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Fulbright alumnus **Michael Elmes** gives a seminar at the Fulbright New Zealand office in February, along with a colleague and students from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts

New seminar series a success

Fulbright New Zealand has implemented a successful monthly seminar series at its office in Wellington, giving grantees and alumni the opportunity to share their Fulbright experience and research with a network of alumni, field-specific contacts and interested public. Three seminars have been held so far in 2013, with more scheduled for the last Friday of each month throughout the year.

In February, Fulbright alumnus Michael Elmes from Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) in Worcester, Massachusetts gave a seminar outlining how his time spent as a 2005 Fulbright US Senior Scholar at Victoria University of Wellington inspired him to propose that WPI set up a new international project centre in Wellington as part of its global perspective programme for undergraduate study abroad.

Accompanying Michael on this year's return visit to Wellington, and speaking alongside him at the seminar, were the project's co-leader, Ingrid Shockey, and members of the first WPI student cohort to participate in hands-on project work with New Zealand government organizations and NGOs related to science, technology and society. Two groups of students presented the results of research they had conducted for the Zealandia wildlife sanctuary and regional economic development agency Grow Wellington.

In March, recently returned Fulbright-Harkness New Zealand Fellow Peter Griffin from the Science Media Centre reported on his exhaustive two month research trip across the US, during which he visited centres of excellence in public interest journalism including the Center for Public Integrity in Washington, DC, ProPublica in New York and the Center for Health Reporting in Los Angeles.

Peter reported on current and future trends in the US media and gave examples of how American models for the funding and delivery of news could be applied in New Zealand. A video of his talk is available to watch online at www.youtube.com/watch?v=XfrP-6wTqBU

In April, current Fulbright US Scholar Kathy Fox from the University of Vermont gave a seminar on her research into the restorative re-entry of criminal offenders to the community, comparing practices in New Zealand with those in the US, and in particular her home state of Vermont.

This new seminar series is proving popular, with near capacity crowds at recent events. Upcoming seminars are listed on the Fulbright New Zealand website as they are scheduled, and promoted on Facebook and Twitter. Any grantees or alumni who are interested in giving a seminar should contact the Fulbright New Zealand office. ➤



Recent alumnus **Peter Griffin** shares his learnings from the US about public interest journalism and the future of news

Editorial



Mele Wendt, Executive Director

From the desk of the Executive Director

Tēnā koutou, talofa lava and warm Fulbright greetings.

The beginning of the year has been very busy and productive for us at Fulbright New Zealand, and we hope it has for you too.

I have just returned from a trip to Taiwan to meet with Fulbright Executive Directors from around the East Asia and Pacific region, at which we discussed our various successes and common challenges. Thanks to William Vocke, Executive Director of Fulbright Taiwan, and his staff for so graciously hosting us. I was able to share our comprehensive new emergency management plan and other recent developments, and to learn further how other commissions operate.

We are always looking for ways to enhance our outreach to universities, polytechnics and wānanga. A new initiative this year was for Fulbright campus advisers to host drop-in sessions which introduced students and academic staff to the various exchange opportunities available on the Fulbright programme. Thanks to the 12 campus advisers who gave their time to help raise our profile where it really matters. Another new initiative has been to implement information sessions for prospective Māori and Pacific applicants, to further increase diversity among our grantees. Our main Outreach Tour kicks into gear this month with visits to tertiary education institutions around New Zealand. Please keep an eye on our website and social media accounts for details of when we will be visiting a campus near you, and help spread the word to eligible students and staff.

In May, Fulbright New Zealand's chairperson, Helen

Anderson, and I will attend the 2013 US-NZ Pacific Partnership Forum in Washington, DC. We are pleased to be included again in this global gathering of thought leaders from business, government, the media and non-profit organizations. For the second time, we have helped organise a Future Partners programme to engage 40 emerging New Zealand and American leaders in this high level bilateral event. We were inundated with keen young applicants for the programme, and are delighted at the opportunity to involve Fulbright grantees and alumni in productive dialogue on the future relationship between our countries.

