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Senator J. William Fulbright

“The Fulbright Program aims to bring a little more knowledge, a little more reason, and a little more compassion into world affairs and thereby increase the chance that nations will learn to live in peace.”



James William Fulbright, the founder of the Program, was born on 9 April 1905 in Sumner, Missouri. He was educated at the University of Arkansas where he was awarded a B.A. degree in Political Science in 1925. He then attended Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar where he received a M.A. degree.

When Fulbright returned to the United States, he studied law at George Washington University in Washington, DC. During the 1930's, he served in the Justice Department and was an instructor at the George Washington University Law School. In 1936 he returned to Arkansas where he was a lecturer in law and from 1939 to 1941 he was President of the University of Arkansas, the youngest university president in the country, at the time.

In November 1944, he was elected to the U.S. Senate and served through to 1974, becoming one of the most influential and best-known members of the Senate. His legislation to establish the Fulbright Program, funded by war reparations and foreign loan repayments to the United States, was passed through the Senate without debate in 1946.

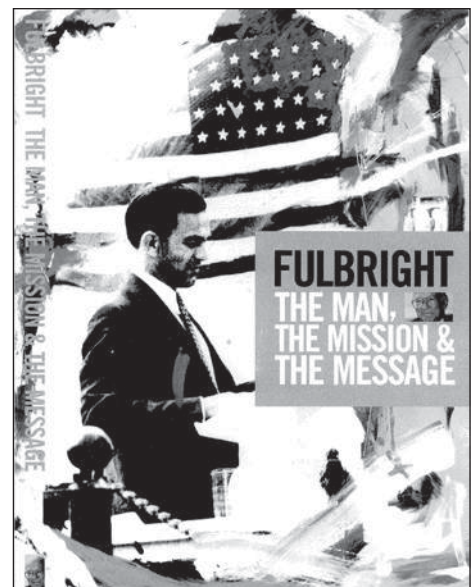
In 1949 Fulbright became a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. From 1959-1974 he served as its Chairman, the longest serving Chairman of the Committee in history. After leaving the Senate in 1974, he became counsel to a Washington law firm but remained active in support of the international exchange program that bears his name.

In 1963 Walter Lippman wrote of Fulbright: “The role he plays in Washington is an indispensable role. There is no one else who is so powerful and also so wise, and if there were any question of removing him from public life, it would be a national calamity”.

Fulbright received numerous awards from governments, universities, and educational organisations around the world for his efforts on behalf of education and international understanding. In 1993 he was presented with the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Clinton.

Senator J. William Fulbright died on 9 February 1995 at the age of 89 at his home in Washington, DC.

J. William Fulbright: The Man, The Mission & The Message – through the initiative of Mrs Harriet Fulbright, a DVD of Senator Fulbright's life was produced. This hour-long, professional production, narrated by Garrick Utley, is a wonderful record of Senator Fulbright's life and the context for the Fulbright Program. We look forward to providing all Australian universities and future Fulbright Scholars with a copy of this DVD.



The Australian-American Fulbright Commission

Mission Statement

The mission of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission is 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.

Born of the impact of World War II, the Fulbright program was established in 1946 through the initiative of U.S. Senator J. William Fulbright and the support of the United States Government, initially funded through the sale of surplus war materials.

Since then, over 250,000 talented people worldwide have been recognised as Fulbright Scholars. It is now the largest and one of the most prestigious educational scholarship programs in the world and operates between the United States and more than 150 countries.

The Australian Program was established in 1949 through the first treaty ever signed between the Australian and United States governments. The initial sale of U.S. surplus war materials to Australia provided \$US5.8m which funded the first 14 years of the program.

Following this, a new agreement was entered into in 1963 by the Australian and U.S. governments to establish the Australian-American Educational Foundation (later to be known as the Fulbright Commission), funded equally by the two parties.

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

The Prime Minister of Australia and the U.S. Ambassador are the Honorary Co-Chairs of the Commission. Since its establishment the Commission has awarded scholarships to over 2,600 Australians and 2,000 Americans. A distinguished group of alumni are thus an integral part of the program's rich history and ongoing professional network.

The Fulbright Agreement being signed in Canberra, November 1949 by U.S. Ambassador to Australia, Hon. Pete Jarman and the Australian Minister for External Affairs, Rt. Hon. Dr H.V. Evatt.



