



US Fulbright alumni celebrate 60th Anniversary



Tom Farrell from the US Department of State addresses the Fulbright 60th Anniversary Gala Dinner in Washington, DC

American Fulbright alumni turned out in force from around the country to celebrate Fulbright New Zealand's 60th Anniversary at the only anniversary event to be held in the US - a gala dinner hosted at the New Zealand Embassy in Washington, DC on Saturday, June 7th.

New Zealand Ambassador to the US Roy Ferguson, himself a Fulbright alumnus, graciously hosted the function, which included cocktails and a four course dinner with New Zealand wines.

115 attendees travelled from as far afield as Boston, New York, Texas, New Mexico, California, Oregon and Hawai'i to attend the dinner, to reminisce and to enjoy the company of fellow alumni and friends of the Fulbright programme on this auspicious occasion. Several generations of Fulbrighters were represented, from early exchange participants through to current New Zealand grantees based in the US, as were participants of the Ian Axford and Eisenhower Fellowships programmes which Fulbright New Zealand administers.

Former Prime Minister of New Zealand Rt Hon Jim Bolger was a special guest speaker, attending the dinner with his wife Joan. In his speech Mr Bolger told alumni: "Your presence here tonight is just one measure of your support for these exchange programmes, and as always it is a delight to hear of the life-changing experiences you had as grantees. It is always a pleasure, too, to see

New Zealanders and Americans come together in such cordial and mutually-respectful auspices, especially here in the corridors of power. Tonight we can rejoice in the truly positive relationship between our countries, which has been helped in no small part by the Fulbright programme and other similar initiatives."

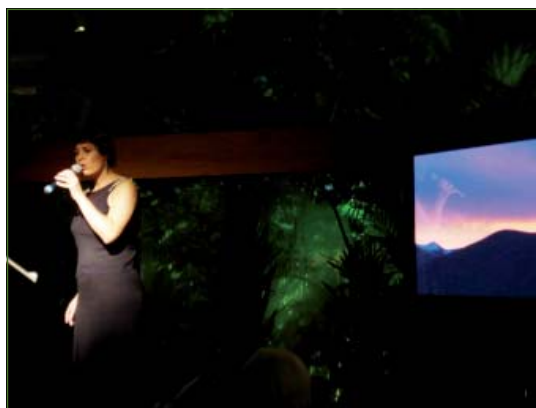
Mr Bolger spoke of his privilege to have worked on improving that bilateral relationship himself as Prime Minister, then Ambassador to the US, and now Chairperson of both the NZ US Council and the Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowships in Public Policy.

Tom Farrell, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Academic Programs at the US Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, also spoke at the event, reminding alumni that one is always a Fulbrighter and should strive to represent the goals and mission of the programme throughout their lifetime. "The mission of increasing mutual understanding through educational exchange with the hope of peace remains as important today as it was 60 years ago," he explained.

Harriet Fulbright, widow of the programme's founder Senator J William Fulbright and herself a great supporter of Fulbright New Zealand, was on hand to propose a toast to the organisation on its anniversary.

Another highlight of the evening was a singing performance by 2008 Fulbright New Zealand Senior Scholar Susana Lei'ataua, who is currently Artist in Residence at New York University's Asian/Pacific/American Studies Institute. Susana performed several songs from her new theatre work *Breaking the Surface* accompanied by photographic images of New Zealand's South Island and her ancestral homeland of Samoa. The songs were co-written by Fulbright alumnus and renowned New Zealand composer Gareth Farr.

Fulbright alumni donated generously to attend the dinner, and the US\$8,000 raised will go towards funding an additional Fulbright award in 2009. ►



2008 Fulbright New Zealand Senior Scholar Susana Lei'ataua sings at the gala dinner

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Editorial



Mele Wendt, Executive Director

From the desk of the Executive Director

Our 60th Anniversary year is flying by and it's been busy. We had alumni receptions in Hamilton, Christchurch and Dunedin in New Zealand in May, with a 40% increase in numbers compared to last year. We had an absolutely wonderful Gala Dinner at the New Zealand Embassy in Washington, DC in June with capacity numbers. A couple of weeks later in Wellington, New Zealand we had the biggest ever reception Fulbright New Zealand has had with over 380 people at the 60th Anniversary Parliamentary reception! It's been great having so many alumni and supporters make the effort to attend these celebratory events. Thank you.

The format of our two-and-a-half day conference planned for November in Auckland has recently been changed. It will now be a much shorter celebration held on Saturday 22 November, comprising an afternoon symposium and evening reception (which will be free for everyone to attend). More detail about the Symposium and Reception are given below. Unfortunately, the conference was presenting too many risks (including financial) and we were concerned it would not attract adequate numbers to be a success. We are very sorry for any inconvenience caused by the changes.

We are confident that the proposed new format will attract good numbers of alumni, stakeholders and the interested public, still adhere to the aims of the conference and the 60th anniversary, and be a celebration which people are pleased they attended. So the Board and Staff look forward to seeing those of you who can make it in Auckland on 22 November!

We are going to implement an oral history project to document Fulbright New Zealand's 60 years of alumni

histories. The deaths of such esteemed Fulbright alumni as Professor Alan MacDiarmid, Dame Marie Clay and Dame Jean Herbison have highlighted the fact that the Fulbright programme has already touched a lifetime of participants, but also that we are in danger of losing the stories of many more of those participants if they are not collected soon. For most Fulbright alumni their exchange was a life-changing experience and their cumulative histories document vast changes in the world over the past six decades.

