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Cover: Fulbright 60th Anniversary Dinner in Washington, D.C., 9 October 2009. The Dinner was attended by current Fulbright Scholars, Alumni, and representatives from the U.S. Department of State and the Australian Government. See full story on page 20.

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Ms Alina Romanowski, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Academic Programs, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State, speaking at the 60th Anniversary Dinner, Washington D.C.

Hillary Clinton,
Secretary of State,
United State of America



The Fulbright Program

The Fulbright Program was established in 1946 in the aftermath of WWII, as an initiative of U.S. Senator J. William Fulbright, who believed that a program of educational and cultural exchange between people of the United States and those of other nations could play an important role in building a lasting world peace.

J. William Fulbright, a graduate of the University of Arkansas and a Rhodes Scholar, entered U.S. politics in 1942. He was instrumental in the adoption of the Fulbright Resolution by the House of Representatives, which encouraged U.S. participation in what was to become the United Nations. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in November 1944 and served up to 1974, becoming one of the most influential and best-known members of the Senate.

Since his exchange program legislation passed through the U.S. Senate in 1946, almost 300,000 talented people worldwide have been awarded Fulbright Scholarships worldwide. It is now the largest, and one of the most prestigious, educational scholarship programs in the world and operates between the U.S. and more than 155 countries.

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J. William Fulbright



THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN COMMEMORATION OF THE SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FULBRIGHT PROGRAM IN AUSTRALIA NOVEMBER 2009

I am very pleased to extend my best wishes to the Australian-American Fulbright Commission on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the Fulbright Program in Australia. As someone fortunate enough to call the late Senator Fulbright of Arkansas a personal friend, I am pleased to see that his greatest legacy, the Fulbright Scholarship Program, has been such an outstanding success over the last 60 years in Australia.

The Fulbright Program is perhaps the single best symbol of the long friendship between our two countries. Supported by both of our governments, and managed by a bi-national board of Americans and Australians, Fulbright Australia is a true example of successful international cooperation. The product of this joint effort has been a cadre of alumni who have each made lasting contributions to the betterment of our societies and to Australian-American relations.

The Australian-American Fulbright Agreement is a shining example of how educational exchange can bring our nations together. I understand it was the first treaty ever signed between the governments of Australia and the United States. Sixty years on, the exchanges it supports continue to provide opportunities for in-depth person-to-person contact, enabling us to cross the geographical distance that separates us and find new ways to work together.

As I told Prime Minister Rudd earlier this year, “America doesn’t have a better friend in the world than Australia, a friend through good times and hard times on so many of the historic and difficult challenges that have faced the United States and Australia, both singularly and together. And we have reaffirmed our commitment to working closely on the range of difficult problems, but also on the exciting opportunities that lie ahead.”

The Australian government has shown, by its support of the Fulbright Program, that it shares the U.S. government’s commitment to academic exchanges. Through our combined efforts, we can ensure that the program continues to bring the people of both countries closer together well into the future.

Hillary Rodham Clinton



Photo: J. William Fulbright, Special Collections, University of Arkansas Libraries, Fayetteville

Mission Statement of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission — to further mutual understanding between the peoples of Australia and the United States through educational and cultural exchange. This is primarily achieved through the administration of Fulbright Scholarships to support the research and study of Australians in the United States and Americans in Australia.

The Australian-American Fulbright Commission

The treaty which established the Fulbright program in Australia was signed on 26 November in 1949, by the U.S. Ambassador to Australia, The Hon. Pete Jarman, and the Australian Minister for External Affairs, The Rt. Hon Dr H.V. Evatt.

The initial sale of U.S. surplus war materials to Australia provided US\$5.8m, which funded the first 14 years of the program.

Following this, a new agreement was entered into in 1964 by the Australian and U.S. Governments to establish the Australian-American Educational Foundation (later to be known as the Fulbright Commission), funded by both governments.

More recently additional funding from corporate sponsors and private donations has helped to expand the program.

The Prime Minister of Australia and the U.S. Ambassador are the Honorary Co-Chairs of the Commission.

Since its establishment the Program has awarded scholarships to more than 4,600 Australians and Americans. A distinguished group of Alumni are an integral part of the Program's rich history and ongoing professional network.

Today the Australian-American Fulbright Commission, headquartered in Canberra, continues to be funded by the Australian and U.S. Governments along with a generous group of sponsors, and annually provides up to 50 scholarships for study between Australia and the U.S.



THE AUSTRALIAN-
AMERICAN FULBRIGHT
COMMISSION
CELEBRATES 60 YEARS
- 26 NOVEMBER 2009

The Fulbright Agreement being signed in Canberra, 26 November 1949 by U.S. Ambassador to Australia, Hon. Pete Jarman and the Australian Minister for External Affairs, Rt. Hon. Dr H.V. Evatt. Image courtesy of the National Archives of Australia: A8139, Item VOLUME 7.

Honorary Co-Chairs

Prime Minister of Australia

For 60 years, the Australian-American Fulbright Program has carried out its mission of promoting international goodwill through the exchange of students in disciplines ranging from the arts and humanities to commerce and finance, science and technology, education, journalism, media, and government.

Since 1949, the Fulbright Scholarships have opened up the world to potential national and international leaders from our two countries. More than 2,600 Australians and 2,000 Americans have become Fulbright Scholars, undertaking study and research in our respective countries and gaining a new perspective on the world.

In 1945, when the Bill for the Fulbright Program was introduced to the U.S. Congress, the technology that would make information sharing across the world as easy and fast as it is today was barely imaginable. However, the experiences that the Fulbright Program provides go beyond mere information sharing. The international scholarship allows students to experience another country and extend their expertise in a practical sense, to the benefit of both nations as well as the area of study.

This year, we also acknowledge the passing of distinguished Fulbright Scholar John Hope Franklin. The grandson of a slave and subjected to racism as a child, Dr Franklin became the foremost historian on the black experience in America and is widely recognised as one of the finest intellectuals the U.S. has produced. A Fulbright Scholarship brought him to The Australian National University in 1960, after an earlier stint at Cambridge University in the United Kingdom. His lifelong journey of learning contributed to the global understandings which we now take for granted.

Dr Franklin's contributions highlight the possibilities that are available to every Scholar who undertakes this award.



The Hon Kevin Rudd MP
Prime Minister
of Australia



U.S. Ambassador to Australia

It is a great pleasure and honor for me as the U.S. Ambassador to Australia to serve as the Honorary Co-Chair of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission – particularly in its 60th anniversary year.

I have had a long association with U.S. higher education and am well aware of the significant contribution the Fulbright Program has made to international understanding and knowledge sharing. Since 1946, nearly 300,000 participants from over 155 countries have had the opportunity to study, teach and conduct research, to exchange ideas and contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns in this prestigious educational program.

As one of the first programs established to promote Senator Fulbright's vision, Australia has a special place in the program's history. And it makes an invaluable contribution to the enduring relationship between our two countries.

This year, nearly 50 outstanding U.S. and Australian students and scholars were awarded scholarships to study, teach, and conduct research in one another's country in a broad range of fields.

Over the past 60 years, more than 2,600 Australians and 2,000 Americans have participated. Fulbright Alumni have forged important ties and have gone on to successful careers in government, academia, business, law and journalism.

During the coming year, I look forward to learning more about the Australian higher education system and working to foster collaborations through Fulbright and other relationships. As I make my way around Australia, I hope to meet Australian and American Scholars and learn about your experiences.



