



Fulbright New Zealand's Executive Director **Mele Wendt** addresses the Fulbright Foreign Scholarships Board's June meeting in Washington, DC

## Executive Director addresses FSB meeting

Fulbright New Zealand's Executive Director **Mele Wendt** addressed a meeting of the Fulbright programme's governing Fulbright Foreign Scholarships Board (FSB) in Washington, DC in June, the first time in her six years as Executive Director that she had been able to do so.

Mele told the FSB meeting, chaired by Anita McBride, that bilateral relations between New Zealand and the United States are at their best in the past 25 years, and that strong university linkages exist between the two countries. With regards to the Fulbright programme in New Zealand, she noted that New Zealand government funding slightly exceeds US government funding. She said that although fundraising is challenging in the current economic environment, Fulbright New Zealand has a large number of hyphenated (co-sponsored) awards in its programme. She reported that Fulbright outreach around New Zealand has now grown to visiting over 30 campuses, and includes strategies to promote the programme to Māori and Pacific people.

Mele also discussed Fulbright New Zealand's response to the major Christchurch earthquake in February, and planning for future disasters. She pointed out that whilst Fulbright New Zealand had managed this crisis very well, including using social networking tools to communicate very quickly with grantees and their families following the quake, the commission needed a more comprehensive plan in place, outlining all aspects of disaster management.

The Executive Directors of Fulbright commissions in France and Peru also addressed the meeting. Arnaud Roujou de Boubée from La Commission Franco-Américaine (the Fulbright commission in France), updated the FSB on his country's Fulbright programme,

and advised that it struggles with the general perception that the US is not affordable for French students. Henry A. Harman Guerra from La Comisión Fulbright Peru discussed his country's Fulbright programme and its strategic plan prioritising diversity, fundraising and English language programmes.

While in Washington, Mele was also involved in a weekend of activities based around selections for the 2012 Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowships in Public Policy, which resulted in five fellows being selected for exchanges to New Zealand next year. New Zealand's Ambassador to the US, Rt Hon Mike Moore, hosted a formal reception for around 90 Fulbright and Axford Fellowship applicants, grantees, alumni and supporters at his residence.

Mele also spent a day meeting officials at the US Department of State who administer the Fulbright programme for the US government, and a day with staff of the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES), who administer the Fulbright exchanges for scholars.

On her trip to the US Mele also visited New York, where she met with officials from the Institute of International Education (IIE) who administer the Fulbright exchanges for graduate students. She caught up with a small group of New York-based Fulbright New Zealand grantees at Faces & Names Bar in midtown Manhattan and found that they are thoroughly enjoying being there and doing well in their studies. Mele also had productive meetings with local representatives of the American New Zealand Association and the Kea (formerly Kiwi Expat Association) network. ➤

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## Editorial



Mele Wendt, Executive Director

## From the desk of the Executive Director

Kia ora, Talofa lava and warm Fulbright greetings to you.

In reflecting what to say in this column, for some reason the word 'change' first came to mind and I was reminded of the saying that 'change is the only constant'. It has been and continues to be a period of some change for us at Fulbright New Zealand.

Our offices underwent a total refurbishment in April and May. The bathrooms and kitchen were upgraded, some areas modified for better use of space and the whole place repainted and re-carpeted. The work occurred around us and we underestimated the level of disruption it would cause, however staff managed this very well. We are appreciative of the additional funding the US Department of State provided to help with the costs. Overall, we are all extremely pleased with the results and are enjoying the enhanced environment. Drop in to visit us and check the office out!

There have been various changes on our Board since the last Quarterly. In July we farewelled Barbara Johnson after an amazing nine years of service, including the last three years as Chairperson. We thank Barbara for her dedication, encouragement and support. We welcomed Helen Anderson to her new role as Chairperson, and welcomed to the Board, Travis Horton from Christchurch. We look forward to working with this Board, especially in developing a new five-year strategic plan over the coming year.

In June we farewelled Patrick Teahan, our Accountant for the past three and a half years, who left to seek new challenges. In his tenure Patrick not only very

efficiently managed all financial affairs, he also introduced international financial reporting standards into our accounts and helped to develop and implement key financial policies. His replacement, John Farrell, an experienced accountant, started in mid July. We welcome John to the team.

Of course there are always changes occurring in the Fulbright award programmes – new people applying, being selected, being orientated, undertaking their awards, returning home and becoming alumni – the 'life cycle of a Fulbrighter'! Our annual reception at the New Zealand Embassy in Washington, DC in June was, as always, a wonderful occasion to catch up with old and new friends. That same month, we honoured the 2011 grantees and caught up with alumni and friends at the awards ceremony in Wellington. My annual trip to the US was a good opportunity to discuss a number of important issues, including some of the changes and challenges being faced in the Fulbright world, with colleagues there.

Please stay in touch with us, especially if you have changed contact details recently. We need to keep our database as accurate as possible. Also, please encourage people you know to consider applying for a Fulbright award. We rely on our alumni and supporters to promote the programme and encourage applications.

Hei konei ra, ia manuia and warm regards,

## Important Dates

## August

- 1 Fulbright-Platinum Triangle Scholarship in Business applications close  
Fulbright-Ministry of Science and Innovation Graduate Awards applications close  
Fulbright-EQC Graduate Award in Natural Disaster Research applications close  
Fulbright-Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Graduate Award applications close  
Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Awards applications close  
Fulbright-Wallace Arts Trust Award applications close  
Fulbright US Senior Scholar Awards applications close
- 24 Fulbright New Zealand Alumni Association annual general meeting  
4:30-6:00pm, Fulbright New Zealand boardroom, Level 8, 120 Featherston Street, Wellington

**Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowships in Public Policy seminars:**

In a series of four seminars this year's Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellows in Public Policy will report on the research projects they have conducted at host government agencies. The Fellows' printed policy reports will be launched at each seminar.

All seminars 12:30-1:30pm, Te Waahi Kōrero Room, State Services Commission, Level 5, 100 Molesworth Street, Wellington

IPANZ members register online at [www.ipanz.org.nz](http://www.ipanz.org.nz); non-members RSVP to [admin@ipanz.org.nz](mailto:admin@ipanz.org.nz)

- 22 Victoria Johnson – *Disaster Preparedness Education in Schools: Recommendations for New Zealand and the United States*
- 24 Jonathan Karp – *Can the US Import Sunlight from New Zealand? An Assessment of New Zealand's Model for Corporate Financial Disclosure*
- 26 Ian Boisvert – *Lifting the Looking Glass: How Tradable Coastal Occupation Could Facilitate Ocean Renewable Energy in New Zealand*
- 29 David Wiley – *Increasing the Social Power of Scientific Information Used for Decisions on Marine Protected Areas in New Zealand*

## September

- 12 Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy and Practice applications close

## October

- 14 Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Programme applications close
- 17 Fulbright US Graduate Awards applications close

## November

- 1 Fulbright New Zealand Travel Awards applications close  
Fulbright-Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Travel Awards in Indigenous Development applications close  
Fulbright Specialist Awards applications close

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## New Chair and American member for Board

Fulbright New Zealand's Board of Directors has a new Chairperson after Barbara Johnson's term on the Board ended at its July meeting. Fulbright alumna Helen Anderson was elected to replace Barbara as Chair, and a new American member – University of Canterbury academic Travis Horton – was welcomed at the same meeting.

