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Fulbright New Zealand's new executive director, Penelope Borland

New director for Fulbright New Zealand

Fulbright New Zealand begins 2015 with a new executive director, Penelope Borland, who started work when the Fulbright office re-opened after the summer holidays on 5 January. Penelope was previously chief executive of the Screen Production and Development Association for ten years, working on behalf of New Zealand's film and television industry on policy and advocacy initiatives for the greater good of the screen industry.

Penelope was appointed as Fulbright New Zealand's executive director after an exhaustive recruitment process which attracted more than 120 applications for the opportunity to lead the Fulbright programme of educational and cultural exchange between New Zealand and the United States of America.

Penelope's career has spanned arts and creative sector advocacy, communications, events management, law and journalism. She was director of events and programmes for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in New Zealand and has a keen interest in cultural diplomacy, having also worked on cultural diplomacy partnership initiatives while she was communications and advocacy manager at Creative New Zealand, the Arts Council of New Zealand.

Announcing Penelope's appointment in October, Helen Anderson, chairperson of the Fulbright New Zealand Board, said "I am delighted that we have found an Executive Director who has the passion for the Fulbright mission, the personal profile to lead the organisation with sparkle, and the intelligence and networks to enhance our impact in the New Zealand-United States relationship. She will carry on the excellent commitment and inspiration that Mele Wendt has brought to Fulbright over the last ten years."

Penelope joined Fulbright New Zealand's staff and Board for a week-long induction in December, during which she met with each of Fulbright New Zealand staff members and assorted stakeholders, attended a selection meeting for Fulbright New Zealand scholar awards and was welcomed to her first Fulbright New Zealand Board meeting.

The same week, outgoing executive director Mele Wendt was farewelled at a formal reception at the offices of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, which was attended by around 120 stakeholders, supporters and well-wishers. Mele left Fulbright New Zealand to establish Scholarship Services Aotearoa, a social enterprise that will help foundations, agencies, corporations, governments and individuals to create, improve and administer scholarship programmes. ►



Fulbright New Zealand Alumni Association chairperson Bill Barrett presents departing executive director Mele Wendt with lifetime membership of the Association at a farewell reception for Mele in December

Editorial



Penelope Borland, Executive Director

From the desk of the Executive Director

Tēnā koutou and very warm greetings.

Happy New Year to all! It's a privilege to have started in this wonderful leadership role with Fulbright New Zealand. I've been very heartened by the warm welcome I have received, the wealth of information on all of the Fulbright and related exchange programmes, the enthusiasm of Fulbright's fantastic staff and the support of Board members.

I was fortunate to receive a fabulous induction from Mele Wendt and the Fulbright New Zealand staff and Board at the beginning of December and I pay tribute to the huge legacy and presence of Mele as I start in this role. It was only during my induction that I realised the enormity and complexity of the job Fulbright New Zealand's small but very dedicated staff perform so admirably.

We have farewelled Stefanie Joe after four-and-a-half years as programme and advising team leader, to take up a position with the New Zealand office of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. We wish Stefanie the very best for her new role, and have seconded Lesley McConnell from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment to fill her position in the short term. Lesley's previous experience includes working in Washington, DC to deepen the science and innovation relationship between New Zealand and the US.

Fulbright New Zealand's long serving communications adviser, Andy Mitchell, will be farewelled in February after nine years in the role to become a stay-at-home father to his two young boys. Andy's broad skills and institutional knowledge of Fulbright New Zealand will be sorely missed.

We're all very excited to welcome this year's incoming Fulbright US graduate students, scholars and teachers – 20 of them! – as well as two participants in the Ian Axford Fellowships programme and all of their respective families, with Fulbright New Zealand's

traditional action-packed orientation programme in Wellington. We know that this will be a great way for each of this year's grantees to get familiar with the many unique aspects of New Zealand, including the hospitality of Kiwis, as well as bonding with one another as they begin a shared exchange journey. We wish all of this year's grantees, New Zealanders and Americans, the very best for their exchanges.

