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*Fraser Hill, principal of Swannanoa School in Rangiora, reads to American children during his Fulbright exchange to the US in 2013. New Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching increase the number of exchange opportunities available to teachers.*

## New NZ-US exchange programme for teachers

Fulbright New Zealand is excited to introduce a new two-way awards programme for the exchange of teachers between New Zealand and the United States of America. In December 2013, New Zealand was one of 12 countries (including the US) to offer awards under the Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Programme. Awards are available for New Zealand and American primary or secondary school teachers to participate in an intensive professional development programme in each other's countries.

Under the new programme, two New Zealand teachers (or library media specialists, guidance counsellors, Special Education coordinators and administrators who teach students at least 50% of their time) will join international counterparts from countries including the UK, Israel, India, Mexico and South Korea on a four-month professional development programme hosted by a single US university's college of education. They will enrol in advanced undergraduate or graduate level classes; design and complete a capstone research project; observe, team teach and/or conduct seminars or workshops in local schools; and engage in other teaching-related activities. Grantees will also participate in a web-based collaborative project with other participants to share best practices and other elements of their countries' educational systems.

This new opportunity is funded primarily by the US Department of State as part of the international Fulbright programme, but has been made possible thanks to additional support from the New Zealand Ministry of Education which is funding administration costs on the New Zealand end. The Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Programme for New Zealand Teachers builds upon existing education awards for New Zealand teachers to undertake short-term

professional development (Fulbright-Meg Everton Professional Enhancement Awards in Education) and longer research exchanges to the US (Fulbright-Cognition Scholar Awards in Education Research).

Under the reciprocal Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Programme for US Teachers, American teachers will undergo a similar exchange to New Zealand, although they will do so as individuals rather than part of a larger group.

Fulbright New Zealand's executive director, Mele Wendt, says the Fulbright programme has a rich history of teacher exchanges, which have been a part of the programme since it first began over 60 years ago.

"Many of our teacher alumni long to see the return of direct teacher-teacher exchanges, and while we have not yet accomplished that, we're thrilled to be able to offer this exciting new opportunity for New Zealand and American teachers to research each other's education systems. We were pleased to receive 11 applications for the first round of New Zealand awards on short notice in December, which proves there is a demand for such opportunities. I expect this demand will grow."

The availability of these new awards is especially timely with formal professional development opportunities for teachers on the decline and greater cooperation between our countries. US Secretary of Education Arne Duncan will visit New Zealand in March for the fourth International Summit on the Teaching Profession, being held in Wellington. ➤

Applications for the Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Programme will close on 1 November (for NZ teachers) and 15 December (for US teachers) annually. See our website for details: [www.fulbright.org.nz/awards](http://www.fulbright.org.nz/awards)

## Editorial

## From the desk of the Executive Director



Mele Wendt, Executive Director

Happy New Year to you! We hope you had an enjoyable Holiday season and are rearing to go in 2014.

Four years ago at this time we welcomed new US Ambassador David Huebner and his spouse Dr Duane McWaine to New Zealand. They have recently returned to the US, having worked really hard to advance many different causes, issues and programmes (especially Fulbright) and done a terrific job overall to strengthen relationships between our two countries. Ambassador Huebner was an excellent Honorary Co-Chairperson of Fulbright New Zealand, and he and Dr McWaine remained fully engaged with the programme and got to know many award recipients over these four years.

In the recent final report received from a Fulbright New Zealand Travel Award recipient, Tia Neha, she specifically mentioned the Ambassador when asked to comment on the administration of her Fulbright award. She states, "David Huebner's exemplary speech in Te Reo and English at the parliamentary awards ceremony was a memorable part of my Fulbright journey. His level of genuine support, and engagement with the recipients and audience, was outstanding." Rebecca Stahl, a Fulbright US Graduate Student in 2011, recently told David via Facebook, "I will never forget your kindness and your humor and your dedication to making the world a better place. Thank you for all you have done, and I know your next adventure will be fruitful!"

Everyone at Fulbright New Zealand thanks David and Duane very much for their wonderful support, and wishes them all the best for the future.

