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Fulbright New Zealand Annual Report for the period 1 October 2008 - 30 September 2009

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 (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.

After returning 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 President of the University of Arkansas (the youngest university president in the country at that time).

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 (trading as Fulbright New Zealand since 1999) 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 1,400 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.

Chairperson's Report



Welcome to the Fulbright New Zealand Annual Report for Financial Year 2009. This year began with the culmination of our 60th anniversary celebrations at two major events in Auckland. Buoyed by the success of those events and others throughout our anniversary year, we now look to the future with renewed energy and commitment to the Fulbright vision of increasing mutual understanding through educational and cultural exchange.

Our anniversary year presented many great opportunities to reconnect with alumni and friends in both New Zealand and the US, and we were delighted with the support and feedback received. It was a great reminder that there are so many diverse and talented people who have been involved in our exchange programmes. Some of their experiences were documented in a special commemorative publication which is available on the Fulbright New Zealand website or in printed form on request from the Fulbright office. Our thanks again to everyone who contributed to this publication and to our other anniversary activities. We do hope you all enjoyed the anniversary celebrations as much as we did.

One of this year's biggest achievements has been the establishment and launch of the first official Fulbright New Zealand Alumni Association, which is now fully operational and welcoming members. This has largely been an initiative driven by alumni for alumni, and I must sincerely thank the Association's founding Chairperson Graham Cochrane and the other alumni who were involved in the development of this organisation. Their vigour and dedication in getting the Association off the ground is testimony to the debt of gratitude many alumni feel for their Fulbright exchange opportunity. The amount of goodwill exhibited by this founding group, and the many other alumni who have supported the initiative or already joined the Association, has been remarkable. Likewise, the support, financially and otherwise, of the US Embassy in Wellington and US Department of State's State Alumni office have been invaluable, and we thank them for getting behind the Association in such a positive way.

The Fulbright New Zealand Alumni Association aims to connect Fulbright and associated international educational exchange alumni with each other, support the Fulbright mission and support Fulbright grantees during their exchanges, and help raise awareness of the aims of the Fulbright programme. It is active in six New Zealand regions and two regions of the US, and has been holding some great events. We encourage you all to join.

Another big event on our calendar this year was the first Fulbright-Hays Seminar Abroad to visit New Zealand in five years. We were pleased to host the study group of 15 American elementary school teachers, and we know it was a rich and rewarding experience for them. Thanks to the Fulbright New Zealand staff, in particular Mele Wendt (Executive Director) and Martin Boswell (Programme and Advising Team Leader), for the extra work they put into making this additional programme such a success.

As far as our core programmes go, we were thrilled to launch another new sponsored award this year. The Fulbright-Wallace Arts Trust Award was launched at the home of its co-sponsor, arts patron James Wallace, in June, and the first recipient was

selected in September as part of the wider Wallace Art Awards competition. Our thanks to James Wallace and the Trust for partnering with us in this new award.

The Wallace Arts Trust has joined a team of core funders, award sponsors and donors to whom we remain extremely grateful. Our sincere thanks, as always, to the US and New Zealand governments for their continuing commitment to the Fulbright programme. We are proud to run a flagship programme for mutual understanding and cooperation between our two countries. Thanks also to the Cognition Institute (formerly Cognition Education Research Trust), Creative New Zealand, the Ministries of Education and Research, Science and Technology, and the Earthquake Commission (EQC) for continuing to partner with us in offering additional New Zealand exchange awards, and to the network of donors who support the Fulbright-Platinum Triangle Scholarship in Entrepreneurship.

In terms of governance, there were several changes in Board membership this year as we farewelled some long-serving members and welcomed their replacements. David Taylor from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Mark Wenig from the US Embassy both joined the Board in November 2008, as ex-officio appointments representing their respective governments. Charles Royal left the Board in December 2008 having served since March 2006, and we appreciate his contributions in that time. I must give special acknowledgement and thanks to Jock Phillips who stepped down from the Board in March 2009 after a remarkable 12½ years of service, including tenures as Chairperson and Treasurer. Jock's extraordinary commitment and contribution to the Board will be greatly missed. Mark Fitz-Gerald from Citi New Zealand and Fulbright alumnus David Patterson from Minter Ellison Rudd Watts were appointed to the Board by the Minister of Foreign Affairs in July, and have already made significant contributions. Finally, David Keegan, Deputy Chief of Mission at the US Embassy, departed in July and his replacement, Bob Clarke, joined us in September as an ex-officio member.

With new energy on the Board and the great service and commitment of the Fulbright New Zealand staff, we celebrate the successes of this year and look forward to moving onwards and upwards.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Barbara Johnson'.

Barbara Johnson, Chairperson of the Board

Board Members and Staff



L TO R (BACK): David Patterson, Scott Optican, Bob Clarke, David Taylor, Mark Fitz-Gerald, Suzanne Snively, Mark Wenig, Rob McIntosh
(FRONT): Stephen Jacobi, Barbara Johnson, Mele Wendt, Richard Nelson



L TO R (BACK): Tracy Blower, Martin Boswell, Andy Mitchell, Patrick Teahan, Val Leach
(FRONT): Kameswari Vanka, Mele Wendt, Kara Wood

Fulbright New Zealand Board

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 (from December 2008)

Fulbright New Zealand Staff

Mele Wendt	Executive Director
Tracy Blower	Programme Administrator
Martin Boswell	Programme and Advising Team Leader (from January 2009)
Rae Holdsworth	Programme and Advising Team Leader (until December 2008)
Val Leach	Receptionist/Administrator
Andy Mitchell	Communications Adviser
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Kameswari Vanka	Programme Administrator
Kara Wood	Programme Manager and Educational Adviser

Executive Director's Report



“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 [Fulbright] scholarship programme.”

Senator J. William Fulbright

It is quite amazing to think that the vision and determination of one man over sixty years ago could have such a long-lasting impact around the world. The purpose set by Senator Fulbright remains at the core of what we do and who we are to this day, and no doubt will continue well into the future.

We reflect on 2009, our 61st year in operation, and feel positive about our many accomplishments and successes, and the initiatives implemented.

In March, Fulbright New Zealand hosted in Auckland a conference of nine East Asia and Pacific region Fulbright Executive Directors. The three-day programme was a great opportunity for my colleagues to catch up and discuss common issues and best practices, meet a few Fulbright New Zealand Board and staff members, grantees and alumni, as well as experience a little bit of what New Zealand has to offer.

One of the major developments this year was the launch in June 2009 of the Fulbright New Zealand Alumni Association, after several years of building alumni interest and bringing key alumni together to develop the formal association. We celebrate its implementation and hope everyone joins.