An issue which has recently concerned me is the decrease in the number of applications for New Zealand Senior Scholar Awards, despite our increased promotional efforts. Applications numbers for these awards were much lower than last year. We even had to re-advertise a particular award because it did not receive any applications. A recent *NZ Education Review* article on research and study leave outlined that sabbaticals have become rare, and that it's getting more and more difficult for faculty to unplug and leave because of the various barriers such as disruption to family life, a partner's work commitments and the expense. I suppose the downward economy in New Zealand (and in the US) will also be making things worse/harder. However, the Fulbright scholar awards are such fantastic opportunities, both professionally and personally, and have very adequate provisions to make it possible. Please encourage any colleagues in New Zealand interested in a US research and/or teaching stint to find out more information about our awards.

Until next time, hei konā rā, fa soifua and farewell,



Fulbright New Zealand 60th Anniversary Symposium and Reception University of Auckland, Saturday 22 November 2008

Fulbright New Zealand is celebrating its 60th anniversary in November with one final event comprising an afternoon symposium and an evening reception in Auckland.

We will reflect on six decades of educational and cultural exchange between graduate students, research scholars, teachers, artists and professionals from New Zealand and the United States of America. The event aims to celebrate the 60 year achievements of Fulbright New Zealand, to strengthen relationships with our alumni and stakeholders, and to increase wider public awareness of Fulbright New Zealand and educational exchange between New Zealand and the US.

Fulbright New Zealand 60th Anniversary Symposium

1:30-5:00pm, Saturday 22 November

Owen G Glenn Building, University of Auckland Business School

This is a free event, open to the public. It will feature distinguished American political scientist Professor Ronald Inglehart, Director of the World Values Survey. Notable New Zealand scientist Professor Paul Callaghan will speak about the legacy of Nobel prize-winning scientist and Fulbright alumnus Professor Alan MacDiarmid, and the intellectual interchange of New Zealand and US science. There will be creative readings and performances by Fulbright alumni author Witi Ihimaera, poet Bill Manhire, filmmaker Sima Urale, actor and writer Susana Lei'ataua and composer Gareth Farr. Also included are a number of young Fulbright grantees from New Zealand and the US. It will be a fun and interesting afternoon! All are warmly welcome. Registration is required (with your full contact details) to info@fulbright.org.nz or (04) 472 2065 by 31 October 2008

A reception will follow the symposium from 5:30 to 8:00pm, for invited guests (alumni and stakeholders of Fulbright New Zealand).

See www.fulbright.org.nz for further details including accommodation discounts for those attending from out of town.

Record numbers at Awards Ceremony

Fulbright New Zealand continued its 60th anniversary celebrations at Parliament in June, by presenting a record 27 awards to New Zealand graduate students in front of a capacity crowd at the annual Fulbright New Zealand Awards Ceremony. With this year's awards ceremony doubling as a 60th anniversary celebration, around 380 people came to mark the special occasion - a record turnout for this event.

The host of the event, Rt Hon Winston Peters, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Honorary Chairperson of Fulbright New Zealand, acknowledged the major contribution of the programme in promoting friendship and understanding between the peoples of New Zealand and the United States of America. Highlighting the value of personal bonds formed through the programme he cited the Māori proverb "He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata - What is the most important thing in the world? It is the people, the people, the people."

US Ambassador to New Zealand Hon William McCormick, the other Honorary Chairperson of Fulbright New Zealand, joined Mr Peters in paying tribute to former US Ambassador Anne Martindell, who died a week earlier. Ms Martindell served the Fulbright programme as its Honorary Chairperson during her tenure as Ambassador from 1979-1982, and remained devoted to improving bilateral relationships between the US and New Zealand up until her death.

Former Fulbright New Zealand Executive Director Laurie Cox, who ran the organisation for over two decades, was on hand to propose a toast to celebrate the 60th anniversary. He paid tribute to his predecessor Eric Budge, Fulbright New Zealand's inaugural Secretary who also served for more than 20 years, and those that had followed him: "In essence Eric especially, and myself to a lesser extent, provided the building blocks for the

New Zealand programme but it has been Jenny Gill, and more lately Mele Wendt, who have made Fulbright New Zealand the vibrant success that it is today."

A total of 66 awards were granted by Fulbright New Zealand this year, including those to the 27 newly-announced New Zealand graduate students who will soon depart for the US to commence study and research into topics as diverse as population genetics of sperm whales, wireless communications technology, aircraft systems engineering, musical theatre composition, textiles conservation and terrorism.

Also awarded this year were 10 American graduate students who have been based at New Zealand universities since the beginning of the academic year in February, and around 30 participants in Senior Scholar programmes for more advanced academics, artists and professionals. ➤



Former Fulbright New Zealand Executive Director **Laurie Cox** proposes a toast for the organisation's 60th anniversary, as current Executive Director **Mele Wendt** looks on

See page 12 for more photographs of this event

Fulbright News



Champagne is served to celebrate Fulbright New Zealand's 60th Anniversary

Outreach Tour and alumni functions a success

Fulbright New Zealand's educational advising team criss-crossed the country during May on their annual Outreach Tour, visiting university and polytechnic campuses to inform students and staff about options to study, research and teach in the United States of America. Regional alumni functions were held in Hamilton, Christchurch and Dunedin along the way.

This year's Outreach Tour visited 15 campuses in the first semester, with visits to another half dozen planned for the second semester. 376 people have so far attended seminars to hear first-hand how they can access educational opportunities in the US and apply for Fulbright awards to help them get there.

As usual the input of Fulbright alumni has proven

invaluable at these seminars, with guest speakers telling of their own exchange experiences and taking questions from attendees interested in following in their footsteps. The assistance of our new Campus Advisers, both as speakers and in promoting visits to their campuses, has been equally important and appreciated.

