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(Left to right) Professor Ian Young, Chair of the Victorian universities Vice-Chancellors and Vice-Chancellor of Swinburne University; Professor Peter McPhee, Provost, University of Melbourne; Jacinta Allan MP, Victorian Minister for Skills and Workplace Participation; David Keith, 2008 Fulbright Scholar; Mr Earl Irving, U.S. Consul General to Melbourne; and Mark Darby, Executive Director, Fulbright Commission

Fulbright State Scholarships

Postgraduate and Postdoctoral Scholars in Victoria will now be able to annually apply for a new specific Fulbright Scholarship.

The Fulbright Victoria Scholarship was announced by the Victorian Minister for Skills and Workplace Participation, Jacinta Allan MP, at a reception hosted by the University of Melbourne on the 28 April.

Minister Allan announced the Victorian Government would provide \$272,500 towards the cost of establishing the scholarship, a figure being matched by Victoria's universities.

"The Brumby Government is proud to be backing this important initiative, which will foster long-term, mutually beneficial co-operation and partnership between Victoria and the United States," Ms Allan said.

"The launch of the scholarship will ensure the continuation and strengthening of academic ties between Victorian and American educational institutions. It will also ensure Victorian researchers stay informed about global developments and boosting research capabilities on both sides of the Pacific," said Ms Allan.

Chair of the Victorian universities Vice-Chancellors, Professor Ian Young, Vice-Chancellor of Swinburne University welcomed the Victorian Government's major contribution to the scholarship.

"This scholarship will offer wonderful opportunities for outstanding Victorians to undertake study and research in the U.S. at leading institutions and further highlight the importance of our relationship with the United States," Professor Young said.

The Victoria Scholarship will be for Scholars to undertake research in the U.S. on projects beneficial to their state. These scholarships follow in the footsteps of Tasmania, Queensland and Western Australia where specific State Scholarships have been established over recent years.

Applications for the inaugural Fulbright Victoria Scholarship close on the 31st August 2008.

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ED's Update

Building on the Fulbright State Scholarship initiatives it is exciting to see the Victorian government matching the contributions from the locally based universities in establishing a Fulbright Victoria Scholarship Fund and Scholarship.

This Scholarship will undoubtedly raise the profile of the quality research being done in Victoria related to state issues, while building international links with the United States.

Our thanks to Jacinta Allan MP, Victorian Minister for Skills and Workforce Participation & Regional and Rural Development, and the Victorian universities Vice-Chancellors for their support of this initiative.

Another initiative we will begin to promote this month is a Fulbright CSIRO Scholarship, which will support an American postgraduate while undertaking research with a CSIRO Flagship group in Australia. We thank the CSIRO for their support and look forward to promoting this scholarship over the next few months.

We were grateful for the hospitality of U.S. Consuls General and Vice-Chancellors for hosting state receptions to congratulate local scholars who have won Fulbrights in 2008. Events were held at the U.S. Consul General's residence in Sydney, Melbourne and Perth, and at the University of Tasmania and Queensland University of Technology.

My personal thank you to Earl Irving, U.S. Consul General to Melbourne, and his wife Jeanne who hosted the Melbourne reception and are moving on to a new posting in July. They have been great supporters of Fulbright over the past three and a half years and Earl has served on the Fulbright Commission Board. We wish them

well and look forward to keeping them informed of the Australian Fulbright Program.

Our congratulations to the Americans who have won Fulbright Scholarships to Australia in 2008 / 2009 (see a full list on page 5). They represent a diverse range of fields and U.S. universities and we look forward to welcoming them to Australia from August onwards.

The Fulbright Enrichment Dinner to welcome them to Australia will be held in Old Parliament House, Canberra on the 18 September and invitations will be sent out in August. If any interstate visitors will be in Canberra on this date and would like to join us for this event please contact us.

A few reminders on Fulbright applications dates. Applications for the 2009 Fulbright Symposium (a \$30,000 grant) close on the 31 July 2008. The 2009 Australian Fulbright Scholarship application process is also now open for 2009.

Please contact us if you would like any promotional material or detailed information to share with your colleagues and potential applicants.

Thank you for your support.

Mark Darby
Executive Director

Fulbright State Scholarships (continued)



Fulbright QLD Scholar

The inaugural Fulbright Queensland Scholar, Sharon Bonython-Ericson, was honoured at a reception in April hosted by the Queensland University of Technology. She will conduct PhD research at Brown University or UCLA on indigenous health comparisons between Far North Queensland and North America.