Jeffrey L. Bleich
U.S. Ambassador
to Australia



Board Chair

In November this year, the Australian-American Fulbright Program reached its 60th Anniversary. It is inspiring to reflect upon the many successes and growth of the program over the six decades.

I am happy to report that despite the various implications of a challenging global economy at the start of 2009, the Fulbright Commission has ended the year with five exciting new scholarships.

The Fulbright New South Wales and South Australia Scholarships were launched in March and April. The scholarships were established with initial sponsorship from the respective state governments and the state-based universities (as listed on the inside back cover of this report). The intention now is to grow these pools of funds with private contributions.

This was followed by a new scholarship for Americans, sponsored by the ANU College of Business and Economics, which was established in May 2009. The inaugural recipients of these three scholarships will be awarded in 2010.

Two further scholarships are in the process of being established, to be announced in early 2010. They are a Fulbright Nuclear Science and Technology Scholarship sponsored by the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation, and a scholarship for the Northern Territory. The Fulbright Northern Territory Scholarship will be funded jointly for three years by the Northern Territory Government, Charles Darwin University and a corporate sponsor, Blackboard Asia Pacific. These scholarships will be first awarded in 2011.

I would like to thank all involved for their efforts in setting up these new scholarships. These various initiatives represent a significant commitment to the great traditions and benefits of the Fulbright program.

In 2009, the Fulbright Commission Board said farewell to Scott Weinhold, Public Affairs Counselor at the U.S. Embassy and to Craig Saddler, President, Boeing Australia and South Pacific. We greatly appreciate their service and wish them well in their new endeavours overseas.

We also welcomed three new Board members: Dr Ian Thomas, President, Boeing Australia and South Pacific; Ms Kate Duff, Assistant Secretary, United States Branch, DFAT; and Ms Judy Moon, whom we are also welcoming as the new Counselor for Public Affairs at the U.S. Embassy.

On behalf of the Fulbright Commission Board I would also like to gratefully acknowledge the contributions of all of our generous sponsors, supporters and state-based volunteers for the year. We are indebted to all for the special opportunities they provide for our Scholars, with particular recognition of our sponsors including the Australian and U.S. Governments, and our corporate, institutional and individual sponsors, including: BHP Billiton, Telstra Corporation, CSIRO, state governments and the universities. I would also like to welcome our new sponsors, who joined this impressive list in 2009.

I would also like to thank the terrific staff of the Fulbright Commission for their ongoing commitment and professionalism to make William Fulbright's vision an enduring reality for our Scholars.



Tom Pascarella
Chair, Australian-American
Fulbright Commission Board



Executive Director

The Fulbright Commission had a very successful year in 2009, with events in Australia and the U.S., preparations for the 60th Anniversary, and the establishment and launch of new scholarships.

A key highlight of the year was the Fulbright Presentation Dinner in March to recognise the 2009 Australian Fulbright Scholars, hosted by the Fulbright Commission and the University of Tasmania at the spectacular Moorilla Estate in Hobart.

We were pleased to have the Hon David Bartlett MP, Premier of Tasmania, and U.S. Chargé d' Affaires a.i., Mr Dan Clune, as keynote speakers at the dinner. The 23 Australian Scholars awarded Fulbright Scholarships for 2009 included the two Fulbright Tasmania Scholars.

The Fulbright Symposium for 2009 in August examined the significance of the Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement to Australia and to the US. It was interesting to hear the perspectives from the excellent panel of informed speakers at the event, including the Hon Mark Vaile, former Minister for Trade.

In September, we held the annual Enrichment Program in Canberra to welcome the U.S. Scholars. This was a great opportunity to meet the U.S. Scholars and to hear about the variety of projects that they will work on in Australia. Twenty-one U.S. Scholars participated, from 2008 and 2009.

The celebrations for the 60th Anniversary commenced in Washington in October, with a Colloquium and Dinner on 9 October 2009. The Colloquium was held at the Australian Embassy, and the gala dinner at the impressive Katzen Center at American University. Senator the Hon Kim Carr, the Australian Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research; Ms Alina Romanowski, U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Academic Programs, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State; Mrs Harriet Fulbright and distinguished Fulbright Alumnus, Ambassador Tom Pickering featured among the speakers at the events.

The Anniversary is also being celebrated in other ways. *Fulbright Reflections*, a commemorative booklet, was produced from generous contributions of stories and pictures about Fulbright experiences from Alumni and Scholars. It provides a fitting overview of the rich history and achievements from the last 60 years.

Some 2009 Commission highlights

- » Fulbright New South Wales Scholarship launched
- » Fulbright South Australia Scholarship launched
- » Fulbright ANU College of Business and Economics Scholarship established
- » The Presentation Dinner at Moorilla Estate in Hobart
- » The Fulbright Symposium hosted by University of Queensland
- » 60th Anniversary Colloquium and Dinner in Washington D.C.

The Commission is also grateful to all our colleagues who volunteer their time and energy in support of Fulbright activities—including our Selection Committees and the Fulbright Alumni—for their much-appreciated contributions.

I also look forward to meeting our sponsors and many of our supporters during 2010 to thank them for their continuing support to help grow the Fulbright Program.



Dr Joe Hlubucek
Executive Director



Program

The Fulbright Scholarships are the focus of the Commission's programs and the core activities include: establishment of new Scholarships; promotion of scholarships; selection and management of Scholars and Scholar enrichment.

New Scholarships

Three new scholarships were launched and promoted in 2009:

For Australian postgraduate and postdoctoral scholars

- » Fulbright South Australia Scholarship
- » Fulbright New South Wales Scholarship

For US postgraduate scholars

- » Fulbright ANU College of Business and Economics Scholarship

Promotional activities

In 2009, the Commission concentrated on promoting and marketing the new scholarships, consolidating the relationships with key universities through a range of presentations and information sessions, and also engaging more widely through government and professional networks to increase Professional Scholarship applications.

Selection of Scholars

The selection of Scholars is a pivotal aspect of the program and relies heavily on the contribution made by the Fulbright State and National Selection Committees. These honorary committees draw on the professional and academic expertise of over 60 representatives. This year we welcomed 11 new State Selection Committee members and four National Selection Committee members. We are grateful for the commitment and support of these members and particularly the Honorary Fulbright State Secretaries who coordinate the processes. Highlights in the selection processes included:

- » A 13 per cent increase in applications for Australian Fulbright Scholarships across all scholarship categories and a 6 per cent increase in applications for all U.S. Fulbright Scholarships
- » Greater diversification from a wider range of academic fields, home universities and U.S. states from U.S. applicants
- » Implementation of "Distributor", an online web based distribution system to disseminate electronic copies of the Fulbright applications in the ACT, and for National Selection Committees.
- » U.S. Scholar evaluation and review session (March, 2009 Hobart). This included a breakfast meeting with 19 of the 2008 and 2007 U.S. Scholars and many of the 2009 Australian Scholars
- » Enrichment Programs in the U.S. coordinated by the CIES and IIE.

Scholar enrichment activities

Enrichment activities provide Fulbright Scholars with the opportunity to network with each other, learn more about the Fulbright Program and to enhance their Fulbright experience. They included the following key events:

- » Orientation Program for the Australian Scholars (March 2009, Hobart)
- » Enrichment Program for U.S. Scholars (September 2009, Canberra)
- » U.S. events including 60th Anniversary Dinner and Colloquium (October 2009, Washington D.C.)
- » Receptions for Scholars, hosted by the Consul General in Victoria and by Griffith University in Queensland, Macquarie University in New South Wales, the University of Western Australia in Western Australia and Flinders University in South Australia

Scholar travel grants

In 2009 a number of Scholars were successful in their applications for additional travel funds through Fulbright supported programs, to build on their Fulbright programs by participating in conferences or visiting other research institutions. These included:

- » EAP Regional Travel Fund for U.S. Senior Scholars – five grants awarded for visits to countries in the region
- » Lois Roth Travel Grants for U.S. Postgraduates in humanities-related disciplines – two grants awarded
- » Fulbright Gregory Schwartz Enrichment Grants for Australian Postgraduates – four grants awarded.