We were pleased by the turnout to our three regional alumni functions, which were held for the benefit of those who might be unable to attend our larger annual events in Wellington and Auckland. Around 80 enthusiastic alumni attended the three functions in order to be updated on Fulbright New Zealand's latest activities and catch up with one another. We received some wonderful feedback from attendees and it was great to see so many of them again. ➤

New Zealand Leadership Week marked

Fulbright New Zealand marked New Zealand Leadership Week again this year with an alumni panel discussion about the role of international exchange in developing leadership among New Zealanders.

Fulbright alumna and Chairperson Ruth Harley (Chief Executive of the New Zealand Film Commission), Harkness Fellowships alumna Karen Poutasi (Chief

Executive of the New Zealand Qualifications Authority) and Fulbright alumnus Rob Rabel (Pro Vice Chancellor International of Victoria University of Wellington) each recounted their own exchange experiences in the US and reported the effects on their subsequent career development. The lunchtime seminar was held at Fulbright New Zealand on 1 August and attended by around 40 people. ➤



Axford News



2007 Ian Axford Fellow **Matt Nice** addresses the Axford Forum

Ian Axford Fellowships Forum held in US

The second ever Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowships in Public Policy Forum was held on Friday 6 June 2008 at the New Zealand Embassy in Washington, DC attracting over 40 people. Rt Hon Jim Bolger, Chairperson of the Ian Axford Fellowships Board and one of the programme's founders, was a key participant in the afternoon and provided an introduction to the fellowship programme and an excellent summary of observations at the end of the afternoon.

The Forum's main speakers were the three Axford Fellows from 2007 – Fiona Alexander of the US Department of Commerce, Matthew Nice of the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime, and Anne Morse of the National Conference of State Legislatures. All three gave excellent presentations on their research findings, after which small panels of Axford alumni made brief observations in response.

Members of the audience came from various government and non-government agencies interested in the policy areas being profiled, and from neighbouring universities, the embassy itself and people

with a general 'NZ-US' interest. Also in attendance were the short-listed applicants for the next round of fellowships in 2009, who were able to hear in depth about the programme and to network with a range of alumni.

The forum was followed by a very enjoyable reception at the New Zealand Ambassador's residence next door, hosted by Roy and Dawn Ferguson.

On Saturday 7th June, the selection committee conducted its interviews and selected four new Axford fellows to come to New Zealand in 2009. Their research projects will range from financial literacy policy to Māori education policy.

The Axford programme is most appreciative of Ambassador Roy Ferguson, Mike Woods, Education Counsellor, and other staff at the New Zealand Embassy for their hard work and warm hospitality in making these events a success. It was also valuable having the Axford Board Chair, Mr Bolger, in Washington for these activities for the first time. He added a special dimension to the proceedings. ➤



2008 Ian Axford Fellow **Brenda Bushouse** reports her findings

2008 Ian Axford Fellows report their findings

The four recipients of 2008 Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowships in Public Policy reported the findings of their six month research placements at New Zealand government agencies in July, at a public seminar coinciding with the publication of their policy reports.

Kacky Andrews from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration analysed governance strategies for Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZs) at the Ministry for the Environment. She identified increased and conflicting demands for EEZ resources, and acknowledged the complexity of governing such large and dynamic "commons" areas. Examining a variety of possible management strategies, she concluded that a mix of strategies would probably be most effective over the long term, and that a strong spatial component would be required.

Penny Bishop from the University of Vermont researched teacher credentialing and the education of young adults at the Ministry of Education. She reported that students who leave school early often disengage in the middle years (Years 7-10), but the recently introduced *Schools Plus* retention initiative is aimed at students in later years. She identified a lack of specialised teacher training for middle years, and found general agreement across stakeholder groups regarding

the need for such training and a common skill set for effective teaching in these crucial years.

Brenda Bushouse from the University of Massachusetts researched the creation of the 20 Hours Free early childhood education programme at the Ministry of Education. Her report provides an historical narrative of the parties involved, the timing of events and competing interests. The report identifies wedge issues to be considered in future policymaking and concludes with recommendations for future research.

Patti Grogan from the Florida Department of Children and Families researched refugee integration strategies at the Department of Labour. She examined New Zealand's National Settlement Strategy and in particular the new Settlement Support New Zealand (SSNZ) integration programme. Her analysis identified a number of issues including restricted access to SSNZ services by non-English speakers due to limited availability of translated materials and interpreters. She noted that use of SSNZ services by refugees varied between communities, with significantly higher utilisation when SSNZ services were co-located with other refugee service providers. ➤

All four reports are available now from Fulbright New Zealand (see below)



This year's four Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowship in Public Policy reports are available to download from the Fulbright New Zealand website at www.fulbright.org.nz/voices. Limited printed copies are available on request from the Fulbright office.

Katherine Andrews – *Governing the Exclusive Economic Zone: The Ocean Commons, Cumulative Impacts and Potential Strategies for Improved Governance*

Penny Bishop – *Middle Years Teacher Credentialing in Aotearoa/New Zealand*

Brenda Bushouse – *Early Childhood Education Policy in Aotearoa/New Zealand: The Creation of the 20 Hours Free Programme*

Patti Grogan – *Does a Rising Tide Lift All Boats? Refugee Resettlement, Integration and New Zealand's Settlement Strategy*

Alumni News

Fulbright alumnus **Andrew Cutler** (1991 NZ Graduate Student) was one of three leading public relations practitioners made Fellows of the Public Relations Institute of New Zealand in May. Fellows are recognised for their professional achievements and support of the profession. Andrew is Communications Manager for the Prime Minister's office.