The new Board Chairperson, Helen Anderson, was a 1990 Fulbright New Zealand Research Scholar at the University of California, Santa Cruz, where she conducted a seismological investigation of the magnitude 6.9 Loma Prieta earthquake which had struck the San Francisco Bay Area in 1989. She subsequently became Chief Scientific Advisor and later Chief Executive of the Ministry of Research, Science and Technology, and was instrumental in securing funding in 2005 to double the number of Fulbright awards for New Zealand graduate students with the introduction of additional new awards in fields of science and

technology (now known as the Fulbright-Ministry of Science and Innovation Graduate Awards). Helen is also one of three Independent Directors on the eight person governing board of DairyNZ, an industry organisation representing all New Zealand dairy farmers.

New American member Travis Horton was welcomed to the Fulbright New Zealand Board at its July meeting, having earlier been appointed by the US Ambassador to New Zealand, David Huebner. Travis is a Senior Lecturer in Environmental Geochemistry at the University of Canterbury. Originally from Connecticut, he received his doctorate from Stanford University and has been based at the University of Canterbury since 2007. "I am confident that my transdisciplinary expertise will be an asset to the Board," he says. "It is a great honour to serve Fulbright New Zealand, and I look forward to doing my part in facilitating world-class teaching and research in both New Zealand and the US." ►

## Fulbright News



Helen Anderson

## Outreach visits to New Zealand campuses

Fulbright New Zealand's educational advising team have been out and about on their annual Outreach Tour of university, polytechnic and wānanga campuses across New Zealand in recent months, spreading the word about opportunities for students and academic staff to study, research or teach in the United States of America on the Fulbright programme.

This year's Outreach Tour visited 26 tertiary education campuses around the country. Most visits involved targeted seminars about Fulbright New Zealand's awards for students and staff, but Fulbright New Zealand also had stalls at careers and employment fairs at the University of Auckland, Victoria University of Wellington and the University of Otago. In total, Fulbright New Zealand's staff interacted with more than 650 students and academic staff over the course of the tour.

Waiariki Institute of Technology in Rotorua, Te Wānanga o Aotearoa's Tamaki campus and Nelson-Marlborough Institute of Technology were visited for the first time on

this year's Outreach Tour, as part of continuing efforts to reach out to an even greater number of institutions whose students or staff may be eligible for Fulbright awards. A visit to the University of Canterbury was finally scheduled for late July after earlier plans were disrupted following the earthquake on 22 February.

The Outreach Tour is Fulbright New Zealand's major promotional activity for the year, and allows the organisation direct contact with hundreds of prospective Fulbright award applicants annually. It is timed to precede major application deadlines in July (for the majority of Fulbright Scholar Awards for academics, artists and professionals) and August (for the various Fulbright Graduate Awards for students).

Anyone who was unable to attend an Outreach Tour visit in their area is welcome to contact Fulbright New Zealand's Educational Adviser, Ron Mitchell, or a relevant award Programme Manager for advice. For contact details see [www.fulbright.org.nz](http://www.fulbright.org.nz) ►

## Grantees recognised at awards ceremony

Fulbright New Zealand's annual awards ceremony at Parliament on 29 June saw the announcement of 22 New Zealand students who have been granted Fulbright scholarships to undertake postgraduate study or research in the United States of America in the next academic year. A further 53 recipients of other Fulbright awards or participants in likeminded NZ-US exchange fellowship programmes administered by Fulbright New Zealand were recognised at the ceremony.

The ceremony was hosted by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hon Murray McCully, and attended by 250 alumni and supporters of the Fulbright exchange programme. The event was opened with a mihi whakatau (greeting) and karakia (blessing) by Parliament's Kaiwhakarite, Kura Moeahu. Speaking alongside Minister McCully were Hon David Huebner, US Ambassador to New Zealand, and recent Fulbright alumna Elizabeth Forbes-Blom, who welcomed this year's grantees to the "Fulbright whānau" on behalf of

the programme's many alumni.

Ambassador Huebner spoke of the importance of young people to the Fulbright programme: "[The programme's founder] Senator J. William Fulbright believed, as I do, that people-to-people exchanges are the best forms of diplomacy, that the best way of building mutual respect and understanding is to send people abroad to form their own conclusions, and that if we just put enough smart, open-minded young people together the world would become a better place."

The 22 newly announced recipients of Fulbright New Zealand Graduate Awards include students who will study or research in fields as diverse as mechatronics engineering, infectious disease epidemiology, water resource valuation, indigenous law, pharmaceutical policy, film production and operatic directing. ►

Read more about this year's Fulbright grantees in our 2011 Grantees Booklet, available online at [www.fulbright.org.nz](http://www.fulbright.org.nz)



## Alumni Association

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## Alumni Association update

Those alumni who attended the Fulbright New Zealand Awards Ceremony and Alumni Reception at Parliament in Wellington on 29 June would have again been impressed with the quality of the grantees across a range of disciplines. As I watched the awards presented I was reminded of my recent contact with an alumnus who completed his Harkness Fellowship in 1945. The latest grantees add to the impressive resource of knowledge and experience among alumni that currently spans 66 years. We look forward to welcoming these grantees as members of the Association on the completion of their awards.

I have been privileged to engage with alumni in three recent "Future Directions" sessions and also to work with small groups of alumni in conversation with groups of practising teachers at two "Thought Leaders" dinners. I have enjoyed seeing alumni meet for the first time, quickly establish rapport and set about thinking through and discussing the issues. These were all relatively small group sessions of up to 15 people that demonstrated such groups can effectively facilitate alumni working constructively together.

The Association continues to break new ground. The first public Leadership Week lecture was recently held in Auckland and the first ever gathering of International Visitor Leadership Programme (IVLP) alumni will be held in partnership with the US Embassy on 15 August to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the programme.

Members will soon receive a copy of the Association's second Annual Report and details of the Annual General Meeting in Wellington on 24 August. In the meantime, keep watching the Association's website for coming events.