The Fulbright Queensland Scholarship was established in 2007 through the support of the Queensland Government and all the Queensland based universities.



Fulbright W.A. Scholar

Anthony Robinson, the inaugural Fulbright Western Australia Scholar, will undertake research at the University of California, Davis on understanding the environmental influences that drive flavour formation in grapes.

The Fulbright W.A. Scholarship is supported through a fund established by donations from the W.A. government, W.A. based universities, companies, foundations and individuals.



Fulbright Tasmania Scholar

Keith Pembleton, is the second Fulbright Tasmania Scholar, and will undertake research at Purdue University in Indiana seeking to improve the drought tolerance of lucerne as a dairy crop.

The Fulbright Tasmania Scholarship is sponsored by the Tasmanian government and the University of Tasmania.

2020 Summit

Fulbright Alumni were well represented at the recent 2020 Summit in Canberra. Their involvement in a wide range of streams including security and prosperity, future directions for the Australian economy, the future of Australian governance and the productivity agenda, is indicative of the diversity of professional fields in which Fulbright Scholars are recognised.

Fulbright Alumni involved included:

Professor John Braithwaite (1978 Postdoctoral Scholar) – ARC Federation Fellow, The Australian National University

Father Frank Brennan (1995 Senior Scholar) – Director of Uniya, Jesuit Social Justice Centre

Professor Bruce Chapman (1975 Postgraduate Scholar) – The Australian National University

Professor Hilary Charlesworth (1982 Postgraduate Scholar) – Federation Fellow, The Australian National University

Dr Kylie Cripps (2000 Indigenous Postgraduate Scholar) – Indigenous Postdoctoral Research Fellow, The University of Melbourne

Eileen Doyle (1993 Professional Scholar) – Port Waratah Coal Services, Hunter Valley Research Foundation

Professor Allan Fels AO (1966 Postgraduate Scholar) – Dean, The Australia and New Zealand School of Government

Professor Joshua Samuel Gans (1990 Postgraduate Scholar) – Melbourne Business School, The University of Melbourne

The Hon. Nick Greiner AC (1968 Postgraduate Scholar) – former Premier of NSW

Dr Ian Harper (1987 Postdoctoral Scholar) – Ian Potter Centre for International Finance, The University of Melbourne

Eliza Matthews (2005 Postgraduate Scholar) – PhD student, University of Queensland

Professor Barry McGaw (1969 Postgraduate Scholar) – Director, Melbourne Education Research Institute, The University of Melbourne

Amelia Simpson (2001 Postgraduate Scholar) – Senior Lecturer, College of Law, The Australian National University

Professor Peter Shergold AC (1984 Senior Scholar) – Centre for Social Impact, Australian School of Business, The University of New South Wales

Mr Peter Francis Waters (1986 Postgraduate Scholar) – Gilbert & Tobin Solicitors

Dr Fiona Quality Wood (1977 Postgraduate Scholar) – Senior Lecturer, Centre for Higher Education Management & Policy, University of New England

Amidst public and media questions on rushed planning, staged media presentations, and effective processes, Fulbright Alumnus, Eliza Matthews noted, “there were some fantastic new initiatives”. “Most positive is that many of the delegates resolved to continue strategic planning in their own time, providing the government with further ideas and the detail not able to be formulated during the Summit.”

U.S. presidential elections and economic conditions



James Lengle

“Regardless of which political party wins in November 2008, we can expect dramatic changes in both personnel and policy in the United States.”

James Lengle, an Associate Professor in the Department of Government at Georgetown University, is the 2008-09 Fulbright Australian National University Distinguished Chair in American Political Science.

Professor Lengle, a noted U.S. political commentator, will join the ANU for five months from August to December 2008. As a result he will be in residence for the Democratic and Republican parties National Conventions until after the final analyses on the election are filed and the transition from the old administration to the new one begins.

Professor Lengle’s research will focus on the effects of economic conditions on U.S. presidential elections.

“My time in Australia will capitalise on the American elections in a number of ways. First, my research proposal focuses on U.S. presidential elections by examining the relationship between economic conditions and presidential election outcomes. Conventional wisdom among politicians, reporters, and political analysts suggests that the state of the economy plays a major role in determining who wins the White House,” explains Professor Lengle.

“When economic conditions are good or improving, the incumbent president or party in power – if the incumbent president is not seeking re-election – should benefit. If economic conditions are bad or deteriorating, then the prospects of the party out of power should improve significantly”.

Professor Lengle plans to divide economic variables into two types: macro-level, which captures the state of the national economy, and micro-level, which captures the economic standing of individuals within the economy. In his research he also plans to divide voters’ decisions into two types: retrospective voting, where votes are based on past performance, and prospective voting, where votes are based on future expectations.