2009 Program highlights

- » Promotion and selection of inaugural Fulbright South Australia and New South Wales Scholarships
- » Promotion and selection of inaugural Fulbright ANU College of Business and Economics Scholarship
- » Increase in Australian and U.S. Fulbright Scholarship applications
- » Increased participation in Scholar enrichment activities.

Fulbright Australian Scholars 2009

Postgraduate Scholars



Alyson Auliff
Fulbright Queensland Scholar
 Parasitology, University of Queensland. Research on the malaria parasite and the mechanism by which it develops resistance to certain drug treatments. University of South Florida and the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, Maryland (Gregory Schwartz Enrichment Grant).



Hugo Leith
Fulbright Western Australia Scholar
 Law, State Solicitor for Western Australia/University of Western Australia. Comparative study of governmental power and constitutional structures in Australia and the United States. Yale University.



Florian 'Floyd' Mueller
Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar in Technology and Communications sponsored by Telstra
 Interaction Design, University of Melbourne. Introduce the fitness and bonding benefits of sports to video games and combine them with the advantages of computer networks to enable 'Sports over a Distance'. Stanford University.



Alexander Wyatt
Fulbright Western Australia Scholar
 Oceanographic Engineering, The University of Western Australia. Collaborative research in coral reef oceanography. Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California San Diego.



Shom Goel
Fulbright Postgraduate Alumni (WG Walker) Scholar
 Medical Oncology, Sydney South West Area Health Service. The effects of anti-angiogenic therapy on breast cancer metastasis. Harvard University.



Mark McMillan
Fulbright Indigenous Scholar sponsored by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR)
 Law, University of Technology Sydney. Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD) course in the Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy Program. University of Arizona.



Matthew Tilleard
 International Law, Development Consultant based in Afghanistan. Research aiming to find ways to improve economic development for poor communities and nations. Harvard University.



Jeremy Wykes
Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar in Science and Engineering sponsored by BHP Billiton
 Earth Science, Australian National University. Experimental research into the geochemical behavior of lead and sulfur in subducting tectonic plates. University of California, Los Angeles.



Catherine Gregory
 Music, Queensland Conservatorium, Griffith University. Further build and develop musical and flute performance skills. Carnegie Mellon School of Music, studying with Alberto Almarza and Jeanne Baxtresser.



Kim Mosse
 Molecular Biology, Monash University. Examining the effects of irrigation with winery wastewater on soil and plant health in nearby regions. University of California, Davis.



Camilla Whittington
 Genomics, Faculty of Veterinary Science at the University of Sydney. Research into the genetic components of mammalian venom to build an understanding of toxins from two venomous mammals, the platypus and the shrew. Washington University (Gregory Schwartz Enrichment Grant).

Postdoctoral Scholars



**Associate Professor
Joshua Burns**

Podiatry, University of Sydney. Research on Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease (CMT), a genetic nerve disease which causes progressive muscle weakness, painful foot deformity and walking difficulty. Wayne State University School of Medicine.



Dr Gretta Pecl
Fulbright Tasmania Scholar

Marine Ecology, University of Tasmania. Researching how ecological modelling can help assess impacts of climate change on the productivity and sustainability of marine resources, using the Alaskan Red King Crab and Tasmanian Rock Lobster as case studies. University of Alaska.



Dr Colin Scholes
Fulbright Victoria Scholar

Chemistry, University of Melbourne. Working on cheaper ways to mitigate carbon emissions from coal-fired power plants. University of Texas, Austin.



Dr Byron Wicks
Fulbright Victoria Scholar

Electrical and Biomedical Engineering, NICTA, University of Melbourne. Research furthering the development of a bionic eye and high-speed wireless communications which will enable the transfer of high definition multimedia between electronic devices. University of California, Berkeley.

Senior Scholars



Professor Leanne Aitken

Nursing, Griffith University and Princess Alexandra Hospital. To develop and test the feasibility of a complex clinical intervention to improve analgesia and sedation management in critically injured patients. University of Pennsylvania.



Associate Professor John Foster

Biomaterials, University of New South Wales. Working with a U.S. based researcher to combine two key technologies to develop a procedure to improve nerve regeneration. The McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine, University of Pittsburgh.



Dr Peter Jarvis
Fulbright Tasmania Scholar

Physics, University of Tasmania. Undertake foundation studies in mathematical physics and mathematical biology. University of California, Berkeley.



Professor Scott Kable

Laser spectroscopy, University of Sydney. Undertake research into ultra-fast photochemistry in order to understand in detail how complex chemical reactions unfold. University of Wisconsin.

Professional Scholars



Dr Tina Bell
*Fulbright Professional Business/
Industry (Coral Sea) Scholar*

Ecology, University of Melbourne. Exploring changes to and recovery of key physiological processes of grapevines exposed to smoke from fires. University of California, Berkeley.



Dr Kim Kwang (Raymond) Choo
*Fulbright Professional
Australia-U.S. Alliance Studies
Scholar sponsored by the
Department of Foreign Affairs
and Trade*

Criminology and Information Technology, Australian Institute of Criminology. Research into the cybercrime threat environment. Rutgers University and the Palo Alto Research Center.



Dr Vanessa Hayes

Cancer Genetics, Children's Cancer Institute Australia, University of New South Wales. Using Next Generation Sequencing technology to examine the entire DNA sequence (genome) relevant to cancer development. Pennsylvania State University.



Martin Riordan
*Fulbright Professional Scholar in
Vocational Education and Training
(VET) sponsored by DEEWR*

Business Management, TAFE Director's Australia. Industry and community engagement, in the American Community College system. The American Association of Community Colleges (AACCC).



Dr Shom Goel



Catherine Gregory

Dr Shom Goel, Fulbright Australian Alumni (WG Walker) Scholar

“Knowing that a new drug can attack a cancer effectively and benefit cancer patients is only half the battle – it is just as important to understand how that drug actually works”.

Dr Shom Goel, a senior registrar in medical oncology for the Sydney South West Area Health Service, is researching drug treatments for cancer at the Edwin Steele Laboratory for Tumor Biology at the Harvard Medical School, Boston. He is working with Dr Rakesh K. Jain, who is a world leader in the field.

“Our laboratory is particularly interested in drugs that target the blood vessels within cancers – known as anti-angiogenic drugs,” Dr Goel said.

“I am working to improve our understanding of how these anti-angiogenic drugs actually work. This understanding is critical for ensuring that such drugs are used most effectively.”

Dr Goel said that the experience of working in a world-class laboratory, surrounded by experienced faculty and an environment of academic excellence, is one that will undoubtedly leave a long-lasting impression upon him.

“Having completed my clinical training in Australia, I hope that my period of study in the USA will vastly improve my knowledge of and skills in basic science as it applies to cancer. Ultimately, I will leave America as a qualified ‘clinician-scientist’.”

Dr Goel said that as an Australian doctor in America, observing the US debate on health care reform has been fascinating.

“Through casual conversations, I have come to understand a wide range of American philosophies on health care, and this in turn has opened up discussions on a broader range of political and social issues.”