Thanks again to Association members for your continuing support, especially to those who have renewed and extended their memberships. If you are not a member you can find a membership application form on the Association's website – [www.fnzaa.org](http://www.fnzaa.org) – along with the latest news.

*Graham Cochrane*

Graham Cochrane, FNZAA Chairperson

## In Brief



Baye Riddell at work in his studio  
(photo: Creative New Zealand)

## Alumni News

Fulbright alumnus **James Belich** (2000 Visiting Professor of NZ Studies) was appointed in May to the Beit Professorship of Commonwealth and Imperial History at the University of Oxford in England. One of the top positions in its field, the Beit Professorship is held by a historian of exceptional and international reputation. James, who gained his PhD from Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar and published his most recent book *Replenishing the Earth* through Oxford University Press in 2008, will take up his new position in October.

Fulbright alumnus **Richard Blaikie** (2001 NZ Senior Scholar) was selected in May as the University of Otago's next Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Enterprise). He will take over the senior leadership role for research at the university from Fulbright New Zealand Board member Harlene Hayne in December, when she becomes Vice-Chancellor. Richard is currently Director of the MacDiarmid Institute for Advanced Materials and Nanotechnology, a Centre of Research Excellence named for Nobel Prize-winning Fulbright alumnus **Alan MacDiarmid** (1950 NZ Graduate Student).

Fulbright alumnus **Ted Mock** (1988 US Senior Scholar) was announced in May as the American Accounting Association's Accounting Educator of the Year, in recognition of his more than 40 year career teaching and researching in the field of auditing. He has been a member of the American Accounting Association since 1968, and has served as both President of its Auditing Section and editor of its main publication of audit research, *Auditing: A Journal of Practice & Theory*. Ted will receive his award at the Association's 2011 annual meeting in August.

Fulbright alumnus **Baye Riddell** (1989 NZ Cultural Development Grant) was awarded the 2011 Creative New Zealand Craft/Object Fellowship in June. Worth \$65,000, the fellowship provides time and/or resources for the fellow to commit to a period of investigation, experimentation or research in their practice. Baye is a ceramic artist and tutor who was awarded a joint

Fulbright scholarship with **Manos Nathan** to establish an exchange with Native American artists.

Several Fulbright and related exchange alumni were among those recognised in the 2011 Queen's Birthday Honours in June. **Warren Tate** (1972 NZ Graduate Student) was appointed as a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to science. **Ron Paterson** (1998 Harkness Fellowship) was appointed as an Officer of the Order for services to health, and **Guy Jansen** (1983 NZ Graduate Student) and **Laurence Zwimpfer** (1979 Harkness Fellowship) were appointed as Members of the Order for their services to music and information technology, respectively.

Several Fulbright alumni have published new books in recent months:

- **Malcolm McKinnon's** (2005 NZ Distinguished Visiting Scholar) *Asian Cities: Globalization, Urbanization and Nation-Building* was published in March by NIAS Press;
- **Joan Druett's** (1985 Visiting Writer's Fellowship) biography of *Tupaia: The Remarkable Story of Captain Cook's Polynesian Navigator* was published in June by Random House;
- and *Green Issues and Debates: An A-to-Z Guide*, edited by **Howard Schiffman** (2010 US Senior Scholar), was published in June by SAGE Publications.

See the Fulbright New Zealand website for more alumni news – [www.fulbright.org.nz/alumni](http://www.fulbright.org.nz/alumni)

Alumni, please keep us up-to-date with your news and achievements, by email to [andy@fulbright.org.nz](mailto:andy@fulbright.org.nz)

## In Memoriam

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

**Kenneth Cumberland**, 1951 NZ Visiting Professor  
**Peggy Fenn**, 1983 US Senior Scholar  
**Susan Koeppe**, 1987 US Graduate Student  
**Robert Lovegren**, 1950 US Graduate Student  
**Evan Thomas**, 1975 NZ Exchange Teacher ➤

## Two years old and time to reflect

The Fulbright New Zealand Alumni Association Incorporated is now two years old which makes this a good time to reflect on what has been achieved and where the Association is headed.

Those involved in the leadership of the Association have learned much in the establishment period. In addition, as Chairperson I had the privilege of participating in an International Visitor Leadership Programme for alumni leaders where I learned much about volunteerism and successful voluntary organisations. The Fulbright vision is clearly alive and well in 2011 with the US Office of Alumni Affairs strongly encouraging alumni to use the experience and knowledge gained on their international exchanges to contribute towards building better communities. The IVLP programme also proved that when people of whatever background work together towards a common purpose, the similarities among them are likely to be greater than their differences.

The IVLP programme confirmed that successful alumni associations are characterised by:

- a clear purpose and a mission that unites alumni around that purpose;
- “ownership” of the purpose by members;
- alumni-initiated and driven activities;
- sound communication among members;
- a mix of well planned and purposeful activities;
- leadership that is kept fresh and empowers members; and
- “transformational” involvement of members (ie. involves commitment, some emotion and makes a difference to the member and others) rather than “transactional” (ie. a subscription is paid and involvement is peripheral or a duty).

### Purpose

Confirming the common purpose of the Association is fundamental to moving forward. The initial purpose of the Association on its establishment was to celebrate and promote international educational exchange by:

- Connecting Fulbright alumni with each other;
- Supporting
  - the mission of Fulbright New Zealand, and
  - current Fulbright grantees;
- Raising awareness of the aims of the Fulbright programme.

Feedback is currently being sought from alumni about whether this purpose remains appropriate.

### Membership

Over the past two years membership of the FNZAA has grown to 181 with 27 alumni committing to long term memberships. In its first two years, the Association has benefited significantly from US Department of State grants. However, the Association is committed to becoming self-funded. The support of financial members is therefore critical and is highly valued.

### Activities

A team of enthusiastic and committed coordinators supported by teams of alumni have been active in six regions in New Zealand and two in the US. Between them they have arranged 38 events over the past two years to facilitate networking and activity among alumni through lectures, seminars, receptions, welcome functions, dinners etc. Members are now increasingly initiating and driving projects in the regions. Regular newsletters and the Association's website, Facebook and Flickr pages keep members informed about activities.

The expansion of the homestay programme for incoming US grantees was particularly successful this year and will become an annual feature. The response of alumni offering homestays for grantees was outstanding and the very positive feedback indicates the programme has benefits for both parties.

Getting the right mix of activities to achieve the purpose of the Association remains a challenge. Feedback from alumni indicates activities that engage participants in stimulating thought and discussion that goes beyond mere conversation are likely to be valued. This has led to two pilot “Thought Leaders” events in partnership with the Cognition Institute. The process involves small groups of alumni engaging in stimulating conversations over dinner with a similar number of practitioners or professional colleagues on important themes introduced by a researcher/expert. Guidelines for future events based on this model are being developed.