Several Fulbright and related alumni were recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours announced in June. Fulbright alumna **Dr Anne Meade** (1999 NZ Senior Scholar) was appointed as a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to education. Appointed as Officers of the same Order were Fulbright alumnus **Professor Hong Di** (2006 Travel Award) for services to agricultural research and Harkness alumna **Professor Alison Mercer** (1990 Harkness Fellowship) for services to science. Fulbright alumna **Dr Melani Anae** (2007 NZ Senior Scholar) was appointed as a Companion of the Queen's Service Order for services to the Pacific Islands community.

Fulbright alumnus **Dr James Russell** (2006 Travel Award) was awarded a Postdoctoral Fellowship by the Foundation for Research, Science and Technology in June, to continue his research into island invasions by rats. Having completed his PhD at the University of Auckland last year, James will use his fellowship to undertake postdoctoral research at the University of California. The Foundation for Research, Science and Technology's Postdoctoral Fellowships are valued at up to \$264,000 over three years, including a stipend and allowances for research costs and ongoing skills development.

Fulbright alumna **Dr Ngahuia Te Awakotuku** (2004 Travel Award) and three University of Waikato colleagues won the Lifestyle and Contemporary Culture category of this year's Montana Book Awards in June, for their recently published book *Mau Moko*. The book is described on the Awards website as "the closest there has ever been to a 'complete' book on moko" (the Māori art of facial or body tattoo). Fulbright alumnus **Laurence Aberhart** (1988 NZ Cultural Development Grant) was a contributor to Jennifer Hay's *Bill Hammond: Jingle*

Jangle Morning which won the Illustrative category. Laurence wrote about his artists friend Hammond in what the Awards website calls "a spectacular publication tracing the career of one of New Zealand's most sought-after contemporary painters."

Fulbright alumna **Distinguished Professor Anne Salmond** (1968 NZ Graduate Student) has been elected as a Corresponding Fellow of the British Academy, one of only a handful of New Zealanders to have achieved this recognition. Corresponding Fellows are scholars habitually resident outside the UK who have "attained high international standing" in their respective branches of study in humanities or social sciences. Only ten such fellows are elected per year. "It is very humbling, and a most generous acknowledgement by the British Academy of scholarship that is deeply grounded in New Zealand and the Pacific," said Anne in response to her election. ➤

In Memoriam

FULBRIGHT ALUMNA **RUTH KLAVANO** (1978 US EXCHANGE TEACHER) DIED IN JUNE. A FIFTH GRADE TEACHER AT LAURIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL IN VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON AT THE TIME OF HER FULBRIGHT AWARD, RUTH TAUGHT FOR A YEAR AT KILBIRNIE SCHOOL IN WELLINGTON WHERE, AS THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S DISTRICT SENIOR INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS I. W. HANNA REPORTED UPON COMPLETION OF HER EXCHANGE, "HER BRIGHT, SMILING PERSONALITY AND HER INTEREST IN PEOPLE MADE HER VERY POPULAR WITH PUPILS AND STAFF." INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WAS A FIXTURE IN RUTH'S LIFE. SHE STUDIED IN JAPAN AND TAUGHT IN TANZANIA AND CHINA, AND HAD ACCEPTED ANOTHER TEACHING POSITION IN NAMIBIA PRIOR TO HER DEATH. RUTH REMAINED FRIENDS WITH HER NEW ZEALAND FULBRIGHT EXCHANGE PARTNER **GRAHAM COCHRANE** AND HIS FAMILY, HOSTING THEM IN THE US SEVERAL TIMES FOLLOWING THEIR RECIPROCAL EXCHANGE OF JOBS. ➤

WE ARE ALSO SADDENED BY THE RECENT PASSING OF THE FOLLOWING ALUMNUS:

NORMAN DUCKER, 1954 NEW ZEALAND EXCHANGE TEACHER

In Brief



above: Anne Salmond, 1968
below: Ruth Klavano, 1978



Important Dates

August

- 8 **2008 Outreach Tour** - Te Whare Wananga o Awanuiārangī
10:00-11:00am, Awanuiārangī 1 Conference Room, Rongo-o-Awa, 13 Domain Road, Whakatāne

September

- 1 **Fulbright Visiting Scholar Awards in New Zealand Studies** applications due
5 **Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy and Practice** applications due

October

- 17 **Fulbright US Graduate Awards** applications due

November

- 3 **Fulbright Travel Awards** applications due
Fulbright Senior Specialist Awards applications due
22 **Fulbright New Zealand 60th Anniversary Symposium and Reception**

These are the final events in Fulbright New Zealand's 60th Anniversary calendar. The afternoon symposium is a free public event featuring a fantastic line-up of speakers focused on 'Creative Partnerships' and the exchange of ideas between New Zealand and the US. The invitation-only reception will provide a chance for alumni and friends of Fulbright to reunite and celebrate this special occasion.

Symposium - 1:30-5:00pm, Owen G Glenn Building, 12 Grafton Road, University of Auckland

Reception - 5:30-8:00pm, see invitation for details

See www.fulbright.org.nz or contact the Fulbright New Zealand office for more details



2008 Fulbright grantees pictured with Fulbright New Zealand Chairperson **Ruth Harley**, Honorary Chairpersons **Hon William McCormick** and **Rt Hon Winston Peters**, and Executive Director **Mele Wendt**, at the 2008 Fulbright New Zealand Awards Ceremony in June

Awarded

INTERNATIONAL FULBRIGHT SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AWARDS

Alana Alexander from Auckland will complete a PhD in Wildlife, specialising in the population genetics and evolution of sperm whales, at Oregon State University in Corvallis.

Wynton Moore from Dunedin will complete a PhD in Physics, specialising in structure formation in the early universe, at the University of Chicago.

Fulbright-Platinum Triangle Scholarship in Entrepreneurship

Fiona Miller from Hamilton will complete a Master of Business Administration degree at the University of California, Berkeley.

