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2007 Fulbright grantees pictured with Rt Hon Winston Peters and Ambassador William McCormick

Fulbright awards presented in record numbers

Fulbright New Zealand announced the winners of over sixty Fulbright awards for 2007 at its annual Awards Presentation Ceremony held at the Beehive in Wellington on June 13th.

For the second consecutive year, Fulbright will send its largest ever cohort of New Zealand graduate students to study and research in the United States – this year 24 New Zealand graduate awards were presented including the prestigious new International Fulbright Science and Technology Award valued at over NZ\$250,000, to Irene Ballagh from the University of Otago.

Fulbright New Zealand graduate awards presented this year will fund study and research in fields as diverse as earthquake engineering, dairy production, financial risk management, child oncology, energy law, indigenous rights and graphic design.

Also recognised at the event were ten Fulbright US graduate students who have been based at universities around the country since February, and some of the many participants in the Fulbright Scholar Programme for more advanced academics, artists and professionals.

Speaking at the event, Rt Hon Winston Peters, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Honorary Chair of Fulbright New Zealand, acknowledged the Fulbright programme's great contribution to the strengthening of bonds between New Zealand and the US over the past six decades.

"[The Fulbright programme] is part of our common history and holds great promise for the future," he said. "Any relationship between two countries is only as strong as the bonds between those people who underpin that relationship. In this regard, Fulbright is the best kind of programme, as it actively encourages New Zealanders and Americans to spend extended time learning and teaching in each other's societies."

Tribute was paid to the generations of New Zealanders and Americans who have already participated in the Fulbright programme.

"The recent passing of such esteemed alumni as Professor Alan MacDiarmid, Dame Marie Clay and Dame Jean Herbison has served to remind us that the Fulbright programme has already touched a lifetime of participants," noted Ruth Harley, Chairperson of the Fulbright New Zealand Board and herself a Fulbright alumna.

"Those [grantees] receiving awards tonight join an impressive list of almost 2,500 New Zealanders and Americans who have enjoyed Fulbright exchanges to each other's countries since our programme began, and stand as testimony to the incredible range of talent we have in these two partner nations." ►



Ruth Harley, Chairperson of the Fulbright New Zealand Board, addresses the crowd.

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Editorial



Mele Wendt, Executive Director

From the desk of the Executive Director

Kia ora koutou, talofa and warm Fulbright greetings. Through educational exchange comes increased understanding between people. That is the premise of the Fulbright programme. In my view this is what sets our scholarship programme aside from many others. Our awards are not only to provide New Zealand and the United States' brightest and best with academic opportunities. All Fulbright grantees are expected to be ambassadors for their country, to fully immerse themselves in the fabric of the host society, to get to know the people and to educate those people about their home country.

It is so rewarding reading the final reports from grantees about their exchange experiences in the host country. Not only do they often say things like, "My year in the US was of immense professional, personal and social value, and unquestionably one of the best experiences of my life", but when asked whether they think the Fulbright programme achieves its stated goal of promoting international understanding, the responses are always yes. I thought I would share returning 2006 New Zealand Graduate Student Tim Hume's (abbreviated) response to this question:

"I believe it really does. I made a lot of friendships and connections throughout my year here, and feel I generally left a positive impression on each person. Many people now understand my worldview, have been familiarised with aspects of New Zealand culture and have an appreciation of the things that are important to me as a New Zealander. You could even go so far as to say I believe that because of their relationship with me, they'll always be more inclined to view New Zealand favourably and relate well to people from our part of the world. I feel I have a real understanding of America and a very deep affection for the country."

Changing tack, I want to give a brief update on the period since our last newsletter. My annual trip to the US for Ian Axford Fellowships selections, alumni functions, meetings, visits and the NAFSA conference all went very well. I enjoyed meeting with the many people who support us at Fulbright New Zealand.

We were most pleased with the turnout at the Wellington awards presentation ceremony in June when over 250 people (30 grantees and their families, alumni and supporters) attended; well up on the 150 last year. The Auckland event attracted over 70 people, and earlier regional functions in Hamilton, Christchurch and Dunedin drew small but enthusiastic numbers of alumni and friends. Thanks to all those who attended.

Other major events included the Outreach Tour to 18 tertiary campuses in May, the mid-year programme with US and New Zealand graduate students in mid June, the Ian Axford Fellowships Day in late July, and of course, various award selections!

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Ian Axford Fellowship reports online

Policy research reports produced by the three 2007 Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellows in Public Policy are available now on the Fulbright New Zealand website - www.fulbright.org.nz

Fiona Alexander - Adapting Policies and Regulations for Convergence in the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Sector: A Comparative Analysis of New Zealand and the United States

Ann Morse - New Kiwis and New Americans: Perspectives on Migration and Settlement in New Zealand and the United States

Matthew Nice - Using an Outcome-Based Framework to Analyse Drug Policies upon Methamphetamine Markets: A Comparison of New Zealand and the United States (Oregon)



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American law expert joins Fulbright Board

Auckland-based law academic Scott Optican is the latest appointment to the Fulbright New Zealand Board, filling the position vacated by fellow American academic Stephen Levine in March.

An Associate Professor of Law at the University of Auckland, Scott has long championed the Fulbright programme to his students and is looking forward to serving the programme in an official capacity.

"I am very pleased to be associated with Fulbright New Zealand at the highest level," he says. "This two-way exchange of academic talent has long enriched both our countries."