### Global alumni community

One of the advantages of being linked with the US Department of State's Office of Alumni Affairs has been access to the global alumni network. A New Zealand Fulbright community is established on the State Alumni website (<https://alumni.state.gov>). The community page includes basic information about the Association but also allows members and alumni to post papers and engage in professional dialogue with each other and alumni around the world. This website has seen an increase of registered New Zealanders from 39 in December 2009 to the current 100. However, the full potential of the site in providing an avenue for dialogue and information sharing has yet to be achieved.

### The challenge

The collective expertise and experience of alumni is a vast resource and finding the best ways of harnessing this for the benefit of alumni themselves and for the New Zealand community is a major challenge. I have been engaged in a Future Directions programme that involves dialogue about the direction of the Association with members and alumni in the regions. **I invite alumni to take a few minutes to consider these questions that are the basis of the Future Directions programme and to send me your feedback at [chair@fnzaa.org](mailto:chair@fnzaa.org):**

- **Is the Association's purpose still appropriate? (What is missing? What is inappropriate?)**
- **To what extent do the current activities of the Association meet member/alumni expectations?**
- **How can alumni contribute to a sustainable, active and dynamic association?**

It is timely to recognise the time, energy and commitment of the FNZAA Board members who have guided the Association through its first two years. All their work is voluntary and fitted into their very busy lives. Their contribution is invaluable. The long term sustainability of the Association will depend on other members picking up leadership roles as positions begin to turn over in the years ahead.

I express my thanks for the support, interest and involvement of all members and urge them to spread the word by encouraging others to join the Association and contribute towards its continuing success.

*Graham Cochrane*

Graham Cochrane, FNZAA Chairperson

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## Alumni Voice



Saeeda Verrall

*"As Fulbright Scholars, we have been afforded a unique privilege to venture into the world and become vocal and active members of the global community, using the abilities we have as a force for change and for good."*

## Fulbright opens door to the global community

Saeeda Verrall received a 2007 Fulbright New Zealand Graduate Award to complete an LLM in international human rights and criminal justice at Harvard University. She has squeezed extensive overseas experience into the few years since her graduation, and plans to move to Nepal in the future to further her voluntary work with a Himalayan NGO.

Almost five years ago I submitted my Fulbright application and nervously awaited the outcome. Like most of my contemporaries, I could never have undertaken graduate study in the US without financial assistance, and in that respect, nothing would have been possible without Fulbright. However, the value of the Fulbright cannot be measured in quantitative terms. It is not simply an "award" but the beginning of a journey. For me, the Fulbright was a catalyst – a launching pad – that ultimately led to even more rewarding and enriching experiences after my studies.

Despite the hundreds of hours spent reading, preparing for classes, writing papers, and frantically studying for exams, three years after graduating with an LLM from Harvard Law School I look back on my time in the US and "study" stands out as a very small aspect of my experience! The moments that do stand out are invariably connected by a common thread: people. Fulbright draws together an eclectic and varied group of individuals from all around the world. Both at Harvard and through the Fulbright network more generally, I was struck not only by how bright and accomplished some of these people were, but the fact that these people were *doing things*. Above and beyond their studies, young, motivated people were using their talents and the opportunities they had been afforded to advocate, challenge, promote change, and to serve their communities. I left the US with a network of friends and associates who had challenged, shaped and expanded my world view.

Although my Fulbright exchange lasted only one year, it nonetheless served as a springboard for many experiences that followed. This included the next step in my fledgling career – an internship in the Prosecutor's Office at the Khmer Rouge war crimes tribunal in Cambodia. Cambodia served as an eye-opening experience. For all that one can study the mechanisms of international criminal justice, it is a profoundly different experience to see it in practice. It provided an insight into not only the legal workings of a war crimes tribunal, but also into the historical, social, political and bureaucratic complexities that such an institution operates within, in a poverty-stricken country still reeling from the atrocities of three decades prior. For a bright-eyed young lawyer who had always wanted to "work in human rights", it was a necessary and sobering experience.

I then travelled to my other country of citizenship, the Maldives, where I volunteered for the Maldivian Democratic Party in the run-up to the country's first ever democratically-contested Presidential elections. I had grown up hearing how many of my Maldivian relatives had gone to prison. My cousin Mohammed "Anni" Nasheed, spent much of the 1990s under house arrest or in prison, subject to periods of solitary confinement, beatings and torture, for speaking out publicly about corruption in the Maldivian Government. He formed the Maldivian Democratic Party in exile, and on election night in 2008 I sat with family as the poll

results came in, shaking with nervous excitement as a dictator who reigned for 30 years conceded defeat and Anni became the first ever democratically elected Maldivian President. It was a monumental occasion, and a humbling moment to reflect on just how much could be achieved by ordinary people who were not afraid to challenge, sacrifice, and fight for what they believed in.

In 2010 I moved to my current position in the Netherlands, working for the UN in the Prosecutor's Office at the war crimes tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. For someone who believes strongly in the notion of international justice, it is indeed rewarding to play even a small role in seeking accountability for crimes committed on such a massive scale. However, I am not blind to the perceived (and real) shortcomings and criticisms of war crimes tribunals. Being both reflective and self-critical is necessary in this line of work. Despite this, travelling to Bosnia and seeing first-hand the execution sites of the 1995 Srebrenica massacre was, for me, a stark reminder of why this work remains necessary and important.

Over the last year I have become involved with the Himalayan Community Project (HCP), a non-governmental organisation founded to promote educational initiatives in rural villages in Nepal. The vision for HCP came from the work of its two Nepali founding members, who work in Kathmandu and dedicate their spare time to promoting education and development in their home villages of Achane and Muchok. HCP now operates from Nepal, the US and the Netherlands. I serve on the HCP Board of Directors and am involved with fundraising, publicity and management of our campaigns. HCP is a small organisation, and we all work as volunteers. It is a collaborative effort where family and friends have all donated their time, expertise and energy when they can.