Professor Lengle’s professional accomplishments include being President of the National Capitol Area Political Science Association (1989-1990); winning the Jack Walker Award (1997) presented by the Political Parties Section of the American Political Science Association; and being Georgetown University’s first recipient of the Executive Vice-President’s ‘Excellence in Teaching Award’.

James Lengle is the third Fulbright ANU Distinguished Chair and will conduct a speaking tour around Australia during August to December 2008 – see Fulbright website for more information on locations and dates.

The Fulbright ANU Distinguished Chair Scholarship, established by the Australian National University (ANU) and the Fulbright Commission in 2005, aims to build collaborative research and focus on the study of the United States in Australia.

2008 United States Fulbright Scholars

Postgraduate Scholarships

Lynnette Averill

Psychology, Westminster College/University of Utah
12 mths from August 2008

*Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health, University of Melbourne
Research into Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and alcohol use by Australian military veterans.*

Justin Brooks

History, College of the Holy Cross
University of Melbourne

Explore 'black transnationalism' among indigenous Australian youth in urban centres.

Stesha Doku

Public Health, Duke University
12 mths from July 2008

Health analysis of immigrants and Indigenous Australians using Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

Lauren Hallett

Ecology, Yale University
12 mths from July 2008
Murdoch University

Ecological research to develop goals and methods for the restoration of ecosystems degraded by human disturbance and the impact of climate change on this process.

Lauretta Lacko

Biology, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
10 mths from August 2008

*Westmead Institute for Cancer Research, University of Sydney
Research into how progesterone acts and potentially increases the risk of breast cancer.*

Laura Merwin

Biology, Pepperdine University
12 mths from Sept 08

*Curtin University
Examining plants in drought and fire-prone Mediterranean ecosystems that have evolved unique life-history types to ensure survival in harsh conditions.*

William Odom

Information Design, Indiana University
Griffith University

Study urban agriculture practices in Brisbane focusing on linking local action to promote a community and culture of urban sustainability.

Maggie O'Haire

Psychology, Vassar College
12 mths from July 08

*Centre for Companion Animal Health, University of Queensland
The effects of Animal-Assisted Therapy (AAT) on adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and exploring the proposal that AAT may offer a groundbreaking and successful alternative to current practices in the treatment of ASD.*

Joe Pollock

Marine Biology, College of Charleston
12 mths from July 08

*Australian Institute of Marine Science, James Cook University
Understanding the role of bacterial communities in coral disease outbreaks using biomolecular techniques to investigate the interactions between environmental stress and bacterial infection that give rise to coral disease.*

Gabriel Rabin – U.S. Alumni Scholar

Philosophy, UCLA
12mths from Jan 09

*Australian National University
The epistemology of modality – what is possible and impossible.*

William Rothwell

Medical Science, Wake Forest University
12 mths from July 2008

*University of Melbourne
Research evaluating the T cell response to influenza in mice – T cells are immune cells that can attack infected cells or promote other immune cells to do the same.*

Justin Schultz

Physics, Juniata College
12 mths from Aug 08

*ACR COE for Quantum-Atoms Optics, Australian National University
Researching more precise measurements by building a high-finesse cavity capable of detecting the reduced quantum noise on a squeezed atom laser.*

Abigail Sebaly

Dance, University of Michigan
12 mths from July 2008

*Victorian College of the Arts
Study of choreography and participating in a professional mentorship at the Melbourne International Arts Festival.*



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Senior Scholarships

Jessica Walker

Film making, San Francisco State University
12 mths from Feb 09

Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology
Producing a documentary video and other visually-based work that constructs a mediated portrait of Australian Jessica Walkers.

Christina Zdenek

Biology, UC, Irvine
18 mths from Sept 08

Australian National University
Determining sustainable harvest rates of the green python by population viability analysis.

Emmanuel Akporiaye

Biological Science, University of Arizona
6 mths from July 2008

Griffith University
Research into use of novel vitamin E analogs to treat breast cancer; assessing the effectiveness of combining a novel vitamin E analog, alpha-TEA, with immunotherapy to treat breast cancer.

Steven Gorelick

Water Resources, Stanford University
6mths from April 2009

CSIRO (Perth)
Investigation of the ecohydrological constraints on groundwater development in Western Australia.

Charles Helms

Public/Global Health, University of Iowa
6 mths from January 2009

University of Sydney
Research to assess the impact of the policy of health care workers' mandatory vaccination that was implemented in New South Wales.