Helen and I will be in the US for the 65th Anniversary Reception at the New Zealand Embassy in Washington, DC on 17 May, and we look forward to catching up with many of you there. On 25 June, we will hold another grand celebration in Wellington, in conjunction with our annual parliamentary awards ceremony. New Zealand alumni, please mark this date in your calendar along with the dates of black tie gala dinners in Auckland on 7 September and Wellington on 14 September. Expect to hear from us soon with details of these events and your formal invitation. We are excited about these opportunities to celebrate a significant milestone. We remind you to donate to our fundraising campaign if you haven't already done so, and thank those who have.

Hei konei rā, ia manuia and warm regards,

Fulbright News



US grantees welcomed to New Zealand

Fulbright New Zealand welcomed 19 US exchange grantees to New Zealand in February, with its traditional week-long orientation programme. The American grantees, who will spend from three months to a full year in New Zealand, were welcomed with an intensive and unique programme of seminars, cultural experiences and field trips.

The orientation began with a pōwhiri and noho marae (overnight stay) at Waiwhetū Marae in Lower Hutt. Throughout the week, a series of lectures by Fulbright alumni and other academic and cultural experts gave the group a comprehensive introduction to New Zealand, Māori and Pacific history, culture and language, as well as New Zealand's rich natural history and unique flora and fauna.

Alumni speakers included Fulbright alumni Jock Phillips, General Editor of *Te Ara: The Encyclopedia of New Zealand* and Professor Nigel Roberts from Victoria University of Wellington's political science department. Harkness Fellowships alumnus Shane Jones, a Labour Party MP, also addressed the group during a visit to New Zealand's parliament buildings.

On the eve of the Waitangi Day holiday, grantees and their families were home-hosted by local Fulbright alumni for dinner and/or an overnight stay, connecting them with the valuable support network that the broader Fulbright community in New Zealand will provide throughout their exchange. ➤



Kaumtua (elder) **Teri Puketapu** addresses visiting American grantees at Waiwhetū Marae

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65th anniversary update

Fulbright New Zealand's 65th anniversary celebrations are gathering steam, with a pleasing response to the launch of a fundraising campaign in February, and major celebratory events planned for the US and New Zealand in May and June. Further events are being planned for September, the month of Fulbright New Zealand's anniversary date.

The New Zealand Embassy in Washington, DC will host a grand celebratory reception on 17 May. This is the only anniversary event scheduled to occur in the US, to which all alumni in America have been invited. Fulbright New Zealand's chairperson, Helen Anderson, and executive director, Mele Wendt, will be present at the reception, and we hope that many alumni and supporters from across the country can join us in Washington to celebrate the occasion.

Our annual parliamentary awards ceremony at the Beehive Banquet Hall on 25 June will double as the major 65th anniversary celebration event in New Zealand, and all alumni in New Zealand will be invited. Again, we hope that many alumni and supporters from across the country can join us to celebrate the occasion, and to honour the year's Fulbright and associated NZ-US exchange grantees.

In September, two black tie gala dinners with art auctions will be held in Auckland (at Villa Maria Estate on 7 September) and Wellington (at Government House on 14 September). Due to limited capacity, attendee numbers at these two events will be limited and places available on a first-come, first-served basis. Artist alumni are warmly welcomed to donate artworks to be auctioned in support of our fundraising campaign, as are any alumni with private art collections.

The week of 7-15 September will also be marked as a national Alumni Week by the Fulbright New Zealand Alumni Association, who will hold events in each of their six active New Zealand regions to provide opportunities for alumni to gather and celebrate locally.