A significant event was the Fulbright-Hays Seminar Abroad programme funded by the US Department of Education, the main purpose of which is to improve American teachers' knowledge and understanding of other peoples and cultures. Fulbright New Zealand co-ordinated and hosted 15 elementary school teachers on a pre-departure orientation in Hawai'i and then a successful tour around New Zealand in July. The US teachers then went on to have an equally successful tour of Mongolia. Deborah Edmonds, a teacher of gifted children from West Virginia, wrote in her evaluation afterwards: “We received an overview of the geography and peoples of New Zealand. The attention to detail in planning was phenomenal... We were given an overview of the history of New Zealand through our travels... Really, the strength of the program was a constant progression of well-organized ‘brushstrokes’ to ‘paint’ an overall picture of the country. The Fulbright New Zealand people created a magnificent experience that made it difficult to leave New Zealand and that will make it a pleasure to share aspects of New Zealand with others for years to come. I see my own community through different eyes after returning from New Zealand.”

It was very good to launch a new Fulbright scholar award this year - the Fulbright-Wallace Arts Trust Award – in partnership with the James Wallace Arts Trust. This award enables a New Zealand visual artist to undertake a three-month residency at Headlands Center for the Arts in Sausalito, California – a fabulous creative opportunity for New Zealand artists!

The normal 2009 programme year was constantly busy with managing a large number of different award programmes,

supporting grantees, promoting educational exchange and study in the US to New Zealanders, and holding regular events in New Zealand and the US. We also worked hard at maintaining strong relationships with the wide range of organisations and individuals we work with on an ongoing basis, especially behind the scenes in the administration of awards. A lot of people do not realise how much detailed work is involved in administering each award. We thank the core government agencies and the co-operating agencies (Institute of International Education and Council for the International Exchange of Scholars) for their ongoing collaboration in this regard.

Fulbright New Zealand continued efforts to increase our profile in the New Zealand media, higher education sector and general public. The economic recession in New Zealand, the US and around the world had some impact on our programme. We saw increased interest and numbers of applications for many of our awards. Some applicants offered a Fulbright award withdrew from taking up the award because of personal, financial and other reasons, and some grantees could not get the support they needed (financial or academic) from a host university. But those who did take up awards gave overwhelmingly positive evaluations about their Fulbright award experiences, as have the many grantees before them.

In terms of staffing, there was only one staff change in the period under review. Rae Holdsworth, Programme and Advising Team Leader of two years, moved down to the South Island in December 2008 and was replaced shortly afterwards by Martin Boswell, who came from Victoria University of Wellington. Overall, staff worked with huge commitment and purpose for which I am most thankful. It is a stable and happy team, confident in its work, and I am proud of each of them.

To end, I thank everyone who provided support this year. Thank you to the Chairperson, Barbara Johnson, and all other Board members for your valuable contributions provided on a voluntary basis, which I know is a big commitment. I thank all those who provided financial and other forms of support, especially the US and New Zealand governments and other sponsoring agencies and individuals. I acknowledge all grantees and alumni who are and continue to be effective ambassadors for the Fulbright programme and for their country. Everyone please continue to support our ever-lasting mission of building a more peaceful world through educational exchange.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mele Wendt".

Mele Wendt, Executive Director

Student Programme

The Fulbright 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.

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

These 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. 40 awards are offered internationally each year.

Fulbright New Zealand received 14 applications for 2010 awards and nominated three candidates to US Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. 45 recipients were selected from 167 nominations submitted by 76 countries, including one New Zealander – Jonathan Squire.

Fulbright-Platinum Triangle Scholarship in Entrepreneurship

This award 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. Four applications were received this year and one recipient selected for 2010.

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

Fulbright-Ministry of Research, Science and Technology Graduate Awards

These 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. 21 applications were received this year and 13 recipients selected for 2010.

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

This award 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. Four applications were received this year and one recipient selected for 2010.

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

Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Awards

These awards are granted for study or research in any field, and are valued at up to US\$25,000 plus travel expenses. 72 applications were received this year and eight recipients selected for 2010.

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. This year's award was granted to Sara Salman.

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. Three awards were granted this year to Joe Beaglehole, Stephen Gray and Guy Sinclair.

Fulbright US Graduate Awards

These awards are granted for one year of study or research in New Zealand in any field, and are valued at up to NZ\$30,000 plus travel expenses. 74 applications were received this year and 12 recipients selected for 2010.

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

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowships

These awards, offered by the US Department of Education, are for US doctoral students to conduct research abroad in modern foreign languages and area studies for periods of six to 12 months. Approximately 150 awards covering travel, research and living costs are offered to American students each year.

New Zealand Graduate Students

The following students commenced Fulbright grants this year:

International Fulbright Science and Technology Awards

Jessica Rodrigues from Auckland is completing a PhD in Plant Biology, specialising in biotechnological applications for plants and microbes, at the University of California, Berkeley.

Fulbright-Platinum Triangle Scholarship in Entrepreneurship

Manoj Patel from Auckland is completing a Master of Business Administration degree in Healthcare at Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts.

Fulbright-Ministry of Research, Science and Technology Graduate Awards

Nathan Bailey from Auckland is researching impact damage to aerospace composites, at Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Georgia, towards a PhD in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Auckland.

Raj Bhana from Auckland is completing a Master of Science degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering, specialising in the integration of renewable energy sources with the power grid, at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Paul Burnaby from Motueka is completing a Master of Science degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering, specialising in renewable energy integration, at Stanford University in Stanford, California.

Rebecca Burson from Nelson is researching human episodic memory at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, towards a PhD in Psychology from Victoria University of Wellington.

Jackson Green from Palmerston North is researching exercise and Type 2 diabetes, at the University of Texas Southwestern in Dallas, Texas, towards a PhD in Public Health from Massey University.

Ian Kim from Rotorua is completing a Master of Science degree in Bioengineering, specialising in neural engineering, at Stanford University in Stanford, California.

Ash Lightfoot from Christchurch is completing a PhD in Mathematics, specialising in algebraic and topological mathematics, at Indiana University in Bloomington.

Claire Radley from Auckland is completing a PhD in Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences, specialising in the role of clouds in Earth's atmosphere, at Princeton University in Princeton, New Jersey.

Dominic Searles from Kerikeri is completing a PhD in Mathematics, specialising in combinatorial probability orderings, at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Awards

Joe Beaglehole from Wellington is completing a Master of Arts degree in International Relations, specialising in trade negotiations between New Zealand and South Pacific countries,

at New York University.

Anna Bradley from Auckland is completing a Master of Laws degree in Criminal Law, specialising in criminal justice and sentencing, at Columbia University in New York.