We are so pleased to be implementing a new Fulbright awards programme. As mentioned in the cover story of this newsletter, the Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Programme will allow primary or secondary school teachers from New Zealand and the US to undergo professional development activities in each other's countries. We look forward to sending the

first New Zealand grantees to the US as part of an international programme in August, and to welcoming US teachers later this year or early next year.

We are also pleased to present our latest Annual Report publication. It outlines the key activities and results of the 2013 financial year from 1 October 2012 to 30 September 2013. We are proud that many achievements and successes eventuated in all four key strategic areas, with the various 65th anniversary activities a highlight. Financially, the year ended in a smaller deficit than budgeted for, despite a reduction in income. Staff worked diligently to provide an efficient and effective service, and the Board's governance under the leadership of Helen Anderson was excellent, for which I'm very thankful.

This month we will welcome all this year's incoming American grantees with an orientation programme in Wellington. This is always a busy but enjoyable time for us as we get to know the grantees and their families and help them transition into what we hope will be a wonderful time here. At the same time I think about our New Zealand Fulbrighters over in the US experiencing their first winter there. Stay warm in that bitterly cold Arctic polar vortex!

We look forward to another fruitful year at Fulbright New Zealand and hopefully seeing you sometime soon.

Hei konei rā, ia manuia and warm regards,

## Important Dates

## February

## 28 Fulbright Seminar: Paul Duignan – Outcomes Theory and Visual Strategic Planning

Fulbright alumnus Paul Duignan from Parker Duignan Consulting and Massey University Albany discusses his research into outcomes theory and involvement in the development of DoView software, which provides a fully visual approach to strategic planning and outcomes.

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

## March

## 1 Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Pacific Writer's Residency applications close

Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowships in Public Policy applications close

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

## April

## 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

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

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## 2013 annual report published

Fulbright New Zealand's 2013 Annual Report is published this month. Reporting on the financial year 1 October 2012 - 30 September 2013, the publication charts the organisation's progress against four strategic goals set by its Board of Directors in 2012. As noted in the report, 65th anniversary activities were a major focus in this financial year.

In the period under review we continued to facilitate positive experiences for Fulbright grantees, including the participation of young grantees and alumni in the Future Partners Programme of the 2013 US-NZ Pacific Partnership Forum held in Washington, DC in May. Our parliamentary awards ceremony in June recognised 86 Fulbright and related exchange grantees since the previous ceremony, the largest ever cohort recognised at this annual event. Our Outreach Tour was expanded with new initiatives aimed at further increasing overall awareness and applications, and specifically targeting students and staff of underserved institutions and ethnicities.

Our 65th anniversary proved a great opportunity for strengthening the Fulbright network and brand. We began the year by conducting an online survey of alumni to get feedback on the impacts and benefits of Fulbright exchanges and direction for the ongoing engagement of alumni. Feedback was very positive, and informed our decisions around engagement with alumni during the year. We launched a successful monthly alumni seminar series in 2013, and supported the Fulbright New Zealand Alumni Association to organise a large number of other alumni events. Special events

to celebrate our 65th anniversary included receptions in Washington, DC in May and Wellington in June, and gala dinners in Auckland and Wellington during the anniversary month of September. All were well planned, executed and attended. Our online engagement with grantees, alumni and the public continued to grow, as did media coverage with some wonderful newspaper articles and a Radio New Zealand documentary marking the 65th anniversary.

In terms of business development, fundraising was a major focus during our 65th anniversary year. We launched an ambitious fundraising campaign to create an endowment fund, which was seeded with \$550,000 of reserves and by the end of the financial year under review had grown by \$75,000 raised from donations and the proceeds of gala dinners and an art auction. We consolidated our award programmes by discontinuing dedicated Fulbright Visiting Scholar Awards in New Zealand Studies at Georgetown University and ending our administration of the Commonwealth Fund's Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy.