Jennifer Keene

American History, Chapman University
6 mths from January 2009

Australian Defence Academy, the National Museum of Australia and the Australian War Memorial

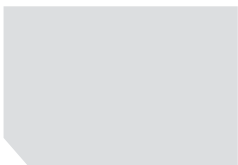
Comparing Australia's World War I experience to other nations, including a focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander soldiers' experiences.

Andrew Storfer

Biological Science, Washington State University
12 mths from August 2008

James Cook University
Research into genetics of recolonisation, specifically the recovery of frog populations following an epidemic.

A Abigail Sebaly **B** Emmanuel Akporiaye **C** Andrew Storfer **D** Charles Helms
E William Rothwell **F** Joe Pollock **G** Lynnette Averill **H** Gabriel Rabin
I Maggie O'Haire **J** Jessica Walker **K** Justin Schultz **L** Jennifer Keene
M Steven Gorelick **N** Laurretta Lacko **O** Laura Merwin **P** Stesha Doku
Q Lauren Hallett **R** Justin Brooks



Tom Hertel, 1990 Senior Scholar



Distinguished Professor and Executive Director, Center for Global Trade Analysis, Purdue University

"Go for it! Take some risks! Be sure to take some time to smell the roses – the Royal Botanic Gardens in Melbourne are a good place to start!" is the advice from Fulbright alumnus Tom Hertel, who took up a Fulbright in Melbourne in 1990.

Tom came to Australia to conduct research on the impact of trade reforms on the Asia-Pacific economy.

"I was a visitor at Melbourne University, and also undertook a consultancy for the Productivity Commission in Canberra. During this time I formed several lifelong friendships which combine professional collaboration with personal friendship."

When Tom embarked on his Fulbright, his expectations were modest in regards to what it might mean to him and bring to his career.

"I was on the fence about leaving this research area when I went to Melbourne. The Fulbright experience re-energized me and showed me the way forward."

"The impact of this experience on my career was huge. I built on this work to go on and found the Global Trade Analysis Project (GTAP), which now has 5,000 plus members in 120 countries and which forms the backbone of much of the quantitative analysis of multilateral trade policy today. Several of the key members of this network are drawn from my collaborators in Melbourne," explains Tom on the impact of his Fulbright.

Tom comments that the Fulbright branding certainly helped him achieve his goals. "Above all, the process of developing a proposal and getting placed in Australia was critical. Going 'on a Fulbright' gives one lots of credibility."

It was not only his career which benefited from the Fulbright experience; when asked he believes his personal life also benefited.

"We found the blend of family, work and pleasure to be nearly perfect in Australia!," Tom said.

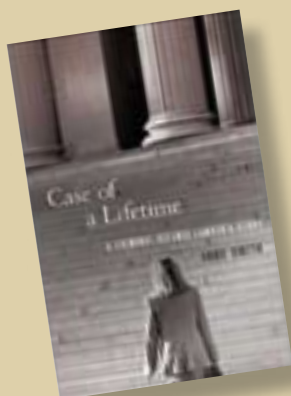
"We established lifelong friendships and a lasting bond to Australia. As a family we really pulled together during this time overseas."

When asked what has been the greatest influence on his life to date, Tom certainly ranks his Fulbright highly.

"This experience ranks right up there at the top. On the who side, Alan Powell, who mentored me during and after the sabbatical, is one of the most influential people in my life."

Tom recently took up the position as Chair of the Australian Fulbright Alumni Association U.S. Region Chapter for the Midwest.

Case of a lifetime



A recent study estimated thousands of innocent people are wrongfully imprisoned each year in the United States. Some are exonerated through DNA evidence, but many more languish in prison because their convictions were based on faulty eyewitness accounts and no DNA is available.

Fulbright alumnus, prominent criminal lawyer and law professor Abbe Smith weaves together real life cases to show what it is like to champion the rights of the accused in her upcoming book.

In *Case of a Lifetime: A Criminal Defense Lawyer's Story*, Abbe describes the moral and ethical dilemmas of representing the guilty and the weighty burden of fighting for the innocent. It is the story of Abbe's efforts to vindicate a woman wrongly imprisoned for 28 years because of mistaken identification, and her journey from law student to seasoned criminal lawyer through her decades-long defence of an innocent client.