We look forward to working with a new US Ambassador to New Zealand. Former professional baseball player Mark Gilbert was nominated by President Obama as Ambassador to New Zealand and Samoa back in October 2013, but was confirmed by the US Senate just recently and is due to arrive in Wellington any day now with his wife Nancy. Ambassador Gilbert will serve as an honorary chairperson of Fulbright New Zealand along with New Zealand's minister of foreign affairs, Hon Murray McCully.

In addition to our range of Fulbright awards, we'll be busy in 2015 implementing new arrangements to administer the John F. Kennedy Memorial Fellowships in partnership with the US Embassy and Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and the New Zealand Harkness Fellowships in partnership with the New Zealand Harkness Fellowships Trust.

In the coming months I look forward to meeting many of you in the Fulbright network and key people with whom we work. I've been struck so far with the spontaneous offers to assist the cause of Fulbright in any way, particularly from Fulbright alumni and I thank you for those. You may well be taken up on these kind offers in my first year here!

Important Dates

February

- 27 Fulbright Seminar: Jock Phillips – Developing *Te Ara*, the world's first born-digital national encyclopedia
12:30-1:30pm, Fulbright New Zealand boardroom, Level 8, 120 Featherston Street, Wellington. RSVP to 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
27 Fulbright Seminar: Anne Noble – SONG STING SWARM: Eco-poetics for a future world
12:30-1:30pm, Fulbright New Zealand boardroom, Level 8, 120 Featherston Street, Wellington. RSVP to info@fulbright.org.nz / (04) 472 2065

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

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Annual Report published

Fulbright New Zealand's 2014 Annual Report is published this month, reporting the organisation's progress during the financial year 1 October 2013 - 30 September 2014 against the four strategic goals outlined in its 2012-2016 Strategic Plan.

A major focus in the period under review was on relationship-building with partner organisations and other stakeholders. We worked to formalise and increase cooperation between Fulbright New Zealand, the Fulbright New Zealand Alumni Association and the US Embassy New Zealand, with whom we share common goals to engage, promote and celebrate NZ-US exchange alumni and their contributions to thought leadership in both countries. In addition, the Fulbright New Zealand Board worked to develop the 'Mahi Aroha Relationship Management Cycle' – an annual plan of activities to build and maintain relationships with stakeholders including awards sponsors, potential sponsors and alumni.

The annual report also documents efforts to provide high quality service to all customers and facilitate excellent exchange experiences for grantees; to strengthen our brand; to consolidate our awards programme and grow award numbers in a quality and sustainable way; and to provide effective governance and management.

Application and award statistics are included for the period, in which 83 Fulbright awards were granted, up from 74 the previous year. Details of the activities of all grantees who commenced an exchange during the period are listed, with a number of grantees providing photographs and/or written reports of their exchange experiences. ►

The 2014 Fulbright New Zealand Annual Report is available to download in full from our website – www.fulbright.org.nz/annualreport – and printed copies are available on request from the Fulbright New Zealand office.

Fulbright News



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Annual Report



New arrangements for non-Fulbright awards

Fulbright New Zealand has entered into new arrangements for administering two external NZ-US exchange award programmes – the John F. Kennedy Memorial Fellowships and New Zealand Harkness Fellowships – in partnership with other likeminded organisations.

In October, Fulbright New Zealand signed an agreement with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the US Embassy New Zealand to jointly administer the John F. Kennedy Memorial Fellowships programme, which was previously administered by Fulbright New Zealand alone. The programme, which was established with private donations by New Zealand citizens following the death of President Kennedy in 1963, funds eminent Americans to come to New Zealand on high profile visits for speaking and teaching engagements.

Under the new arrangement, all three parties will pool resources and work together to implement fellowships on a regular basis. A working group with representatives

of each organisation is currently investigating potential speakers with the aim of bringing a high profile Kennedy Fellow to New Zealand in mid-2015.

Fulbright New Zealand has also entered into an agreement with the New Zealand Harkness Fellowships Trust to administer the Trust's new New Zealand Harkness Fellowships from 2015. The two parties previously jointly awarded Fulbright-Harkness New Zealand Fellowships from 2010-2013, and Fulbright New Zealand has historically worked with the Trust on administration, fundraising and an annual dinner for past Harkness Fellows.