Stephen Gray from Wellington is completing a Master of International Affairs degree, specialising in economic and political development and international media, at Columbia University in New York.

Briar March from Te Henga (Bethells Beach) is completing a Master of Fine Arts degree in Documentary Film and Video at Stanford University in Stanford, California.

Simon Peart from Wellington is completing a Master of Laws degree in Trade Regulation, specialising in antitrust and competition policy, at New York University.

Sara Salman from Auckland is completing a PhD in Sociology, specialising in American immigrant communities' responses to 9/11, at the City University of New York.

Nicola Shephard from Christchurch is completing a Master of Arts in Journalism, specialising in arts and culture journalism, at Columbia University in New York.

Joe Sheppard from Wellington is completing a PhD in Classical Studies, specialising in self-education of the non-elite in ancient Rome, at Columbia University in New York.

Guy Sinclair from Auckland is completing a Doctor of Juridical Science degree in Public International Law, specialising in the law, theory and practise of international organisations, at New York University.

Claire Timperley from Wellington is completing a PhD in American Politics and Political Theory, specialising in historical foundations of contemporary American political thought, at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.



Briar March

Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Award recipient Briar March from Te Henga (Bethells Beach) is completing a Master of Fine Arts degree in Documentary Film and Video at Stanford University in Stanford, California.

I am nearly through what has been an extremely rigorous first quarter. It has been an amazing privilege to be working with the seven other diverse and talented filmmakers in our small programme. In addition

to making films, every week our class will watch and write about a wide range of documentaries. By default this has given me a broad education on American culture and history, spanning the last 70 years. Most significantly, the exposure I've had to the work of filmmakers and academics I was unaware of before has been invaluable. Stanford has a phenomenal video library and for someone as crazy about cinema as me this is utopia, a mini-film festival at my fingertips!

I'm currently completing a short film about an Iraq veteran who suffers from post traumatic stress disorder. Shooting on 16mm black and white film is a significant learning curve, but gaining insights into the Iraq war from someone who has experienced it first hand is an even greater one.

As we move into the winter quarter I look forward to releasing my feature documentary *There Once Was An Island* in both America and New Zealand. The film explores the impact of climate change in the Pacific. I plan to travel with the film and see a bit more of America at the same time.

US Graduate Students

Fulbright US Graduate Awards

Courtney-Savali Andrews from Seattle, Washington is completing a PhD in Pacific Studies, specialising in the emergence of Polynesian opera singers and composers, at the University of Auckland.

Jill Bender from Boise, Idaho is researching the impact of the Indian Rebellion of 1857 on the British Empire, at Victoria University of Wellington, towards a PhD in History from Boston College.

Evan Bredeweg from Spokane, Washington is researching tuatara feeding efficiency and their possible role in seed dispersal of native plants, at Victoria University of Wellington.

Michelle Cook from Tazewell, Virginia is completing a Master of Māori and Pacific Development degree in Development Studies, specialising in indigenous paradigms of restorative justice, at the University of Waikato.

Dawson Dunning from Otter, Montana is producing a documentary film about the relationship between traditional Māori knowledge and Western scientific research in conserving New Zealand wildlife, at Victoria University of Wellington, towards an MFA from Montana State University.

Barry Fischer from Moraga, California is researching opportunities for New Zealand stakeholders to help develop renewable energy projects in Pacific island nations, at Massey University Wellington.

Micah Kawaguchi-Ailetcher from Lahaina, Hawai'i is completing a Master of Arts degree in Film, Television and Media Studies, specialising in the relationship between Pacific peoples' television and social activism in New Zealand, at the University of Auckland.

Chris Lemon from Lower Burrell, Pennsylvania is completing a Bachelor of Science (Honours) degree in Chemistry, specialising in the synthesis and anti-cancer analysis of metal-based compounds, at the University of Auckland.

Keoni Mahelona from Līhu'e, Hawai'i is completing a Master of Science degree in Physics, specialising in nanotechnology and its implications for Māori, at Victoria University of Wellington.

Ivy McDaniels from Laurel Run, Pennsylvania is completing a Master of Arts degree in English Literature, specialising in Katherine Mansfield's modern colonial search for identity, at Victoria University of Wellington.

Michel Ohmer from Yuma, Arizona is completing a Master of Science degree in Zoology, specialising in chytridiomycosis transmission modes in New Zealand frogs, at the University of Otago.

Megan Ortega from Tucker, Georgia is completing a Master of Science degree in Geology, specialising in analysis of fossil-bearing Miocene rock deposits in New Zealand, at the University of Otago.

Lauren Szathmary from Mauriceville, North Carolina is researching the effects of changing predator-prey abundances on marine reserve communities, at the University of Otago.

Fulbright-mtvU Fellowship

Ainsley Breault from Colorado Springs, Colorado is producing two videos documenting Māori music events and the role of

music in perpetuating Māori culture, at AUT University.

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Program

April Strickland from Grants Pass, Oregon is studying Māori language and researching the preservation and cultivation of Māori identity through television and video, at the University of Auckland, towards a PhD from New York University.



Barry Fischer

Fulbright US Graduate Student Barry Fischer from Moraga, California is researching opportunities for New Zealand stakeholders to help develop renewable energy projects in Pacific island nations, at Massey University Wellington.

In virtually every city I traveled to across New Zealand, I always seemed to find myself in the botanic garden! I have no choice but to find broader meaning in these gardens' strong pull on me: my Fulbright Scholarship in New Zealand

was an experience through which my professional and creative interests truly bloomed.

On the professional side, I gained valuable hands-on experience in the area of sustainable energy development. I spent my year with Massey University's Centre for Energy Research, which enabled me to carry out research evaluating opportunities for the New Zealand Government and private sector to help implement clean energy projects in Pacific Island Nations. As a specific case study I worked with policymakers, engineers, and development experts across New Zealand and the Pacific region to assess options for delivering electricity to villages in Vanuatu.

On the creative side, I unexpectedly became an active member of Wellington's comedy community – practicing with the Wellington Improvisation Troupe and performing stand-up comedy three times. I mostly joked about my experience as an American living in New Zealand. To be sure though, my year in New Zealand was much more than a series of humorous observations – my Fulbright experience was a life-changing opportunity to make lasting connections with Kiwi people, their culture, and their ideas.

Scholar Programme

The Fulbright 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

These awards are for New Zealand artists, academics or professionals to lecture and/or conduct research in the US for three to five months, and are valued at up to US\$32,500 plus travel expenses. 13 applications were received this year and eight recipients selected for 2010.

Fulbright Visiting Scholar Awards in New Zealand Studies

These awards are for New Zealand academics to conduct research and teach a course in New Zealand Studies at Georgetown University in Washington, DC for one or two semesters, and are valued at up to US\$32,500 plus travel expenses. Six applications were received this year and two recipients selected for 2010.

