



Fulbright New Zealand Executive Director **Mele Wendt** is farewelled by **Matt McMahon** from the US Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at a reception hosted by New Zealand Ambassador **Rt Hon Mike Moore** in Washington, DC in June

Executive Director to step down after 10 years

Fulbright New Zealand's executive director, **Mele Wendt**, has announced her resignation from the organisation, which will take effect in December. **Mele** joined Fulbright New Zealand at the beginning of 2005, and says that after 10 years – a period of significant growth and consolidation – a change in leadership will be good for both her and the organisation.

Mele's resignation was announced to US alumni and stakeholders at a reception at the New Zealand Embassy in Washington, DC on 6 June, at which **Matt McMahon** from the US Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs presented her with a memorial Fulbright globe and an official certificate of appreciation signed by **Evan Ryan**, Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs. The certificate acknowledged Mele's "ten years of exemplary service as Executive Director of Fulbright New Zealand and noteworthy contributions to the success of the Fulbright Program between the United States and New Zealand", and made special mention of Mele's work on strategic planning, risk management, emergency management and public-private partnerships, which serve as models for other Fulbright commissions worldwide. Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board chairman **Tom Healy** also attended the reception to pay tribute to Mele's strong leadership of New Zealand's Fulbright programme.

Back in New Zealand, Mele's resignation was announced to attendees of the annual Fulbright New Zealand awards ceremony and alumni reception at parliament on 24 June, by Fulbright New Zealand chairperson **Helen Anderson**. Helen paid tribute to Mele for being such a warm and welcoming "face of Fulbright New Zealand" in her interactions with applicants, grantees,

alumni and stakeholders throughout her tenure as executive director. She commended Mele's leadership of the organisation during a period of significant growth in the number of awards offered, despite some challenging financial times. She added that the Fulbright New Zealand Board "will do our best to find another capable and inspiring leader for the commission," with an appointment to be confirmed by November.

Mele says she has been overwhelmed by the support and feedback of alumni and others since announcing her resignation from what has been a "dream job".

"I have enjoyed every minute, learnt a lot, implemented changes, worked with lots of fantastic people and had an array of amazing opportunities! It has been a dream job for me, and after having given it my all for this length of time, I feel it's a good time for me to move on to a new challenge. I'm unsure what exactly this new challenge will be, but will take the time to explore possibilities over the coming months."

Mele is only the fourth executive director of the Fulbright New Zealand commission in its 66 year history. In her view this demonstrates how rewarding and satisfying the role is, and she is not surprised by the high level of interest in the position by potential applicants.

The Fulbright New Zealand Board is currently advertising for a new executive director through recruitment company **Jo Fisher Executive**, with applications due on 4 August. Interested applicants can find a job advertisement and details of how to apply on the Fulbright New Zealand website – www.fulbright.org.nz ➤

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Editorial



Mele Wendt, Executive Director

From the desk of the Executive Director

Tenā koutou, talofa lava and warm Fulbright greetings.

"Accomplishment will prove to be a journey, not a destination" – Dwight D. Eisenhower

In order to continue accomplishing things, my journey in life changes significantly this December. I'm unsure exactly what lies ahead, but I believe it is an optimal time to relinquish this dream job. Ten years in the same role is unusual in this day and age, but I have stayed because every year has afforded me change, challenge, learnings and accomplishments, but most of all the people have just been marvellous and it's been fun! In the remaining five months I will work with the board and staff to leave the Fulbright commission with ideal conditions for a new era of accomplishments.

In June I made my final annual trip to the US. It was very productive, with various meetings held, including attending a CIES Advisory Board meeting with some Fulbright Executive Director colleagues for the first time, and Ian Axford Fellowship selections at which two new fellows were chosen. It was also bittersweet as I

farewelled people I've worked with over the years, many of whom have become good friends.

Occurring since our last newsletter were various outreach visits to New Zealand campuses, our Fulbright Campus Advisers annual meeting, a Fulbright New Zealand Board meeting, the mid-year programme for New Zealand and US graduate students, and our annual Beehive reception.