In 2014 the New Zealand's government's Leadership Development Centre announced a \$2 million investment in an endowment fund which will provide for one or two New Zealand Harkness Fellowships annually. Under a management agreement, Fulbright New Zealand will manage enquiries, applications, selections and reporting for the new fellowships. ►

20 years of Fulbright Quarterly newsletter

This issue of *Fulbright New Zealand Quarterly* marks 20 years of Fulbright New Zealand's regular newsletter, which was launched in March 1995 as part of the New Zealand-United States Educational Foundation preparing "to take the New Zealand Fulbright exchange programme into the 21st Century" under executive director Jenny Gill, who had been appointed a year previously.

The first newsletter announced plans for "a year of changes for Fulbright in New Zealand" which included the introduction of new awards, appointment of a third full-time staff member and expansion of the organisation's Board of Directors from eight to 12 members. The introduction of a new newsletter was intended to raise the profile of the Foundation, which the previous year had established an internet connection through Victoria University of Wellington, "revolutionising the way the office can work" by putting New Zealand's Fulbright commission in immediate contact with the rest of the world, including the US.

Volume 1, Number 1 of the newsletter also included a profile written by a United States Information Agency congressional affairs writer of the "caring prophet" J. William Fulbright, founder of the Fulbright exchange programme, who had died a month earlier aged 89.

The *Fulbright New Zealand Quarterly* title was adopted in November 1999 as part of a rebranding exercise which saw the New Zealand-United States Educational Foundation adopt the name Fulbright New Zealand and a new logo. An electronic version of the newsletter was introduced in May 2006, and the design of the print edition overhauled in August 2007 to move from two- to full-colour with new fonts and layout.

The *Fulbright New Zealand Quarterly* is now distributed to 1,700 print subscribers and 2,750 email recipients quarterly. Current and past issues dating back to August 2007 are available in the 'News and Publications' section of the Fulbright New Zealand website: www.fulbright.org.nz/news-publications/newsletters ►



Alumni Association

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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**



**TE WHAKAWHITINGA
AOTEAROA-AMERIKA**

Alumni Association update

Happy New Year! The Fulbright orientation for 2015 US grantees is well under way. A big thank you to those Alumni who are hosting grantees for dinner, overnight or welcoming them at the airport. We know that the grantees always appreciate your hospitality. Regional coordinators are busy organising get-togethers for us to catch up with each other and meet the new grantees, so be prepared for an invitation coming your way.

We welcome recent US alumna Madeline Hall as regional coordinator for the Otago-Southland region, and Paul Ewart as regional coordinator for Waikato. They can be contacted at otago-southland@fnzaa.org and waikato@fnzaa.org respectively.

The State Department's annual Alumni Engagement Innovation Fund (AEIF) competition launched again on 3 February. The competition provides small grants to teams of past and current participants of

US government-sponsored exchange programs to carry out public service projects that utilize skills and knowledge that alumni have gained through their exchange experiences. To participate, alumni must be members of the International Exchange Alumni (IEA) global online community and form teams of at least five IEA community members. Have a look at the website <https://alumni.state.gov/aeif/> for more information and if you need any further help getting a team together you could post a message on the FNZAA Facebook page as a start.

The Association Board are looking forward to welcoming Fulbright's new executive director, Penelope Borland at our first meeting for the year in March.

Bill Barrett, FNZAA Chairperson

In Brief



above: Keith Hunter;
below: Lydia Wevers



Alumni News

Fulbright alumnus **Keith Hunter** (1990 NZ Research Scholar) was jointly awarded the 2014 Marsden Medal by the New Zealand Association of Scientists in November. One of four awards granted by the Association annually, the Marsden Medal recognises "a lifetime of outstanding service to the cause or profession of science". The award to Keith acknowledged his stature as a recognised leader and innovator in environmental and chemical oceanography. Keith is based at the University of Otago, where he is currently Pro-Vice Chancellor (Sciences) and Co-Director of the NIWA-University of Otago Centre for Chemical and Physical Oceanography.