Fulbright-Cognition Scholar Award in Education Research

This award is for a New Zealand educator or scholar to pursue research in the US designed to have an impact on New Zealand schooling and student achievement, for three to five months, and is valued at up to US\$20,000 plus travel expenses. Three applications were received this year and one recipient selected for 2010.

We acknowledge the support of the Cognition Institute in making this award possible.

Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Pacific Writer's Residency

This award is for a New Zealand writer of Pacific heritage 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 Toa Fraser.

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

Fulbright-Wallace Arts Trust Award

This award is for an outstanding mid-career or senior New Zealand visual artist to undertake a three-month residency at Headlands Center for the Arts in Sausalito, California, and is valued in excess of US\$30,000. 15 applications were received this year and the inaugural award was granted to Richard Maloy.

We acknowledge the support of the Wallace Arts Trust and Headlands Center for the Arts in making this award possible.

Fulbright New Zealand Travel Awards

These awards are for New Zealand academics, artists and professionals to visit the US for 10 to 90 days in order to present their work to American audiences, and are valued at up to NZ\$5,000. 48 applications were received this year across three selection cycles, and 16 recipients selected.

Fulbright US Senior Scholar Awards

These awards are for American academics, artists or professionals to lecture and/or conduct research in New Zealand for three to five months, and are valued at up to NZ\$32,500 plus travel expenses. 23 applications were received this year and six recipients selected for 2010.

Fulbright Specialist Awards

These awards are for New Zealand academic institutions to host US academics, artists or professionals for two to six week programmes of lectures, seminars, workshops, conferences or symposiums, and are valued at up to NZ\$8,400 plus travel expenses. 14 applications were received this year across three selection cycles, and six recipients selected.

Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Programme

These awards, offered by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES), are for US academic institutions which are historically underserved by international scholarly exchange to host overseas academics for a semester or a full academic year to help upgrade and internationalise their curricula, give advice on faculty development and conduct lectures from a comparative perspective. The awards cover travel, living costs, insurance and professional allowances.

This year, Fulbright New Zealand was approached to find a New Zealand expert in indigenous identity, race relations or related fields to teach at Northern Arizona University. The award was granted to Evan Poata-Smith.

Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad

This programme, offered by the US Department of Education, provides short-term study and travel seminars abroad for US educators in the social sciences and humanities to improve their understanding and knowledge of the peoples and cultures of other countries. Approximately seven to ten seminars are offered annually, each accommodating 14-16 participants. Their awards cover airfares, room and board, tuition and fees, and programme-related travel within host countries.

This year, Fulbright New Zealand hosted 15 American elementary school teachers on a two week study tour of New

Zealand as part a six week, two country, comparative seminar (which also visited Mongolia) on the theme of 'A Day in the Life of - Exploring the Origins of Communities'.



Jenny Horsley

Fulbright-Cognition Scholar Award in Education Research recipient Jenny Horsley from Victoria University of Wellington researched American models for increasing representation of ethnic minorities in gifted children programmes, at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland.

I was extremely fortunate to work at Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth, a research environment with like-minded people who share my interest in provisions for students of

high-academic ability. Forming connections with colleagues at CTY also enabled me to increase my understanding of some of the differences in our lifestyles.

My travel throughout nearby states gave me a much greater appreciation of American history, especially the signing of the all-important Declaration of Independence. I purposely re-visited Philadelphia for July 4th and as I stood with thousands of others outside Independence Hall, I couldn't fail to be moved by the patriotism that was so evident in the large crowd that had assembled. I encountered this nationalism several times and the pride Americans show in being American is quite different from that which I have experienced being a Kiwi in New Zealand.

The work of the academics at CTY challenged and furthered my thinking on the importance of providing appropriate curriculum for students of high-academic ability. I returned to New Zealand richer for the friends I had gained, wiser through the generosity of my JHU colleagues, and eager to pursue the many exciting possibilities this experience has generated.



Joanna Kidman

Fulbright New Zealand Senior Scholar Joanna Kidman from Victoria University of Wellington is researching indigenous children's motivation in science classes, at the University of New Hampshire in Durham.

New England is a magical place and it's on a scale that is very manageable for New Zealanders. I have been fortunate to be here during the Fall semester when the colours of the maple forests are at their peak and the mountains are just getting their first dusting of snow.

The University of New Hampshire is an exciting place to work. There is a strong commitment to a particularly New England brand of manaakitanga (hospitality) here that draws visitors into the fold of university colleagues, their families, and their friends and this has made the sense of distance from New Zealand much less daunting. It has also created a unique working environment that I shall always value.

While I've been here I have had several unexpected but entirely welcome opportunities to speak at local high schools about my work with Maori communities. The young people are fascinated by life in New Zealand and in turn, they have been generous in telling me about their lives here in the university town of Durham. I also have had the great, and quite coincidental, good fortune to be staying in the same lodgings as fellow New Zealand Fulbright scholar Linda Wilson, and we have been able to share parts of this Fulbright journey in each other's company.

My time in the United States is nearly over and I am looking forward to seeing family at home in New Zealand, but I shall miss the people, the University, and the quiet woods of New Hampshire. It is a wonderful place to work. It has also been a place to breathe.



Eric Grosfils

Fulbright US Senior Scholar Eric Grosfils from Pomona College researched the mechanics of caldera formation in the Taupo Volcanic Zone, at the University of Auckland.

My four month visit to New Zealand, working with geology colleagues at the University of Auckland and elsewhere to improve our understanding of the mechanics of caldera formation in the Taupo Volcanic Zone, was a great experience for me and my family. For a geologist, New Zealand is a wonderland

of beautiful landscapes and active processes, so it is no surprise that from a professional perspective the four months were tremendously rewarding, providing valuable exposure to wonderful new field areas, ideas and colleagues while creating a framework for future studies and collaborations.

What I quickly learned, however, was that the most wonderful aspect of New Zealand isn't the geology (a tough admission for a geologist!), it's the people you encounter in day-to-day life. A true Fulbright lesson! Their friendliness, warmth, generosity and humor, and their pride in 'things New Zealand', were evident everywhere we went, and the people with whom we interacted made our experience memorable and refreshing in ways I could never have anticipated. If (when!) we come back to New Zealand, the lure of the volcanoes will play a role to be sure – but an opportunity to spend more time among New Zealanders is an equally important part of the reason we'll return.



Christina Hulbe

Fulbright US Senior Scholar Christina Hulbe from Portland State University researched numerical modelling of variability in ice sheet flow, at the University of Otago.