We also recently recruited a new programme manager to replace Kara Wood who, after eight years of fabulous service as a programme manager and educational advisor, is relocating with her family to Tauranga. We wish them all the best.

Hei konei rā, ia manuia and warm regards,

Important Dates

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
- 11 Ian Axford Fellowships Seminar: Rosemary O'Leary – Collaborative Governance in New Zealand: Important Choices Ahead
1:00-2:00pm, Nau Mai Room, Te Puni Kōkiri, 143 Lambton Quay, Wellington. Register at www.ipanz.org.nz
- 18 Ian Axford Fellowships Seminar: Benjamin Riley – Science, Data and Decisions in New Zealand's Education System
12:30-1:30pm, Nau Mai Room, Te Puni Kōkiri, 143 Lambton Quay, Wellington. Register at www.ipanz.org.nz
- 19 Ian Axford Fellowships Seminar: Jody McBrien – *I Orea Te Tuatara Ka Patu Ki Waho: Competing Priorities in the New Zealand Refugee Resettlement Strategy*
12:30-1:30pm, Nau Mai Room, Te Puni Kōkiri, 143 Lambton Quay, Wellington. Register at www.ipanz.org.nz
- 29 Fulbright Seminar: Barry Gordon – Youth Fit for Leadership: Teaching Personal and Social Responsibility through an after-school sports programme
12:30-1:30pm, Fulbright New Zealand boardroom, Level 8, 120 Featherston Street, Wellington. RSVP to info@fulbright.org.nz / (04) 472 2065

September

- 30 Fulbright Seminar: Frank Pega – Have Working For Families tax credits improved health and health equity?
12:30-1:30pm, Fulbright New Zealand boardroom, Level 8, 120 Featherston Street, Wellington. RSVP to info@fulbright.org.nz / (04) 472 2065

October

- 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
Fulbright-Meg Everton Professional Enhancement Awards in Education applications close
- 14 Fulbright US Graduate Awards applications close
- 31 Fulbright Seminar Speaker TBC. 12:30-1:30pm, Fulbright New Zealand boardroom, Level 8, 120 Featherston Street, Wellington

November

- 1 Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Programme for New Zealand Teachers applications close

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Record number of grantees at annual ceremony

Fulbright New Zealand celebrated another record annual cohort of exchange grantees at its annual awards ceremony at parliament on 24 June, the second in successive years. 88 New Zealand and American graduate students, academics, artists and professionals were honoured as Fulbright grantees, 52 of whom attended the prestigious ceremony in person.

Representing the New Zealand government as host of the ceremony, Hon Hekia Parata, Minister of Education, noted that the Fulbright programme makes a valuable contribution to the professional and academic advancement of all its participants. "The programme offers life-changing opportunities to some of our best and brightest ... allowing them to share their successes, their challenges, and learnings with their US counterparts."

Marie Damour, Chargé d'Affaires ad interim at the US Embassy in Wellington, said that for many decades the Fulbright exchange programme has contributed to

what we now know as 'citizen diplomacy'. "People-to-people exchanges are by far the most effective forms of diplomacy. The best way of building mutual respect and understanding is to send not just one Ambassador, but dozens, hundreds, thousands abroad and have them make their own impressions and form their own conclusions."

26 recipients of various 2014 Fulbright New Zealand graduate awards were announced at this year's awards ceremony. They will study or research in a wide range of fields at the US university of their choice in the coming academic year. Also recognised at the ceremony were 11 current Fulbright US graduate students, 51 recipients of Fulbright New Zealand and US scholar awards for academics, artists and professionals, and three participants in the Ian Axford Fellowships programme which Fulbright New Zealand administers. ➤

See pages 6-7 of this newsletter for details of the newly-announced Fulbright New Zealand graduate award grantees.

Fulbright News



New faces on Programme Team

Fulbright New Zealand has welcomed two new faces to its programme team in recent months, and is farewelling long-serving programme manager Kara Wood after more than eight years in her role. We have made the most of these staffing changes to reshuffle the awards that each programme manager oversees, giving each of them more variety in their role and greater involvement in our various grantee activities throughout the year.