Scott has himself enjoyed studying and working abroad in several countries. After completing a BA in Rhetoric at the University of California, Berkeley he obtained an MPhil from Cambridge University in England and undertook an internship at the United Nations in Austria before returning to the US to complete his JD at Harvard University.

He practised as a criminal lawyer in the US before taking his first teaching position at the University of Auckland in 1992. Scott has lived in New Zealand ever since, but has travelled to teach in the US, Canada and Turkey. He joins the Fulbright New Zealand Board with a firsthand appreciation of the benefits of overseas experience.

"A good deal of my study and work experiences have had an international and overseas component to them," he explains. "The value has been to see how different countries approach similar issues from different perspectives. That has been invaluable and has constantly caused me to re-evaluate my own perspectives on what I write, teach about and study."

A specialist in evidence and criminal procedure, Scott co-authored a comprehensive treatise on the New Zealand Bill of Rights in 2003 and is a regular commentator in the New Zealand media on issues related to crime and justice.

Scott's next international appointment is as a Visiting Professor at the University of Haifa in Israel later this year. He will attend his first Fulbright New Zealand Board meeting in September. ►



New Fulbright New Zealand Board member **Scott Optican** with the Board's Chairperson Ruth Harley (right) and Deputy Chairperson Barbara Johnson (left) at the Auckland Fulbright Awards Function in June.

Ian Axford Fellows publish their findings

The three visiting Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellows in Public Policy for 2007 reported their research findings at a free public seminar in July, launching the published reports authored during their six month placements at New Zealand government agencies.

The three fellows - Fiona Alexander, Ann Morse and Matt Nice - conducted research into information and communication technology (ICT), immigration and methamphetamine policy respectively, comparing policies and outcomes between New Zealand and the United States.

Fiona Alexander, a Senior Telecommunications Policy Specialist for the US Department of Commerce in Washington, DC was placed at the Ministry of Economic Development, where she compared the different approaches of New Zealand and the United States to meeting shared objectives for the ICT sector - for greater competition and investment, and better services for customers.

In her report, Fiona identifies the need for a forwardthinking and flexible policy approach to regulating the convergence of telecommunications and broadcasting platforms, and recommends better coordination between these two traditionally distinct government portfolios in New Zealand.

Ann Morse, Director of the Immigrant Policy Project at the National Conference of State Legislatures in Washington, DC was placed at the Department of Labour, where she compared approaches to welcoming and settling new immigrants to New Zealand and the US, which are similar but both under constant reform.

Her report notes New Zealand's greater preference for skilled migrants, and that New Zealand's experience with a points-based scheme might provide lessons to the US, where a similar scheme was proposed in 2007 but failed to gain support from the Senate. She also identified successful integration programmes in both countries, which are among the few in the world to have formal refugee resettlement programmes.

Matt Nice, a Principal Analyst at the Multnomah County Department of County Management in Portland, Oregon was placed at New Zealand Police, where he compared policies and outcomes of methamphetamine control in New Zealand and his home state of Oregon.

His report notes the rapid growth of a methamphetamine market in New Zealand (where the drug is known as "P") in the seven years to 2003, when a national Methamphetamine Action Plan was adopted. The following years have seen a marked increase in Police and Customs seizures and apprehensions, however the market availability and purity of the drug has not diminished. The author's recommendations include creating a national drug monitoring programme, adopting drug market availability outcome measures, improving prosecution outcomes and developing the infrastructure to force drug offenders into appropriate mandatory treatment. ▶

All three 2007 Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowship in Public Policy reports are available to download from the Fulbright New Zealand website - www.fulbright.org.nz

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Scott Optican

Axford News



Fiona Alexander, Matt Nice and Ann Morse



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Arrivals and Departures

Arrivals:

Fulbright Senior Specialist Awards

Auckland University of Technology will host Julie Ellison from the University of Michigan, who will be a keynote speaker at the 2007 Council for Humanities Congress in Wellington, and give lectures and meet with educational, cultural, public sector and media organisations in Auckland and Wellington. Julie arrives in August.

Auckland University of Technology will host Howard Zehr from Eastern Mennonite University, who will assist with curriculum development, give lectures, lead seminars and develop a research plan for the University's new Restorative Justice Centre. Howard arrives in August. ►

Departures:

International Fulbright Science and Technology Awards

Irene Ballagh from Dunedin will complete a PhD in Neuroscience, specialising in the role of synaptic plasticity in learning and memory, at Columbia University in New York. Irene departs in August.

Fulbright-Platinum Triangle Scholarship in Entrepreneurship

Alex Dunayev from Auckland will complete a Master of Business Administration degree at Stanford University in Stanford, California. Alex departs in September.

Fulbright-Ministry of Research, Science and Technology Graduate Awards Tom Algie from Auckland will conduct research into geotechnical earthquake engineering at the University of California, Davis towards a PhD in Engineering from the University of Auckland. Tom departs in August.

Richard Conroy from Hamilton will conduct research into image sensor technology for 3D imaging at Noble Peak Vision Corporation in Boston towards a PhD in Engineering from the University of Waikato. Richard departs in October.



Grantee profile: Shane Reti

2007-2008 Harkness Fellow in Health Care Policy Shane Reti will leave his medical practise in Whangarei and his ministerial appointment to the Northland DHB for twelve months from September, to research patient access to electronic personal health records (PHRs) at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, a Harvard Medical School teaching hospital. His research at the Center will be conducted

alongside world experts and leaders in their field, including his project's primary mentors Dr Henry Feldman and Dr Janice Walker.