Fulbright-Ministry of Research, Science and Technology Graduate Awards

Josephine Beck from Christchurch will research the vocal repertoire of orangutans at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Adam Forbes from Wellington will complete a Master of Science degree in Management Science and Engineering, specialising in information science and technology, at Stanford University in Stanford, California.

Lucy Hawcroft from Auckland will complete a Master of Environmental Science degree in Conservation Psychology, specialising in cross-cultural differences in attitudes and responses to climate change, at the University of Oregon in Eugene.

Rick Henry from Auckland will research seismic behaviour of precast concrete wall systems at Iowa State University in Ames, towards a PhD in Engineering from the University of Auckland.

William Kelton from Te Pahu will complete a PhD in Chemical Engineering, specialising in bioresponsive polymers and drug delivery techniques, at the University of Texas, Austin.

Shaun McGirr from Christchurch will complete a PhD in Political Science, specialising in policy effects on software, infrastructure and telecommunications markets, at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Josie McVitty from Palmerston North will complete a Master of Science degree in Environmental Engineering, specialising in the relationships between science, technology and society with regard to energy and climate change challenges, at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Rahul Mehta from Auckland will complete a PhD in Electrical Engineering, specialising in wireless communication technology, at Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta.

Hiren Mulchandani from Auckland will complete a Master of Science degree in Materials Science and Engineering, specialising in applications of

novel biomaterials, at Stanford University in Stanford, California.

Hiten Mulchandani from Auckland will complete a Master of Science degree and PhD in Aeronautics and Astronautics, specialising in aircraft systems engineering, at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge.

Monique Ryan from Auckland will complete a Master of Science degree in Computer Science, specialising in software design for safety critical applications, at Stanford University in Stanford, California.

Damian Scarf from Dunedin will research episodic memory in non-human species at Columbia University in New York, towards a PhD in Psychology from the University of Otago.

Dmitri Schebarchov from Wellington will research metal nanoparticles and their applications in nanodevices at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, towards a PhD in Physics from Victoria University of Wellington.

Jethro van Ekeren from Hamilton will complete a PhD in Mathematics, specialising in representation theory, at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge.

Fulbright-EQC Graduate Award in Natural Disaster Research

Geoff Rodgers from Christchurch will research damage free structural design at Texas A&M University in College Station, towards a PhD in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Canterbury.

Aaron Wilson from Auckland will research unreinforced masonry buildings in New Zealand at Drexel University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, towards a PhD in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of Auckland.

Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Awards

Genevieve de Pont from Auckland will complete a PhD in Literature, specialising in the politics of memory as it effects literature and identity, at a yet to be confirmed US university.

Luke Di Somma from Christchurch will complete a Master of Fine Arts degree in Musical Theatre Writing, specialising in composition of musical theatre and opera, at New York University.

Bethany Edmunds from Auckland will complete a Master of Arts degree in Visual Culture, specialising in costume studies and textile conservation, at New York University.

Olivia Kember from Auckland will complete a Master of Arts degree in Security Studies, specialising in terrorism and sub-state violence, at Georgetown University in Washington, DC.

Jessica Kerr from Omapere will complete a Master of Laws degree specialising in the role of the judiciary at the interface between public and private law at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut.

Jono Paulin from Invercargill will complete a Master of Science degree in

Clinical Exercise Physiology, specialising in rehabilitation of patients with chronic conditions, at Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts.

Simon Thode from Auckland will complete a PhD in History, specialising in the history of science and technology, at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland.

Rob Vosslander from Christchurch will research taxation ethics at Boston University, towards a PhD in Commerce from the University of Canterbury.

Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Pacific Writer's Residency

David Young (see Departures).

Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowships in Public Policy

Alexandra Bonardi from the University of Massachusetts Medical School will research risk management in New Zealand intellectual disability services at the Ministry of Health.

Jay Chaudhuri from the North Carolina Department of Justice will research efforts to protect children online in New Zealand at the Department of Internal Affairs.

Robyn Dupuis from the Washington State House of Representatives will research financial literacy education in New Zealand at the Retirement Commission.

Paul Goren from the Spencer Foundation will research the implementation of *Ka Hikitia - Managing for Success: The Māori Education Strategy 2008-2012* at the Ministry of Education. ➤

Arrivals and Departures

DEPARTURES:

Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Pacific Writer's Residency

David Young from Wellington will write a series of essays for publication under the title *Hidden Sanctuaries: Waters of life in the Pacific and beyond* at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in Honolulu. David departs in September.

Fulbright Travel Awards

Chanel Clarke from Auckland War Memorial Museum will present a paper entitled *Horiwear: the t-shirt as a vehicle for cultural expression in Aotearoa New Zealand* at the Textile Society of America's 11th biennial symposium in Honolulu, Hawai'i. Chanel departs in September.

Aroha Puketapu-Dahm from Lower Hutt will take part in the *Earth & Spirit: Contemporary Indigenous Art from Australia and New Zealand* exhibition at Keene State College's Thorne-Sagendorph Art Gallery in Keene, New Hampshire. Aroha departs in September.

Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy and Practice

Robin Gauld from the University of Otago will research policy and organisational strategies to reduce clinical performance variations at Boston University's Health Policy Institute and Massachusetts General Hospital for Health Policy. Robin departs in August.

Arrivals:

Fulbright Senior Specialist Awards

The University of Auckland will host **Keith Barton** from the University of Cincinnati, who will give workshops on history, social studies and citizenship education and research methodology. Keith arrives in August. ➤

Current Grantees

FULBRIGHT US GRADUATE AWARDS

Alyssa Borowske from Barre, Vermont is completing a Bachelor of Science degree (with Honours) in Biology, specialising in the effects of Australian magpies on native New Zealand bird species, at the University of Waikato.