Programme Manager Janey Walker left Fulbright New Zealand in March to relocate to Auckland, where she now works in a scholarships role at the University of Auckland. Her replacement, Shauna Mendez, is an American who moved to New Zealand as a graduate student in 2004 and has since gained citizenship here. Shauna has previously worked at the Parliamentary Library and the US Embassy in Wellington. She will manage the various Fulbright New Zealand graduate awards and the Fulbright US Scholar Awards programme, as well as providing education advising

services to students interested in tertiary study in the US at any level.

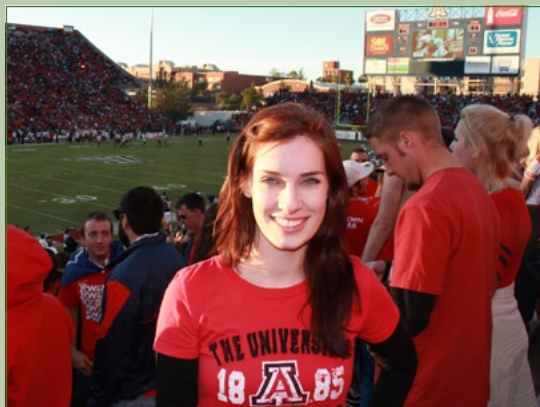
A second new programme manager, Magnolia Wilson, began work at Fulbright New Zealand at the end of July. Mags, as she prefers to be known, joined us from local tertiary education institution WelTec. She is also a published poet who last year was awarded a UNESCO writer's residency in Salvador, Brazil, and released her first book of poetry in May. Mags will manage the Fulbright US Graduate Awards programme and a range of Fulbright New Zealand scholar awards.

Mags replaces Programme Manager and Educational Adviser Kara Wood, who has worked at Fulbright New Zealand since 2006. In her time with Fulbright, Kara has primarily been responsible for looking after graduate students from both New Zealand and US, helping more than 300 student grantees to embark on exchanges. Additionally, she has advised thousands of New Zealand students about opportunities and processes to study at US universities. ➤



Kara Wood

Donate to provide additional Fulbright awards in future



For more than six decades, Fulbright New Zealand has offered life-changing Fulbright exchange experiences for New Zealanders and Americans to study, research, teach and present their work in each other's countries.

Our awards are consistently oversubscribed, so each year we turn away many really deserving New Zealand and American applicants because there just are not enough awards due to limited funding. Also, in 2013 and again in 2014 there has been a reduction in US government funding and unfortunately we have had to reduce the number of awards currently on offer. Thus, we invite our alumni and friends to support the provision of additional awards in future.

The balance of the Fulbright New Zealand Trust endowment fund currently sits at \$700,000 and we need \$900,000 to generate enough interest to fund one additional graduate award every year in perpetuity. We don't have far to go! If 1,000 alumni donated just \$200 over the course of a year we would make it by next September in time for the graduate award selections.

The Fulbright New Zealand Trust is a registered charity, so donations to the trust are eligible for a tax credit in New Zealand. Donations made via our American partner the Institute of International Education (IIE), which is a 501(c)(3) organization, are tax-deductible in the US.

See the Donate page of our website – www.fulbright.org.nz/donate – for details of how you can give in various ways. Thanks for your generosity and support!

Alumni Association

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NEW ZEALAND
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**



**TE WHAKAWHITINGA
AOTEAROA-AMERIKA**

Alumni Association update

There's good news on the horizon following global lobbying of the US Senate to stop proposed funding cuts to the Fulbright programme. We've heard that the House Subcommittee not only wants to restore funds to the Fulbright Program but increase them. Thanks to all of you who supported the Save Fulbright campaign.

The FNZAA Board took part in a useful Thought Leaders session recently. We invited four external contributors to discuss with us, along with FNZAA volunteers past and present, a vision for alumni relations in New Zealand. We began by discussing five specific areas of alumni relations including volunteers, activities, governance, resources and communications, then focused directly on a strategy for the FNZAA, the results of which will be communicated at our AGM towards the end of the year.