Fulbright alumnus **John Psathas** (2007 NZ Travel Award), was awarded a rare higher doctorate in music from Victoria University of Wellington's Te Kōki New Zealand School of Music, where he is a professor of composition, in December. The first higher doctorate awarded by Victoria University since 2009, John's Doctor of Music degree recognised the immense body of work he has contributed to the field of music, and his eminent international status as a composer. John is currently working on a major music and film project called *No Man's Land* to commemorate World War I, for which he is visiting World War I battlefields to perform with musicians descended from soldiers from opposing forces in the Great War. The project will debut and tour New Zealand in 2016.

Fulbright alumna **Lydia Wevers** (2010 NZ Research Scholar) was awarded the Pou Aronui Award at the Royal Society of New Zealand's 2014 New Zealand Research Honours event in November, for distinguished service to the humanities-aronui. The award to Lydia recognised her dedication to promoting New Zealand studies, literature and art, with the award selection panel describing Lydia as "a tireless and effective champion of New Zealand's literature, history, thought and culture." Lydia is director of Victoria University of Wellington's Stout Research Centre, which encourages scholarly inquiry into New Zealand society, history and culture.

A number of Fulbright and related exchange alumni were recognised in the 2015 New Year Hours List. Fulbright alumnus **Murray Brennan** (1970 NZ Graduate Student) was appointed as a Knight Grand Companion

of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to medicine. Harkness Fellowships alumnus **Rob Cameron** (1979 Harkness Fellowship) was appointed a Companion of the same Order for services to business, as was Fulbright alumnus **Pat Walsh** (1975 NZ Graduate Student) for services to tertiary education, whilst Fulbright alumna **Annette Black** (1991 NZ Educational Development Grant) was appointed an Officer of the Order for services to legal education. Fulbright alumnus **Warren Young** (1985 NZ Research Scholar) was appointed as a Companion of the Queen's Service Order for services to the law. Congratulations to each of these esteemed alumni for their recognition!

A number of Fulbright alumni have published new books recently:

US Leadership in Political Time and Space, by Fulbright alumnus **Jon Johansson** (2009 NZ Research Scholar), was published by Palgrave Macmillan in September;

Professor Penguin, by Fulbright alumnus **Lloyd Spencer Davis** (1996 NZ Research Scholar), was published by Random House New Zealand in October;

Tangata Whenua: An Illustrated History, co-authored by Fulbright alumni **Atholl Anderson** (1993 NZ Research Scholar) and **Aroha Harris** (2009 NZ Travel Award) with the late Dame Judith Binney, was published by Bridget Williams Books and Auckland War Memorial Museum in November;

The Critic's Part: Wystan Curnow Art Writings, an anthology of writings by Fulbright alumnus **Wystan Curnow** (1963 NZ Graduate Student) edited by Fulbright alumni **Christina Barton** (2008 NZ Travel Award) and **Robert Leonard** (1995 NZ Cultural Development Grant), was jointly published by Adam Art Gallery Te Pātaka Toi, Victoria University of Wellington, and the Institute of Modern Art, Brisbane in November. ►