Key governance documents were developed and implemented this year, and a new Microsoft Dynamics CRM customer relationship management system was introduced to replace an outdated database and improve efficiency. Our financial resources were managed effectively in the period despite a reduction in income. ➤

The 2013 Fulbright New Zealand Annual Report is available to download in full from our website: [www.fulbright.org.nz/annualreport](http://www.fulbright.org.nz/annualreport)

## Fulbright News



## Change in guard for US Ambassador

**Hon David Huebner, US Ambassador to New Zealand for the past four years, was farewelled in late 2013, towards the end of his posting. Ambassador Huebner, who was a great friend and vocal supporter of Fulbright New Zealand throughout his posting here, returned to the US in January. A replacement ambassador has been nominated but not yet confirmed by the US Senate.**

Grantees, staff and Board members of Fulbright New Zealand had an opportunity to farewell the ambassador at the organisation's Thanksgiving dinner in November, an occasion traditionally hosted by the ambassador at his residence in Lower Hutt. This year's dinner was held at the luxury Wharekauhau Lodge in Palliser Bay, and Ambassador Huebner was farewelled and thanked for his tremendous support by Fulbright New Zealand's chairperson, Helen Anderson, and executive director, Mele Wendt. He then gave his own words of thanks, farewell, and encouragement to the grantees in attendance.

Commenting in a blog post in January, Ambassador Huebner said "I knew when I arrived in Wellington in 2009 that the time would come to depart. What I didn't know was that my term would fly by so fast ... As a result of the commitment, hard work, and generosity of many hundreds of colleagues and counterparts, bilateral relations are deeper, stronger, and warmer today than they have been in decades, and indeed perhaps since the crucible of World War II when values-based relationships were sorely tested and proved their power and worth."

In late October, President Obama announced his intention to nominate Mark D. Gilbert, a director at Barclays Wealth in West Palm Beach, Florida, as the next US Ambassador to New Zealand and Samoa. Before beginning a successful career in business, Mark Gilbert was a professional baseball player for the Chicago White Sox in the mid-1980s until a knee injury cut his baseball career short.

Marie Damour, Deputy Chief of Mission at the US Embassy and a Fulbright New Zealand board member, is serving as chargé d'affaires until the arrival of the new ambassador. ➤



*Fulbright New Zealand executive director **Mele Wendt** farewells the outgoing US Ambassador to New Zealand, **Hon David Huebner**, at a Thanksgiving dinner in November*



**Hon David Huebner**

## Alumni Association

**FULBRIGHT  
NEW ZEALAND  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**



**TE WHAKAWHITINGA  
AOTEAROA-AMERIKA**

## Alumni Association update

Happy New Year to all alumni and readers! I am delighted to report that at our 2013 Annual General Meeting in November, fees for full membership were set at zero for the coming year, meaning all alumni are now entitled to free membership of the Association. Our major aim now is to ensure that the Association becomes self-sustainable so that this can continue. We intend to make sure that this happens through external grants and sponsorships.

At the same meeting, Toni Moyes was elected as Treasurer and Sunshine Prior as Secretary. We welcome to the Board new regional coordinators Rebecca Burson in Wellington and Rob Vosslander in Canterbury, who were also elected at the AGM.

I'd like to personally thank the many New Zealand alumni who will be opening their homes to incoming grantees this month. These homestays are the best

possible way that we can welcome newcomers into the country and we know that your hospitality is greatly appreciated.

As always, we welcome new volunteers. In particular this year we look forward to hearing from those of you with grant/sponsorship fundraising skills, or video skills to help record and edit lectures and seminars as well as documenting oral histories of alumni. Lectures, seminars and general get-togethers will all continue, so if you have a topic on which you would like to lecture or debate with fellow Fulbrighters please let us know, before we get to you!

I look forward to hearing from you at [chair@fnzaa.org](mailto:chair@fnzaa.org)

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Brian Walters, FNZAA Chairperson

## In Brief



above: Suzanne Snively;  
below: Barry Cleavin



## Alumni News

Fulbright alumna **Hinemanoa Baker** (2010 NZ Travel Award) was named in October as the 2014 Victoria University of Wellington/Creative New Zealand Writer in Residence. Hinemanoa will be based for the year at Victoria University's International Institute of Modern Letters, where she aims to complete her third poetry collection and a longer work of non-fiction. She looks forward to the "extraordinary" opportunity to focus solely on her creative work for a year. "Juggling writing, performing and travelling around three part-time jobs is sometimes pretty challenging. I'm very appreciative of all that work, but I am also so grateful for the opportunity to put down a few of those spinning plates."