Shane plans to evaluate different American models of PHRs as used by hospitals, insurers, government departments and other organisations, paying particular attention to the role of PHRs cross-culturally and in chronic care management. He also plans to learn from hands-on involvement in the redevelopment of the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center's PatientSite website, which allows patients to communicate with their health care provider, access test results and refill prescriptions securely over the internet.

He looks forward to bringing his newfound knowledge back home to New Zealand at the end of his fellowship.

"It is with some sadness that I leave the wonderful people of Northland to take up this appointment," Shane declares. "As this chapter closes, the next chapter is on an international stage developing core international experience at the highest level, around health policy, health systems and health leadership. It is my intention to bring these skills back to New Zealand to apply to the betterment of New Zealanders as a whole." Ulric Ferner from Auckland will complete a Master of Science degree and PhD in Engineering, specialising in information systems and wireless communications, at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge. Ulric departs in August.

Ryan Higgs from Hamilton will complete a Master of Science degree in Animal Science, specialising in dairy production and nutrition, at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. Ryan departs in August.

Kyle Lin from Auckland will complete a Master of Science degree in Engineering, specialising in financial engineering and risk management, at Stanford University in Stanford, California. Kyle departs in August.

Ross McGurk from Christchurch will research the application of Monte Carlo techniques to optimise radiation beam therapy at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Ross departs in October.

Kenji Sumida from Rotorua will complete a PhD in Chemistry, specialising in inorganic and physical chemistry, at the University of California, Berkeley. Kenji departs in August.

Mark Wheldon from Christchurch will complete a PhD in Statistics, specialising in statistical genetics, at the University of Washington in Seattle. Mark departs in August.

Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Awards

Sarah Hill from Wellington will complete a PhD in Public Health, specialising in social epidemiology, at Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts. Sarah departs in August.

Rachel Liebert from Auckland will complete a PhD in Social Welfare, specialising in critical mental health, at Stony Brook University in Stony Brook, New York. Rachel departs in August.

Ben Steele from Wellington will complete a Master of Arts degree in Anthropology, specialising in indigenous rights and treaty issues, at Columbia University in New York. Ben departs in August.

Georgina White from Wellington will complete a Master of Arts degree in Museum Studies at New York University. Georgina departs in August.

Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Pacific Writer's Residency

Sarona Aiono-Iosefa from Christchurch will finish a teenage novella entitled *O Se Mea e Tatau* at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in Honolulu. Sarona departs in August.

Fulbright Travel Awards

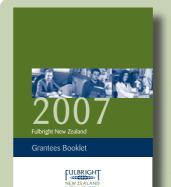
Kate Kearins from Auckland University of Technology will give presentations on business sustainability at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the Academy of Management in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and visit colleagues and students at Temple University in Philadelphia and the University of Southern Florida in Tampa. Kate departs in August.

Christine Todoroki from Rotorua will give a presentation on maximising benefits from oval logs at the Forest Growth and Timber Quality conference in Portland, Oregon. She will also visit the Pacific Northwest Research Station and World Forestry Center. Christine departs in August.

Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy

Shane Reti from Whangarei will research patient access to electronic personal health records at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts. Shane departs in September.

Rhema Vaithianathan from the University of Auckland will research valuebased insurance design for the uninsured at Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts. Rhema departs in August. ►



Find out more in our 2007 Grantees Booklet

You can find out more about our current grantees and others from the year to date in the 2007 Fulbright New Zealand Grantees Booklet, available to download now from the Fulbright New Zealand website - www.fulbright.org.nz

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Current Grantees

Fulbright-Ministry of Research, Science and Technology Graduate Awards Simon Consedine from Wellington is completing a Master of Laws degree specialising in energy law at Columbia University in New York.

Shane Geange from Hawera is conducting research on 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 Tuscon.

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

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

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.

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 City.

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

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

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 conducting research on the mechanism of Zoocin A resistance at the University of Otago, towards a PhD in Biology from the University of Alabama.

Kenny Gillingham from Stanford, California is completing 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 conducting research into sociocultural identities at Victoria University of Wellington.

Fulbright New Zealand Senior Scholar Awards

Penny Brothers from the University of Auckland is undertaking research into 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.

Fulbright Travel Awards

Jacqueline Beggs from the University of Auckland is presenting 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. She is also visiting several scientific institutions and community restoration projects.

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.* As part of this programme he will research the challenge of diversity and increasing access, retention and success in higher education at the University of California, Berkeley.

Fulbright US Senior Scholar Awards

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

Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Program

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

Eisenhower Fellowships

Joe Guthrie from Dublin, Virginia is researching funding of agricultural research and application of research findings in New Zealand.

Study of the US Institutes

Christopher van der Krogt from Massey University is participating in a six week Institute on Religious Pluralism at the University of California, Santa Barbara. ▶



Grantee profile: Becky Hamner

2007 Fulbright US Graduate Student Becky Hamner from Rochester, New York won extra recognition in this year's award selections, receiving the 2007 Alumni Award in honour of her top ranking among applicants.

Becky arrived in New Zealand in February to complete a Master of Science degree in Biology at the University of Auckland,

focusing on the population structure and genetic diversity of New Zealand's endemic Hector's dolphin, which is an endangered species. Her research involves the use of DNA markers to investigate the degree of connectivity between populations of Hector's dolphin around the South Island, as well as an examination of the diversity of two major histocompatibility complex genes which are integral to the functioning of the immune system. She appreciates her unique opportunity to work in the only laboratory in the world focused on conservation genetics of New Zealand and South Pacific dolphins.