This year's Fulbright Lecture series kicked off in

Canterbury in July. In lectures at several universities, distinguished alumnus Sir Tamati Reedy will reflect on nationhood in Aotearoa New Zealand, Māori-Pākehā relationships and the role of Māori in our country's future. Visit our Facebook page for more information.

The Regional Coordinator position is available in the Canterbury region, and we're looking to co-opt new Board members who have governance experience and can bring additional skills to our team. If you are interested in either, please get in touch with our Alumni Coordinator, Vicky Beckett, at admin@fnzaa.org

We welcome you to share ideas and thought leadership on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/fnzaa

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Brian Walters, FNZAA Chairperson

In Brief



above: Sir Alan Mark;
below: Holly Thorpe



Alumni News

Fulbright alumnus **Sir Alan Mark** (1955 NZ Graduate Student) was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Science by the University of Otago in May. The degree recognises a 59 year affiliation with the University of Otago, where he joined the Department of Botany immediately after returning from his Fulbright exchange, and still serves as an Emeritus Professor. The university's Vice-Chancellor, Harlene Hayne, says "Sir Alan is an excellent example of an academic who is an effective critic and conscience of society – one whose standing is grounded in leading research and is expressed through service to the community." One of New Zealand's leading plant ecologists and conservationists, Sir Alan was appointed as a Distinguished Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 2000 for services to conservation. The honour was redesignated as a knighthood in 2009.

Fulbright alumnus **Daren Kamali** (2012 NZ Cultural Grant) published his second collection of poetry, *Squid Out of Water: The Evolution* (Ala Press), in May. The book was partly written on Daren's 2012 Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Pacific Writer's Residency at the University of Hawai'i. It is published by Hawaiian publishers Ala Press, which was co-founded by Fulbright alumna **Brandy Nālani McDougall** (2002 US Graduate Student) in 2011. Daren will work on a third book of poems, *Ink Fish Writes Again*, as a participant in the renowned University of Iowa International Writing Program from August-November, supported by another Creative New Zealand residency.

Fulbright alumna **Holly Thorpe** (2012 NZ Research Scholar) published a new book, *Transnational Mobilities in Action Sport Cultures* (Palgrave Macmillan), in May. The book offers an in-depth sociological examination of the global phenomenon of action sports, examining how factors such as transnational action sport corporations, mega events and media spectacles, the international travel patterns of athletes, tourists and migrants, and the high use of social media among participants are contributing to the emergence of a transnational imaginary within and across action sport communities. The book was written in part while Holly was a Fulbright Visiting Scholar in New Zealand Studies at Georgetown University in Washington, DC.

Several Fulbright and related exchange alumni were recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours List announced in June. Fulbright alumna **Viviane Robinson** (1972 NZ Graduate Student) from the University of Auckland was appointed as an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to education. Harkness Fellowships alumna **Bridget Liddell** (1999 Harkness Fellow) was appointed as a Member of the same Order for services to business. Fulbright alumnus **Roy Ferguson** (1972 NZ Graduate Student) was appointed to the Queen's Service Order for services to the State.

Fulbright alumnus **Murray Thomson** (2005 NZ Research Scholar) was recognised with the International Association for Dental Research (IADR)'s 2014 Distinguished Scientist Award in Geriatric Oral Research in June, at the IADR General Session and Exhibition in Cape Town South Africa. A professor of dental epidemiology and public health at the University of Otago, Murray is the first New Zealander to win two awards from the International Association for Dental Research.

Ngā Reo o te Whenua – Voices of the Land, a feature length documentary film by Fulbright alumnus **Paul Wolfram** (2012 NZ Travel Award), had its world premiere at the New Zealand International Film Festival in July and is currently screening around the country as part of the festival. The film documents world-renowned taonga pūoro (traditional Māori musical instruments) performer Richard Nunns reflecting on the more than 30 years he has spent learning the unique indigenous instrumentation of Aotearoa. It features footage of Richard and Māori musician Horomona Horo performing in a series of South Island wilderness settings. A trailer for the film can be viewed online at www.vimeo.com/98994091 ►

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:

Tom Clegg, 1959 US Exchange Teacher
Bruce McLeod, 1980 NZ Vocational Development Award ►

Memorable first year of a PhD in the US

Sam Corbett-Davies from Napier was one of 16 recipients of 2013 Fulbright Science and Innovation Graduate Awards to study or research in the US. Now a year into his PhD in Computer Science at Stanford University, Sam is researching the development of vision systems for personal robots. As part of his research, he'll endeavour to teach robots about the millions of objects used by humans and how they are used, by making them watch YouTube videos such as cooking demonstrations repeatedly.