Dorien Coray from Soldotna, Alaska is completing a Master of Science degree in Biotechnology, specialising in the implications of horizontal gene transfer, at the University of Canterbury.

Christina Gonzalez from Brooklyn, New York is completing a Certificate of Proficiency in Māori Studies, specialising in the impact of government policy on urban Māori, at Victoria University of Wellington.

Brian Kastl from Poulsbo, Washington is completing a Master of Science

degree in Geology, specialising in investigation of the nature of an historical eruption of Mt Ruapehu, at the University of Auckland.

Amanda McRaven from Free Union, Virginia is completing a Master of Philosophy degree in Community Theatre, specialising in the portrayal of myths in a multicultural theatre performance, at Massey University Palmerston North.

Lana Mitsina from Pasco, Washington is researching the cellular effects of drug abuse at Victoria University of Wellington.

Siobhan O'Kane from Ridgefield, Connecticut is completing a Master of Social Science degree in Geography, specialising in watershed management and environmental planning, at the University of Waikato.

Lauren Robinson from Wilton, Connecticut is researching the curating of Māori art by the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa at Victoria University of Wellington.

Danya Rumore from Sandpoint, Idaho is completing a Postgraduate Diploma in Science in Environmental Management, specialising in environmental management and sustainability in New Zealand, at the University of Auckland.

Malia Villegas from Fife, Washington is studying policy and research for improving education of indigenous peoples at the University of Auckland, towards a PhD from Harvard University.

Fulbright Visiting Lectureships in New Zealand Studies

Brian McDonnell from Massey University is teaching a course in New Zealand film and literature at Georgetown University for their Fall semester.

Fulbright Travel Awards

Isabel Castro from Massey University is presenting a series of seminars on kiwi and conservation in New Zealand in San Diego, California.

Susan Cunningham from Massey University is presenting a series of seminars on kiwi and conservation in New Zealand in San Diego, California.

Fulbright Senior Specialist Awards

Victoria University of Wellington is hosting **William Clark** from the University of California, who is collaborating on research projects exploring immigration, housing and settlement in New Zealand.

The University of Canterbury is hosting **James Mahshie** from Gallaudet University, who is sharing his expertise in aural rehabilitation in a variety of academic, clinical, research and community settings. ➤



Twin Fulbright-Ministry of Research, Science and Technology Graduate Award winners **Hiren and Hiten Mulchandani**

Grantee Voice



Malia Villegas

"I have come to recognize the great possibility that exists in the sharing of knowledge between Māori and Alaska Native peoples."

Whānau across the oceans

Malia Villegas from Fife, Washington is a 2008 Fulbright US Graduate Student who is currently studying policy and research for improving education of indigenous peoples at the University of Auckland, towards her PhD in Education from Harvard University. Since arriving in New Zealand in February, Malia has found many opportunities for knowledge sharing between her own Alaska Native culture and that of New Zealand's Māori.

I am an island girl through and through, having grown up in various Pacific island communities in Hawai'i, Alaska, and Guam, so I had hoped that my journey to the islands of Aotearoa (New Zealand) would feel familiar. In fact, it has been a home coming in so many ways. I travelled here to learn about the Māori higher education initiative, specifically the inspirational success of the effort to graduate 500 Māori PhDs in five years – which the Māori have achieved and exceeded since 2002. In Alaska, we just graduated our 21st Alaska Native with a doctorate, so we have a great deal to learn from the Māori about the value of a PhD and their vision for the type of scholars that will support the well-being of Māori people and communities.

Since arriving here in January, I have found a home amongst a community of Māori scholars across the country who have diverse sets of expertise, various research interests, and a commitment to education that has motivated me to continue to identify new expressions of Indigeneity in my own research. Being here, I have attended my first hui (gathering) with other Indigenous doctoral students, joined in at the annual National Māori Excellence Awards where newly minted doctorates are acknowledged and celebrated for their achievements, and participated in the launch of the first Indigenous graduate school at Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangī!

These Māori doctorates are setting a new tone for what it means to be a scholar as they work to be deeply community-based, nationally active, and globally influential while developing Kaupapa Māori Theory that has made available epistemological and methodological tools that are distinctly Māori. There is so much to be learned from this Māori movement about developing other theoretical tools from Indigenous ways of knowing, about community celebrations of educational success, and about the creation of tribal universities that I must admit my head is spinning most days!

While home is a special place because it encourages me to expand my learning about the world and about myself, it is also a place where I have responsibilities to my relations. In the realm of research, we refer to these responsibilities as reciprocity – the notion that research is not a taking of knowledge and resources, but a reciprocal relationship of ethical sharing and exchange. During my time here, I have come to recognize the great possibility that exists in the sharing of knowledge between Māori and Alaska Native peoples. Specifically, there are some insights we have gained about land rights through the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act for economic development and for stewarding our precious resources that might be of use to iwi (tribal) leaders.

Additionally, our Alaska Federation of Natives convention – the largest annual gathering of its kind of Indigenous peoples in the States – where regional

and village delegates convene to set political priorities might serve as a model of political organization for Māori political mobilization. To begin to facilitate this relationship, I have signed on as a volunteer for Dr Pita Sharples' re-election campaign. In his role as co-leader of the Māori Party, Dr Sharples has made great strides in shaping the Māori political terrain and impacting political decision making on a New Zealand-wide level. I hope to facilitate a relationship between the Māori Party and the Alaska Federation of Natives that could offer insight about national political mobilization on our end and insight from Māori as to the possibility of having our own political party of elected officials in Alaska to carry out AFN's priorities each year. Needless to say, I see possibility all around me for growing our collective knowledge about improving the educational and political opportunities for Māori and Alaska Natives!