Catherine Gregory, Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar

“As a musician, it is important to gain a global perspective of music culture and to be exposed to a variety and diversity of ideas such as those I’ve experienced so far in the US: a vibrant music scene, engaging performers, exciting performances and inspiring teachers to inform your art.”

Catherine Gregory has a Master of Music degree from the Queensland Conservatorium, Griffith University. Through her Fulbright she is studying advanced flute studies (performance) at the Carnegie Mellon School of Music.

“I am privileged to be studying in the outstanding flute studio of Professor Alberto Almarza and Professor Jeanne Baxtresser at Carnegie Mellon School of Music, Pittsburgh. Both of my mentors are internationally recognized flautists whose careers have been multi-faceted.”

“My flute playing has benefited immeasurably from the wealth of their experiences, approach and the insight that they instill in their students. My program of study is tailored to equip me with the skills required to succeed as a 21st century career flautist.”

Catherine said that upon her return to Australia, she hopes to share her experiences through performance initiatives, professional work with Australian musicians and organizations and through her role as a flute teacher.

Catherine performed at the 60th Anniversary dinner of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission in Washington D.C. in the presence of Mrs Fulbright. She said that this was a very special experience.

“Mrs Fulbright is impressive and eloquent and strongly espouses the ideals and philosophy of the Fulbright Program—‘The Fulbright Program aims to bring a little more knowledge, a little more reason, and a little more compassion into world affairs and thereby to increase the chance that nations will learn at last to live in peace and friendship.’ (J. William Fulbright)”

“And from my encounters thus far in my Fulbright experience with fellow international students and indeed Americans, the world is truly a much smaller place.”



Dr Colin Scholes



Dr Tina Bell

Dr Colin Scholes, Fulbright Victoria Scholar

“New technology that allows the capture and storage of carbon dioxide would offer dramatically cheaper ways to help to mitigate climate change.”

Dr Colin Scholes, a research fellow at the Cooperative Research Centre for Greenhouse Gas Technologies spent four months at the University of Texas in late 2009, working on cheaper ways to mitigate carbon emissions from coal-fired power plants.

“My research centres on the use of membrane separation technology to capture carbon dioxide emissions from industrial processes. This research therefore better assists industry to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and addresses the global problem of climate change,” Dr Scholes said.

Colin said that significant developments in membrane science had recently been reported by the University of Texas at Austin. These developments mean that many of the limitations of membrane science which prevented wide

industry acceptance, such as resistance to the harsh conditions in flue gas, had been overcome.

“The research I undertook in Texas furthered these developments in membrane separation science. I was able to address key questions, such as how to develop membranes resistant to corrosive components of flue gases.”

The improved membranes have now been brought back to Australia, to be trialed in Australian industrial processes, such as coal-fired power stations, for the capture of carbon.

“My Fulbright research will benefit Australian industry, by allowing them access to international developments in carbon capture. This is important as we continually adapt to a future where emissions will be constrained.”

“In addition, this research has assisted the global effort to reduce carbon emissions, by linking Australian and American efforts to develop affordable and easily implemented carbon capture technologies.”

Dr Tina Bell, Fulbright Professional Business/Industry (Coral-Sea) Scholar

“The wine industries in Australia and the United States are worth billions of dollars so any threats to vine growth and harvesting and processing of the fruit need to be investigated.”

Dr Tina Bell, a Senior Research Fellow at the University of Melbourne went to the University of California, Berkeley, for four months from August 2009 to study the effect of smoke from bushfires on grapevine physiology.

“The economic loss associated with wildfire events in Australia has amounted to hundreds of millions of dollars over the last decade,” Dr Bell said.

“As an example directly related to my research, fires in Victoria during the summer of 2006 and 2007 caused an estimated loss of revenue of AU\$75-90 million due to smoke taint in wine.”

“My research centered on determining the immediate effects of smoke on grapevine leaf function which included changes in photosynthesis and respiration.”

“Smoke from bushfires causes taint in wine but it is not yet known how smoke affects the growth and functioning of the plant itself.”

“My research has started the process of understanding what might happen to plants in vineyards impacted by smoke that can persist in the atmosphere for days during bushfires and fuel management operations.”

Dr Bell said that she achieved her goals of completing some fundamental research and learning more about the field of smoke research and got some great results.

“Along the way I found out how to grow grapevines, I participated in some exciting experimental burns and met many interesting people. Life also went on while I was away from my home university so I managed to help my two postgraduate and three undergraduate students complete and submit their research theses from afar.”

Fulbright U.S. Scholars 2009

Postgraduate Scholars



Kate D'Ambrosio
U.S. Alumni Scholar

Political Science and History, Willamette University, Oregon. Research on Wildfire Risk Management, with particular emphasis on Australia's stay and defend policy, at RMIT University, Melbourne and the Bushfire CRC.



Chelsea Lane-Miller

Geography, Colorado. Research on healthy rivers and sustainable rural communities at CSIRO and the University of South Australia.



Pamela McGaha

Military Sciences, Pennsylvania. A collaborative comparative study of the Australian Army Reserve and the U.S. Army National Guard in order to strengthen both organizations' response to their communities during domestic security emergencies, with the Australian Defence Force.



Heather Pace

Chemistry, Colorado School of Mines. PhD research on the detection and characterization of metal-containing nanoparticles in exposed biological systems, at the CSIRO Future Manufacturing Flagship in Sydney.



Joshua Daskin

Biology, Brandeis University Massachusetts. Temperature effects on antifungal bacteria in rainforest frogs threatened by chytrid fungus at James Cook University in Townsville.



Louise Mandour-Brackin

International Relations, U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Research into expanding Australia's law enforcement role in Oceania. Her research will form part of a Master's Degree at the University of New South Wales and ADFA.



Ryan Meyer

Science and Technology Policy, Arizona State University. Linking climate science investments to societal needs in Australia at CSIRO and the University of Melbourne.



Kyle Pula

Mathematics, University of Denver. PhD research into the mathematics of latin squares, at Monash University.



Kyla Drushka
Fulbright CSIRO Postgraduate Scholar

Oceanography, University of California, San Diego. PhD research in climate and oceanography at the CSIRO Marine Laboratory in Tasmania.



Susan Massey

Architecture, University of Michigan. Research on the aesthetics of performance in regards to regulating architectural style in low income housing policy at the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute, Melbourne.



Karl Minges

Public Health, Columbia University. Research at Monash University, conducting a systematic evaluation of Baker IDI Heart and Diabetes Institute's Lift for Life, an innovative health behaviour strength training program for diabetic adults.



Elizabeth Webb

Biology, Washington and Lee University. Exploring the connection between two human pigmentation genes, IRF4 and MC1R, and melanoma risk at the University of Queensland.

ANU Distinguished Chair



Diana Dwyre

2009 Fulbright ANU Distinguished Chair in American Political Science

Political Science, California State University, Chico. Collaborative comparative research at the Australian National University on issues of political finance and governance.

Senior Scholars



James Blackman

Pediatrics, University of Virginia. Investigating the effect of the Apolipoprotein E gene on the severity of Cerebral Palsy at the University of Queensland.



Rick Geddes

Economics, Cornell University. Analysing Negotiations vs. Auctions in Public Sector Procurement at the Australian National University, utilising evidence from Australian Public-Private partnerships.



Nancy Paxton

English, Northern Arizona University. Completed research on Jean Devanny's novels and unpublished papers at James Cook University, Townsville, for her book on comparative censorship practices.



Geoff Dougherty

Applied Physics and Medical Imaging, California State University Channel Islands. Development of a global Fiber- Alignment Metric to characterize articular cartilage at the Queensland University of Technology (EAP Regional Travel Fund).