Helping manage an NGO has been a challenge. The learning curve has been steep and we realised quickly that we need to constantly revise our working model to remain responsive to the village communities we aim to support. Yet we have set about creating discrete, achievable goals and we're already seeing the fruits of our hard work making a small difference in the lives of Nepali school children. More information on HCP can be found at [www.himalayancommunityproject.org](http://www.himalayancommunityproject.org)

Looking back, I don't see the Fulbright Scholarship as an "award" or a "reward" for achievements of the past, but an opportunity to build something for the future. But with such opportunity comes a strong sense of obligation. I recognise I've been incredibly fortunate to have enjoyed the benefits of education, the chance to travel, engage in meaningful work and to meet interesting, talented and inspiring people. Yet, only a few years into my career, I feel far from "accomplished". While it is gratifying to reflect on the doors that Fulbright has opened, there is a more pressing urge to look forward. As Fulbright Scholars, we have been afforded a unique privilege to venture into the world and become vocal and active members of the global community, using the abilities we have as a force for change and for good. While it is important to contemplate from time to time how fortunate we are to have been bestowed this privilege, it is more important to channel that gratitude into something meaningful – the world awaits and there is work to be done! ►

# Earthquake presents “the greatest opportunity”

Kyle Rosenblad from Shelburne, Vermont was the first of 2011's nine Fulbright US Graduate Students to arrive in New Zealand last summer, in order to begin field research into the effects of exotic plant species on native flora. Kyle is the only one of this year's US students based in Canterbury (at Lincoln University), and after February's earthquake was quick to join other students in the region in cleaning up affected homes as part of the Student Volunteer Army. Here, he reports on his exchange experience to date.

The smells of earth and effluent hung in the stuffy air. Shovels squelched through a blanket of wet, gray silt. As I hauled another wheelbarrow-full past the sunken patio, an elderly gentleman emerged from the door bearing ginger ale. “You volunteers are just amazing! Would anyone like a drink? Terribly sorry it's not cold – bloody quake's cut the power.”

I balked. Surely he wasn't apologizing for the vagaries of plate tectonics. My astonishment grew when he mentioned that this was his last bottle of drinkable liquid, as the earthquake had disrupted the water supply. I heard my cohorts politely decline his offer, encouraging him to save the precious hydration. I followed suit. As we returned to shoveling and intermittent chitchat, the gentleman sat on the patio and joined our conversation. The topic quickly turned to how lucky we each felt in the wake of the disaster. After hearing some stories, I could hardly believe what passed for “lucky”. However, we all agreed that we wished we could do more for those less fortunate. When the buses came to take the volunteers home, we parted as friends. I returned to my flat filthy, exhausted, and inspired.

On February 22, 2011, a powerful earthquake devastated the Christchurch area. I was desperate to help. Fortunately, I saw a news segment about the University of Canterbury Student Volunteer Army, who said they were taking volunteers to clean up some of the city's harder-hit suburbs. The next morning, I grabbed a shovel and joined the masses. For the following week, I shoveled silt (a pernicious product of seismic liquefaction), distributed food and essentials, cleaned houses, and got to know Christchurch in a way I'd never known any other place. During that week, I felt like each person I met was a personal friend. Everyone's top priority was looking after their neighbors, and cooperation was in the air. Such a powerful feeling inevitably fades as life reverts to normal, but I doubt anyone has forgotten.

I came to New Zealand with four goals: to strengthen intercultural understanding, to broaden my training and professional network, to advance ecological knowledge, and to help protect Earth's biodiversity. Going in, I thought I had a good idea of the best way to achieve each goal. I'm glad I planned ahead, but the past half-year has been a lesson in flexibility. For my research project, I planned to repeat a series of vegetation surveys to see how changes in native plant communities relate to patterns of invasion by exotic plants and other environmental factors of interest. Unfortunately, many of my research sites have been closed since the earthquake due to rock fall danger, thus chopping our data set substantially. I've been organizing a band in Christchurch (I'm a guitar player in my spare time), but many of the venues we might have played are destroyed or seriously damaged. However, through careful adjustments, my collaborators and I have managed to

make due with the opportunities we've got. Despite the unforeseen paths I've had to take, all four goals are still squarely in my sights.

My early months in New Zealand have dealt me positive surprises as well. My greatest pre-arrival concern, the challenge of learning to identify hundreds of new plant species, has proven manageable and, furthermore, a fun way to further my efforts toward cultural exchange. I treated my first month here as a crash course in Canterbury botany, and many of the obliging experts I enlisted as teachers have since become good friends. It takes a certain kind of person to get excited about plants, and when we find each other, we tend to get along. I was so thrilled with the new plant-loving, environmentally conscious community I'd found that I almost didn't realize how much botany I was learning. By the time I started my fieldwork, I had a new circle of friends and a small herbarium in my brain.

Paradoxically, the earthquake has presented me with the greatest opportunity of all. I've already had the overwhelming privilege of participating in the recovery response. I made friends I wouldn't otherwise have met, and I was afforded a glimpse of the very best of society – a welcome counterexample to the sociopolitical strife in the news. I hope to carry the spirit of this time with me wherever I go. Furthermore, I now get to be here as Christchurch rebuilds and reinvents itself. As a musician, I'm excited to contribute in some small way to the revival of the local arts and culture scene. Our local zeitgeist, now firmly anchored in the neighborly spirit, is primed for fascinating evolution.

I never learned the name of the gentleman on the patio, but if I see him again, I intend to buy him a cold bottle of ginger ale. ➤



Kyle Rosenblad gets a taste of New Zealand's flora (above) and tries his hand at lawn bowling (below)



## Grantee Voice



Kyle Rosenblad

*“For the following week [after the February 22 earthquake], I shoveled silt, distributed food and essentials, cleaned houses, and got to know Christchurch in a way I'd never known any other place. During that week, I felt like each person I met was a personal friend.”*



## Awarded

### Fulbright-Ministry of Science and Innovation Graduate Awards

**Sara Burgess** from Palmerston North will research the link between endospore production and biofilm formation by thermophilic bacilli, at Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts, towards a PhD from Massey University.

**Jeffrey Hawke** from Auckland will complete a Master of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering, specialising in mechatronics engineering for control of autonomous vehicles and robots, at Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta.

**Kate Holland** from Palmerston North will complete a Master of Public Health degree in Epidemiology, specialising in infectious disease epidemiology, at the University of Arizona, Tucson.

**Eryn Newman** from Wellington will research cognitive mechanisms driving human memory distortions and biases in decision making, at the University of California, Irvine, towards a PhD in Psychology from Victoria University of Wellington.

**Simon Ngawhika** from Wellington will complete a Master of Business Administration degree, specialising in distributive issues within the agricultural food production system, at Portland State University in Portland, Oregon.

**William Perry** from Christchurch will complete a Master of Public Health degree in Health Policy, specialising in policy development for surgical safety and quality improvement, at Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts.

**Karishma Sharma** from Auckland will complete a Master of Business Administration degree, specialising in strategy, general management and finance, at the University of Chicago.

**Julia Talbot-Jones** from Christchurch will complete a Master of Arts degree in Environmental Economics, specialising in valuing water resources, at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

**Claire Whelen** from Wellington will complete a Master of Science degree in Health Policy and Management, specialising in the use of data to assist decision-making and improve healthcare quality, at Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts.