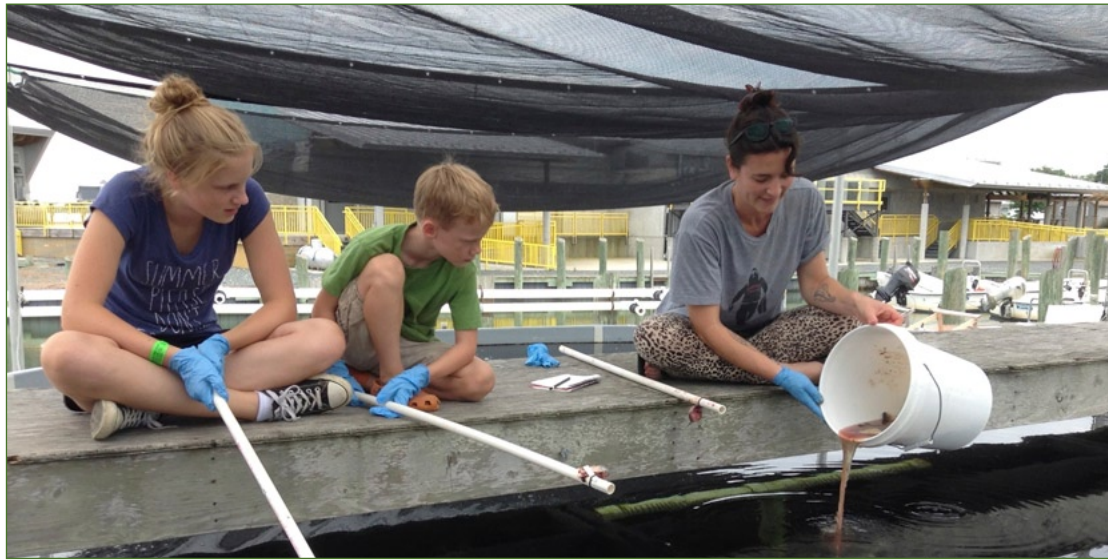
Alumni, please keep us up-to-date with your news and achievements, by email to andy@fulbright.org.nz

In Memoriam

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

Louis Grondin, 1960 NZ Exchange Teacher

Joan Naves Gajadhar, 1963 US Exchange Teacher ►



Sunkita Howard from Punakaiki is researching 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.

The sharks that I study migrate seasonally, so I had to work fast while they were in the area. It was intense! In barely six months, I completed four separate shark behaviour and physiology experiments. Great technical support made it possible – lab staff had everything ready when I arrived in the US. The manager of Virginia Institute of Marine Science's seawater lab adapted the tank room for me, while the shore facilities manager built me customised equipment. It was incredible

working without the usual logistical dilemmas that come with trying to be innovative. The outcome was a breakthrough in developing my shark bycatch reduction device. On the back of those strong results, I've gained funding for 2015 field trials in New Zealand.

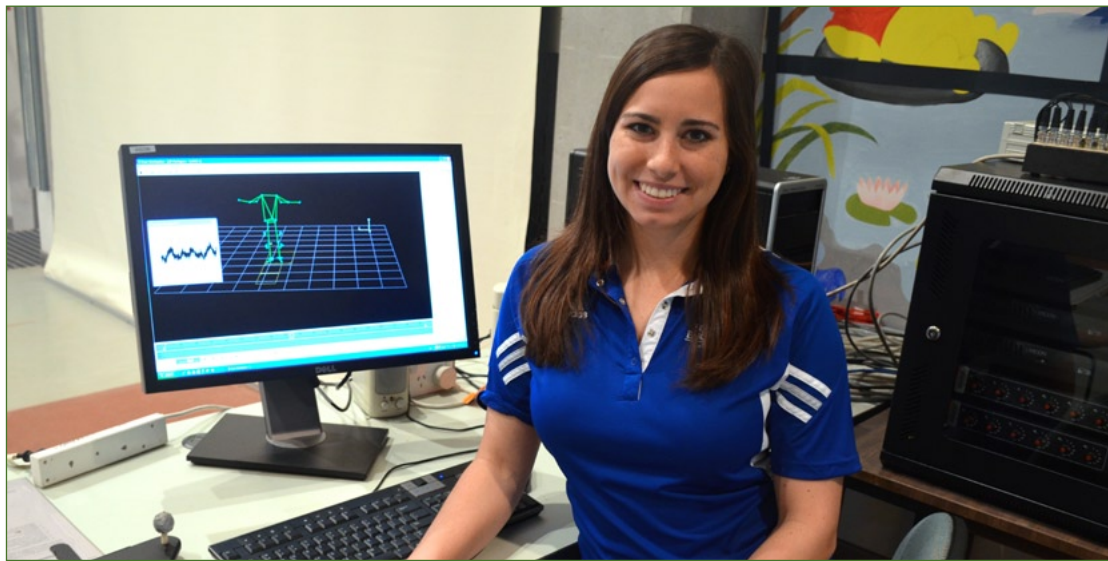
Joining a crew of researchers all studying sharks was a highlight, a rare treat in such an unusual field of specialty. I was proud to share my research with more than 20 groups who visited the lab. I later presented at the Society for Human Ecology Annual Conference and felt that all the practice in public speaking paid off! My focus now is interviewing commercial fishermen, to learn about the international context of the industry that my research seeks to support. (photo: Michael Male) ➤