"Thanks to Fulbright, I was able to journey across the world to take on a project studying an endangered dolphin found only in the coastal waters surrounding New Zealand," Becky enthuses. "It has not all been smooth sailing, but my colleagues here in Auckland have proven to be an invaluable resource offering helpful insights and advice to overcome the challenges posed by my research."

"As rewarding as my time in the lab has been, the time I have spent travelling the country and experiencing the New Zealand way of life has proven to be equally enlightening and unforgettable, from the multi-cultural city of Auckland to the isolated bush of the South Island."

Grantee Voice



Dana Greenfield

From New York to New Zealand

Dana Greenfield is a 2007 Fulbright US Graduate Student from New York who has been based at the University of Canterbury since February, conducting research into the medical management of intersex.

It's a crisp sunny day in the middle of the southern winter, and I've just returned from the Sunday market at the Riccarton Racecourse with fresh vegetables, fruit and my favourite pesto in hand. Just six months ago, I began this weekly ritual upon my arrival in Christchurch. The novelty of walking amidst the bustling stands of colourful produce, baked goods, tchotchkes, gizmos, antique wares and artists' crafts soon became a comforting habit in my new life in New Zealand. This and other small rituals - cycling to uni, lingering at local cafes, gardening, yoga etc. - set the pace for my relatively quiet South Island life. Soon, I will be moving to Auckland to complete the rest of my work, and I am reflecting back fondly on this city that has become my temporary home.

When I arrived here in the summer from snowy New York, the warmth of the sun was not only refreshing but recharged my winter- and travel-weary spirits. I was ready to begin this year of new experiences, people and research. On the ride from the airport to town, I learned I was in the "garden city" - homes were in full bloom and Cathedral Square anticipated the Festival of Flowers. In town, I quickly found my new flat, a 100 year-old daffodil-yellow cottage on the corner of Gloucester and Barbadoes, a stark contrast to my red brick walk-up at 112th and Broadway in Manhattan. Soon, my previous life in New York City melted away as I joined new friends in daily explorations of cafes, restaurants, beaches, concerts, gardens and weekend excursions to Kaikoura, Akaroa and Arthur's Pass.

However, one aspect of life remained the same: building upon two years of anthropology work in the US, I came to New Zealand to perform a cross-cultural analysis of the medical management of intersex conditions. My research began during our exciting orientation week in February in Wellington, when I sought out the person most responsible for my travels: Mani Bruce Mitchell, intersex activist and founder of Intersex Trust of Aotearoa New Zealand (ITANZ).

I first met Mani through her award-winning documentary *Yellow for Hermaphrodites: Mani's Story*, which depicts her struggle to uncover and confront childhood surgeries, trauma and the secrecy of her condition. My fieldwork began with an interview in Mani's office, where, in a reversal of her usual therapeutic role as counsellor, she spoke about her life with the same eloquence, deliberation and strength that made her film so compelling. This first meeting was thrilling and, much like our intense orientation schedule of lectures, excursions, meetings and lessons, framed my journey ahead.

So far, my most rewarding experiences have been connecting with the individuals I interview - parents, advocates and physicians. Every meeting is new, unique and gives me a view into the social minutiae of intersex in New Zealand. Investigating this uncharted territory is often daunting and there have been moments when I have felt overwhelmed by the task at hand, but I'm continually encouraged and heartened by these people who welcomed me into their community and believe that our work together will make a difference in the lives of future patients. Also, the chance to work with people at the Ministry of Social Development and the Human Rights Commission regarding intersex issues (opportunities not readily available to me in the US) has also encouraged me that my academic work can have a real political effect.

Jumping back into uni life has also been a nice relief from my short stint in the working world following my graduation in May '06. Even though I was coming from a city of 8 million people to one a fraction of the size, compared to my small liberal arts college Canterbury University was a much bigger pond. Nevertheless, the concert-filled O-week, my advisor Annie Potts and the wonderful staff in the American and Gender Studies Departments eased my transition. Once settled, I had the opportunity to take classes in gender theory and sociology, attend departmental seminars, learn yoga and how to rock climb, practice permaculture in the community garden, join the tramping club and become a devoted listener to RDU 98.5FM.

Finding a little bit of New York in New Zealand, I've continued my jazz singing with local chanteuse Sacha van Beek and discovered a small yet thriving world of jazz and funk musicians in town. As an avid music fan, I was unsure about getting my music fix here, but I've enjoyed exploring (and studying with) some of the abundant home-grown talent.

Outside of Christchurch, the beauty of the South Island has been at my doorstep, and so far, has enabled me to tramp through Fiordland, ramble up the West Coast, clamber up Avalanche Peak in Arthur's Pass, drink my way through Marlborough, fish in Kaikoura, sail in Akaroa and walk on glaciers in Queenstown. My research has also taken me across the ditch to Sydney and Melbourne, where I've gained another perspective on life Down Under.

My Fulbright experience is my first time living abroad and has taught me much beyond the practicalities of beginning a new life somewhere unknown. I've also discovered the pleasures of cultivating a relationship with a new country, its people and land. This opportunity has introduced me to new ideas, cultures, histories and values, and has prompted me to look at old and continuing research with fresh eyes. As I begin to look northward, I anticipate meeting more practitioners, parents and advocates in Auckland and Wellington, and continuing to travel and learn about more facets of Kiwi life in this complex and vibrant country. ▶



Dana Greenfield (seated) prepares for a tramping excursion with fellow Fulbright US Graduate Students.