Brian Maguire

Public/Global Health, University of Maryland. Study occupational injuries and illnesses among ambulance personnel in Australia at Edith Cowan University (EAP Regional Travel Fund).



Gregory Pottie

Engineering, University of California, Los Angeles. Investigating cooperation, mobility, and utility in sensor networks at the University of Sydney.



Elizabeth Webb



Karl Minges

Elizabeth Webb – Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar

“One day, a woman arrived at the clinic presenting with metastatic melanoma. Patients who have advanced stages of the disease pass through the clinic regularly. However, this woman was my age. It was then that I realized the gravity of my research.”

Elizabeth Webb is a recent graduate in biochemistry at Washington and Lee University in Virginia. She arrived at University of Queensland and Queensland Institute for Medical Research (QIMR) in Australia in October 2009 to research the impact of two human pigmentation genes on mole type and melanoma risk.

“I have had the privilege of working with both QIMR and UQ on a mole surveillance project.”

“We recruit high risk melanoma patients (persons who have had a previous melanoma, or who have multiple irregular moles) and perform full-body photography with an instrument called the FotoFinder. We mark all of the patient’s moles on a computer and then take individual images of the moles with a

device called a dermoscope, which is essentially a microscope attached to a digital camera.”

“This imaging project has two primary goals: 1) to document the metamorphosis of a benign lesion to melanoma and 2) to determine whether two pigmentation genes, MC1R and IRF4, predispose a person to have a particular type of mole, thereby increasing his or her chances of developing melanoma.”

“The Australian state of Queensland has the highest incidence of melanoma in the world and therefore has some of the finest skin cancer research institutions. My colleagues here have taught me more in a matter of months than I could have learned after years in the classroom.”

“I believe that this research will add to the growing body of knowledge on melanoma and will hopefully lead to a better understanding of the disease, and the Fulbright has given me the opportunity of a lifetime: the means to pursue my passion for melanoma research with some of the world’s finest scientists.”

Karl Minges, Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar

“Since commencing my Fulbright tenure, I have been fortunate enough to expand the scope of my research interests at Baker IDI Heart and Diabetes Institute to focus on the feasibility and efficacy of implementing this strength training program in a remote Victorian Indigenous community.”

Karl Minges, who has completed a Master of Public Health degree at Columbia University, arrived at Baker IDI Heart & Diabetes Institute and Monash University in Melbourne in August 2009 for 12 months.

Karl’s research focuses on an analysis of an evidence-based strength training program geared towards older adults with or at risk of diabetes mellitus.

“My research has been conducted primarily within the Physical Activities group at Baker IDI – an Institution that has provided me with unrivaled peer support, high impact data, and the true sense that the work I am doing has broad and significant public health implications.”

“The Physical Activities group is headed by my advisor, Professor David Dunstan, who has been integral in helping me navigate the AusDiab database for a publication exploring the association of strength training frequency and duration with cardio-metabolic biomarkers.”

“The high rates of diabetes in Indigenous Australian communities has recently been reported to be amongst the worst in the world. Though my research efforts will not nullify these health disparities, it is my hope that the health prevention research will aid in the understanding of modalities to combat the debilitating effects of diabetes in this community.”

By the end of his 12 months in Australia Karl hopes to have published four articles in prominent international diabetes journals. He also will present the preliminary results from the Aboriginal strength training study at the International Federation on Ageing conference in Melbourne in May 2010.



Professor Rick Geddes



Professor Nancy Paxton

Professor Rick Geddes – Fulbright Senior Scholar

“The United States today is facing a crisis of outdated and deteriorating transportation infrastructure, including aging roads, bridges and tunnels. Financially strapped state and local governments lack the resources to renovate existing facilities, and to build the necessary new ones.”

Associate Professor Rick Geddes from the Department of Policy Analysis and Management at Cornell University arrived at the Research School of Social Science, Australian National University in August 2009 to study and report on lessons the Australian experience with public-private partnerships holds for U.S. transportation policy.

“Private investment in U.S. transportation infrastructure, accomplished through public-private partnerships, presents an important alternative source of capital for such renovation and construction. Australia’s long experience with this financing approach offers valuable lessons for the rejuvenation of America’s crumbling transportation infrastructure,” Professor Geddes said.

“This study is a two-way street, in that comparisons and contrasts between the United States and Australia in funding infrastructure investment are explored in detail.”

“The outputs from this work thus offer Australians insights into how U.S. infrastructure is financed and maintained and the United States need not start at “square one” when utilizing private infrastructure investment in transportation.”

A book entitled *The Road to Renewal: Private Investment in U.S. Transportation Infrastructure*, a research report on the specific lessons the Australian experience holds for U.S. infrastructure policy, and a working paper Rick is producing in collaboration with the Productivity Commission are outputs from his Fulbright.

The working relationship he established with staff at the Productivity Commission was a direct result of his Fulbright Senior Scholarship.

Professor Nancy Paxton – Fulbright Senior Scholar

“My Fulbright award provided a life-changing opportunity to review Jean Devanny’s unpublished writing and personal papers held at James Cook University, Townsville, and to meet faculty and students in Townsville and Cairns, and at The Australian National University (ANU), the University of Queensland, and the Queensland University of Technology.”

Professor Nancy Paxton, a professor of English at Northern Arizona University (NAU) was in Australia at for six months from June, researching the novels of author Jean Devanny and the history of censorship. Her Fulbright was hosted by James Cook University, Townsville, and ANU, Canberra.

“My research centred on Jean Devanny’s novels and career after she moved from New Zealand to Australia in 1929,” Professor Paxton said.

“The most surprising discovery of my research was Devanny’s little known novel, *Gold is my Heart*, first drafted in 1943, but still unpublished at her death in 1962. This novel takes place during

World War II in 1942-43, when almost a million American servicemen were based in Brisbane, Townsville, Cairns, and other locations in Australia.”

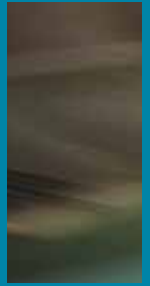
“Devanny’s novel reminds us that between 10,000 and 12,000 Australian women married American servicemen during and shortly after this war.”

“Because of Fulbright support, I was also able to write and present four papers on my research on Devanny, deliver several lectures on Jean Devanny’s novels, and organize two workshops on censorship.”

Professor Paxton’s research on Jean Devanny will be featured in *Books Travel: Modernism and Literary Censorship in a Global Marketplace*.

“My book will help American teachers, students, and writers gain a new perspective on one of Australia’s most interesting writers and a better understanding of the censorship practices in the past and present in the United States, England, and Australia.”

“Elections are the mechanism by which the people rule in a representative democracy. Free and fair elections require some measure of transparency in how they are financed so that citizens can fully evaluate the many messages they receive during a campaign.”



The Fulbright Australian National University (ANU) Distinguished Chair in American Political Science

was established in collaboration with ANU, the Fulbright Commission and the U.S. Department of State in 2005. The Scholarship brings a noted U.S. Scholar in political science to Australia each year to undertake research, build collaborative links and share their knowledge through a range of speaking events around Australia. The intention is to increase awareness of the study of American politics and government in Australia, and promote collaborative and comparative research in political science between the two countries. The ANU will host the Distinguished Chair for 2010, after which it will be hosted by Flinders University from 2011-15.