The fundraising campaign launched in February is going well, with more than \$14,000 raised to date. Thanks to everyone who has donated already, or indicated that they will include a bequest to Fulbright New Zealand in their will. We remind alumni and supporters that all donations are warmly welcomed, as we are working to build a NZ\$1.1 million endowment, the interest from which will fund one additional Fulbright graduate award per year in perpetuity. A fundraising letter and form are enclosed in this newsletter, or donations can be made online at www.fulbright.org.nz/donate ➤

Important Dates

Fulbright New Zealand Outreach Tour 2013

University, polytechnic and wānanga campuses nationwide, throughout May

Fulbright New Zealand's educational advising team is visiting campuses nationwide on an Outreach Tour to inform students and academic staff about educational opportunities in the US and the range of prestigious Fulbright exchange awards which can help you get there.

See www.fulbright.org.nz/events for details

May

10 Harkness Report-Back Seminar: Sarah Derrett – Strategies to Improve Care Integration: Lessons from Rural Patient-Centred Medical Homes
12:30-1:30pm, Nau Mai Room, Ground Floor, Te Puni Kōkiri House, 143 Lambton Quay, Wellington

IPANZ members register online at www.ipanz.org.nz; non-members RSVP to admin@ipanz.org.nz

17 Fulbright New Zealand 65th Anniversary Reception, Washington, DC

6:00-8:30pm, New Zealand Embassy, 37 Observatory Circle, NW, Washington, DC 20008

Admission by invitation only. RSVP to rsvp@nzemb.org by 13 May

29 Harkness Report-Back Seminar: Sarah Derrett – Strategies to Improve Care Integration: Lessons from Rural Patient-Centred Medical Homes
12:30-1:30pm, Function Room 730-220, School of Population Health, University of Auckland Tamaki Campus. RSVP to e.kinane@auckland.ac.nz

31 Monthly Fulbright Seminar Series: Veronica Tawhai – Transforming Citizenship Education

12:30-1:30pm, Fulbright New Zealand boardroom, Level 8, 120 Featherston Street, Wellington. RSVP to info@fulbright.org.nz / (04) 472 2065 by 29 May

June

1 Fulbright-Platinum Triangle Award in Business applications close

25 Fulbright New Zealand Awards Ceremony and 65th Anniversary Reception

5:30-7:30pm, Beehive Banquet Hall, Parliament Buildings, Wellington. RSVP to info@fulbright.org.nz / (04) 472 2065 by 18 June

28 Monthly Fulbright Seminar Series Speaker TBC. 12:30-1:30pm, Fulbright New Zealand boardroom, Level 8, 120 Featherston Street, Wellington

July

1 Fulbright New Zealand Scholar Awards applications close

Fulbright-Ngā Pae o Te Māramatanga Scholar Award applications close

Fulbright-Cognition Scholar Award in Education Research applications close

26 Monthly Fulbright Seminar Series Speaker TBC. 12:30-1:30pm, Fulbright New Zealand boardroom, Level 8, 120 Featherston Street, Wellington

August

1 Fulbright 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 New Zealand Travel Awards applications close

Fulbright-Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Travel Awards in Indigenous Development applications close

Fulbright Specialist Awards applications close

Fulbright US Scholar Awards applications close

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Alumni Association

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**TE WHAKAWHITINGA
AOTEAROA-AMERIKA**

Alumni Association update

It's my pleasure to be Acting Chair of the Alumni Association while our Chairperson Brian Walters is pursuing an exciting work opportunity in Madrid.

The Association has held some fantastic events around the country over the past few months. The US Consul General James Donegan and his wife Sue hosted a great evening for our Auckland alumni and US grantees. We held a Fulbright Forum on the topic of "A Changing World: Communicating Science" at Otago Museum, and brought you a Fulbright Reflections discussion on "Experimental Art – Motion and Sound" at City Gallery Wellington. Plans are underway for more exciting events in all of the regions around New Zealand throughout the year.

You can see photos, read news and learn about our upcoming events on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/fnzaa. We are really keen to

strengthen our community online, so please "like" us on Facebook if you haven't already done so and feel to post on our page. We'd love to hear what you're up to and your suggestions for the Association

We'd love you to join our Association if you are not already a member. Please visit www.fnzaa.org or contact our alumni coordinator Vicky Beckett by email to admin@fnzaa.org or phone at +64 4 974 4119. Please also let Vicky know if you are interested in participating in the regional leadership of the association, we're always looking for new team members and it's a great opportunity.