Learning lessons in leadership

In 2006 Fulbright alumnus Gary Wilson (1991 New Zealand Graduate Student), an Associate Professor of Geology at the University of Otago, was named as one of six Sir Peter Blake Emerging Leaders in recognition of his work as Chair of the multinational Antarctic drilling project ANDRILL. He was the first scientist recognised by the awards, which are bestowed annually upon "younger leaders of considerable potential" by The Sir Peter Blake Trust in memory of the legendary New Zealand yachtsman, environmentalist and leader.

One of four esteemed alumni invited to speak at the Fulbright New Zealand leadership panel held in Wellington on 1 August as part of New Zealand Leadership Week, Gary took the opportunity to reflect on the year that has passed since he received his award, and ponder what it means to be a leader.

Academic pursuit is often a lonely trial by fire. We spend many years training to become researchers in our own right in a somewhat artificial and protected environment. We look to our tutors to provide guidance for what we pursue and they are always there in some form or other leading the way. Then overnight, we're no longer training, we're launched, competing with our tutors for publication success and financial support (often for our own income as well as for research funds). And any success is hard won. There's often not enough money to go around and peer review can be a very critical process. Perhaps there's some truth to the old adage "if it doesn't kill you it will make you stronger".

New Zealand is a particularly hard place to develop an academic research career as the funding pots are so limited that artificially large competitive barriers are formed at institutional as well as personal levels. A dedicated researcher will often find himself or herself undertaking just plain hard, solitary and often underrecognised work for many years. So how is it then that I now find myself in a position where others look to me for the next step? It's not until someone asks "What do you think it takes to become a leader?" that you take a breath and think "How on earth did I get here?"

Well, what's the answer? Clearly I had no plan to develop leadership skills, nor did I take any particular course on the subject. But, one thing that has made quite a difference to what I have been able to achieve since graduating is my relationship with United States researchers and research institutions. This began in 1991 with a Fulbright New Zealand-sponsored visit to the University of Nebraska, followed by an extended stay at The Ohio State University initially sponsored by the Byrd Fellowship and then by US National Science Foundation sponsored research. Despite having left the US some time ago, spending time teaching in England and now in New Zealand again, my collaborations with the US continue to form the backbone of my research career.

So, what have my associations with the US taught me? While New Zealanders are proud, and rightly so, of their "can-do" approach with minimal resources, the US has taught me that with the right resources significant leaps in progress and understanding are possible. In fact, I distinctly remember sitting on a panel of experts at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in the early stages of planning for the Europa mission, as an advisor on detecting life in extreme environments. We had been discussing the potential value of isotopic measurements and had all but given up on the idea because a mass spectrometer is obviously too large to be built into a space probe. At that point, we were treated to a look at NASA's latest matchbox-sized prototype... The lesson: focus on the requirements, not the hurdles - the hurdles can all be overcome.

Another lesson from my links with the US is the importance of collaboration. I don't wish to downplay the importance of individual research pursuit, but in my field of global paleoclimate research the resources required for success are large and the important results come from joint efforts by an integrated team of specialists. Such an approach is far more common in the US than in New Zealand, through major initiatives such as the US Antarctic and Ocean Drilling programmes with large investment in infrastructure. However, the investment is not based around political expediency, rather fundamental investigator-driven research initiatives. These programmes are often taking care of the basics, rather than worrying about "marketing" the potential findings on a case by case basis, and the investigations are not limited by available resources, but by the vision of their programme leaders.

So, what have I done with the past year? Number one focus for me this year has been family. Kate and I were blessed with a new son, Adam, in September and along with his three year old brother, Jacob, they give me many more reasons than I need to focus my work efforts and get home each day before they go to bed. They give me a daily reminder that we all start life with no preconceptions about what can be achieved.

Apart from family, this past year has seen the first successful season of drilling in Antarctica under the multinational ANDRILL programme and early this year the University of Otago launched its new research vessel Polaris II, which provides a unique platform for New Zealand student training in the ocean sciences. The Polaris II has already spent five weeks away working in the Fiordland and Stewart Island areas and we are planning an expedition to Campbell Island before the year is out.

But, most importantly this year, the Sir Peter Blake Emerging Leader award has allowed me to travel full circle and re-establish my links with US and UK institutions at a Research Dean level, which I hope will ultimately bring a new set of collaborative links between our institutions. ►



Gary Wilson in Antarctica.

Alumni Voice



Gary Wilson

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Reminiscence



John Gates

John Gates was a 1993 Fulbright US Visiting Lecturer at the University of Otago, where he taught for a semester on the topics of American foreign policy and military history. He returned to New Zealand seven years later to conduct research while on sabbatical leave, and has fond memories of his two visits here.

Twice won over by New Zealand

I am in love with New Zealand, but it was definitely not love at first sight. After a long flight that crossed both the international date line and the equator all my wife and I could think of was sleep. The fact that we needed to find a place to rent in Dunedin and the knowledge that it would probably have no central heating did nothing to improve our mood. We did not know what to expect the next day, when Professor Erik Olssen, compass in hand, explained to us the importance of having some north-facing windows in whatever accommodations we found.

We had arrived early in January so we could do some sightseeing before I had to begin teaching at the University of Otago, and soon we were off in our leased Mitsubishi for an extended tour of the South Island. Early in the trip I realized that I felt almost completely at home in New Zealand. I was born and raised in northern California, and I soon realized that much of what I was encountering in New Zealand reminded me of my secondary school and university years in California in the 1950s.