I have almost finished the first year of my PhD at Stanford University, where I am lucky enough to be studying with my girlfriend and fellow Fulbright grantee Sarah Poole. That the year was over only properly hit us last month, as we watched some of our new friends graduate from one-year programmes and leave us on their next adventure! In some ways it feels like we've only just arrived; the first year of the PhD programme is mostly about finding your feet, we have four or five years of solid research ahead of us. On the other hand, I've experienced so much already: two Fulbright-sponsored conferences in the American South, the despair of watching Team New Zealand's loss first-hand, my first 4th of July, and numerous weekend trips to state and national parks.

Before I recount the extra-curricular activities that have made my year so memorable, let me try to explain the reason I'm at Stanford. I'm doing my PhD in a sub-field of artificial intelligence (AI) known as computer vision, which aims to build machines and computer systems that can "see", at least in some limited sense. Computer vision is what allows Google's self-driving cars to navigate the road, and Facebook to automatically tag your photos. The field fascinates me because it is counter-intuitively difficult; even the simplest visual tasks such as "find the milk in the fridge" are incredibly challenging for a computer.

I arrived at Stanford not really knowing who I'd end up working with, so I spent the first two quarters of this year searching for an advisor and project to build my PhD thesis around. As it turned out, my future advisor, Professor Silvio Savarese, was arriving at Stanford at the same time I was. After two quarters doing small projects for different professors, I aligned with Prof Savarese, who will likely be my advisor for my entire PhD.

Our project aims to address an important challenge in computer vision: acquiring huge amounts of labelled image data. Most vision systems "learn" to see by being provided with tens of thousands of example images, and using sophisticated statistical methods to find patterns in the images. For example, Facebook's face recognition system was trained using 4 million images of faces belonging to 4,000 people, and required each image to be labelled with its corresponding identity. Happily for Facebook, people will tag their photos (and sign away their right to them!) for free. However, most computer vision researchers aren't so lucky, and have to pay for thousands of man-hours of labour to produce good data sets. We're trying to reduce this labour requirement, which is slowing down progress in solving more advanced vision tasks.

We hope to achieve this by creating a system that continuously and automatically watches videos to learn about new objects. Watching humans interact with objects in videos gives us much more information about the object than static images do. For example, a

chair may not be visually similar to a stool, but once we see someone sit on each of them we can determine the objects are of a similar class. We have our eye on applications in robotics, so the first set of videos we are using involve people doing kitchen tasks. Our hope is that by watching people make meals our system will be able to learn about kitchen tools and their use, information that could one day power a robotic maid or chef. As you can imagine, there is a lot of research to be done before we come close to achieving this goal!

As amazing as Stanford is, my academic life is pretty similar to the life I left at the University of Canterbury: research is tough, classes occasionally boring, and all my friends are engineers! The highlight of the year has definitely been the cultural experience of studying in the United States. My adventure (and that of three other New Zealand Fulbrighters) began at the Fulbright Gateway Orientation in Jackson, Mississippi. It's hard to imagine two regions of the USA more different than Jackson and San Francisco, which was part of what made the experience so memorable. With new friends from all around the world, I ate all manner of fried food, visited an historic blues bar, and observed the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington in Jackson, one of the epicentres of the civil rights movement.

I've been lucky to find a group of friends at Stanford who are as keen to explore the area as I am. The majority of the group is American, but it also includes people from Sweden, Mexico, Germany, France and China. With the California weather stubbornly perfect all year round, there hasn't been a dull weekend. A particular highlight was taking part in the American tradition of Spring Break, when we travelled to Hawai'i's Big Island for a week of swimming, exploring and relaxing between winter and spring classes.