Toni Moyes, Acting FNZAA Chairperson

In Brief



above: Dame Anne Salmond with Governor General Jerry Mateparae (photo: New Zealander of the Year Awards); below: Frances Hughes (photo: Massey University)



Grantee and Alumni News

Fulbright alumni **Charles Royal** (2001 NZ Research Scholar) and **David Penman** (1981 NZ Research Scholar) were appointed in February to an eleven-member government panel tasked with identifying New Zealand's top National Science Challenges. The panel will identify between six and ten of the most significant science challenges facing the country over the next five to ten years, which the government has set aside \$60 million to invest in addressing.

Fulbright alumna **Dame Anne Salmond** (1968 NZ Graduate Student), a renowned academic, author and environmentalist, was named 2013 Kiwibank New Zealander of Year in February. Dame Anne's distinguished academic career has been dedicated to documenting cultural exchanges between Māori and Pākehā, and promoting both a greater understanding of New Zealand's history and prospects for a strong multicultural society in future. Speaking at the New Zealander of the Year awards ceremony, patron Jim Bolger said "Dame Anne Salmond is an exceptional New Zealander who is committed to understanding our cultural heritage and to protecting our environment for generations to come. She is ... a passionate and articulate Kiwi with a strong vision for our nation's future."

Several Fulbright grantees and alumni were honoured at Massey University's Defining Excellence Awards in March. **Frances Hughes** (2013 NZ Research Scholar, 2001 Harkness Fellow) was awarded the university's Distinguished Alumni Service Award in recognition of her long career in nursing and mental health. Also in the Defining Excellence Awards, Fulbright alumna **Sarah-Jane Paine** (2007 Travel Award) received one of three Early Career Research Medals for her ongoing research into sleep health and regulation, and alumna **Elizabeth Gray** (1995 NZ Graduate Student) received one of three Sustained Commitment to Teaching Excellence Awards for her teaching in the university's School of Communication, Journalism & Marketing.

Fulbright alumnus **Nick Twemlow** (2005 US Graduate Student) was announced in March as winner of the Poetry Society of America's 2013 Norma Farber First Book Award. Nick's first published collection of poems, *Palm Trees* (Green Lantern Press), was selected as the best of more than 70 books entered to the award.

In his citation, judge Timothy Liu wrote that "Reading Twemlow gives one a deep sense about what's exciting about the lyrical possibilities embodied not just in a first book of poems but *any* book of poems published in 2012." Nick is senior editor of *The Iowa Review* and co-editor of Canarium Books, a publisher of contemporary poetry.

Fulbright alumnus **Paul Spoonley** (2010 NZ Research Scholar) was awarded Massey University's highest academic title of Distinguished Professor in April. The title is normally bestowed on a maximum of 15 professors at a time, who have achieved "outstanding international eminence in their fields". A professor of sociology, Paul is research director of Massey's College of Humanities and Social Sciences, project leader of the major Integration of Immigrants Programme, and a social commentator on ethnic and race relations issues.

A number of Fulbright alumni have published books recently:

Welcome to Our World? Immigration and the Reshaping of New Zealand by **Paul Spoonley** (2010 NZ Research Scholar) and Richard Bedford, which documents how immigration has shifted New Zealand's population into "one of the world's most super-diverse societies", is available now from Dunmore Publishing;

Human Security in World Affairs: Problems and Opportunities by Alexander and **Sabina Lautensach** (2003 Travel Award), the first university textbook in human security, was published by Caesar Press in January;

Singing With Both Throats, the first poetry collection by **Maris O'Rourke** (1979 NZ Graduate Student), was published in April by David Ling Publishing. Maris also recently published her first children's book, *Lillibutt's Big Adventure* (Duck Creek Press). ➤

Alumni, please keep us up-to-date with your news and achievements, by email to andy@fulbright.org.nz

In Memoriam

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

Darrow Aiona, 1959 US Graduate Student
William (Bill) Breed, 1957 US Graduate Student
Robert (Robin) Williams, 1957 Harkness Fellowship ➤

Juilliard offers once in a lifetime experiences

Bryony Gibson-Cornish from Christchurch received a 2012 Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Award to complete a Master of Music degree in viola theory, history and performance at the prestigious Juilliard School in New York. In her first year of study, Bryony has already had a number of once in a lifetime experiences.