Landing in an unexpected place opened up new learning horizons and reminded me what the university is all about. I completed two projects during my stay, one involving the response of outlet glaciers to ice shelf collapse on the Antarctic Peninsula, and another in which my students and I used satellite

imagery and mathematical models of ice fracture to study formation of the large rifts along which tabular icebergs break from the fronts of West Antarctic ice shelves. I started a new project investigating the upstream effects of those large iceberg calving events.

The Fulbright orientation program set a wonderful stage for my interaction with Aotearoa. I found myself returning again and again to key ideas about place and identity and was inspired to read the (small) literature about Maori participation in the sciences. Back here at home, these ideas enrich how I approach inclusion of students from under-represented groups in earth science and help me understand my own experiences in the academy as well.

My family thoroughly enjoyed our New Zealand experience. We spent as much time as we could traveling around the South Island but of course only scratched the surface. Samuel and Timothy (our five year old twins) picked up some new words at school and have become devoted fans of the Topp Twins (we all have).

New Zealand Scholars

The following scholars commenced Fulbright grants this year:

Fulbright New Zealand Senior Scholar Awards

Anne de Bruin from Massey University Albany researched various aspects of entrepreneurship, at Babson College in Babson Park, Massachusetts.

Joanna Kidman from Victoria University of Wellington is researching indigenous children's motivation in science classes, at the University of New Hampshire in Durham.

Fulbright Visiting Scholar Awards in New Zealand Studies

Jon Johansson from Victoria University of Wellington is researching US constitutional debates and teaching a course on contemporary New Zealand politics, at Georgetown University in Washington, DC for their Fall 2009 semester.

Danny Keenan from Victoria University of Wellington conducted comparative research into native agencies and native policy in New Zealand and the US, and taught a course on New Zealand's search for nationhood, at Georgetown University for their Spring 2009 semester.

Fulbright-Cognition Scholar Award in Education Research

Jenny Horsley from Victoria University of Wellington researched American models for increasing representation of ethnic minorities in gifted children programmes, at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland.

Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Pacific Writer's Residency

Toa Fraser from Auckland is writing the second draft of a screenplay for a film adaptation of Robert Louis Stephenson's novella *The Beach of Falesá* at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in Honolulu.

Fulbright New Zealand Travel Awards

Jean Anderson from Victoria University of Wellington presented a paper entitled *Decoding the subtext in indigenous writing* at the American Literary Translators Association's 2008 conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Christina Barton from Wellington's Adam Art Gallery visited university art galleries and graduate curatorial studies programmes at several universities in New York.

Avril Bell from Massey University Wellington presented seminars on settler and indigenous coexistence in New Zealand, at several universities in the US.

Teurikore Biddle from Victoria University of Wellington participated in a panel discussion on indigenous activism in USA and New Zealand, at the Native American & Indigenous Studies Association's 2009 conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

John Bitchener from AUT University presented a paper entitled *Tailoring different types of written corrective feedback*

to individual needs at the 43rd Annual TESOL Convention in Denver, Colorado.

Dianne Brunton from Massey University Albany collaborated on research projects examining the impact of climate change on migratory birds at Environment for the Americas in Boulder, Colorado, and the impact of microbial infection on kakapo egg mortality at the University of California, Berkeley.

Erik Champion from Massey University Albany gave a talk on virtual heritage projects in New Zealand and the South Pacific, at Carnegie Museum of Natural Heritage in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Jim Dennison and **Leanne Williams** from Martinborough demonstrated the use of royal icing for modelling and glass casting, at the Glass Art Society's 39th annual conference in Corning, New York.

Karyn France from the University of Canterbury gave lectures on child and family psychology in New Zealand and the Canterbury Sleep Programme, at various institutions in Kansas and Pennsylvania.

Aroha Harris from the University of Auckland participated in a panel discussion on the indigenous 1950s, at the Native American & Indigenous Studies Association's 2009 conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Chang-Yu Huang from the University of Auckland presented a paper entitled *Practical considerations for designing inductive power transfer systems for electric vehicle battery charging* at the 5th Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers' Vehicle Power and Propulsion Conference in Detroit, Michigan.

Kerry Ann Lee from Wellington completed a Summer Residency Programme in Painting and Mixed Media at the School of Visual Arts in New York, and exhibited a new body of work developed during the residency.

Stuart Parsons from the University of Auckland presented a paper entitled *Translocation of bats to offshore island sanctuaries: a world first?* at the American Society of Mammalogists' 89th annual meeting in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Marty Vreede from Whanganui UCOL gave workshops in additive woodcut techniques for printmaking at the Crow's Shadow Institute of the Arts in Pendleton, Oregon.

Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Programme

Northern Arizona University is hosting **Evan Poata-Smith** from AUT University, who is teaching courses in Indigenous Studies and engaging in community outreach activities to neighbouring indigenous colleges and community organisations.

US Scholars

Fulbright US Senior Scholar Awards

Marcia Bjørnerud from Lawrence University researched middle crust geology of the South Island's Alpine Fault, at the University of Otago.

Eric Grosfils from Pomona College researched the mechanics of caldera formation in the Taupo Volcanic Zone, at the University of Auckland.

Kimberly Hughes from the University of Illinois researched genomic signatures of frequency-dependent selection, at the University of Otago.

Christina Hulbe from Portland State University researched numerical modelling of variability in ice sheet flow, at the University of Otago.

Nancy Rottle from the University of Washington researched urban green networks and ecological infrastructure in New Zealand cities, at Lincoln University.

Jacqueline Shea Murphy from the University of California Riverside researched contemporary Māori dance choreography, at the University of Auckland.

Fulbright Specialist Awards

The National Institute of Water & Atmospheric Research (NIWA) hosted **Karl Birkeland** from the US Forest Service National Avalanche Center, who presented seminars and lectures about snow and avalanche science at universities and other organisations.

The University of Waikato hosted **Phil Gardner** from Michigan State University, who assisted with development of cooperative education programmes at tertiary education providers.

The University of Auckland hosted **Jonathan Sessler** from University of Texas at Austin, who gave lectures on organic, inorganic and supramolecular chemistry.

Victoria University of Wellington hosted **Toni Shippenberg** from the National Institute on Drug Abuse, who assisted with the establishment of a Centre for Addiction Research.

The University of Waikato hosted **Kaethe Weingarten** from Harvard Medical School and the Witnessing Project, who gave a keynote address at the New Zealand Association of Counsellors' 2009 national conference in Hamilton, and gave development seminars at several universities and polytechnics.

Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad

15 American elementary school teachers, administrators and media/resource specialists visited New Zealand and Mongolia on a six week seminar exploring the origins of communities:

- **Daniel Beck** from Parkview Center School in Roseville, Minnesota;
- **Nicol DeCarli** from Browne Academy in Alexandria, Virginia;
- **Dayna Drake** from Chase Collegiate School in Waterbury, Connecticut;
- **Deborah Edmonds** from J. E. Robins Elementary School in Charleston, West Virginia;
- **Gladys Fox** from Showalter Middle School in Tukwila, Washington;
- **Nina Koch** from Knapp Elementary School in Knapp,

Wisconsin;

- **Linda Nimer** from Wawona Middle School in Fresno, California;
- **Scott Noet** from Owatonna Junior High School in Owatonna, Minnesota;
- **Vicki O'Neal** from Lincoln Elementary School in Baxter Springs, Kansas;
- **Crystal Thiele** from New Horizons Middle School in Brooklyn, New York;
- **Richard Tobias** from Pleasant View Elementary School in Franklin, Wisconsin;
- **Amanda Urbanczyk** from Hill Freeman Middle School in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;
- **Jillian Van Ells** from Holton-Arms School in Bethesda, Maryland;
- **Jamie Winter** from Creek Valley Elementary in Edina, Minnesota.



Karl Birkeland

Fulbright Specialist Karl Birkeland from the US Forest Service National Avalanche Center presented seminars and lectures about snow and avalanche science at the National Institute of Water & Atmospheric Research (NIWA), universities and other organisations.

My three week trip to NIWA was amazing from both a personal and professional level. The trip began with visits to several field sites, discussions of various projects and teaching opportunities with individuals from NIWA and several universities, and a chance to look at New Zealand's maritime snowpack, which is quite different from what I'm used to in Montana. The rest of my short visit was a whirlwind of activity involving lectures at three universities and the opportunity to exchange ideas with many different people doing a wide variety of work and teaching on New Zealand's snow and glaciers. Through this experience I gained a much better appreciation for the snow and avalanche work in your beautiful country, as well as the avalanche hazards faced by New Zealanders. In fact, during my visit there were a number of avalanche fatalities as well as some destructive avalanches at some of the ski fields.

My work with NIWA's Jordy Hendrikx has continued a productive relationship that began in Montana and that we both hope to continue into the future. In fact, we are currently applying for funding to send a Montana State University graduate student to New Zealand next winter, and I am working to arrange for a Department of Conservation avalanche forecaster from the Mount Cook/Aoraki area to visit a number of US avalanche forecasting operations in February of 2010.

On a personal note, my wife and I and our two daughters loved New Zealand, enjoying the landscape, the ocean, the skiing, and especially the friendly Kiwi people!

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

These fellowships are for outstanding mid-career American professionals to study public policy in New Zealand for six months, and are valued at up to NZ\$45,500 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 2009 were:

- **Alixe Bonardi** from the University of Massachusetts, who researched risk management in New Zealand intellectual disability services, at the Ministry of Health;
- **Robyn Dupuis** from the Washington State House of Representatives, who researched financial literacy education in New Zealand, at the Retirement Commission;
- **Paul Goren** from the Spencer Foundation, who researched the implementation of *Ka Hikitia - Managing for Success: The Māori Education Strategy 2008-2012*, at the Ministry of Education.

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

We acknowledge the support of the 23 New Zealand government agencies which fund these fellowships.

Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy and Practice

These fellowships 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\$107,000. 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 Fellow for 2009 is **Penny Andrew** from Hawke's Bay District Health Board, who is researching individual physician performance reporting for quality improvement in the United States, at the RAND Corporation in Boston, Massachusetts.



Robyn Dupuis

Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellow in Public Policy Robyn Dupuis from the Washington State House of Representatives researched financial literacy education in New Zealand, at the Retirement Commission.

In addition to gaining a substantial understanding of the financial literacy initiatives spearheaded by the Retirement Commission, a world leader in financial literacy circles, and forging great relationships with New Zealanders involved in a variety of sectors, I

developed global contacts in the field and look forward to contributing to international efforts to promote optimal financial behaviours and performance. I must admit that one of the highlights of the experience for me was the national media attention my research garnered; what an honour as well as simply being an exciting and unique experience! In addition to live television and radio interviews, the research was featured in several national and local papers. Back home in the United States my research has been distributed widely to organizations addressing financial well being and I was honoured to have my work circulated amongst President Obama's Financial Literacy Advisory Committee. I have personally presented my findings to Washington state policy makers and look forward to conducting a number of workshops on my findings and the potential usefulness of the identity-based model in the future.

Personally, this experience for myself and my family was tremendous. My four year old daughter learned to swim with her little kindy mates, my two year old learned to talk and still expresses a bit of a Kiwi accent here and there, and all of us forged incredible friendships that will certainly last a lifetime. We cannot wait to return and hope to do so in the near future.



Manoj Patel

Fulbright-Platinum Triangle Scholarship in Entrepreneurship recipient Manoj Patel from Auckland is completing a Master of Business Administration degree in Healthcare at Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts.

As one of three doctors and the only Kiwi in my class of 930 students, I am unique. However, the wonderful thing is that I am surrounded by equally unique and talented individuals who come from all corners of the world.

The relationships I am forming with my classmates are inspiring and I know they will extend well beyond my graduation, and support my future ventures in New Zealand.

Boston is regarded as an international hub for research and education, as well as a world leader in healthcare. These combined provide the perfect environment for me to grow my interests in health IT. The culture of innovation is palpable in the air and everyone is encouraging and supportive. I am already developing networks across the Harvard Medical School and the School for Population Health as well as at MIT. It is an opportune time to be in the US for health IT as the Obama administration has committed \$44 billion to it as part of the stimulus package. My knowledge and networks in health IT are increasingly rapidly and together with students at MIT I have founded a Boston-wide student group to explore opportunities in this area.

On the social side of things I have visited Miami, experienced my first ice hockey and American football games and of course attended a 'tailgate' party, complete with flip cup and beer pong! The first few months have flown by and I look forward to the many experiences that lie ahead.

Events



New Zealand Events

In November 2008 we wrapped up Fulbright New Zealand's 60th anniversary celebrations with a public symposium on the theme of "Creative Partnerships", and an invitation-only reception for alumni and stakeholders, both held at the University of Auckland Business School's new Owen G Glenn Building. Attendees were entertained and informed by past and present Fulbrighters, guest speakers and dignitaries. A supplementary brunch was held on the same day by the steering group which had recently been formed to establish a Fulbright New Zealand alumni association, allowing them to present their ideas to alumni and seek feedback about the planned initiative.

The 60th anniversary symposium's keynote speaker, Professor Ronald Inglehart, Director of the World Values Survey, gave additional public lectures at the University of Canterbury, Victoria University of Wellington and Massey University Palmerston North in November, as part of his visit to New Zealand as a Fulbright Distinguished US Scholar.