The inaugural Fulbright ANU Distinguished Chair

was Professor Kenneth Mayer, from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Dr Patricia Sykes, an Associate Professor in the Department of Government at American University, Washington, D.C. was the 2007/08 Fulbright ANU Distinguished Chair. Professor James Lingle, an Associate Professor in the Department of Government at Georgetown University, Washington D.C., was the 2008 Distinguished Chair.

Fulbright ANU Distinguished Chair Professor Diana Dwyre

Diana Dwyre, a professor of political science at California State University, Chico is the 2009-10 Fulbright Australian National University Distinguished Chair in American Political Science.

Professor Dwyre is an accomplished scholar of U.S. elections and political finance, and she has worked on the campaign finance issue as a legislative aide in the U.S. House of Representatives. She arrived in Australia in January 2010 to engage in a comparative analysis of Australian and U.S. political finance and other election-related issues.

“Australia is a perfect place to study issues of elections and democracy in comparison to the United States, and The Australian National University in Canberra is an excellent place to work with other scholars of electoral politics and to access various political actors in the federal capital,” Professor Dwyre said.

“Australia and the U.S. share common approaches to the financing of electoral politics, as the policy debates over the issue tend to revolve around the same issues—freedom of speech, privacy concerns, and political equality.”

“A preference for freedom of speech over political equality, in particular, has shaped the political finance rules in both nations. Indeed, a recent and controversial U.S. Supreme Court decision that loosened restrictions on corporate and

labour union spending in U.S. elections in the name of free speech (*Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* 2010) has made the two systems even more similar.”

Professor Dwyre’s time at ANU will give Australians the opportunity to learn about the similarities and differences in how Australia and the U.S. conduct elections, particularly how election campaigns are paid for, and who may benefit from the different systems.

“Such a comparative perspective often leads to further examination of one’s own system, and perhaps to new ideas about how to approach important issues of electoral democracy,” Professor Dwyre said.

Professor Dwyre said that she hopes to establish long-term collaborations out of the experience.

“The California State University is very interested in expanding our international connections, and Australia is an outstanding place to further our existing relationships and foster new ones. I hope, for example, to encourage Australian students and scholars to consider studying and doing research in the U.S. and to likewise encourage others from the U.S. and from my home university, the California State University, Chico, in particular to come to Australia for study, research and other activities.”



The Premier the Hon David Bartlett addresses the dinner guests.
Photos: Sean Fennessy

2009 Fulbright Presentation Dinner

The 2009 Fulbright Presentation Dinner was held in Tasmania at the spectacular Moorilla Estate in Hobart on 12 March 2009 to present the twenty-three 2009 Fulbright Australian Scholars.

The University of Tasmania co-hosted the event with the Fulbright Commission. Two hundred and ten guests attended the event, which was the first presentation dinner held in Tasmania.

The Hon David Bartlett MP, Premier of Tasmania, and co-host Professor Daryl Le Grew, Vice Chancellor and President, University of Tasmania, announced a further three years of funding for the Tasmania Scholarship.

The Premier said that the Fulbright Scholarships highlight the importance of education and research.

“They demonstrate that the best way to advance friendship and knowledge across the globe is through the interchange of ideas by cultural ambassadors—which is what Fulbright Scholars have become,” Mr Bartlett said.

Mr Daniel Clune, Chargé d’ Affaires a.i., US Embassy, spoke about the importance of the Fulbright Program and its role in Australian-American relations, and the objectives of the Fulbright Program.

The highlight of the evening was the introduction of the Scholars. They were presented with Fulbright Pins by Premier Bartlett; with Certificates signed by the Prime Minister, the Hon Kevin Rudd, and the US Ambassador, Robert D. McCallum, Jr., presented by Mr Clune; and with Letters of Congratulation from the Prime Minister, presented by Dr Tony Worby, National President of the Australian Fulbright Alumni Association.



The 2009 Fulbright Australian Scholars with Mr Tom Pascarella (4th from left, back row), Mr Dan Clune (5th from left), Prof Daryl Le Grew (right) and Dr Joe Hlubucek, Executive Director Fulbright Commission (left).

Fulbright Symposium examines the Australia - United States Free Trade Agreement



Dr Joe Hlubucek, Kimberlee Weatherall, Associate Professor Robert Burrell, the Hon Mark Vaile and Professor Paul Greenfield, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Queensland.

Growing the trade relationship between the U.S. and Australia was a key benefit of the Australia -United States Free Trade Agreement (AUSFTA), according to the Hon Mark Vaile, former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Mr Stephen Deady, formally of DFAT, and both key negotiators of AUSFTA.

Mr Vaile and Stephen Deady spoke at the 2009 Fulbright Symposium held on 24-25 August, 2009 at Old Parliament House in Canberra. Professor Paul Greenfield, Vice-Chancellor of The University of Queensland, and Mr Daniel Clune, Chargé d'Affaires a.i. at the U.S. Embassy opened the Symposium.

The Symposium, was hosted by the TC Beirne School of Law at the University of Queensland, and attended by approximately 80 participants drawn from a range of professional and disciplinary backgrounds: government, the US Embassy, public policy think-tanks, the private sector, and academia.

A goal of the Symposium was to reassess the impact of AUSFTA with the benefit of five years of experience.

At a general level, Professor Andrew Stoler from Adelaide University and Lee Davis, Centre for International Economics, said that it will take longer than five years to be able to definitely assess the impact of the trade agreement as external factors, such as exchange rate changes, have made analysis difficult.

However, their papers suggested that there have been some net benefits for Australia; and certainly not some of the negative impacts feared at the time, such as a diversion from trade between Australia and East Asia (trade which has in fact grown significantly over recent years). Stephen Deady made reference to the trend towards protectionism brought on by the financial crisis, and pointed out that an agreement like AUSFTA is not only about removing existing barriers to trade but also to preventing the introduction of new barriers. According to Deady, 'locking the US in' to certain liberal trade rules was as important an outcome as some of the changes, particularly as there is some evidence of protectionist moves in the US.

In relation to trade in services, participants spoke of benefits such as the ability to obtain professional visas and discussions around recognition of legal qualifications. On the other hand, some of those areas most controversial at the time remained contentious. In intellectual property, several participants pointed to Australia's policy inflexibility and its inability to capitalise on some kinds of trade such as the production of generic pharmaceuticals. In pharmaceutical policy, participants disagreed on whether drug prices had remained high as a result of the Agreement.

As for the broader question – where to next? – independent commentators US trade expert Professor Mac Destler, and

Australian commentators Professor Geoffrey Garrett and Dr Michael Fullilove spoke almost with one voice. Due to the change of administration in the U.S., trade policy, and the Australian government's ambitious plans for further negotiations in the region, involving the US may stay in a holding pattern for the time being. AUSFTA will play a role in regular bilateral connections and ensure that Australia is part of future American plans for trade policy developments in the region.

Fulbright Symposium

The aim of the annual Fulbright Symposium, sponsored by the Australian-American Fulbright Commission, is to publicly demonstrate the Commission's mission of "promoting mutual understanding between the peoples of the United States and Australia through educational and cultural exchange".

Topics are of bi-national interest between Australia and the United States and engage leading speakers from both countries.

Hosting rights for the annual symposium are awarded by the Australian-American Fulbright Commission following a national competition. Applications to host the 2011 Symposium close on 30 July 2010.

New Fulbright Scholarships launched in 2009



The South Australia and New South Wales (NSW) Fulbright Scholarships were launched early in 2009, bringing the total of state funded scholarships to six.



Dr Joe Hlubucek and Professor Keith Houghton from the ANU College of Business and Economics

Fulbright South Australia Scholarship

The Fulbright South Australia Scholarship was launched at a reception held at Flinders University City Gallery in Adelaide on 2 April 2009.