My Fulbright experience started in August 2012 with a Gateway Orientation in Jackson, Mississippi. Having only visited the East Coast before, I was quite overwhelmed to experience such a different part of the US for a few days! It was exciting to meet so many other Fulbright grantees from all over the world, and everyone's enthusiasm for learning about other cultures and the US was evident throughout the orientation. I was persuaded to perform for some of my newfound friends on the last night and this inspired many of the grantees to come and watch my subsequent performances in New York. I couldn't have picked a better start to my studies in the US.

The Master of Music programme at Juilliard is quite different to many other academic graduate programmes because the practical aspect of making music is an integral part of the coursework. This year, I have taken a balanced selection of courses in music theory and history, ear training, piano, chamber music, sonata class, performance and orchestra. Music theory and history involves a lot of traditional "study", but the rest of my courses involve lessons, practice and rehearsals.

The centrepiece of my study is performance viola and I am incredibly fortunate to be a student of what we call the ACHT Studio. The acronym is from the initials of our teachers Misha Amory, Heidi Castleman, Hsin-Yun Huang and Steven Tenenbom. There are about 30 viola players in the studio and each of us has one-on-one lessons with two of the teachers (I learn with Heidi Castleman and Misha Amory), as well as meeting together once a week for studio class, where the students perform in a workshop situation with all four teachers. This "team teaching" concept is rather unique and it fosters a great learning environment for all involved. The studio is an incredible family to be part of and we are lucky to be in such a supportive and positive studio. We have regular studio recitals, and our studio also contributes to the American Viola Society blog (<http://americanviolasociety.org/studio/>), which is an invaluable resource for anyone interested in viola and the inside world of music.

Another big part of being a student here is playing in the Juilliard Orchestra. I've had to pinch myself on a number of occasions, because I never imagined I would have the opportunity to work with some of the conductors we have had this year. Highlights include a concert in Avery Fisher Hall (the concert hall of the New York Philharmonic), conducted by Itzhak Perlman. Having the opportunity to play in an orchestra conducted by one of the world's great musical legends was an unforgettable experience, particularly with the repertoire of Mozart, Beethoven and Berlioz.

At the beginning of this year, I had my first "pit orchestra" experience, playing in a Juilliard Opera production of Don Pasquale, conducted by Stephen Lord. It was really exciting to play in an opera, particularly with my singing background. I was also very excited to spot my first "celebrity" from the pit: Renee Fleming, one of the world's foremost opera singers and

my childhood idol.

As well as concerts, we also take part in "reading sessions". I was fortunate to be part of sessions with Alan Gilbert (artistic director of the New York Philharmonic) and Christoph von Dohnanyi (conductor emeritus of the Cleveland Orchestra). Both were very inspiring and I feel very lucky to be at a school where conductors of this calibre are the norm!

On Saturday afternoons I work in the Pre-College Division as an orchestra mentor. This means that I go and play in rehearsals and take the odd viola sectional, giving advice to the students about how to play in an orchestra effectively. The orchestra in which I play is the most senior orchestra, with students aged 16-18, so they are very advanced musicians already. It is really enjoyable to help them grow as orchestral players and help give them confidence to play out.

When I haven't been practising, I have really enjoyed exploring New York City with my friends. It is such a vibrant city and having the opportunity to live right beside the Lincoln Center in the heart of the city is a once in a lifetime experience! Many attractions are close by and there is always something going on. I really enjoy walking around Central Park in particular, and squirrel spotting has become a bit of a tradition.