Sarah and I would like to thank Fulbright New Zealand and everyone else who's helped make our first year in the US so amazing. We look forward to visiting all the Fulbright friends we've made this year, wherever they end up! ►



Sam Corbett-Davies and partner Sarah Poole at the Grand Canyon

Grantee Voice



Sam Corbett-Davies

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Awarded

Fulbright-Platinum Triangle Award in Business

Anton Venter (see Departures)

Fulbright Science and Innovation Graduate Awards

Clare Burn (see Departures)
 Thomas Burn (see Departures)
 Ben Cameron (see Departures)
 Lucy Carter (see Departures)
 Elizabeth Chan (see Departures)
 George Donald (see Departures)
 Braeden Donaldson (see Departures)
 Jamee Elder (see Departures)
 James Graham (see Departures)
 Rebecca Gray (see Departures)
 Ashiq Hamid (see Departures)
 Vignesh Kumar (see Departures)
 Tom Logan (see Departures)
 Mahendra Naidoo (see Departures)
 Emma Sherman (see Departures)
 Gye Simkin (see Departures)
 David Wright (see Departures)

Fulbright-EQC Graduate Award in Natural Disaster Research

Max Ferguson (see Departures)

Fulbright-Ngā Pae o Te Māramatanga Graduate Award

Sharon Toi (see Departures)

Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Awards

Georgie Archibald (see Departures)
 Alix Boberg (see Departures)
 George Hampton (see Departures)
 Alix Jansen (see Departures)
 Mike Regan (see Departures)
 Ara Tai Rākena (see Departures)

Fulbright New Zealand Travel Awards

Caroline Fitzgerald from Dunedin presented her research into the relationship between Māori people and New England whalers for the documentary film project *Black Sails*, at the Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies in Provincetown, Massachusetts.

Janice Lord from the University of Otago presented her research into the floral biology of islands of the deep South, at the Island Biology 2014 conference in Honolulu, Hawai'i.

Stephen Mulqueen (see Departures)

Monica Peters from the University of Waikato will present her research into citizen science and water quality monitoring, at the 34th International North American Lake Management Society Symposium in Tampa, Florida.

Fulbright-Ngā Pae o Te Māramatanga Travel Awards

Vince Malcolm-Buchanan from the University of Waikato will present his research into Māori traditions for memorialisation of the dead, at the 2015 meeting of the Association of Social Anthropologists of Oceania in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Fulbright US Graduate Awards

Kyle Van de Bittner from Redlands, California will research detection of the pharmaceutical diclofenac sodium in New Zealand waterways and fish tissues, at the University of Canterbury.

Fulbright US Scholar Awards

David Buchwalter from North Carolina State University will research the effects of chemical, temperature and nutrient stressors in aquatic ecosystems, at the University of Otago.

Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching for US Teachers

The following teachers will participate in a professional development programme at Victoria University of Wellington and complete a capstone research project:

Hakan Armagan from Burke High School in Omaha, Nebraska will complete a capstone research project on renewable energy policies and

sustainable practices in New Zealand.

Denise Binderup from Wade King Elementary in Bellingham, Washington will complete a capstone research project on the use of running records results for planning, grouping, remediation and reporting.

Tricia Fellinger (see Arrivals)

Seth Hoffman from Mountain Mahogany Community School in Albuquerque, New Mexico will complete a capstone research project on increasing engagement through a comprehensive arts-integrated model.

Amy Howell (see Arrivals)

Lauren Maples from Mary Ellen Cunningham Elementary School in Austin, Texas will complete a capstone research project on place-based outdoor learning programs in New Zealand schools.

Cheri McNeely from Whittier Middle School in San Antonio, Texas will complete a capstone research project on the use of inquiry-based models and interactive journals to support inclusion and achievement of diverse students.

Kate Raffile from Sippican School in Marion, Massachusetts will complete a capstone research project on literacy intervention in New Zealand.

Shahnaz Sahnou from Lincoln Elementary in Corvallis, Oregon will complete a capstone research project on instruction and interventions for closing the early literacy gap for children in poverty.