In December the annual dinner for Harkness Fellowships alumni was held at The Drake in Auckland, with John Craig and Robin Osborn from the Commonwealth Fund of New York in attendance. The newly-selected 2009 Harkness Fellow, Penny Andrews, was announced and introduced at the dinner.

In February 2009 we welcomed 22 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 Ōtari-Wilton's Bush Reserve, Te Papa Tongarewa The Museum of New Zealand and Parliament. A follow-up gathering was hosted in March by Wellington members of the new Fulbright New Zealand Alumni Association Steering Group, to allow locally-based US grantees to meet alumni from the area.

In March Fulbright New Zealand hosted an annual meeting of Fulbright Executive Directors from the East Asia and Pacific region. Directors of eight of the region's Fulbright commissions met in Auckland to discuss best practices, new initiatives and ideas for the future.

A special dinner was held in Wellington in April to celebrate 12 years of the Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowships in Public Policy programme. The dinner, hosted by Ian Axford Fellowships Board Chairperson Jim Bolger, brought together past and present Board members, sponsors and staff of the programme, with this year's three current Fellows.

In May alumni receptions were organised by regional representatives from the Fulbright New Zealand Alumni

Association Steering Group in Palmerston North, Dunedin, Christchurch and Hamilton, while our Educational Advising team were visiting those centres on our annual Outreach Tour.

2007-2008 Harkness Fellow in Health Care Policy and Practice, Rhema Vaithianathan, reported the findings of her research at a series of seminars held during May and June at the University of Otago Christchurch, the University of Auckland, and University of Otago Wellington School of Medicine and Health Science.

In June we held our 2009 Fulbright New Zealand Awards Ceremony and Alumni Reception at the Banquet Hall of the Beehive in Wellington, hosted by senior government minister, Hon Gerry Brownlee. The occasion was also used to officially launch the Fulbright New Zealand Alumni Association, with a speech by the Association's Steering Group Chairperson, Graham Cochrane.

The following week our annual Auckland alumni reception was held at the Epsom residence of arts patron James Wallace. The reception was used to launch a new Fulbright award for New Zealand visual artists, which is generously co-sponsored by the James Wallaces Arts Trust.

In July, this year's Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowships in Public Policy fellows Alixe Bonardi, Robyn Dupuis and Paul Goren reported the findings of their research at a series of seminars held at the premises of the State Services Commission in Wellington. These seminars were organised in conjunction with the Institute of Public Administration New Zealand (IPANZ) for the first time, and were a successful joint venture.

In August the Fulbright New Zealand Alumni Association hosted an alumni panel discussion in partnership with law firm Chapman Tripp, at the firm's premises in Wellington. Fulbright alumni speakers International Court of Justice judge Sir Kenneth Keith, Green Party MP Kennedy Graham, Matthew Palmer from the Crown Law Office, Daniel Kalderimis from Chapman Tripp and Nicole Roughan from Victoria University of Wellington examined American influence on New Zealand law.

US Events

Fulbright New Zealand's Executive Director Mele Wendt visited the US in May-June 2009, during which a small alumni reception was held at the New Zealand Consular General's Residence in Los Angeles.

In June the New Zealand Embassy in Washington, DC hosted the annual Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowships in Public Policy Forum for recent fellows to report their research findings, followed by a reception for applicants, alumni and friends at New Zealand Ambassador Roy Ferguson's residence.

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 a resource library with US university catalogues, directories and application guides 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 462 enquiries in person or by mail, phone, email and fax. The Fulbright New Zealand website is a popular source of information about 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
- GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)
- GMAT (Graduate Management Admissions Test)
- TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language)

Fulbright New Zealand administered the GRE test in October 2008 and February 2009 to a total of 42 participants. We administered the SAT test in November 2008 and January 2009 to a total of 29 participants, and the ACT test in December 2008 and June 2009 to a total of 5 participants.

We have a network of 11 Fulbright Campus Advisers at major university campuses around New Zealand. These advisers are all Fulbright alumni who are available to discuss their exchange experiences with students and staff, as well as to give basic information and advice about our awards and studying in the US.

Outreach Tour

In May 2009 Fulbright New Zealand's Educational Advising team undertook their annual Outreach Tour, visiting 20 tertiary education institutions around the country with 791 attendees. Toi Whakaari, the New Zealand Drama School in Wellington, was visited for the first time on an additional Outreach visit in September.

At all Outreach visits 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.



Simon Peart

Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Award recipient Simon Peart from Wellington is completing a Master of Laws degree in Trade Regulation, specialising in antitrust and competition policy, at New York University.

Living in New York City and studying at NYU is a dream come true. Every day presents a multitude of possibilities and experiences: Broadway shows, gallery openings at the Met, boat trips down the Hudson River, strolling the High

Line, celebrating the Yankees' Series win, and once, memorably, waving to Bill Clinton and President Obama as they lunched in a restaurant across the road from my administrative law seminar. As the Director of my programme said in his introduction: "Welcome to the capital of the world. Please try to spend some of your time in class!"

He need not have worried however, as the calibre of the professors here at NYU means attending class is never a chore. Also, because of the emphasis on class discussion, I have found I am learning as much from my classmates (American and international) as from the professor. It is fascinating to see the different perspectives the various nationalities bring to a common problem.

Right now it is Fall, and exams are right around the corner. By the time I emerge from the library there will be snow on the ground and I will be halfway through my Fulbright experience. That is a sad thought, but it's also a spur to make the most of the time I have left.



Micah Kawaguchi-Ailetcher

Fulbright US Graduate Student Micah Kawaguchi-Ailetcher from Lahaina, Hawai'i is completing a Master of Arts degree in Film, Television and Media Studies, specialising in the relationship between Pacific peoples' television and social activism in New Zealand, at the University of Auckland.

I often tell people that I came to New Zealand to watch TV, just to see the reaction I get, but while sitting in front of the tube has been a requirement of my research, it is just part of my

experience researching Pacific representations in popular culture. While on this exchange, I have been writing my dissertation on how television and sports have demonstrated to be areas in which Pacific peoples have gained visibility on an international stage.

An unexpected (but definitely enjoyable!) part of my experience has been my discovery of and engagement with Pacific Studies through my research. The works of Pacific scholars who have contributed to the development of a body of knowledge rooted in and routed through Oceania have helped me to rethink the ways in which I approach my own research. It has been an exhilarating experience researching the Pacific in New Zealand because it has offered me the opportunity to learn more about my own history and culture growing up in Hawai'i and figuring out my place in this Oceanic imaginary.