**Laura Woods** from Auckland will complete a PhD in Organic Chemistry, specialising in natural synthesis of biologically-active compounds for medicinal use, at the University of Notre Dame in Notre Dame, Indiana.

**Xiaowen Yu** from Wellington will complete a PhD in Neuroscience, specialising in the pathology of Alzheimer's disease, at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.

### Fulbright-Ngā Pae o Te Māramatanga Graduate Award

**Natalie Coates** from Whakatāne will complete a Master of Laws degree in Human Rights and Indigenous Law, at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

### Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Awards

**Tessa Bromwich** from Wellington will complete a Master of Laws degree in Tort Law and Constitutional Law, at New York University.

**Jennifer Devlin** from Wellington will complete a Master of Laws degree in Financial Regulation, at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

**Divya Dhar** from Auckland will complete a Master of Public Policy degree in Pharmaceutical Policy, specialising in policies to promote research and development of pharmaceutical products for neglected diseases, at Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts.

**Rachel Fairhurst** from Dunedin will complete a Master of Arts degree in Peace Studies, specialising in peace building, development and human rights, at the University of Notre Dame in Notre Dame, Indiana.

**Ghazaleh Golbakhsh** from Auckland will complete a Master of Fine Arts degree in Film Production, specialising in directing, at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

**Alexandra Greig** from Auckland will complete a Master of Public Health degree in Health Care Management and Policy, specialising in health policy development and analysis for patients with disabilities, at Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts.

**Frances Moore** from Auckland will complete an Artist Diploma in Operatic Directing, specialising in the impact of cinematic technologies in the performance of opera today, at the University of Cincinnati in Ohio.

**Alexis Rider** from Wellington will complete a Master of Arts degree in

Liberal Studies, specialising in the role of narrative in refugee resettlement policy, at the New School in New York.

**Rosemary Wyber** from Wellington will complete a Master of Public Health degree in Global Health, specialising in factors associated with the success of rheumatic heart disease control programmes, at Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts.

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

**Marisa Maepu** (see Departures)

### Fulbright-Harkness New Zealand Fellowship

**Glenda Anthony** (see Departures)

### Fulbright New Zealand Travel Awards

**Mark Harcourt** (see Departures)

**Raewyn Turner** (see Departures)

**Carmel Williams** (see Returning Grantees)

### Fulbright-Ngā Pae o Te Māramatanga Travel Awards

**Spencer Lilley** (see Returning Grantees)

**Tia Neha** from Dunedin will present her research findings into the influence of family oral traditions and social contributions on Māori children's literacy learning, at the University of Kansas in Lawrence.

### Fulbright Specialist Awards

**Richard Chen See** (see Arrivals)

The University of Otago will host **Edward Davis** from Messiah College, who will give lectures and workshops about the historical and contemporary relationship between religion and science in the US.

The University of Auckland will host **Wayne Feiden** from the City of Northampton, who will lecture and conduct workshops about various aspects of urban planning.

**Hatim Omar** (see Arrivals)

**Andrea Polli** (see Returning Grantees)

### Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Programme

**Sandy Kerr** (see Departures)

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

**Caroline Park** from the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration will research US and New Zealand approaches to sustainable fisheries, at the Ministry of Fisheries.

**Christian Stearns** from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development will research the use of a sustainability model to aid in implementing recommendations from the Housing Shareholders Advisory Group's report *Home and Housed: a Vision of Social Housing in New Zealand*, at the Department of Building and Housing.

**David Vannier** from the National Institutes of Health will research primary and secondary school science education practices and policy, at the Ministry of Education.

**Bruce Vaughn** from the Congressional Research Service will research shared NZ-US interests in promoting stability in the South Pacific, at the Ministry of Defence and Victoria University of Wellington.

**Cornelia Weiss** from the United States Air Force Reserves will research the impact of military justice, human rights and the rule of law on New Zealand Defence Force operations, at the New Zealand Defence Force.

### John F Kennedy Memorial Fellowship

The New Zealand International Arts Festival will host journalist and author **Thomas Friedman**, who will speak in the Festival's Writers and Readers Week programme. ➤

## Arrivals and Departures

### Arrivals:

#### Fulbright Specialist Awards

The New Zealand School of Dance will host **Richard Chen See** from the Paul Taylor Dance Company, who will teach a dance work by American choreographer Paul Taylor. Richard arrives in September.

Wintec will host **Hatim Omar** from the University of Kentucky, who will give lectures and seminars about the Kentucky state's Stop Youth Suicide campaign. Hatim arrives in October.



## Departures:

### International Fulbright Science and Technology Awards

Nicholas Fancourt from Auckland will complete a PhD in Public Health, specialising in international children's health and health systems, at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. Nicholas departs in August.

### Fulbright New Zealand Senior Scholar Awards

Ian Barber from the University of Otago will research revitalization movements in Māori, Western Pacific and Anglo-American religions, at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. Ian departs in August.

Yvonne Underhill-Sem from the University of Auckland will research the potential of feminist population geography theories to address maternal mortality, at the City University of New York. Yvonne departs in August.

### Fulbright-Cognition Scholar Award in Education Research

Ngaire Addis from Havelock North High School will research the use of mathematics achievement data in evidence-based leadership of American high schools, at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Ngaire departs in August.

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

Marisa Maepu from Wellington will research and write a novel entitled *Sala ma Sina* at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in Honolulu. Marisa departs in September.

### Fulbright-Harkness New Zealand Fellowship

Glenda Anthony from Massey University will research ways of training mathematics teachers to engage in ambitious teaching, at the University of Washington in Seattle. Glenda departs in September.

### Fulbright New Zealand Travel Awards

Mark Harcourt from the University of Waikato will present a paper on non-majority union representation and inter-union collaboration, at the Association on Employment Practices and Principles' 19th Annual International Conference in Honolulu, Hawai'i. Mark departs in October.

Raewyn Turner from Auckland will lecture about her PLUME art and science collaboration which investigates the sensing of the human plume, at LaSalle University and the Monell Chemical Senses Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Raewyn departs in September.

### Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Programme

The University of Alaska Fairbanks is hosting Sandy Kerr from Brown Research Ltd, who is assisting with course development in indigenous planning and evaluation for Alaska Native self-governance. Sandy departed in July. ➤

## Returning Grantees

### Fulbright US Graduate Awards

Bradley Markle from Corvallis, Oregon returned to the US in June, having completed a Master of Science degree in Geology, specialising in the influence of high frequency climate oscillations on the climate of Antarctica, at Victoria University of Wellington.

Julie Polakoski from Somerset, Pennsylvania returned to the US in June, having completed a Master of Laws degree in Employment Law, specialising in the impact of legal reform on collective bargaining rights, at Victoria University of Wellington.