Jessica Stovall (see Arrivals)

Fulbright Specialist Awards

Dominic Boyer (see Arrivals) ➤

Arrivals and Departures

Arrivals:

Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching for US Teachers

The following teachers will participate in a professional development programme at Victoria University of Wellington and complete a capstone research project:

Tricia Fellinger from Upper Arlington High School in Columbus, Ohio will complete a capstone research project on the use of Global Language classrooms for preparing students to be responsible and engaged global citizens. Tricia arrives in September.

Amy Howell from PS/IS 111 in New York will complete a capstone research project on applying nationalized learning standards to English Language Learner populations. Amy arrives in September.

Jessica Stovall from Oak Park River Forest High in Oak Park, Illinois will complete a capstone research project on efforts to address the achievement gap between Māori and non-Māori students. Jessica arrives in August.

Fulbright Specialist Awards

The University of Auckland will host Dominic Boyer from Rice University, who will assist with the completion and dissemination of research into international university reform and globalisation, and give seminars on his own research in the same field. Dominic arrives in August. ➤

Departures:

Fulbright-Platinum Triangle Award in Business

Anton Venter from Wellington is completing a Master of Business Administration degree specialising in global entrepreneurship and finance, at Columbia University in New York. Anton departed in June.

Fulbright Science and Innovation Graduate Awards

Clare Burn from Dunedin is completing a PhD in Biomedical Sciences, specialising in infectious disease research, at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University in New York. Clare departed in July.

Thomas Burn from Palmerston North will complete a PhD in Immunology, specialising in cancer immunotherapy, at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. Thomas departs in August.

Ben Cameron from Waikanae is completing a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering, specialising in fluid mechanics of human-human pathogen transport, at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Ben departed in June.

Lucy Carter from Christchurch will complete a Master of Arts degree in Environmental Sociology, specialising in social recovery and hazard mitigation in the event of a natural disaster, at Colorado State University in

Fort Collins. Lucy departs in August.

Elizabeth Chan from Auckland/Hong Kong will complete a Master of Laws degree, specialising in international commercial arbitration and investment arbitration, at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut. Elizabeth departs in August.

George Donald from Auckland is completing a Master of Science degree in Applied Physics, at Columbia University in New York. George departed in July.

Braeden Donaldson from Dunedin is researching development of an immunotherapeutic vaccine for colorectal cancer at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, towards a PhD in Pathology from the University of Otago. Braeden departed in July.

Jamee Elder from Christchurch will complete a PhD in the History and Philosophy of Science, specialising in the philosophy of physics, at the University of Notre Dame in Notre Dame, Indiana. Jamee departs in August.

James Graham from Christchurch will complete a PhD in Economics, specialising in causes of exchange rate fluctuations and their macroeconomic consequences for small open economies, at New York University. James departs in August.

Rebecca Gray from Auckland will complete a PhD in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, specialising in dynamic systems and control engineering, at Princeton University in Princeton, New Jersey. Rebecca departs in August.

Ashiq Hamid from Auckland will complete a Master of Laws degree in Corporate Law, specialising in financial and economic regulation, at Columbia University in New York. Ashiq departs in August.

Vignesh Kumar from Auckland is completing a Master of Business Administration degree in Entrepreneurship, Health Care Management and Strategy, at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. Vignesh departed in July.

Tom Logan from Napier will complete a PhD in Environmental Engineering, specialising in urban and infrastructure sustainability, reliability, and resilience, at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. Tom departs in August.

Mahendra Naidoo from Auckland is completing a Master of Public Health degree in Health Policy and Global Health, specialising in innovative models of care in the management of non-communicable disease, at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. Mahendra departed in June.

Emma Sherman from Tauranga will research mouth feel properties of red wine using sensory and metabolomic techniques, at the University of California, Davis, towards a PhD in Biological Sciences from the University of Auckland. Emma departs in August.

Gye Simkin from New Plymouth will research the performance and structural health of civil infrastructure during earthquakes, at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, towards a PhD in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of Auckland. Gye departs in August.