The South Australian Minister for Employment, Training and Further Education, the Hon Michael O'Brien MP, was joined by Professor Michael Barber, Vice Chancellor of Flinders University, Professor Peter Høj, Vice Chancellor of University of South Australia, Prof Richard Russell, representing the Vice-Chancellor of University of Adelaide, Executive Director of the Commission, Dr Joe Hlubucek, and U.S. Consul General and Fulbright Commission Board member, Mr Michael Thurston, to announce the establishment of the Scholarship.

The South Australian Government provided \$150,000 in funding for the Scholarship, with Flinders University, the University of Adelaide and the University of South Australia each contributing an additional \$100,000. Further support will be sought through donations from companies and individuals.

Fulbright NSW Scholarship

The Hon Nathan Rees MP, the Premier of NSW, announced the establishment of the Fulbright NSW Scholarship at a meeting of NSW Vice-Chancellors, held at the University of New South Wales (UNSW) on 17 March 2009.

The scholarship is jointly funded by the NSW Government and NSW universities, with additional funding to be sought from sponsors to establish this scholarship in perpetuity. The scholarship will be awarded to the applicant whose project will have the greatest potential benefit to NSW.

New scholarship at ANU

The ANU College of Business and Economics and the Australian-American Fulbright Commission have partnered to create a new postgraduate scholarship. The scholarship, valued at up to AU\$35,125, will give a talented U.S. postgraduate scholar in the field of business and economics the opportunity to undertake study or research with the College for 12 months.

TOP LEFT: Dr Joe Hlubucek, Executive Director, Fulbright Commission; Prof. Peter Høj, Vice-Chancellor & President, University of South Australia; Mr David Hobbs, 2008 Fulbright Professional Scholar; Mr Michael Thurston, Fulbright Commission Board member, U.S. Consul General, Melbourne; Prof. Michael Barber, Vice-Chancellor, Flinders University; The Hon. Michael O'Brien, MP, SA Minister for Employment, Training and Further Education; Prof Richard Russell, Representing the Vice-Chancellor of University of Adelaide, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research Operations) at the announcement of the Fulbright SA Scholarship. Photo: Jonathon Guppy, Flinders University

TOP RIGHT: Announcement of the Fulbright NSW Scholarship. From left, back row: Professor Jan Reid, VC, University of Western Sydney; Professor Ross Milbourne, VC, University of Technology, Sydney; Professor Nicholas Saunders, VC, University of Newcastle; Professor Steven Schwartz, VC, Macquarie University; Mr Tom Pascarella, Chair, Fulbright Commission Board; Dr Michael Spence, VC, University of Sydney; Professor Ian Goulter, VC, Charles Sturt University; Emeritus Professor Mary O'Kane, NSW Chief Scientist and Scientific Engineer. From left, front Row: Professor Gerard Sutton, VC, University of Wollongong; Professor Alan Pettigrew, VC, University of New England; Professor Paul Clark, VC, Southern Cross University; Mrs Judith Fergin, U.S. Consul General, Sydney; Mr Nathan Rees, Premier of NSW; Professor Frederick Hilmer, VC, University of NSW, Convenor, NSWVCC; Dr Joe Hlubucek, Executive Director, Fulbright Commission. Photo: Prudence Upton

Alumni events and achievements



Professor David Sedlak Catherine Gregory

Alina Romanowski and Anita McBride

Harriet Fulbright with Senator the Hon Kim Carr

Alumni Initiative Grant winner

Professor David Sedlak (US Senior Scholar, 2003, University of New South Wales) from the University of California, Berkeley is the winner of the Alumni Initiative Grant for 2009.

Through his alumni initiative grant, Professor David Sedlak visited Australia from January to March 2010.

While in Australia, David established linkages with the Advanced Water Management Centre at the University of Queensland and the Water Research Centre based at UNSW and the University of Queensland to identify new ways of providing water to cities that are safe, reliable and cause minimal environmental impacts.

“Like Australia, the Western United States is trying to balance rapidly growing population, droughts and concerns about energy consumption in the water sector,” David said.

To address some of these issues, UC Berkeley, working in partnership with Stanford University, Colorado School of Mines and New Mexico State University are working together to establish a center of excellence to address issues related to urban water supply and water quality.

“Our water infrastructure is based on technologies that were developed between 50 and 100 years ago. With population pressures and climate change, arid regions like ours can no longer afford to pursue the status quo,” David said.

“A partnership between Australian and American researchers has the potential to yield innovative new solutions to these important problems.”

Since returning to the US after his Fulbright in 2003, he has maintained contact with colleagues at UNSW and has established links with researchers at UQ.

October Fulbright events in the U.S.

On 9 October 2009, the Fulbright Commission teamed up with the Australian Embassy in Washington D.C. and Australian Education International (AEI) to hold a Colloquium and Dinner to start a year of 60th anniversary celebrations. As part of the Alumni events, an informal behind-the-scenes tour of the Smithsonian was organised by Fulbright Alumnus, Dr Kris Helgen. Ambassador Tom Pickering (U.S. Postgraduate Scholar 1954) and Harriet Fulbright were key guests at the Colloquium and Dinner.

Colloquium connects Fulbright scholars and alumni

Forty scholars and alumni across five decades attended the Colloquium which was held at the Embassy of Australia in Washington D.C.

The Colloquium gave current scholars and Fulbright Alumni the opportunity to meet and hear about a range of interesting projects ranging from the Australian Research Council project on the history of the Australian-American Fulbright program, and Fulbright experiences in law, music to help autism, sustainability, geophysics and the Clinton Foundation.

At the event Mrs Fulbright presented pre-2000 alumni with Fulbright pins.

60th Anniversary dinner

Mr David Stuart, Chargé d’Affaires, at the Australian Embassy, co-hosted the 60th Anniversary dinner, which was held at the Katzen Arts Center at American University in Washington D.C.

Special Australian guests included Senator the Hon Kim Carr, Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research; Mr Chris Hayes MP; Mr Mark Paterson, Secretary, Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research; and Professor Brian Boyle, Director, CSIRO Australia Telescope National Facility.

U.S. dignitaries attending the dinner included Ms Alina Romanowski, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Academic Programs, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State; Ms Mary Kirk, Vice President,



Dr Peter Shergold AC

Student Exchanges Institute of International Education; Mrs Anita McBride, Chair J.W. Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board; Ms Sabine O'Hara, Executive Director Council for International Exchange of Scholars; and Ms Rosalind Swenson, Director Academic Exchange Programs U.S. Department of State.

A highlight was an impressive flute performance by Australian 2009 Scholar Catherine Gregory.

Alumni achievements

Alumnus to chair National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER)

Dr Peter Shergold AC (Fulbright Senior Scholar, 1984, Pennsylvania State University), was appointed Chair of the NCVER in August 2009.

Peter's distinguished career in the Australian Public Service included the position of Secretary of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet from 2003-08. He was made a member in the Order of Australia in 2006 and a Companion in the Order of Australia in 2007.

He is presently the Macquarie Group Foundation Professor at the Centre for Social Impact, a collaboration between the business schools of UNSW, Swinburne University of Technology, Melbourne University and The University of Western Australia.



Professor John Ralston AO FAA FTSE

New head of Australian Studies at Harvard

Professor Jeff Borland (Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar, 1984, Yale University), from the University of Melbourne's Faculty of Economics and Commerce has been appointed the next chair of Australian Studies at Harvard University. Professor Borland has a long and distinguished academic career, having received awards such as the Academy of Social Sciences Medal for Excellence in Scholarship.