Fulbright alumna **Suzanne Snively** (1971 US Graduate Student) was recognised as 2013 Wellingtonian of the Year in November. As well as receiving the supreme award she was winner of the Community Service category, for contributions on issues including the provision of palliative care, breaking the cycle of family violence and preventing type 2 diabetes. Suzanne, an economist who came to Wellington on her Fulbright exchange in 1971 and never returned to the US, has been a director of numerous community and other not-for-profit organisations including Fulbright New Zealand, of which she was chairperson for seven years until 2007.

Fulbright alumnus **Bill Toomath** (1952 NZ Graduate Student) was inducted into the Massey University College of Creative Arts' Hall of Fame in November, as one of three 2013 inductees. Bill was a key player in the development of modernist architecture in New Zealand, running his own practice in Wellington for 35 years after returning from his Fulbright exchange to the US, where he completed a Master of Architecture degree at Harvard University. He is known for award-winning buildings and homes including Wool House on Featherston Street, Wellington Teachers' College in Karori and his own Toomath House in Roseneath, and was head of the Wellington Polytechnic School of Design from 1979-1989.

Several Fulbright alumni were recognised with prestigious research medals presented by the Royal Society of New Zealand in November. **Dame Anne**

**Salmond** (1968 NZ Graduate Student) was awarded New Zealand's highest science honour, the Rutherford Medal, for her eminent work on Māori social structures and interactions with the European world, and on European exploration and engagement in the Pacific. **Richard Blaikie** (2001 NZ Research Scholar) was awarded the Hector Medal for the advancement of physical sciences, for his fundamental and wide-ranging contributions to the field of nano-optics, and **Jim McQuillan** (1981 NZ Research Scholar) was awarded the T. K. Sidey Medal for outstanding scientific research in the field of electromagnetic radiation, for his part in development of the chemical analytical technique surface-enhanced Raman scattering (SERS) and infrared spectroscopy for examining wet metal oxide nanoparticle.

The work of prominent New Zealand printmaker and Fulbright alumnus **Barry Cleavin** (1983 NZ Cultural Development Grant) is celebrated in a lavishly illustrated new book, with more than 120 colour plates demonstrating his remarkable artistic output over nearly five decades. *Lateral Inversions: The Prints of Barry Cleavin* is published by Canterbury University Press and was launched at the University of Canterbury bookshop in November. "Barry is a kind of elder statesman of printmaking in New Zealand and this book is long overdue," says its author, Melinda Johnston.

Fulbright alumnus **Toby Curtis** (1988 NZ Educational Development Grant) is the latest Fulbright alumnus to have been knighted, in the 2014 New Year Honours. Toby was appointed as a Knight Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to Māori education. Toby will officially receive the title "Sir" at an investiture in mid-2014. Also recognised in this year's New Year Honours was Harkness Fellowships alumna **Cindy Farquhar** (1999 Harkness Fellowship), who was appointed as a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to women's health. ►

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 alumnus:

**Gerald McDonald**, 1958 NZ Exchange Teacher ►



**Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Award recipient Charlotte Greenfield from Wellington is completing a Master of Science degree in Journalism, specialising in investigative journalism, at Columbia University in New York.**

Like every newcomer to New York, when I arrived in July I was looking forward to getting caught up in the fast pace of this teeming metropolis. What I didn't realize was the extent to which reporting on a city forces you to engage with it in a whole new way.

Attending Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism is a whirlwind. Stories are filed constantly. You have to learn how to get strangers to talk to you fast, how to shoot videos and take photos and deal with the odd looks you receive while doing so, as well as how to navigate the city's subway system to unknown locations with little time to spare. But, as important as these practical skills are, what this school values just as highly is being smart, critically minded and having a strong grasp of the economics, policy and history behind what you are reporting on.

My class for the past few months has focused on reporting on poverty. We were guided by Bill Grueskin, the dean of academic affairs at the journalism school and a former editor at the Wall Street Journal, and Sheila Coronel, a tenacious investigative journalist whose reporting contributed to the downfall of two corrupt presidents in her home country of the Philippines.