I have also been fortunate to have the opportunity to play in a number of chamber groups and receive coaching from wonderful faculty members whilst I have been here. I am particularly looking forward to attending the Taos School of Music in New Mexico, where I will play chamber music with 19 other musicians for eight weeks over the summer. We will rehearse, perform and receive coaching from the Borromeo, Shanghai and Brentano Quartets as well as notable musicians such as Michael Tree, Robert McDonald and Thomas Sauer. I am sure that this experience will leave me inspired for my second year of study in New York.

I am so grateful for the support I have received from Fulbright New Zealand – without Fulbright, I wouldn't have had these life-changing experiences! I would also like to thank the Pettman, Inspire, Adastra and Dame Malvina Major Foundations, the New Zealand Federation of Graduate Women and the Kiwi Music Trust. I look forward to returning to New Zealand in the future and in particular, I am excited to have the opportunity to perform with the Auckland Philharmonia in 2014 as their Young Soloist of the Year. ➤



Bryony Gibson-Cornish with her mother Catherine and brother Todd in New York

Grantee Voice



Bryony Gibson-Cornish
(photo: Jefferey Wen)

"I've had to pinch myself on a number of occasions, because I never imagined I would have the opportunity to work with some of the conductors we have had this year ... without Fulbright, I wouldn't have had these life-changing experiences!"

Awarded

Fulbright US Graduate Awards

Jamie Branch from Topeka, Kansas will research the kinematic and kinetic properties of motion in people with disabilities, at the University of Auckland.

Max Chapnick from Lexington, Virginia will complete a Master of Arts degree in Creative Writing, specialising in the intersection between physics and poetry, at Victoria University of Wellington.

Lorelei Curtin from Edina, Minnesota will research the geochemistry of South Island lake sediments to assess the historical effects of changes to westerly winds, at the University of Otago.

Tamblyn Gawley from Seattle, Washington will conduct an artistic study of New Zealand trees and their roots, at the University of Canterbury.

Laura Ginsburg from Missoula, Montana will research the effects of government policy and environmental concerns on the decision-making of New Zealand dairy farmers, at the University of Otago.

Maddy Hall from Washington, DC will complete a Master of Resource Studies degree in Environmental Studies, specialising in New Zealand sheep and cattle farmers' environmental beliefs and participation in carbon credit programmes, at Lincoln University.

Brenda McKinney from Chicago, Illinois will research the effects of restorative juvenile justice practices on racial minorities in New Zealand, at the University of Otago.

Shannon Ulrich from Denver, Colorado will research microbial and molecular fossilization in silica hot spring ecosystems at Yellowstone National Park and Waiotapu, at the University of Auckland.

Fulbright-ANZA US Graduate Award

Rowan Sprague from Richmond, Virginia will research the use of ecological engineering to enhance the efficacy and fitness of honeybees, at Lincoln University.

Fulbright US Scholar Awards

Cecilia Bitz from the University of Washington will research sea ice physics and mechanisms for Antarctic sea ice expansion, at the University of Otago.

Jason Fridley from Syracuse University will research a Darwinian

framework for invasion biology by comparing non-native plant invasions in North America and New Zealand, at Lincoln University.

Beth Leonard from the University of Alaska will research the development and enhancement of Māori and indigenous studies at Victoria University of Wellington, and teach a course on indigenous knowledge and science at the university.

Marilyn Tseng from California Polytechnic State University will research the relationship between maternal acculturation, diet and weight gain in Pacific Island children born in New Zealand, at AUT University.

Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Programme

Southern Polytechnic State University in Marietta, Georgia, will host **Ana Terry** from Otago Polytechnic, who will teach courses in new media arts and give talks about New Zealand art and culture and her own practice to university audiences and the wider community. ➤

Arrivals and Departures

Departures:

Fulbright New Zealand Scholar Awards

John Townend from Victoria University of Wellington will research current and long-term earthquake-generating characteristics of New Zealand's Alpine Fault, at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in Madison, Wisconsin and Stanford University in Stanford, California. John departs in July.