Although the differences between New Zealand and the US are many, what struck me most were those reminders of the lost Eden where I grew up: the relaxed, laid back approach to life; the beautiful and varied scenery of the rugged seacoast, majestic mountains, dense forests and open pasture land; and the absence of urban sprawl (except, of course, for Auckland, New Zealand's "Los Angeles"). I also learned, during a home tour in Napier, that I had grown up in a "California bungalow", a term I had never heard before. All I knew was that a lot of houses in New Zealand reminded me of my childhood home near San Francisco.

Some major differences between the US and New Zealand became apparent when I began my teaching at Otago University. The high price of books meant that I had to rely on the library's reserve system much more than I did at home, but the biggest shock was the high percentage assigned to the final exam in determining a student's mark. At the end of term I was also amazed by the amount of writing my New Zealand students did on the final exams. My American students would have written a third to a half as much. When discussing the assigned reading in class, however, many of my New Zealand students seemed much more reticent than my students at home.

Teaching in a different academic environment was both a challenge and a learning experience. Upon my return home I found that my expectations for what a student might write on an exam had increased significantly, a big surprise to many of my American students. I also discovered, however, that my greater expectations could bring forth better performances, so that both I and my students benefited from my term of teaching at Otago.

Having fallen in love with New Zealand, I left reluctantly, and I immediately began thinking of what I might do to return. Because my home institution had a very generous leave program, all I needed was a leave proposal that involved research in New Zealand. I was not deterred by the fact that I had neither studied nor taught New Zealand history. My primary field of study was military history, and I knew enough to know that New Zealand had its share of wars.

When my leave proposal to study the Māori pā (fortifications) was accepted, my wife and I returned to New Zealand in 2000, this time to live in Wellington. We alternated my research with sightseeing and visits to friends on both the North and South Islands. After finishing an article critical of some of James Belich's conclusions about the pā, I began researching the defense debate taking place in New Zealand, a debate made all the more interesting by the assumption shared by parties on all sides of the argument that New Zealand faced no threatening enemies. I presented the results of that research in talks in New Zealand, and I later incorporated some of the insights gained in that study into my course entitled The Evolution of War.

Both in 1994 and 2000 I was sad when the time came to leave New Zealand, but happy to take with me so many pleasant memories of people met, sights seen, and research done. I tell people about New Zealand with mixed emotions. Part of me wants to hide my real feelings lest the country be overrun with American tourists, while another part of me wants to tell everyone that in this very troubled world a place of great beauty and wonderful, laid back people still exists. Thank you, Fulbright New Zealand, for giving me the opportunity to discover it. ▶



We want you! ... to share your Fulbright reminiscences.

As the 60th Anniversary of Fulbright New Zealand approaches in 2008, we invite all alumni to share memories and mementos of their participation in the Fulbright programme. Please feel free to send in a written recollection of your exchange experience, along with photos and any other special mementos of your time abroad.

We aim to produce a memorial booklet for publication next year, and selected memoirs will also be published in our Fulbright Quarterly newsletter and on the Fulbright New Zealand website. Written submissions should be around 1000 words in length, although longer submissions are welcome (subject to editing for publication). Photographs can be submitted either digitally or as prints.

Please contact andy@fulbright.org.nz for further guidelines or assistance. We look forward to receiving your submissions.



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Dear Fulbrighter -

At last the first issue of our USEF/NZ Newsletter is under way! The very gratifying response to our Christmas circular settled the problem of the form the Newsletter would take. Practically all our space has gone in giving enough information about each of you for the renewal of acquaintanceships.

FROM FOUNDATION HEADQUARTERS

First of all, the name on the cover. In case you have forgotten your Maori, TE KARERE means 'The Message', which we think is quite appropriate, easy to pronounce and typically New Zealand! We hope you will enjoy reading this first issue as much as we have enjoyed producing it ...

At the end of each year we get a great deal of pleasure when the Christmas cards come streaming in from past grantees. As they come from many countries other than the United States, you can imagine the wonderful collection. This is displayed prominently in the Foundation Office for all to admire.

PERSONNEL

We are indeed sorry to have to report the sudden death a tew days ago of Major-General Sir Howard Kippenberger, who was one of our three New Zealand representatives since the inception of the Program in this country in 1949. He was a national hero, greatly loved and respected by all for his courage and integrity. He will be sadly missed.

ALUMNI NOTES ...

1949-50 Students

We were quite overcome when, after a six-year silence, we received a letter from Lois Brean! At least the prospect of a Newsletter has brought you out of your trance, Lois! We are pleased to hear of your marriage and wish you every happiness.

1951 Students

You will all be relieved to hear that AT LONG LAST Charlie Rich has left us! There was a time when we hopefully thought that he would NEVER leave us and we admire his courage for finally taking the awful plunge. We were not surprised, therefore, to hear that he just couldn't STAND the American bugs after his long absence and landed in hospital immediately on his arrival at Harvard. We do hope you have fully recovered now, Charlie. The Embassy girls still ask after you - we all miss your popping into the office.

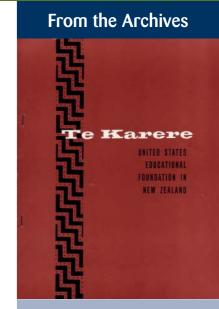
1954 Researchers and Lecturers

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Vitaliano, Geology Department, University of Indiana, are having a wonderful time helping out Fulbrights to New Zealand with many hints and also reminiscing with New Zealanders who have been lucky enough to visit the States recently.

1955 Students

We feel sure that all the students who, at one time or another, lived at 54A The Crescent, will be sorry to hear that it no longer exists as a Fulbright nest - the last one to occupy it was Charlie Rich, but when he left last year it was taken over by four New Zealanders. Looking back on the early days, those Saturday morning hotcake sessions certainly were popular!