Aside from this learning, I have been deeply inspired and encouraged by the generosity, humor, and manaakitanga (caring hospitality) of the Māori people I have spent time with. People have welcomed me into their maraes and homes as a cousin, sister, niece, daughter, and treasured friend with no expectations except that I enjoy the beautiful kai (food) that is offered – the kūmara and kamo kamo are lovely! – share some stories from home, and promise to return again soon. I have been truly blessed to cross paths with these brilliant educators and committed leaders for even a brief length of time.

And while I already know I will return home with a richer appreciation of my own family, culture, and country, I am now more deeply committed to the promise of what can be created across communities, nations, and oceans. This experience has been a true gift, and I dedicate myself and my research to ensuring that the care and investment placed in me will benefit many other Indigenous peoples for years to come. Quyanaa (with great thanks and appreciation) to the tangata whenua and to my Aotearoa whānau; I can't wait to host you in Alaska! ➤



Malia Villegas (left) shares a laugh with her fellow 2008 Fulbright US Graduate Students at this year's awards ceremony

Reading *Das Kapital* in the sauna

Dr Sam Elworthy was awarded a Fulbright New Zealand Graduate Award in 1991 to complete a PhD in History at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey. He ended up staying in the US for fifteen years, becoming Editor-In-Chief of Princeton University Press. Sam returned to New Zealand last year to take up the position of Director of Auckland University Press, where he will put his publishing expertise to good use. Sam reflects on his extended stay in the US and the changes in New Zealand during his absence.

In early 1991, I was hanging around our flat in Newtown, Wellington, when a call came down the line from the Rutgers University historian Jackson Lears. Jackson has a deep, resonant voice, full of the rolling rrrs and long vowels of a Virginia native and I'd never heard anything quite like it. It seemed extraordinary that anyone would reach out across time zones and accents all the way to the bottom of the Pacific to haul in a graduate student. New Zealanders are not big on flattery and the country does not have enormous resources. Getting phone calls from America, prospectuses full of faux-gothic architecture, and five years of funding felt to me like winning a lottery that I didn't even know I had entered.

I was twenty five years old then and I knew what I liked: favourite authors - frequently discussed and seldom read - from Marx to Michael King, bands like the Velvet Underground and the Verlaines, the politics of organic self-sufficiency and anti-Americanism. I had been out of the country only once, to Sydney for a few weeks, but I was pretty sure that nothing in the wider world could surprise me.

Arriving in New Brunswick, New Jersey, to start a history PhD was a surprise. New Brunswick in August was a 40 degree sauna. A panhandler escorted me from the train station, crack dealers warned me off the street, and burnt out buildings were reminders of a riot earlier that summer. I mixed with Germans (marrying one), South Africans, and Canadians. I read *The Interpretation of Dreams* and *Das Kapital* until two in the morning, argued through three hour graduate classes about the origins of the American Revolution, went to New York to see Cedar Walton play jazz and Atom Egoyan talk about his movies. We lived in Manhattan and Pasadena and Brooklyn.

The whole experience was exhilarating and disturbing. Graduate students by nature tend to be arrogant, itinerant, and insecure. And as immigrants on temporary visas in a big, anonymous society we were probably more itinerant and insecure (and perhaps more arrogant) than most. We spent a great deal of time moaning about the deficiencies of America compared with the glories of Canadian health care, or German cars, or New Zealand beaches. And we didn't quite understand the ways of the natives. Why didn't Americans invite us to dinner parties? What was the deal with dating? Why did even Democrats pay pious homage to God and the flag?

Time passed. We had three boys born in America. I finished my PhD and started working as a publisher at Princeton University Press. We moved to a beautiful little town on the banks of the Delaware River and spent summers twelve hours by car north along the rocky shores of Penobscot Bay, Maine. In part, I was probably

recreating what I loved about where I grew up in New Zealand - rivers and beaches, places to escape for walking and camping, knowable, walkable communities. But I also began to appreciate what the United States offered. As a scholarly publisher, I got to enjoy America's cultivation of the life of the mind in its largest dimensions - traveling from Stanford to Edinburgh to Aarhus to track down the brightest academics and publish their ideas. In Lambertville, where we lived, I saw the country's radical acceptance of diversity. Mexican day labourers and Italian engineers, lesbian mothers and observant Jews, surrealist painters and conservative politicians lived together and got to see the world from the other's point of view. And I fell for the great novels of flawed manhood by Richard Ford and Russell Banks, for the optimistic idealism of Bill Clinton, and for the generosity of American friends.

Fulbright was part of this story. Winning a Fulbright in 1991 was a vote of confidence and an airfare, both of which helped persuade me to try out graduate school in America. But Fulbright was also part of a larger tradition in my head. In Roberto Rabel's superb honours class on American foreign policy at the University of Otago, we'd learned something about J. William Fulbright and his dissent during Vietnam. We'd also studied Woodrow Wilson's flawed idealism, Teddy Roosevelt's rough riders, and Kennedy's brinkmanship. We'd read Walter La Feber, a Marxist historian from Cornell, and the brilliant analysis of strategy by Yale historian John Lewis Gaddis. Fulbright's example and Rob Rabel's class had begun to show me an America that, in politics and scholarship, was not a monolithic evil empire. Living in America for 15 years reinforced that lesson.