Fulbright New Zealand Travel Awards

Megan Grainger from the University of Waikato will give a seminar on forensic use of laser ablation inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (LA-ICP-MS), at the University of Montana in Missoula. Megan departs in June.

Fulbright-Meg Everton Professional Enhancement Awards in Education

Toni Christie from Childspace will attend and present at early childhood leadership and professional development conferences in Chicago, Illinois and San Francisco, California, and visit several other early childhood sites in the US. Toni departs in May. ➤



Newly announced Fulbright US Graduate Award recipient **Max Chapnick** (left) and Fulbright New Zealand Travel Award recipient **Megan Grainger** (right)

Alumni reminiscences wanted!



Fulbright New Zealand is collecting written alumni reminiscences for use in profiling the Fulbright programme during our 65th anniversary year.

All alumni are invited to submit an 800-1000 word contribution about your Fulbright exchange and its effects on your life, by email to andy@fulbright.org.nz or post to PO Box 3465, Wellington 6140, New Zealand. Please also send a portrait photograph and one or more pictures of you on your exchange.

Examples of alumni reminiscences can be found in the grantee and alumni profiles section of our website – www.fulbright.org.nz/grantees-alumni/profiles

Alumni Voices



Dan Bidois received the inaugural Fulbright-Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Graduate Award in 2010, to complete a Master in Public Policy degree specialising in economics and finance at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. He is now an economist for the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) based in Paris, France. For our 65th anniversary, Dan recalls his Fulbright exchange experience.

The cultural immersion during my Fulbright experience at Harvard University was truly phenomenal. My Fulbright orientation seminar in Miami, Florida brought together Fulbright grantees from around the world and set the standard for what was to come.

Once I arrived at Harvard, I became completely immersed in other cultures as I was thrust into a school with students from over 200 countries around the world. On a daily basis I met people from countries I have never visited, like Uzbekistan, the Maldives and Bhutan, and I engaged in debates and dialogue with these students on topics ranging from the European and Global Financial Crisis, Venezuelan politics, the reunification of North and South Korea, social challenges in Mali and of course American political and economic issues.

The Fulbright experience changed my life in two distinct ways. Firstly, it gave me an immense appreciation and understanding of other cultures. For two years I listened and contributed to discussions with people from vastly different backgrounds to my own. Not only did I gain a deep knowledge of, and appreciation for, American culture, but I also gained in the process a deep tolerance towards other cultures and gained friends from every corner around the globe. This for me speaks to the heart of the Fulbright experience; to forge a greater cultural understanding of the world so that together we can improve it.

Secondly, it provided me with a call to public service. The doors and opportunities that the Fulbright programme opens far outweigh the immediate financial assistance provided by the programme. Along with these privileges comes a great responsibility to serve and give back to society, no matter what your profession or chosen field of study.

Regardless of your chosen field, if you want to serve New Zealand in the future then I would highly recommend the Fulbright programme. The Fulbright programme gave me a strong sense of cross-cultural understanding, networks and relationships with future leaders from around the globe and a strong global outlook and sense of self.

New Zealand needs a greater number of leaders who have this global skill set if it is to succeed and prosper in a global environment. New Zealand needs global leaders to help address the collective challenges that we face as a nation. Do not waste time. Apply your skills and talents now and apply for the Fulbright programme. It will change your life. ►



American Fulbright alumnus Bill Tramosch has been the recipient of two Fulbright awards to New Zealand, and subsequently lived here twice. Bill is now Executive Director of the Nantucket Historical Association, but still visits New Zealand regularly (he was at the Butler Point Whaling Museum in Mangowhai in January, researching Nantucket whalers' historical links to the Northland region). Having been a visiting speaker for Fulbright New Zealand's 40th anniversary in 1988, Bill contributes a written reminiscence in this, our 65th anniversary year.

In 1986, I was privileged to receive a six-month Fulbright scholar award to Aotearoa New Zealand in the field of museum education. Being then in my seventh year as a department head at the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, this remarkable opportunity came at the perfect time. Two years later, I was invited back to Wellington to help contribute to the 40th anniversary of Fulbright New Zealand.