David Wright from Rangiora will complete a Master of Science degree in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering, specialising in control and actuation systems, at Stanford University in Stanford, California. David departs in August.

Fulbright-EQC Graduate Award in Natural Disaster Research

Max Ferguson from Christchurch will complete a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering, specialising in structural and geotechnical engineering, at Stanford University in Stanford, California. Max departs in August.

Fulbright-Ngā Pae o Te Māramatanga Graduate Award

Sharon Toi from Auckland is researching the invisibility of indigenous women in tribal governance, at the University of Arizona in Tucson, towards a PhD in Law from the University of Waikato. Sharon departed in July.

Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Awards

Georgie Archibald from Christchurch will complete a Master of Arts degree in Literature, specialising in digital media and literature, at the University of Colorado Boulder. Georgie departs in August.

Alix Boberg from Auckland is completing a Master of Laws degree in Trial Procedure and Dispute Resolution, at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Alix departed in July.

George Hampton from Christchurch is completing a Master of Public Administration degree in Economic Policy Management, at Columbia University in New York. George departed in June.

Alix Jansen from Auckland will complete a Master of Arts degree in

Political Studies, specialising in the relationship between social outcomes, unemployment and social welfare, at the New School in New York. Alix departs in August.

Mike Regan from Auckland is completing a Master of Laws degree in Criminal Justice and Advocacy, specialising in the role of community courts in addressing the over-representation of ethnic minorities in the criminal justice system, at Columbia University in New York. Mike departed in July.

Ara Tai Rākena from Christchurch will complete a Master of Science in Foreign Service degree in International Relations, specialising in politics and security, at Georgetown University in Washington, DC. Ara departs in August.

Fulbright New Zealand Scholar Awards

Airini from Thompson Rivers University is researching what helps or hinders the conversion of education policy into results for underserved communities, at Howard University in Washington, DC. Airini departed in July.

Jonathan Boston from Victoria University of Wellington is researching incentives for democratically elected governments to address long-term policy issues, at American University in Washington, DC. Jonathan departed in June.

John Cockrem from Massey University Manawātū will research glucocorticoid stress responses of animals to environment changes caused by climate change, at the University of Montana in Missoula. John departs in October.

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. Devon departs in September.

Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching for New Zealand Teachers

Fiona Jeffries from Paraparaumu College will participate in a four-month professional development programme at Indiana University Bloomington, and complete a capstone research project on the use of digital technology in English classrooms in the US. Fiona departs in August.

Su Mukund from Papatoetoe High School will participate in a four-month professional development programme at Indiana University Bloomington, and complete a capstone research project on professional learning development for teachers of secondary school science students from diverse cultural backgrounds. Su departs in August.

Fulbright New Zealand Travel Awards

Stephen Mulqueen from Dunedin will present his research into the use of poppies as a symbol of war and peace, at the University of Georgia in Athens. Stephen departs in September.

Sharyn Davies from AUT University will present a paper on increasing the number of women in the Indonesian police force, at the 109th American Sociological Association annual meeting in San Francisco, California. Sharyn departs in August. ➤

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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 2014

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 2014

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 2014

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 2014

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 2014 and 1 April 2015

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 2014 and 1 April 2015

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 2014 and 1 April 2015

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 2014

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 October 2014

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 October 2014

Fulbright-Cognition Scholar Award in Education Research

For a New Zealand researcher or educator to pursue research in the US designed to have an impact on New Zealand student outcomes, for two to five months. Valued at up to US\$37,500. Applications close 1 October 2014

Fulbright-Meg Everton Professional Enhancement Awards in Education

For New Zealand educators 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 2014

Fulbright US Graduate Awards

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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 14 October 2014

Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Programme for New Zealand Teachers

For highly accomplished New Zealand teachers in primary or secondary schooling to participate in an intensive four-month professional development programme in the US. Applications close 1 November 2014

Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Programme for US Teachers

For highly accomplished American teachers in primary or secondary schooling to participate in an intensive professional development programme in New Zealand for three to four months. Applications close 15 December 2014

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 2015

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