I came back to New Zealand a year ago to direct Auckland University Press. It's a different country than the one I left. Living in Auckland, my boys can learn kapa haka in the morning and sit among Japanese students eating yakitori in the evening. That new diversity, combined with the ease of connections to the rest of the world by aeroplane or internet, has helped dampen what can be a narrow cultural nationalism. I like the fact that New Zealand writers, painters, and film makers are now comfortable producing great works that don't necessarily appeal to our particular landscape or traditions at all. I like that most of us are willing to appreciate key strands in American life, even if we may not love its political leaders. And I enjoy my work at the Press, developing books of poetry and art, history and science, that can both speak to New Zealanders and to the wider world. ►

Alumni Voice



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From the Archives

AN AMERICAN TEACHER'S
FULBRIGHT YEAR
IN
NEW ZEALAND
1958-1959

Dorothy Smith from Seattle was a 1958 Fulbright US Exchange Teacher to New Zealand, where she taught at Palmerston North Girls' High School.

At the end of her stay she furnished Eric Budge, Secretary of the United States Educational Foundation in New Zealand, with a hand produced booklet chronicalling her busy exchange year (with "lettering done by Adrienne Tuxen, Form 4A").

In twelve months Dorothy had presented 355 gifts from her homeland, given 80 talks and speeches, facilitated 255 pen pal arrangements, chaperoned numerous student events, prepared Thanksgiving Dinner for the school's entire staff and partaken in many other extra-curricular school activities, in addition to teaching six to eight classes in Social Studies daily.

She arranged several school projects for gifts, scrapbooks, photographs and tape recordings of New Zealand to be sent to West Seattle High School, and returned home with seven scrapbooks she had about New Zealand and its people, dozens of posters books, travellogues and maps, "some fine Māori artifacts" and over 500 colour slides she had taken of life in New Zealand.

These photographs are just a small part of Dorothy's record of her fruitful exchange.



FORM 4A - PNGHS - STUDYING THE USA



THE PREFECTS' APPLE SALE
WITH
MRS SMITH, A STEADY CUSTOMER.



A WEST SEATTLE HIGH SCHOOL
DISPLAY CASE, SHOWING THE
MANY SCRAPBOOKS AND PROJECTS
SENT TO THEM BY PALMERSTON
NORTH GIRLS' HIGH —

I trust these records and pictures will speak for themselves.
It has been a very, very busy year!

Event photographs

In Pictures



Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowships in Public Policy Chairperson **Jim Bolger** with guest **Alan Gropman** at the Axford Fellowships Forum in Washington, DC



2007 Harkness Fellow **Mark Booth** and 2006 Fellow **Mihi Ratima** with Director-General of Health **Stephen McKernan** at the Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy and Practice report-back seminar in Wellington



Fulbright New Zealand Chairperson **Ruth Harley** forewells Board member **Roy Glover** after three and a half years as a US government representative on the Board



Host Ambassador **Roy Ferguson** and Fulbright New Zealand's Executive Director **Mele Wendt** at the 60th Anniversary Gala Dinner in Washington, DC



Harriet Fulbright toasts Fulbright New Zealand's 60th anniversary at the gala dinner



Guests mingle at the gala dinner



Fulbright New Zealand Executive Director **Mele Wendt** welcomes guests to the 2008 Fulbright New Zealand Awards Ceremony at Parliament



Geoff Rickards (left) and **Alan Clark** (right) were among numerous alumni who attended the awards ceremony, which doubled as a celebration of Fulbright New Zealand's 60th Anniversary



Fulbright alumnus **Clinton Mexted-Freeman** and friend read about this year's award winners in the 2008 Grantees Booklet



Fulbright-EQC Graduate Award in Natural Disaster Research recipient **Geoff Rodgers** with his parents



Fulbright Travel Award recipient **Louise Tu'u** and her partner **Brent Harris**



Fulbright New Zealand's Honorary Chairperson **Rt Hon Winston Peters** and Chairperson **Ruth Harley** in conversation

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Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy and Practice

For promising New Zealand health policy researchers and practitioners to conduct a policy-orientated 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 5 September 2008**

Fulbright US Graduate Awards

For promising US graduate students to undertake postgraduate study or research in any field at New Zealand institutions. Approximately 10 awards valued at up to NZ\$30,000 (plus travel expenses and insurance) are offered each year. **Applications close 17 October 2008**

Fulbright Travel Awards

For New Zealand academics, artists or professionals to visit the US for 12 to 90 days in order to present papers at conferences, deliver lectures, collaborate with American colleagues or visit relevant institutions. Eight to twelve awards valued at up to NZ\$5,000 are offered each year. **Applications close 3 November 2008, 1 March and 1 July 2009**

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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 3 November 2008, 1 March and 1 July 2009**

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For outstanding mid-career US professionals to research and gain first-hand experience of public policy in New Zealand for seven months. A small number of fellowships valued at up to NZ\$39,000 (plus travel expenses) are offered each year. **Applications close 1 March 2009**

Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Pacific Writer's Residency

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 2009**

International Fulbright Science and Technology Awards

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 2009**

Fulbright-Cognition Education Research Trust Scholar Award in Education Research

For a New Zealand scholar to pursue research in the US designed to have an impact on New Zealand schooling and student achievement, for three to five months. One award valued at up to US\$20,000 (plus travel expenses) is offered each year. **Applications close 1 May 2009**

Fulbright New Zealand Senior Scholar Awards

For New Zealand academics, artists or professionals to lecture and/or conduct research 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 2009**

Fulbright-Platinum Triangle Scholarship in Entrepreneurship

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 New Zealand. One award valued at US\$100,000 (plus travel expenses and a paid internship) is offered each year. **Applications close 1 August 2009**

Fulbright-Ministry of Research, Science & Technology Graduate Awards

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 2009**

Fulbright-EQC Graduate Award in Natural Disaster Research

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 2009**

Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Awards

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 2009**

Fulbright US Senior Scholar Awards

For US academics, artists or professionals to lecture and/or conduct research 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 2009**

Eisenhower Fellowships

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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