without the Fulbright program, to which I will be eternally grateful.



### Leigh Parker

Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Award recipient Leigh Parker from Palmerston North is completing a Master of Design degree at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Since my arrival several people have asked me, why did you pick to come to the School of Design at Carnegie Mellon University? I answer them honestly – I didn't, CMU picked me and I am so incredibly glad that they did. When CMU offered me a last minute placement as a visiting scholar, they opened the door to the exact location where I should be.

On arrival my supervisor mentioned that his goal was to make me think differently. This experience has done that and so much more. I am being taught by phenomenal professors, working alongside brilliant students, studying in a school that is at the cutting edge of design thinking & philosophy and having regular experiences that require 'pinch tests' to remind myself this is all real.

On a more social note, I have been so impressed with how wonderful the people who I have met are. Many have genuinely embraced their roles of showing America to me, whether in the form of adamantly insisting I have another helping of turkey during Thanksgiving dinner or dragging me away from my study to carve pumpkins on Halloween.

Thanks so much to Fulbright for making this happen. Life changing, there's no doubt about it.



“Our future is not in the stars but in our minds and hearts. Creative leadership and liberal education, which in fact go together, are the first requirements for a hopeful future for humankind. Fostering these - leadership, learning, and empathy between cultures - was and remains the purpose of the international scholarship programme.”

Senator J. William Fulbright

# Audit Report



## To the readers of the financial statements of the New Zealand-United States Educational Foundation

We have audited the summary financial report of the New Zealand-United States Educational Foundation (the "Foundation") for the year ended 30 September 2007 as set out on page 20.

### Responsibilities of the Trustees and Auditor

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of a summary financial report in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand. It is our responsibility to express to you an independent opinion on the financial report presented by the trustees.

### Basis of Opinion

Our audit was conducted in accordance with New Zealand Auditing Standards and involved carrying out procedures to ensure the summary financial report is consistent with the full financial report on which the summary financial report is based. We also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the summary financial report against the requirements of FRS-39: Summary Financial Reports.

Other than in our capacity as auditor we have no other relationship with or interests in the Foundation.

### Unqualified Opinion

In our opinion:

- the summary financial report has been correctly extracted from the full financial report; and
- the information reported in the summary financial report complies with FRS-39: Summary Financial Reports and is consistent in all material respects with the full financial report from which it is derived and upon which we expressed an unqualified audit opinion in our report to readers dated 12 December 2007.

We completed our work for the purposes of this report on 31 March 2008.

KPMG, Wellington



# Summary Financial Report

New Zealand-United States Educational Foundation  
for the year ended 30 September 2007

	2007 NZ\$	2006 NZ\$	Note
<b>Statement of financial performance</b>			
<b>Revenue</b>			
United States government grants	834,267	845,962	
New Zealand government grants	1,423,385	1,399,000	
Other income	174,030	356,084	
<b>Disbursements</b>			
Prior years' programmes	549,937	427,674	
Current programme	1,149,892	1,263,382	
<b>Other expenditure</b>			
EFTs	70,385	64,000	
Movement in estimated future commitments	-168,835	138,946	
Administration expenses	428,275	428,078	
Non-grant programme expenditure	<u>343,604</u>	<u>328,342</u>	
<b>Net surplus for the year</b>	<b><u>58,424</u></b>	<b><u>-49,376</u></b>	
<b>Statement of financial position</b>			
Current assets	1,130,546	1,249,567	
Fixed assets	53,720	78,659	
Current liabilities	70,338	57,681	
Estimated future commitments	658,542	827,377	
Unearned income	<u>31,086</u>	<u>77,292</u>	
<b>Net assets</b>	<b><u>424,300</u></b>	<b><u>365,876</u></b>	
<b>Balance of funds</b>	<b><u>424,300</u></b>	<b><u>365,876</u></b>	
<b>Statement of movements in funds</b>			
Balance of fund as at 1 October	365,876	415,252	
Total recognised revenues and expenses	<u>58,424</u>	<u>-49,376</u>	
<b>Balance of fund as at 30 September</b>	<b><u>424,300</u></b>	<b><u>365,876</u></b>	

This is a summary of the Foundation's audited full financial report for the year ended 30 September 2007 which was authorised for issue on 12 December 2007.

The summary financial report has been extracted from the full audited financial report dated 12 December 2007, which has been audited and on which an unqualified opinion has been issued. Therefore it cannot be expected to provide as complete an understanding as provided by the full financial statements of the financial performance, financial position and movements in funds of the Foundation. The full financial statements are available from Fulbright New Zealand.

The auditor has examined the summary financial report for consistency with the audited financial statements and has issued an unqualified opinion.



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