So, until our next issue of TE KARERE, best wishes to you all.



Fifty years ago in May 1957, Fulbright New Zealand (then known as the United States Educational Foundation in New Zealand) published its first newsletter, entitled *Te Karere*.

In introducing the new publication, Executive Secretary Eric Budge explained that he believed it to be the first Fulbright newsletter in the world designed entirely for American alumni.

Edited by Doreen Galbraith, Personal Assistant to the Executive Secretary, the newsletter included news "from Foundation headquarters", updates on the whereabouts of many American alumni and a list of New Zealanders heading for the United States on Fulbright grants in the 1957-58 academic year, in case any readers should care to get in touch with them.

A selection of excerpts from the inaugural issue of *Te Karere* are reproduced here.



In Brief



above: Kenneth Keith, 1964 below: Jean Herbison, 1961



Alumni News

Fulbright alumnus Sir Kenneth Keith (1964 New Zealand Graduate Student) received New Zealand's highest official honour in June, being appointed to the Order of New Zealand in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. Also recognised in the Honours were Professor Ted Baker (1984 New Zealand Research Scholar), appointed as a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to science; Dr John Wilson (1966 NZ Graduate Student), appointed as a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to historical research; and Ian Fox (1994 NZ Educational Development Grant), awarded a Queen's Service Medal for services to education.

Harkness alumnus Dr Colin Tukuitonga (2000 Harkness Fellow) took up his new position of Chief Executive of the Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs in June. Colin has had a distinguished career in the health sector, including positions as Director of Public Health and an advisor to the World Health Organisation.

Fulbright alumnus Associate Professor Angus McIntosh (1995 NZ Graduate Student) was one of ten top New Zealand tertiary educators recognised with 2007 Tertiary Teaching Excellence Awards in June. The awards are presented by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority to recognise and encourage excellence in tertiary teaching. Angus is an Associate Professor in the School of Biological Sciences at the University of Canterbury, where he specialises in freshwater ecology.

Fulbright alumnus James Russell (2007 Travel Award) was overall runner-up in the 2007 MacDiarmid Young Scientists of the Year Awards announced in June, winning the Understanding Planet Earth category of the awards. The awards are presented by the Foundation for Research, Science & Technology in honour of Fulbright alumnus Professor Alan MacDiarmid, to recognise the excellence and innovative spirit of New Zealand's top young researchers. James' awards were for his research into how rats reinvade offshore islands.

Fulbright alumnus Professor Ray Winger (1973 NZ Graduate Student) received the New Zealand Institute

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of Food Science and Technology's top award - the J. C. Andrews Award - in June, in recognition of his substantial contribution to science and technology in the food industry. Ray is a Professor of Food Technology at Massey University Albany.

Fulbright alumnus Associate Professor Bruce Manley (1979 NZ Graduate Student) was named 2007 Forester of the Year by the New Zealand Institute of Forestry in July, in recognition of his leadership and excellence in forestry, and his commitment and contribution to the profession of forestry over a 31 year career. Bruce is currently Head of the School of Forestry at the University of Canterbury.

Current Fulbright scholar Dr Matthew Palmer (2007 NZ Senior Scholar) has been appointed as Deputy Solicitor General of Public Law at the Crown Law Office. He will take up the position in early 2008 after returning from his five month Fulbright exchange to Yale University, where he is researching comparative indigenous peoples' rights towards a book about legal and governmental issues surrounding the Treaty of Waitangi. ►

In Memoriam

Fulbright alumna Dame Jean Herbison (1961 New Zealand Graduate Student) passed away in May. Dame Jean received her Fulbright award in mid-career, after eight years as a secondary school teacher and appointment as Dean of Christchurch Teachers' College. She completed an MA in guidance and counselling at the State College of Iowa, and continued a long and distinguished career in education upon her return to New Zealand, which included appointment as New Zealand's first female Chancellor, at the University of Canterbury in 1979. In 1985 she was appointed a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire, for services to education. **▶**

We are also saddened by the recent passing of the following alumni:

John Hawke, 1964 New Zealand Research Scholar John Kalman, 1969 New Zealand Research Scholar Thomas Lyson, 1985 US Research Scholar

August

- Fulbright New Zealand leadership panel: Fostering leadership through international exchange Esteemed alumni Suzanne Snively (PricewaterhouseCoopers), Helen Anderson (Ministry of Research, Science and Technology), Shane Jones (MP) and Gary Wilson (University of Otago) discuss the role of international exchange in fostering leadership in New Zealand. 5:30-7:00pm, Level 16, PricewaterhouseCoopers Tower, 113-119 The Terrace, Wellington
- 10 Alumni panel Rethinking indigenous identity in the Pacific: The politics of migration and location in Hawaiian, Maori and Samoan cases Fulbright alumnae Kehaulani Kauanui (Wesleyan University) and Alice Te Punga Somerville (Victoria University of Wellington) along with April Henderson (Victoria University of Wellington) discuss issues surrounding Pacific migration. 10:00-11:30am, Room 102, 6 Kelburn Parade, Victoria University of Wellington

Important Dates

10 Alumni lecture - Contemporary Hawaiian sovereignty and the politics of self-determination Fulbright alumna Kehaulani Kauanui (Wesleyan University) offers a critical analysis of political division in the contemporary Hawaiian sovereignty movement.