Grantee Voices



Sunkita Howard

"Joining a crew of researchers all studying sharks was a highlight, a rare treat in such an unusual field of specialty."



Jamie Branch from Topeka, Kansas completed a Master of Mechanical Engineering degree, specialising in kinematic and biomechanical gait analysis of individuals with cerebral palsy, at the University of Auckland.

The objective of my research was to investigate the effectiveness of rehabilitation programs for adults with cerebral palsy. Kinematic and kinetic data was captured to analyse motion trajectories of participants pre- and post- therapy sessions. This project leveraged my skills as an engineer and enabled me to apply them to improving the quality of life of individuals with disabilities.

Outside of conducting research I greatly enjoyed

immersing myself in Kiwi culture. One of the most rewarding activities was my involvement with competitive sailing. Having been raised in one of the most land-locked states in the US, it was enthralling to learn the mechanisms of sailing and race at a competitive level in 'the City of Sails.' While it would be impossible to hike the entirety of New Zealand, I was able to tramp an extensive amount of areas throughout the North and South Islands. Hiking provided an opportunity to bond with a fun group of people while experiencing the stunning scenery abundant throughout the country.

Since completing my masters I have moved to Houston, Texas to begin work in the engineering industry and pursue my professional engineering license. ➤



Jamie Branch

"Having been raised in one of the most land-locked states in the US, it was enthralling to learn the mechanisms of sailing and race at a competitive level in 'the City of Sails.'"

Awarded

Fulbright New Zealand Scholar Awards

Jodie Hunter from Massey University Manawātū will research how diversity and equity in mathematics education can be addressed through funds of knowledge, at the University of Arizona in Tuscon.

Kim McBreen from Te Wānanga o Raukawa will research tools for indigenous communities to heal from colonisation and eliminate violence, at the University of California, Riverside.

Cathryn Shine from the University of Canterbury will conduct a contemporary printmaking project focussed on Hawaiian endangered species, at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo.

Frith Williams from the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa will research developments in digital and bilingual storytelling in US museums, at the Smithsonian Institution in New York.

Fulbright-Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Scholar Award

Matiu Ratima from the University of Otago will research teaching of Māori, Hawaiian and Tahitian languages and the use of Communicative Language Teaching in New Zealand and US universities, at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in Honolulu.

Fulbright-Cognition Scholar Award in Education Research

Michael Harcourt (see Departures)

Fulbright-Meg Everton Professional Enhancement Awards in Education

Lex Davis (see Departures)

Maria Galbraith (see Departures) ➤

Arrivals and Departures

Arrivals:

Fulbright US Graduate Awards

Sophie Burke from Belmont, Massachusetts will research the effects of peat quality on methane and carbon dioxide flux in New Zealand peatlands, at the University of Waikato. Sophie arrived in January.

Haley Farrar from Denver, Colorado will research restorative justice strategies in New Zealand's criminal justice system, at Victoria University of Wellington. Haley arrived in January.

Nicholas Homler from Mahwah, New Jersey will film a documentary about independent cinemas in New Zealand, at the University of Waikato. Nicholas arrived in January.

Ryan Metzler from Los Angeles, California will film a documentary about the intersection of kaupapa Māori ethnographic research and contemporary Māori artists, at the University of Otago. Ryan arrived in January.

Rachel Scholes from Olympia, Washington will research pesticide contamination of fish in the Clutha River, at the University of Otago. Rachel arrived in January.