Fulbright Alumnus wins Clunies Ross Award

Laureate Professor John Ralston AO, FAA, FTSE (Fulbright Senior Scholar, 1986, University of Utah) was awarded an Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering Clunies Ross Foundation Lifetime Achievement award in May 2009.

The award recognises Professor Ralston's 40 year career in colloid and surface chemistry, and the enormous contribution he has made to Australian industries, including mining, materials, chemistry and pharmaceuticals.

In 1994, he established the Ian Wark Research Institute at the University of South Australia, which is now a multi-million dollar facility with an outstanding international reputation.

Prestigious international prize for Alumnus

The Hon Dr Basil Hetzel AC (Fulbright Senior Scholarship, 1951, Cornell New York Medical

Center) was awarded the 2009 Pollin Prize for his lifetime of achievement into the effects of maternal iodine deficiency on the brain development of newborns. He is the first non-American to receive the prize.

Following his discovery that iodine deficiency causes brain damage in children, Dr Hetzel led a widespread campaign in collaboration with WHO and UNICEF to incorporate iodine as iodized salt into the diet of billions of people around the world. This work has prevented iodine-related brain damage in millions of children.

The Pollin Prize in Paediatric Research, which is administered by the New York Presbyterian Medical Centre, has been awarded annually since 2002. It recognises outstanding achievement in research into the health of children.

Fulbright Alumni among Honours lists

The achievements of a number of Fulbright Alumni were recognised in the Australia Day and Queen's Birthday Honours lists in 2009.

Australia Day Honours

Emeritus Professor Hedley Beare AM
Dr Alex Buchanan AM FTSE

Queen's Birthday Honours

Professor Gagen AM
Dr Bruce Hobbs AO
Neil Inall OAM
Professor Peter Joubert AM
Professor Russell Lansbury AM
Emeritus Professor Bruce Mansfield AM
Emeritus Professor John Western AM
Associate Professor John Ziegler AM

Financial Review

Finance Report

The summarised Financial Statements are extracted from the Commission's complete Financial Statements, for which RSM Bird Cameron gave an unqualified audit report. A complete set of the Audited Financial Statements is available upon request.

The financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared to satisfy the financial report preparation requirements of the Manual for (Fulbright) Binational Commissions and Foundations and the applicable Australian Accounting Standards and Australian Accounting Interpretations.

There have been no events since the balance sheet date which would require revision of the amounts included in the financial statements. In particular, we have no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities.

Overview

For the year ending 31 December 2009, the Commission reported a surplus due to donations and investments. The donations are invested so that earnings can be used to support the Coral Sea Fulbright Professional Scholarship, the Australian Alumni (WG Walker) Scholarship, the US Alumni Scholarship, the Fulbright Queensland, Western Australia and Victoria State Scholarships. From 2010, the Fulbright New South Wales and South Australia Scholarships will also be supported by these invested funds.

The investments are shown at a fair market value and 2009 saw some recovery after the substantial fall in value due to the downturn in the global financial markets. The Board and management have worked with Genesys Wealth Advisers to manage the investments through this turbulent period and to rebuild the value of the Commission's portfolio, making adjustments to ensure that the Commission's expenditures meet the needs of all its stakeholders.

The Commission receives annually over AU\$1m of in-kind support, from U.S. and Australian universities, the Australian and U.S. Governments, organisations and individuals, which is not recognised in this finance report.

Financial Statements

Income Statement for year ended 31 December 2009

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
Funding for ordinary activities		
Australian Government	841 080	820 000
United States Government	1 191 428	903 333
Scholarship sponsorships	283 572	276 222
Donations	68 111	1 593 299
Total funding	2 384 190	3 592 854
Other revenue		
Income from investments	549 266	221 259
Interest earned	15 492	40 031
Other income	45 141	8 562
Total other revenue	609 899	269 852
Total revenue	2 994 089	3 862 706
Expenses		
Program expenses	1 410 284	1 366 869
Non-program expenses	233 860	247 552
Administration	583 913	580 621
Investment fees	30 431	42 892
Foreign exchange losses	52 199	0
Unrealised decline in investment value	0	915 583
Total expenses	2 310 687	3 153 517
Operating surplus	683 402	709 189
Accumulated fund previous year	3 014 685	2 323 978
Transfer (to) from reserves	0	(18 482)
Balance for year taken to accumulated fund	3 698 087	3 014 685

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2009

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
Assets		
Cash	542 007	1 685 279
Receivables	74 601	26 077
Other Current assets	40 729	23 133
	657 337	1 734 489
Investments held at market value	4 388 229	2 957 576
Total assets	5 045 566	4 692 065
Liabilities		
Provisions	36 927	72 807
Creditors	407 057	449 847
Unpaid program costs	514 161	765 392
Total liabilities	958 145	1 288 046
Net assets	4 087 421	3 404 019
Equity		
Reserves	389 334	389 334
Accumulated funds	3 698 087	3 014 685
Total Equity	4 087 421	3 404 019

Sponsors and Supporters

The Australian and United States Governments provide the core funding for the Australian Fulbright Program. This funding is complemented by the support of a generous group of companies, organisations, individuals and government agencies.

These partnerships support more scholarships and also develop a wider Fulbright network committed to excellence and international exchange.

CORPORATE

[BHP Billiton](#) is the world's largest diversified resources company. The Fulbright BHP Billiton Scholarship in Engineering and Science was established in 2000.

[Telstra](#) is Australia's leading telecommunications and information services company. The Fulbright Telstra Postgraduate Scholarship in Technology and Communications was initiated in 2005 to support innovation in technology and communications.

UNIVERSITIES

[The Australian National University \(ANU\)](#) has supported the Fulbright ANU Distinguished Chair in American Political Science since 2006.

GOVERNMENT

[The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations](#) sponsored both the 2009 Professional Scholar in Vocational Education and Training and the 2009 Fulbright Indigenous Scholar.

[The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade](#) established the Fulbright Professional Scholarship in Australia-United States Alliance Studies in 2001 to recognise the 50th Anniversary of the ANZUS Treaty.

[The Fulbright CSIRO Postgraduate Scholarship](#) enables American Scholars to undertake 8-12 months postgraduate research with Australia's major science research organisation, CSIRO, from 2009.

[The Fulbright ANU College of Business and Economics Postgraduate Scholarship](#) provides the opportunity for American graduates in the field of business or economics to undertake 8-12 months postgraduate research with ANU College of Business and Economics. The first Scholarship will be awarded in 2010.

FULBRIGHT STATE SCHOLARSHIPS

[Fulbright State Scholarships](#) have been established for New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia (and the Northern Territory in 2010).

These scholarships are supported by their state governments, universities and companies. Their aim is to encourage and profile research relevant to that state; and assist the building of international research links between the state and U.S. researchers and institutions.

FULBRIGHT ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIPS

[The Australian Alumni \(WG Walker\) Scholarship](#) was established in 1993 through generous contributions from Australian Fulbright Alumni to annually support a scholarship for the highest ranked Australian Fulbright Postgraduate.

[The U.S. Alumni Scholarship](#) was established in 2006 through generous contributions from U.S. Fulbright Alumni to annually support a scholarship for the highest ranked American Fulbright Postgraduate.

ADDITIONAL FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS/ FOUNDATIONS

[The Coral Sea Scholarship](#) was established by the U.S. Ambassador, Mel Sembler, and U.S. companies in 1992 in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of the Coral Sea, to support a Fulbright Professional Scholarship focusing on a business/industry topic of relevance to Australia and the United States.

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