The book will be released in July and is already receiving much praise, including from Sister Helen Prejean (author of *Dead Man Walking*): *"This is a substantial work: intelligent, subtle, and honest...In the end, the book transcends lawyers and clients, guilt and innocence, crime and punishment. It is a testament to what can happen when one person reaches out to another in need."*

Anthony Lewis, Pulitzer Prize winning author of *Gideon's Trumpet*, described it as:

"An extraordinary, profoundly moving book....I know of no other book that says as much about a defence lawyer's motivations, self-doubt, frustrations. I finished it with tears in my eyes."

Abbe is currently Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Criminal Justice Clinic and E. Barrett Prettyman Fellowship Program at Georgetown Law School. She teaches and writes in the areas of criminal law, legal ethics and clinical legal education, and is the author of *Understanding Lawyers' Ethics* (with Monroe H. Freedman). Smith began her career as a public defender and has been a criminal lawyer for more than 25 years.



Gabriel Rabin

The possible and impossible

Through the generous donations of U.S. Alumni, Gabriel Rabin, has won the 2008 Fulbright U.S. Alumni Postgraduate Scholarship. Gabriel, from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), will undertake research at the Australian National University (ANU) investigating

the status of the 'conceivability – possibility link', particularly through the lens of two-dimensional semantics, and explore repercussions for the study of consciousness.

Gabriel, a current PhD student in Philosophy at UCLA and graduate of Columbia College of Columbia University, will undertake the research project *The Epistemology of Modality*. The research will cover the prospects for the two-dimensional route from conceivability to possibility and the ramifications of the acceptance of modal scepticism.

"Philosophers study modality – what is possible and impossible. The primary method for learning about modality involves inferring from conceivability to possibility. However the reliability of this method has recently come into question."

"One of the main methods for learning about modality involves conceiving or imagining counterfactual situations. For example, one can imagine flying pigs. Therefore flying pigs are possible. However one cannot imagine that $2+2=5$. Therefore, it is not possible that $2+2=5$. Philosophers frequently appeal to this type of reasoning. These types of inferences are called conceivability-possibility inferences."

In general, the conceivability of a situation is a good indicator of its possibility. But the inference from conceivability to possibility is not foolproof, explains Gabriel.

"Philosophers study modality – what is possible and impossible."

"My project has two main parts; first I will examine the prospect that two-dimensional semantics offers for overcoming the challenge of modal scepticism. I will do this by investigating the links between the types of possibilities that the two-dimensional analysis provides. The second part of my project is the examination of the prospects of modal scepticism itself."

Based at the ANU affiliated Centre for Consciousness, Gabriel will work with Professors David Chalmers, Daniel Stoljar, and Jonathan Schaffer.

Gabriel is the recipient of a number of awards for his academic achievements, including the Chancellor's Prize (2006), Puryear Fellowship (2004) and the University Fellowship (2004).



Azadeh Dastyari

Offshore processing of refugees

Azadeh Dastyari has won the 2008 Fulbright Postgraduate Australian Alumni (WG Walker Scholar) Scholarship to conduct a comparative study of U.S. and Australian immigration and refugee law.

Azadeh, who completed an LLB with First Class Honours at the University of Sydney and is currently completing a PhD at Monash University, will undertake research at Georgetown University.

Azadeh's research, *Offshore Processing of Refugees: A Comparative Study of United States and Australian Law and Practice*, will study the interception, detention and offshore processing of asylum seekers by Australia in Christmas Island, Nauru and Papua New Guinea and the U.S in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

"This will be a comparative study of Australian and U.S. legal systems and refugee policies and their impact on the international protection regime," explains Azadeh.

"I aim to contribute to informed policy decisions in both the U.S. and Australia with regards to the processing, exchange

and resettlement of refugees. Furthermore, there are important differences between the offshore refugee processing models adopted by the U.S. and Australia, and my research will evaluate the successful aspects of the U.S. model and will alert Australian policy makers to its less profitable features. An examination of the U.S. model will also enable Australian policy makers to see the long-term effects of offshore refugee processing."

She will start with the Institute for the Study of International Migration (ISIM) at Georgetown University in July 2008 and believes undertaking research at ISIM will enable her to draw on the expertise of their scholars, assess its extensive library and take advantage of ISIM for researching partnerships.

Azadeh, an Assistant Lecturer at Monash University, has been recognised with an Australian Postgraduate Award and the Lionel Murphy Scholarship. She has also co-authored a book with Mary Crock and Ben Saul called *Future Seekers II: Refugees and Irregular Migration in Australia*.

The prestigious Australian Alumni (WG Walker) Scholarship goes to the highest ranked postgraduate and is funded through an endowment fund supported by donations from Australian Fulbright Alumni and Friends of the Fulbright Program.

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18 September 2008
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