1:00-3:00pm, Te Herenga Waka Marae, 46 Kelburn Parade, Victoria University of Wellington

September

1 Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy applications due

October

22 Fulbright US Graduate Awards applications due

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Event and grantee photographs

In Pictures







Fulbright Travel Award grantee **Christine Todoroki** with US Ambassador to New Zealand **William McCormick**.



Fulbright-Platinum Triangle Scholarship in Entrepreneurship grantee **Alex Dunayev** with his grandmother.



Fulbright New Zealand Executive Director **Mele Wendt**, **Harriet Fulbright** and New Zealand Ambassador to the US **Roy Ferguson** at the Ian Axford Fellowships function in Washington, DC.



Fulbright alumnae **Jen Germano** and **Carol Adler-Morgan** with Fulbright New Zealand Programme Manager and Educational Adviser **Kara Wood** at the Dunedin alumni function.



Fulbright alumni **Beverly Holloway** and **Des Mann** at the Fulbright New Zealand Awards Function in Auckland.



Fulbright alumnus **Mufi Hannemann**, Mayor of Honolulu, gives a free public lecture in Wellington.



John F Kennedy Memorial Fellow **Frances Hesselbein** (middle) with Fulbright New Zealand staff **Maree Yong** and **Rae Holdsworth** during her visit to New Zealand.



Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowships in Public Policy Board Chairperson **Jim Bolger** welcomes guests to the 2007 Ian Axford Fellows' report-back seminar in Wellington.



Fulbright US Graduate Student **Amanda Cravens**, dwarfed by a kauri tree.



Fulbright US Senior Scholar **Pam Chasek** (right) with her sons **Sam** and **Kai** at the Hobbiton movie set.



Newly-arrived Fulbright New Zealand Graduate Students **Toni Moyes** and **Saeeda Verrall** soak up the American sunshine at Lake Tahoe.



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Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy These fellowships, offered by The Commonwealth Fund, are for promising New Zealand health policy researchers and practitioners to conduct a policyorientated research project and work with leading health policy experts in the US. One or two fellowships valued at up to US\$95,000 are offered each year. Applications close 1 September 2007

Fulbright US Graduate Awards

These awards are for promising US graduate students to undertake postgraduate study or research in any field at New Zealand institutions. Approximately 10 awards covering travel, tuition and living costs are offered each year. **Applications close 22 October 2007**

Fulbright Travel Awards

These awards are for New Zealand academics, artists or 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. Approximately eight awards valued at up to NZ\$5,000 are offered each year. **Applications close 1 November 2007, 1 March and 1 July 2008**

Fulbright Senior 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. Approximately six awards valued at up to NZ\$8,400 (plus travel expenses) are offered each year. Applications close 1 November 2007, 1 March and 1 July 2008

Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowships in Public Policy These fellowships are for outstanding mid-career US professionals to research and gain first-hand experience of public policy in New Zealand for six months. A small number of fellowships valued at up to NZ\$39,000 (plus travel expenses) are offered each year. **Applications close 1 March 2008**

Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Pacific Writer's Residency

This award 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. One residency valued at NZ\$30,000 is offered each year. **Applications close 1 April 2008**

International Fulbright Science and Technology Awards

These awards are for promising graduate students from around the world to undertake fully-funded PhD study at top US universities in fields of science, technology or engineering. Approximately 25 awards with an estimated value over NZ\$250,000 are offered internationally each year. **Applications close 1 May 2008**

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Fulbright New Zealand Senior Scholar Awards These awards are for New Zealand academics, artists or professionals to pursue research or practical experience in the US for three to five months. A small number of awards valued at up to US\$32,500 (plus travel expenses) are offered each year. Applications close 1 June 2008

Fulbright Visiting Lectureships in New Zealand Studies

These awards are for New Zealand academics to teach New Zealand Studies and conduct research at Georgetown University in Washington, DC for one or two semesters. Two lectureships - one per semester - valued at up to US\$32,500 (plus travel expenses) are offered each year. **Applications close 1 June 2008**

Fulbright-Platinum Triangle Scholarship in Entrepreneurship

This award is for a promising New Zealand graduate student in a knowledge economy-related field to complete a Masters degree at a US university and gain professional work experience in the US and in New Zealand. One award valued at US\$100,000 (plus travel expenses and a paid internship) is offered each year. **Applications close 1 August 2008**

Fulbright-EQC Graduate Award in Natural Disaster Research

This award is for a promising New Zealand graduate student to undertake postgraduate study or research at a US institution in the field of natural disaster research. One award valued at up to US\$25,000 (plus travel expenses) is offered each year. **Applications close 1 August 2008**

Fulbright-Ministry of Research, Science & Technology Graduate Awards

These awards are for promising New Zealand graduate students to undertake postgraduate study or research at US institutions in fields targeted to support growth and innovation in New Zealand. Approximately 11 awards valued at up to US\$25,000 (plus travel expenses) are offered each year. **Applications close 1 August 2008**

Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Awards These awards are for promising New Zealand graduate students to undertake postgraduate study or research in any field at US institutions. Approximately eight awards valued at up to US\$25,000 (plus travel expenses) are offered each year. Applications close 1 August 2008

Fulbright US Senior Scholar Awards These awards are for US academics, artists or professionals to pursue research or practical experience in New Zealand for three to five months. A small number of awards valued at up to NZ\$32,500 (plus travel expenses) are offered each year. **Applications close 1 August 2008**

Eisenhower Fellowships

These fellowships are for emerging American leaders to visit New Zealand to meet with local experts in their field of interest. One or two awards covering travel, accommodation and living costs are offered each year. Application dates vary - see the Eisenhower Fellowships website (www.eisenhowerfellowships.org) for details.

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