Mark Specht from Evanston, Illinois will research ethical considerations of the pest free Stewart Island plan, at the University of Otago. Mark arrived in January.

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. Kyle arrived in January.

Christina Walker from Oakland, Tennessee will film a documentary about collaborative efforts of dairy farmers to meet environmental concerns, at AgResearch. Christina arrives in February.

Fulbright-ANZA US Graduate Award

Jason Preble from Kaneohe, Hawai'i will research acoustic monitoring of native bird populations around the Zealandia eco-sanctuary, at Victoria University of Wellington. Jason arrived in January.

Fulbright US Scholar Awards

Sienna Baskin from New York will research the history, cultural predicates and impact of New Zealand's Prostitution Reform Act, at the University of Otago. Sienna arrived in January.

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. David arrived in January.

Chris Franklin from the University of Georgia will research statistics literacy standards in New Zealand and US schools, at the University of Auckland. Chris arrived in January.

Dan Saunders from the University of Michigan will research domestic violence policies and programmes in New Zealand and the US, at the University of Canterbury. Dan arrived in January.

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. Hakan arrived in January.

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. Denise arrived in January.

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. Seth arrived in January.

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. Lauren arrived in January.

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. Cheri arrives in February.

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

Shahnaz Sahnaw 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. Shahnaz arrived in January.

Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowships in Public Policy

Ziyad Hopkins from the Committee for Public Counsel Services will research the role of youth advocates in New Zealand's justice system, at the Ministry of Social Development and Ministry of Justice. Ziyad arrived in January.

Jill Ozarski, formerly of the Office of US Senator Mark Udall, will research communication tools and messages for motivating New Zealanders to preserve natural capital, at the Department of Conservation. Jill arrived in January. ➤

Departures:

Fulbright-Cognition Scholar Award in Education Research

Michael Harcourt from Wellington High School is researching how students' ethnic identities shape their understanding of the history of race relations, at Hunter College in New York. Michael departed in January.

Fulbright-Meg Everton Professional Enhancement Awards in Education

Lex Davis from the Cook Islands Ministry of Education will attend the North Dakota Study Group's 2015 annual meeting in Edinburg, Texas and study workshop-based pedagogical models at the University of North Florida and East Carolina University. Lex departs in February.

Maria Galbraith from Summerland Primary School will attend the 2015 National Science Teachers Association National Conference in Chicago, Illinois and visit schools, museums and other educational institutions in Seattle, Chicago and Washington, DC. Maria departs in March.

Fulbright New Zealand Travel Awards

Lyndie Foster Page from the University of Otago will present her research into the translation of research evidence into clinical oral health practise, at the 93rd General Session & Exhibition of the International Association for Dental Research in Boston, Massachusetts. Lyndie departs in March.

Sam Trubridge from Massey University Wellington will direct a performance of his multimedia work *Sleep/Wake* at La MaMa Experimental Theatre Club in New York. Sam 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

Research culminates in “Fulbright book”

Politics lecturer Jon Johansson from Victoria University of Wellington was a Fulbright Visiting Scholar in New Zealand Studies at Georgetown University in Washington, DC for the fall semester of 2009, where he taught a course on contemporary New Zealand politics while researching republican discourse in revolutionary America. The research Jon began during his Fulbright exchange recently culminated in the publication of his “Fulbright book” – *US Leadership in Political Time and Space: Pathfinders, Patriots and Existential Heroes*.

While participating in a recent Fulbright selection panel one candidate asked us what we had most gained from our respective Fulbright experiences? My answer was that my fall semester spent at Georgetown, as Fulbright’s Visiting Scholar in New Zealand Studies in 2009, allowed me to think better about my own country while also granting me the opportunity to immerse myself in American politics, to think better about theirs.

Being a Wellington-based political scientist places me at the very centre of our village’s politics and over time it’s easy to feel trapped inside the bubble. Because of this, the space that America offered, both physically and intellectually, provided the freedom in which to think about New Zealand afresh. This process happened largely unconsciously because as my plane left Auckland so too did all thoughts of New Zealand.