Between these trips, I had the unforgettable opportunity to meet Senator Fulbright at a conference at Georgetown University. Like a rock band groupie, I thanked the Senator for having created such an option. Smiling, he asked, "Where did you go?" "New Zealand", I replied. His response: "It is interesting to find places in the world every bit as beautiful as the United States, isn't it?" Then, his brow wrinkled a bit and he asked with a haka-like challenge: "Now, what do you intend to do about it?" Since that day, I have been pleasantly haunted by this challenge.

The Fulbright experiences changed not just my life but the lives of every member of our family. Subsequent to the awards, we moved to New Zealand twice, first to become a department head on the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa project, now commonly known as Te Papa. Our second move was made so I could assume the role of Chief Executive of the New Zealand Historic Places Trust, Aotearoa's equivalent to our National Trust for Historic Preservation. My wife, Peggy, in fact, worked for many years overseeing the programs of Fulbright New Zealand. How symmetrical! Happily, all members of the Tramosch family are dual citizens; and, happily, we love landing on the tarmacs of the US and New Zealand.

More importantly, though, I hope that the exchanges have had some small influence on extending the aspirations of Senator Fulbright through building on international understanding. I learned more from these experiences than I possibly could have contributed. Mostly I learned that it is best to enter a Fulbright experience with this mindset, for too many Americans travel abroad armed with what they sense are the right answers for questions emerging within other cultures. Just the opposite is true. Listening and learning is at the heart of the Fulbright experience. I recommend it highly. ►



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Fulbright awards recognise individuals who show academic or professional excellence, leadership potential and the ability to be cultural ambassadors for their country. Fulbright New Zealand offers or administers the following awards and fellowships:

Fulbright-Platinum Triangle Award in Business

For an emerging New Zealand business leader to complete an MBA degree at a US institution and gain professional work experience in the US and New Zealand. Valued at up to US\$75,000 plus a paid internship. **Applications close 1 June 2013**

Fulbright New Zealand 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\$37,500. **Applications close 1 July and 1 October 2013**

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\$37,500. **Applications close 1 July and 1 October 2013**

Fulbright-Cognition Scholar Award in Education Research

For a New Zealand educator or researcher to pursue research in the US designed to have an impact on New Zealand early childhood, primary or secondary education and student achievement, for three to five months. Valued at up to US\$37,500. **Applications close 1 July and 1 October 2013**

Fulbright 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\$33,000. **Applications close 1 August 2013**

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\$33,000. **Applications close 1 August 2013**

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\$33,000. **Applications close 1 August 2013**

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\$33,000. **Applications close 1 August 2013**

Fulbright-Wallace Arts Trust Award

For an outstanding mid-career or senior New Zealand visual artist to undertake a ten week residency at Headlands Center for the Arts in Sausalito, California. Valued at up to US\$24,000. **Applications close 1 August 2013**

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 August 2013 and 1 April 2014**

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 August 2013 and 1 April 2014**

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 US\$11,700. **Applications close 1 August 2013 and 1 April 2014**

Fulbright US 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\$41,000. **Applications close 1 August 2013**

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 16 September 2013**

Fulbright-Meg Everton Professional Enhancement Awards in Education

For New Zealand teachers, principals and educational researchers in early childhood, primary or secondary education to undertake a professional development activity in the US for 12 to 90 days. Valued at up to NZ\$5,000. **Applications close 1 October 2013**

Fulbright US Graduate Awards (including Fulbright-ANZA US Graduate Award)

For promising US graduate students to undertake postgraduate study or research in any field at New Zealand institutions. The Fulbright-ANZA US Graduate Award is awarded for study or research related to earthquakes and their repercussions in the fields of environmental studies, public health, geology and engineering. Valued at up to NZ\$33,000. **Applications close 21 October 2013**

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 March 2014**

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\$58,500. **Applications close 1 March 2014**

For further information and application forms please visit www.fulbright.org.nz/awards or contact Fulbright New Zealand's Programme and Advising Team.