### Fulbright New Zealand Senior Scholar Awards

Gwenda Willis from Victoria University of Wellington returned to New Zealand in July, having researched American sex offender treatment programmes following the New Zealand-developed Good Lives Model, at Lynn University in Boca Raton, Florida.

### Fulbright Visiting Scholar Awards in New Zealand Studies

Chris Gallavin from the University of Canterbury returned to New Zealand in May, having researched US approaches to judicial oversight of the decision to prosecute, and taught a course on New Zealand's constitutional structure and international relations, at Georgetown University in Washington, DC for their Spring 2011 semester.

### Fulbright-Ngā Pae o Te Māramatanga Senior Scholar Award

Leonie Pihama from Māori And Indigenous Analysis Ltd returned

to New Zealand in June, having researched impacts of historical and intergenerational trauma on the health and wellbeing of indigenous peoples, at the University of Washington in Seattle.

### Fulbright-Cognition Scholar Award in Education Research

Veronica O'Toole from the University of Canterbury returned to New Zealand in July, having researched the development of an emotional literacy programme for New Zealand educators and students, at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut and Wichita State University in Wichita, Kansas.

### Fulbright New Zealand Travel Awards

Janet Hoek from the University of Otago returned to New Zealand in June, having presented papers on marketing regulation of tobacco control, at the American Marketing Association's 2011 Marketing and Public Policy Conference in Washington, DC.

Rhonda Shaw from Victoria University of Wellington returned to New Zealand in May, having given seminars on tissue exchange, organ donation and transplantation research, at the Hastings Center in Garrison, New York and Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut.

Carmel Williams from the University of Auckland returned to New Zealand in July, having presented her research findings into development of the health rights framework and its translation into practice in Papua New Guinea, at Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts.

### Fulbright-Ngā Pae o Te Māramatanga Travel Awards

Spencer Lilley from Massey University returned to New Zealand in July, having presented his research findings into how the information needs of Māori tertiary students are met, at Montana State University Libraries' 21st annual Tribal College Librarians Institute in Bozeman.

### Fulbright US Senior Scholar Awards

Frank Alcock from the New College of Florida returned to the US in June, having researched New Zealand's emissions trading scheme and lectured about the politics of cap and trade systems, at Victoria University of Wellington.

Christopher Lubienski from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign returned to the US in June, having researched school enrolment policies and their impact on equity patterns in New Zealand, and taught courses on equity and leadership in education, at the University of Waikato.

Lesley Wheeler from Washington and Lee University returned to the US in July, having researched links between poets and communities in the 21st century, and lectured about American poetry, at Victoria University of Wellington.

### Fulbright Specialist Awards

Andrea Polli from the University of New Mexico returned to the US in June, having taught and assisted with curriculum, faculty and research development for the Digital Design programme at AUT University.

Dan Robinson from the University of Texas at Austin returned to the US in July, having lectured and conducted workshops about integrating technology into team-based learning principles, at Victoria University of Wellington.



2011's Fulbright grantees, Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellows in Public Policy, and Harkness Fellow in Health Care Policy and Practice with Fulbright New Zealand's Honorary Chairpersons **Hon David Huebner** and **Hon Murray McCully**, Chairperson **Barbara Johnson** and Executive Director **Mele Wendt**

## Events



Penny Andrew

## Harkness Fellow reports her findings

2009-10 Harkness Fellow in Health Care Policy and Practice Penny Andrew reported the findings of her fellowship research at a series of seminars in Dunedin, Wellington and Auckland in May. Penny had spent her exchange year at the RAND Corporation in Boston, Massachusetts, a non-profit institution that helps improve policy and decision making through research and analysis. Her research focused on how individual physicians' performance can be measured and used for quality improvement.

Penny's research included an analysis of the state-wide Massachusetts Health Quality Partners performance measurement and public reporting programme. She examined how physicians respond to performance data and use it to improve the quality of care they provide. She found that quality of care feedback was important to the large majority of physicians, but actions they took to improve patient experiences were often not driven by patient experience reports. The use of patient experience reports was limited by a lack

of recommended "actionable" steps or assistance in interpreting reports to implement improvement. There was scepticism of performance data gathered by health insurers, and a lack of awareness or understanding of the industry-led state-wide programme.

A lawyer as well as a physician, Penny also collaborated in the US on a project examining consumers' responses to adverse event disclosure and the role played in such situations by early offers of compensation.

The annual Harkness Fellowships seminars are integrated into the Dean of the University of Otago Dunedin School of Medicine's medical forum, the Institute of Public Administration New Zealand's lunchtime seminar series in Wellington, and the Dean of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences' seminar series at the University of Auckland. Penny was joined at each seminar by another past Harkness Fellow who spoke briefly about their own fellowship experience and its impact on their subsequent career. ►



Frank Alcock lectures at the  
US Embassy in Wellington  
(photo: Ola Thorsen, US Embassy)

## US scholar on the politics of cap and trade

2011 Fulbright US Senior Scholar Frank Alcock from the New College of Florida was a guest speaker at the US Embassy in Wellington in June, shortly before completing his four month exchange to Victoria University of Wellington's Institute of Policy Studies and returning home to the US.

Frank's free public lunchtime lecture at the Embassy on 2 June was on the topic of 'The Political Challenges of Pricing Carbon', in which he explored the political challenges and potential trade-offs that governments must consider when attempting to put a price on carbon emissions.

Frank described the many motivations for and forces of resistance against climate change policy, and the various elements of the "Government Toolbox" for addressing climate change. He discussed the "policy realism" of what often happens during the development and enactment of carbon pricing legislation, and also offered "five Es" of evaluative criteria for climate policy:

- Environmental Impact (emissions reduction)
- Economic Impact (overall cost, efficiency, competition)
- Equity Implications (distributional issues)
- Enforceability (monitoring, administration, compliance)
- Existence Factor (political viability and durability)

Commenting on New Zealand's emissions trading scheme (ETS), Frank first congratulated the country for having actually enacted legislation, which some other countries have so far struggled to do. He noted, however, that the ETS is still very much in a transition phase, during which there are limited environmental or economic impacts. Major emitters are largely shielded from cost burdens during this transition phase, which was a trade-off to ensure political viability of the scheme. Enforceability issues exist in the ETS but are being addressed, and overall Frank believes the ETS seems reasonably well positioned to allow modification of its major elements (coverage, cap, allocation and trading rules) at the end of the transition phase. ►



John Montgomery

## Fulbright alumnus lectures on leadership

Fulbright alumnus John Montgomery from the University of Auckland gave a lecture at the university on 4 July as part of the Sir Peter Blake Trust's Leadership Week. John is a recognised science leader who is Director of the University of Auckland's Leigh Marine Laboratory. He is also a Trustee of the Sir Peter Blake Trust, so was a logical choice of speaker for the first Leadership Week event organised by the Fulbright New Zealand Alumni Association.