I look forward to continuing working with Sheila through my yearlong investigative journalism class, in which we learn research techniques required for intensive

reporting on systematic wrongdoing. We are currently looking into offshore lenders and others creditors who seek to get around US regulations on predatory lending. I am also about to begin courses on reporting on the demographic changes in American suburbia and a video journalism class, both of which may feel like light relief in comparison to my fascinating but intense investigative work. ►



## Grantee Voices



Charlotte Greenfield

*"What I didn't realize was the extent to which reporting on a city forces you to engage with it in a whole new way."*



**Fulbright Science and Innovation Graduate Award recipient Joshua Krissansen-Totton from Auckland is completing a PhD in Earth and Space Sciences and Astrobiology, specialising in the evolution and habitability of planetary atmospheres and their interactions with the biosphere, at the University of Washington in Seattle.**

Shortly after arriving in Seattle in September I was back on a plane to rural Montana to search for dinosaur fossils and learn about mass extinctions in the geological record. Uncovering pieces of ancient fish, turtles and triceratops was a surreal experience. These annual workshops, often held in remote locations, are a critical component of the University of Washington's interdisciplinary Astrobiology Program, and were my first opportunity to extend myself beyond my primary

field of study. Since returning from Montana I have been immersed in the interdisciplinary environment within the astrobiology program; I regularly interact and collaborate with Earth scientists, astronomers, geologists and statisticians. My current research involves trying to understand the origin of oxygen in Earth's ancient atmosphere through carbon isotope records.

Outside of studies I'm thoroughly enjoying exploring the Pacific Northwest. I have had the opportunity to visit some incredible locations such as the still-desolate slopes of Mt Saint Helens. Being part of the Fulbright network has greatly eased my transition to living in the US. I regularly meet with friends from my Gateway Orientation, have attended local Fulbright Association (Greater Puget Sound Chapter) events and held many informal gatherings with other Fulbrighters. ►



Joshua Krissansen-Totton

*"Being part of the Fulbright network has greatly eased my transition to living in the US."*

## Awarded

### Fulbright New Zealand Scholar Awards

**Airini** from the University of Auckland will research factors that help or hinder conversion of education policy into results for underserved communities, at Howard University in Washington, DC.

**Jonathan Boston** from Victoria University of Wellington will research incentives for democratically elected governments to address long-term policy issues, at American University in Washington, DC.

**Ineke Creeze** from AUT University will research Seattle Children's Hospital's Patient Navigator system and the use of video remote interpreting services in the US, at Pierce College in Lakewood, Washington.

**Devon Polaschek** from Victoria University of Wellington will research factors influencing the likelihood of criminal recidivism, at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York.

**Craig Rodger** from the University of Otago will research the loss of electrons from the Van Allen radiation belt into the atmosphere, at the University of Iowa in Iowa City.

**Sarah Young** from the University of Otago will research the development of a vaccine and immune therapies for colorectal cancer, at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

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

**Rangi Matamua** from the University of Waikato will research how astronomy is embedded within the cultural practises of indigenous peoples, at the University of Minnesota in Duluth.

### Fulbright-Cognition Scholar Award in Education Research

**Sue Smith** from Red Beach School will research how teachers mediate and students perceive the results of formative assessments, at the University of Minnesota in Duluth.

### Fulbright-Meg Everton Professional Enhancement Awards in Education

**Tere Gilbert** from Te Kōhanga Reo o Ngā Kuaka will attend and present at the 2014 World Indigenous Peoples Conference on Education in Honolulu, Hawai'i and visit indigenous language education programmes in Hawai'i, Alaska and New Mexico.

**Laura Hawksworth** from Tōku Māpihi Maurea Kura Kaupapa Māori will attend and present at the 2014 World Indigenous Peoples Conference on Education in Honolulu, Hawai'i, and visit indigenous language education programmes in Hawai'i, Alaska and New Mexico.

**Paula Money Penny** from Te Aroha College will attend the 10th International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry in Champaign, Illinois and visit narrative therapy courses in Massachusetts.

### Fulbright Specialist Awards

**Elaine Bernard** (see Arrivals) ➤

## Arrivals and Departures

### Arrivals:

#### Fulbright US Graduate Awards

**Jamie Branch** from Topeka, Kansas will complete a Master of Mechanical Engineering degree, specialising in the kinematic and kinetic properties of motion in people with disabilities, at the University of Auckland. Jamie arrived in January.