Although this is technically a "foreign" exchange, I feel that I have found much in common with many of the people I have met here through shared histories, contemporary cultures and the new experiences I have had. This sense of kinship is the most appropriate souvenir that I can take back home with me to Maui for my family and community.

Related Organisations

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

The following organisations 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 155 countries worldwide and approves all Fulbright award selections.

US Department of State/US Embassy

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 US Ambassador to New Zealand is an Honorary Chairperson of Fulbright New Zealand, and the Deputy Chief of Mission and Public Affairs Officer from the US Embassy in Wellington serve as ex-officio members on the Fulbright New Zealand Board.

New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT)

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade is the main agency through which the Fulbright programme is supported by the New Zealand government. The Minister of Foreign Affairs is an Honorary Chairperson of Fulbright New Zealand and the Director of the Americas Division at MFAT serves as an ex-officio member on the Fulbright New Zealand Board.

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 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 Scholar Programme in the US. CIES manages the application process for American Fulbright scholar awards and supports grantees before they depart for New Zealand. They also support New Zealand Fulbright scholars while they are in the US.



Michel Ohmer

Fulbright US Graduate Student Michel Ohmer from Yuma, Arizona is completing a Master of Science degree in Zoology, specialising in chytridiomycosis transmission modes in New Zealand frogs, at the University of Otago.

My year in New Zealand has been nothing short of extraordinary. I have worked with some of the world's most threatened and unique frogs in remote and spectacular locations, met and learned from researchers from

throughout Australasia, had countless cultural adventures, and fallen in love with the natural beauty of this country. I have studied alongside postgraduates from many countries, and in this multicultural environment I've realized that a passion for the conservation of our environment transcends all political and cultural boundaries. And I've discovered that sharing with a new friend the beauty of a mountain summit can be as eye-opening as sharing your convictions over a cup of coffee.

My work, researching the susceptibility of native frogs to a threatening amphibian disease, has been rewarding, and with the addition of the thought provoking courses I've taken, I have accomplished much in a short time. I have spoken at symposia and conferences in New Zealand, and will be presenting at international venues in the future, and I have learned cutting edge techniques that will be invaluable to me as I move on to a PhD. Already I have been humbled with an award for the highest achieving female 400-level student in the University of Otago's Zoology Department this year. But most of all, doing conservation research in New Zealand has made me realize the importance of community education and culture values, ideals that I hope to share when I return home in 2010.



Marty Vreede

Marty Vreede from Whanganui UCOL received a Fulbright New Zealand Travel Award to give workshops in additive woodcut techniques for printmaking at the Crow's Shadow Institute of the Arts in Pendleton, Oregon.

My Fulbright experience was a short, sharp, very focused visit to the Crow's Shadow Institute of the Arts, just outside Pendleton in Oregon. I was invited as an Artist in Residence to this famous Native American print studio on the Umatilla

Reservation. I worked in collaboration with Master Printer Frank Janzen and along with the staff we produced four editions of prints which dealt with the role of Kahu, the Hawk. Of interest is that Kahu's role is exactly the same in Umatilla stories as they are here in Aotearoa – Kahu is the communicator between realms and in a way describes what drives the core philosophy of Fulbright.

During my stay there I also taught a workshop on woodcut printmaking, bringing a different methodology to what is considered a very old and traditional practice. The result of working with the artistic community there is that we are developing a Memorandum of Understanding between Crow's Shadow and Whanganui UCOL. The intent is to form a conduit for Native American artists to come through UCOL to visit and create artwork in Aotearoa and a reciprocal arrangement for our artists to visit Crow's Shadow. If all goes well the first Umatilla artist will be here on a scholarship in March/April 2010.



“International educational exchange is the most significant current project designed to continue the process of humanizing mankind to the point, we would hope, that men can learn to live in peace.”

Senator J. William Fulbright

Audit Report



To the readers of the financial statements of New Zealand-United States Educational Foundation and its consolidated entities John F Kennedy Memorial Fund and Fulbright New Zealand Trust (Incorporated) (collectively “the Group”)

We have audited the summary financial report of the Group for the year ended 30 September 2009 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-43 *Summary Financial Statements*.

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

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-43 *Summary Financial Statements* 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 members dated 9 December 2009.

We completed our work for the purposes of this report on XX January 2010.

KPMG, Wellington

Summary Financial Report

New Zealand-United States Educational Foundation and its consolidated entities
John F Kennedy Memorial Fund and Fulbright New Zealand Trust (Incorporated)
(collectively “the Group”)

	Group 2009 NZ\$	Group 2008 NZ\$
Balance sheet as at 30 September		
Assets		
Non-current assets	241,518	452,905
Current assets	<u>2,536,260</u>	<u>1,976,556</u>
Total assets	<u>2,777,778</u>	<u>2,429,461</u>
Liabilities		
Programme commitments	1,156,255	1,115,912
Other liabilities	<u>315,351</u>	<u>85,217</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,471,606</u>	<u>1,201,129</u>
Equity	<u>1,306,172</u>	<u>1,228,332</u>
Income statement for the year ended 30 September		
Revenue		
United States government grants	1,567,689	1,143,293
New Zealand government grants	1,196,793	1,361,000
Other operating income	<u>345,167</u>	<u>271,916</u>
Total revenue	<u>3,109,649</u>	<u>2,776,209</u>
Expenditure		
Grants awarded	2,090,693	1,821,774
Operating expenses	905,935	858,009
Write down of investments	<u>35,181</u>	<u>45,563</u>
Total expenditure	<u>3,031,809</u>	<u>2,725,346</u>
Net surplus	<u>77,840</u>	<u>50,863</u>
Statement of movement in equity for the year ended 30 September		
Balance of fund as at 1 October	1,228,332	1,177,469
Total recognised revenues and expenses	<u>77,840</u>	<u>50,863</u>
Balance of fund as at 30 September	<u>1,306,172</u>	<u>1,228,332</u>

Note

This is a summary of the Group's audited financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2009 which was authorised for issue by the trustees on 9 December 2009. The summary financial statements have been extracted from the full financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2009 which were authorised for issue by the trustees on 9 December 2009. The summary financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS-43 *Summary Financial Statements*.

The full financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice and they comply with New Zealand International Financial Reporting Standards.

The financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars because that is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Group operates.

The summary financial statements cannot be expected to provide as complete an understanding as is provided by the full financial statements of the financial performance, financial position and movements in funds of the Group. A copy of the full financial statements can be obtained, free of charge, from Fulbright New Zealand. The Group is a Public Benefit Entity and qualifies for differential reporting exemptions. All available reporting exemptions allowed under the Framework for Differential Reporting have been adopted.

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



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