In his lecture, entitled 'Leadership in Science: what's the quest and who's the team?', John proposed that in science or environmental leadership the nature of the quest and the characteristics of the team are not as easily identified as they might be in other pursuits like sports or business. He argued that in science, the quest is for discovery, and although there are individuals, collaborations and teams involved, they tend to be transcended by the global network of science discovery. John added that in addition to recognizing leaders

who make strong contributions to the progress of science discovery, we should also recognize the role of leadership in reshaping scientific gains into positive societal and environmental outcomes.

Turning to his own work, John discussed his Fulbright exchange to the Woods Hole Marine Biological Laboratory as a research scholar in 1988, where he conducted research into the sensory behaviour of fish. He also talked about the establishment of the South Pacific Centre for Marine Science at the Leigh Marine Laboratory, which was officially opened the previous week. The new facility allows the University of Auckland to take a leadership role in marine research and education, and in tackling regional issues such as sustainability, energy production and food supply.

John left attendees with the following quote from the late Sir Peter Blake: "Having vision is not enough. Change comes through realising the vision and turning it into a reality." ►



## In Pictures



Fulbright New Zealand's newly-renovated reception area



Fulbright US Graduate Student **Patrick Behrer** gives an update on his Fulbright exchange as part of the mid-year programme for grantees



Fulbright alumna **Jessica Kerr** briefs this year's Fulbright New Zealand Graduate Students about what to expect from life and study in the US



Parliament's Kaiwhakarite **Kura Moeahu** opens the 2011 Fulbright New Zealand Awards Ceremony with a mihi whakatau (greeting) and karakia (prayer)



**Hon Murray McCully**, New Zealand's Minister of Foreign Affairs and an Honorary Chairperson of Fulbright New Zealand, addresses the ceremony



Fulbright alumna **Elizabeth Forbes-Blom** welcomes this year's grantees to the "Fulbright whānau"



Fulbright-Cognition Scholar in Education Research **Ngaire Addis** from Havelock North with her daughters **Laura** and **Julia**



**Hon David Huebner**, US Ambassador to New Zealand, with this year's Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellows in Public Policy



2011 Fulbright New Zealand Graduate Students **Rachel Fairhurst**, **Laura Woods** and **Ghazaleh Golbaksh**



2011 Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellow in Public Policy **David Wiley** gives a lecture in Wellington for the Fulbright New Zealand Alumni Association



Fulbright New Zealand's Executive Director **Mele Wendt** with Student Volunteer Army organiser **Sam Johnson** and US Ambassador **Hon David Huebner** at the launch of Leadership Week at Government House



Chairperson **Barbara Johnson** is farewelled from the Fulbright New Zealand Board at its July meeting



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#### Fulbright-Platinum Triangle Scholarship in Business

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. Valued at US\$100,000 plus travel and paid internship. **Applications close 1 August 2011**

#### 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. Valued at up to US\$25,000 plus travel. **Applications close 1 August 2011**

#### Fulbright-Ministry of Science and Innovation 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. Valued at up to US\$25,000 plus travel. **Applications close 1 August 2011**

#### Fulbright-Ngā Pae o Te Māramatanga Graduate Award

For a promising New Zealand graduate student to undertake postgraduate study or research at a US institution in a field of indigenous development. Valued at up to US\$25,000 plus travel. **Applications close 1 August 2011**

#### Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Awards

For promising New Zealand graduate students to undertake postgraduate study or research at US institutions in any field. Valued at up to US\$25,000 plus travel. **Applications close 1 August 2011**

#### Fulbright-Wallace Arts Trust Award

For an outstanding mid-career or senior New Zealand visual artist to undertake a three-month residency at Headlands Center for the Arts in Sausalito, California. Valued at over US\$30,000. **Applications close 1 August 2011**

#### 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. Valued at up to NZ\$32,500 plus travel. **Applications close 1 August 2011**

#### 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 for up to 12 months. Valued at up to US\$107,000. **Applications close 12 September 2011**

#### Fulbright US Graduate Awards

For promising US graduate students to undertake postgraduate study or research in any field at New Zealand institutions. Valued at up to NZ\$30,000 plus travel. **Applications close 17 October 2011**

#### Fulbright New Zealand Travel Awards

For New Zealand academics, artists or professionals to visit the US for 12 to 90 days in order to present their work to American audiences. Valued at up to NZ\$5,000. **Applications close 1 November 2011, 1 April and 1 July 2012**

#### Fulbright-Ngā Pae o Te Māramatanga Travel Awards in Indigenous Development

For New Zealand academics, artists or professionals to visit the US for 12 to 90 days in order to present their work on a theme of indigenous development to American audiences. Valued at up to NZ\$5,000. **Applications close 1 November 2011, 1 April and 1 July 2012**

#### Fulbright Specialist Awards

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. Valued at up to NZ\$8,400 plus travel. **Applications close 1 November 2011, 1 April and 1 July 2012**

#### Fulbright-Harkness New Zealand Fellowship

For an emerging New Zealand leader in any field of study or vocation (excluding health care policy and practice) to study or research in the US for a minimum of six weeks. Valued at NZ\$15,000. **Applications close 1 March 2012**

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

For outstanding mid-career US professionals to research and gain firsthand experience of public policy in New Zealand for seven months. Valued at up to NZ\$45,500 plus travel. **Applications close 1 March 2012**

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

For a New Zealand writer of Pacific heritage to carry out work on a creative writing project exploring Pacific identity, culture or history at the University of Hawai'i for three months. Valued at NZ\$30,000. **Applications close 1 April 2012**

#### 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. Valued at over NZ\$350,000. **Applications close 1 May 2012**

#### 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. Valued at up to US\$32,500 plus travel. **Applications close 1 July 2012**

#### Fulbright Visiting Scholar Awards in New Zealand Studies

For New Zealand academics to conduct research and teach New Zealand Studies at Georgetown University in Washington, DC for one or two semesters. Valued at up to US\$32,500 plus travel. **Applications close 1 July 2012**

#### Fulbright-Ngā Pae o Te Māramatanga Scholar Award

For a New Zealand academic, artist or professional to conduct research and/or lecture in the US for three to five months in a field of indigenous development. Valued at up to US\$32,500 plus travel. **Applications close 1 July 2012**

#### Fulbright-Cognition Scholar Award in Education Research

For a New Zealand educator or scholar to pursue research in the US designed to have an impact on New Zealand early childhood education or primary/secondary schooling and student achievement, for three to five months. Valued at up to US\$32,500 plus travel. **Applications close 1 July 2012**

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