**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. Max arrived in January.

**Lorelei Curtin** from Edina, Minnesota will complete a Master of Science degree, specialising in geochemical analysis of South Island lake sediments to assess the historical effects of changes to westerly winds, at the University of Otago. Lorelei arrived in January.

**Andrew Fladeboe** from Providence, Rhode Island will complete a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree with honours, specialising in photographing herding dogs on New Zealand farms and their relationships with humans, at the University of Canterbury. Andrew arrived in January.

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

arrived in January.

**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. Laura arrived in January.

**Maddy Hall** from Washington, DC will complete a Master of Arts degree in Sociology, specialising in New Zealand sheep and cattle farmers' environmental beliefs and participation in carbon credit programmes, at the University of Otago. Maddy arrived in January.

**Sarah McKibben** from Birmingham, Alabama will research professional learning networks for rural New Zealand school principals, at Victoria University of Wellington. Sarah arrived in January.

**Brenda McKinney** from Chicago, Illinois will complete a Master of Laws degree, specialising in the effects of restorative juvenile justice practices on racial minorities in New Zealand, at the University of Otago. Brenda arrived in January.

**Monica Xiong** from Tuscon, Arizona will research the consequences of environmental enrichment on memory and plasticity in aged rats, at the University of Otago. Monica arrived in January.

### Fulbright-ANZA US Graduate Award

**Rowan Sprague** from Richmond, Virginia will complete a Master of Science degree, specialising in the use of ecological engineering to enhance the efficacy and fitness of honeybees, at Lincoln University. Rowan arrived in January.

### Fulbright US Scholar Awards

**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. Jason arrived in January.

**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. Beth arrived in January.

**Bill Trainor** from East Tennessee State University will research risks and returns in the KiwiSaver savings programme, and the costs and benefits of sustainability initiatives, at the University of Otago. Bill arrived in January.

**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. Marilyn arrived in January.

### Fulbright Specialist Awards

Victoria University of Wellington will host **Elaine Bernard** from Harvard University, who will give workshops and seminars on the role of trade unions and their leadership and strategic development, at Victoria and AUT universities. Elaine arrives in March.

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

**Jody McBrien** from the University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee will research governmental and education policies and practices for the resettlement of refugees, at Immigration New Zealand. Jody arrived in December.

**Rosemary O'Leary** from Rosemary O'Leary and Associates and the University of Kansas will research collaborative governance in New Zealand, at the State Services Commission. Rosemary arrived in January.

**Ben Reilly** from NewSchools Venture Fund will research the Enabling e-Learning initiative for ICT-related education resources and programmes, at the Ministry of Education. Ben arrived in December. ➤

### Departures:

#### Fulbright Science and Innovation Graduate Awards

**Sunkita Howard** from Punakaiki will research the use of weak electricity to deter shark bycatch from longline fishing gear, at the College of William & Mary in Gloucester Point, Virginia, towards a PhD in Zoology from the University of Otago. Sunkita departs in April.

**Isaac Manuel** from Christchurch will research distributed control systems and estimation for autonomous vehicles, at a yet-to-be-determined US university, towards a PhD in Engineering from the Australian National University. Isaac departs in March.

### Fulbright New Zealand Scholar Awards

**Anne Noble** from Massey University Wellington will research, photograph



and lecture about the decline of the honeybee, at Columbia College Chicago in Chicago, Illinois. Anne departs in March.

**Michael Walmsley** from the University of Waikato will research the integration of renewable energy and exhaust heat recovery into food processing plants, at the University of California, Davis. Michael departs in January.

#### **Fulbright-Wallace Arts Trust Award**

**Steve Rood** from Auckland will complete a three month residency at

Headlands Center for the Arts in Sausalito, California. Steve departs in March.