On our first day in Washington, as my wife and I took a taxi to Georgetown to meet my new colleagues, Rush Limbaugh – the conservative talkback host – was ranting about President Obama’s “Stalinist health care policy.” The cabbie was nodding sagely and asked us what type of health care system New Zealanders possessed. “Full Stalinist,” I replied, “but we do live longer, and for about half the cost of you guys.” He shrugged his shoulders, unpersuaded and no longer interested.

Similar forms of partisanship revealed themselves in all manner of ways during my trip – and I witnessed first hand the 75,000 strong Tea Party protest on Washington’s Mall in early fall – almost all directed at Obama and his health care policy. It seemed to me that the torturous delivery of the president’s signature reform provided a live case study of the stasis that has enveloped the American political system since its inception over two-and-a-quarter centuries ago. If Obama’s emphatic election mandate in 2008 wasn’t enough to guarantee the easy passage of health care, and if majority rule wasn’t enough, then the political system seemed far more entropic than energetic, no longer fit for 21st Century purposes.

From these experiences, and so many more, came the genesis for what I always saw as my Fulbright book. On one hand the intellectual challenge was to contemplate how narrowed a president’s scope for action was in a change-resistant political system. And if presidential leadership for whatever reason was constrained, from where else in American-styled democracy might leaders and leadership emerge? On the other hand, I also wanted my study to reflect the essential optimism I have always felt about the progressive direction of American history.

That choice led to a three year research effort and then, late last year, to the publication of *US Leadership in Political Time and Space: Pathfinders, Patriots and*

Existential Heroes (New York: Palgrave Macmillan).

I chose 12 Americans from across history – pamphleteer Thomas Paine, General Henry Knox and Captain Meriwether Lewis from the revolutionary generation(s); Generals Robert E. Lee, Ulysses S. Grant and William T. Sherman from the Civil War era; civil rights icons Jackie Robinson and Rosa Parks; Senator Wayne Morse and Daniel Ellsberg in relation to the Vietnam War and Congresswomen Barbara Lee in relation to the War on Terror; and Marjorie Margolies, who gave President Bill Clinton his deciding vote for the 1993 Economic Plan – to showcase citizen ‘office-holders’, individuals who had shown leadership in situational contexts where respective presidents did not or could not do so on their own.

The Fulbright award and a subsequent research visit to the United States helped make this research project the most enjoyable I’ve undertaken. I drove across America twice, once from east to west across the southern arc after my stint at Georgetown finished. Then, in 2012, I drove west to east, replicating the explorers, Lewis and Clark’s return journey from Astoria, at the mouth of the Columbia River, to St. Louis, before then winding my way to Maine and more research into the revolutionary era General Henry Knox.

I dedicated *US Leadership in Political Time and Space* to Senator Fulbright’s driving ideals as well as to those people who devote their lives to make his ideals happen for others who have benefitted so much from the generosity of Fulbright. While in one sense the book completes for me a process that began in 2009 in another sense it signifies only the end of one phase in my life as a Fulbrighter. I’m already looking forward to the next. ➤

This book is dedicated to the driving ideals of William J. Fulbright and the people who devote their lives to making his ideals happen

The dedication page of Jon Johansson’s “Fulbright book”, US Leadership in Political Time and Space: Pathfinders, Patriots and Existential Heroes

Alumni Voice



Jon Johansson

“My fall semester spent at Georgetown ... allowed me to think better about my own country while also granting me the opportunity to immerse myself in American politics, to think better about theirs.”



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Awards

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-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**

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 2015**

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 April and 1 August 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 April and 1 August 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 April and 1 August 2015**

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 science and innovation in New Zealand. Valued at up to US\$33,000. **Applications close 1 August 2015**

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 2015**

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 2015**

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 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 2015**

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 2015**

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 2015**

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 2015**

Fulbright US Graduate Awards

For promising US graduate students to undertake postgraduate study or research in any field at New Zealand institutions. Valued at up to NZ\$33,000. **Applications close 13 October 2015**

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 2015**

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 five months. **Applications close 4 November 2015**

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