#### **Fulbright New Zealand Travel Awards**

**Bert van Dijk** from Auckland will present his professional and academic work on intercultural performative research and presence, at the East Side Institute in New York. Bert departs in March. ➤

For a full list of grantees currently on Fulbright exchanges in New Zealand and the US, please visit [www.fulbright.org.nz/grantees-alumni/grantees](http://www.fulbright.org.nz/grantees-alumni/grantees)

## History repeats for frequent NZ visitor

Fulbright alumnus Bill Ellis received two Fulbright awards to New Zealand during his career as a historian at Eastern Kentucky University, the first in 1989 to teach oral history at Massey University in Palmerston North, and the second in 1994 to study the teaching of US history in New Zealand schools and universities. Bill returns to New Zealand this month (his sixth visit!) to present at the 20th Australasian Humour Studies Network Colloquium in Wellington.

**On your first Fulbright exchange in 1989 you taught a course on oral history at Massey University. How has technology changed the way histories are being recorded and disseminated since then?**

When we were in New Zealand in 1989 computers were taking over and the internet was on the horizon. I worked on "distance education" as part of my duties at Massey University. Now the internet has made it possible for a student in New Zealand to take college courses in the United States and vice versa. What a revolution! Being a bit old-fashioned I am not too sure it is a good thing but there is little we older classroom-oriented teachers can do about it.

The collection of history now is chaotic because of the internet and instant communication around the world. Actually, we are inundated with too much information and it is increasingly difficult to sift through data to find out what is really crucial to the study of any historical problem, incident etc.

**You received another Fulbright grant to return to New Zealand in 1994 and study the teaching of United States history in secondary schools and universities here. How did you feel US history was represented in the New Zealand curriculum?**

My overall conclusion in 1994 was that the study could be much improved with a general approach rather than a piecemeal study of small facets of United States history. I interviewed teachers at both levels and concluded that these secondary and tertiary teachers were doing a good job at what they did.

**How do you imagine New Zealanders' perceptions of America have changed in the intervening decades?**

In 1989 New Zealanders were miffed with the United States over the Bush I administration's reaction to the nuclear ship controversy. We never encountered any personal animosity. Kiwis were then, as now, noted for their friendliness. My impression is that all the world since September 11, 2001 has become aware of the United States as being the target of terrorism.

**There has been a rise in the prominence of Asia over the past decade or two on the radars of both New Zealand and the US. How important is it now for our citizens to study the histories of China and other**

**countries, in order to inform relationships with those countries?**

When we were in New Zealand in 1989 it seemed as if the local and national focus was on becoming closer to Japan. That nation is in somewhat of a decline owing to its population problems. China is becoming, if not already, the major power in Asia. The relations of New Zealand with this giant nation and market and that of the United States are much the same. China is a great trading partner of the US but at the same time a threat to the hegemony that we imposed over the region after World War II. The United States wants to cement better relations with China because of the threat of North Korea, its nuclear arms, and the presence of a "nutter" dictator at the helm.

Our little state of Kentucky, smack dab in the middle of the US, has increasing trade relations with Asia. There is a Toyota Camry plant near our home and we have owned two over the years. Soon Camrys made in Georgetown, Kentucky, will be exported to Japan. How's that for a complicated world!? So, all nations, of course, need to know more about each other. This is the only way to world peace.

**On your upcoming trip to New Zealand in February you'll be focusing on the history of American humour. Whose humour in particular have you been interested in?**

I am interested in humor generally for many reasons, not the least of which is that I have found it to be a saving grace in our often chaotic world. I have made a broad study of "southern" American humor and the life of Irvin S. Cobb in particular. I am working on a biography of this man who was a prominent and famous newspaper reporter, humor columnist, short story writer, novelist, movie scenario writer, movie actor and script writer in the first third of the twentieth century. I am looking at the rubric of his "rise and fall" in the public eye, how humor changes over time, and how "modern" technology in his time – radio and movies – altered humor.

**Do you recall noticing differences between American and New Zealand humour on past visits, or in popular culture?**

In my visits to New Zealand (I have been there five times overall) I think our styles of humor are very similar. However, styles of humor vary greatly by region in the United States as well as in New Zealand. It is an extremely complicated "story" that has been greatly impacted by modern media, the internet, and instant communications. Facebook and other social media now makes us all "funny" if given some information that circulates instantaneously. Frankly, I don't like most modern humor because it is often vicious. I like old-fashioned "country" humor, New Zealand and American. ➤

### Grantee Voice



Bill Ellis

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