“The Fulbright scheme is an outstanding act of international statesmanship because it provides a unique opportunity for non-Americans to form an intelligent appreciation of the United States and for Americans to develop a better understanding of the rest of the world.”

Sir Zelman Cowan, 1953 Fulbright Scholar, former Governor-General of Australia, and patron of the Australian Fulbright (Alumni) Association (AFA).

Honorary Co-Chairs

Prime Minister of Australia, The Hon. John Howard MP

It has now been 57 years since the original agreement between Australia and the United States to create education and cultural programs of benefit to the two countries. This marked the significant vision of Senator J. William Fulbright to persuade the U.S. Government to convert the sale of surplus American war property abroad into a major student exchange program. An educational foundation in Australia, which later came to bear Senator Fulbright's name, was created soon after.

Since 1964 the Australian and American governments have shared the costs of the program. The Australian Government is pleased to be increasing its contribution for the Fulbright program by an extra \$A200,000 per annum from 2006-07 to match the U.S. Government's contribution.

Australia and the United States share a deep and vital relationship that is based on robust political, security and economic ties. Our partnership was extended and enriched through the Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement, which came into force on 1 January 2005, which has already begun to demonstrate significant benefits for the two economies. Another great achievement during the year has been the decision to create a United States Studies Centre. The Centre will deepen the appreciation and understanding of the United States' culture, political climate and government and strengthen our educational linkages.

Fulbright scholarships are one of the many important conduits through which we maintain and deepen the ties between our two great countries.

"I am proud to be Honorary Co-Chairman of the Foundation and of the Australian Government's ongoing financial support for the scholarship program."

U.S. Ambassador to Australia, Robert D. McCallum, Jr.

"In the few months since my arrival in Canberra as U.S. Ambassador, I have been very fortunate to have had several opportunities to meet with American and Australian Fulbright Scholars."

In September our Embassy held a reception for the incoming 2006 American Fulbright Scholars where I was pleased to not only meet with them, but also present their Fulbright pins.

A few weeks later I attended a lunch hosted by the Australian National University Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ian Chubb, to welcome the inaugural Fulbright ANU Distinguished Chair in American Political Science, Professor Kenneth Mayer, to Australia. At this event I also had the opportunity to meet up with Fulbright alumni who are faculty at the university.

It was my pleasure to attend a dinner hosted by the Australian Ambassador, Dennis Richardson in Washington DC in October and meet with many of the distinguished Americans who have been Fulbright Scholars to Australia. And in November I hosted the annual U.S. Embassy Fulbright Reception featuring current and past Fulbright Scholars, as well as many friends of the program.

At all of these events, I was impressed by the quality of the Fulbright Scholars, not just academically – where they all shine – but also in their commitment to their communities, their respective countries, and to the goals of the Fulbright Program.

I was pleased and honoured to be asked to continue the tradition of the U.S. Ambassador serving with the Prime Minister as Honorary Co-Chairs of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission. I know that Prime Minister Howard shares my commitment to furthering U.S.-Australian academic exchanges, and I look forward to working towards that goal in the coming year.



Prime Minister of Australia, The Hon. John Howard MP



U.S. Ambassador to Australia, Robert D. McCallum, Jr.

Board Chair

Professor Peter Coaldrake

The Australian-American Fulbright Commission had a very successful and exciting 2006.

In May Prime Minister John Howard, attending an event at the Australian Embassy in Washington DC, announced a \$A1 million increase over five years in the Australian Government's funding for the Fulbright Program, demonstrating the true bi-national nature of the program. The Australian Government's commitment now matches the U.S. Government's annual contribution for the first time since the program's establishment in 1949.

At this same reception at the Australian Embassy in Washington DC the Prime Minister also invested Mrs Harriet Fulbright as an Honorary Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia (AM) for her support of the Australian Fulbright Program. We congratulate Mrs Fulbright for this well deserved recognition.

Earlier in the year the Tasmanian Government and the University of Tasmania established the first ever State Government sponsored Fulbright Award. Our thanks for this initiative are extended to: then Tasmanian Minister for Economic Development, Lara Giddings MHA; Vice-Chancellor of the University of Tasmania, Professor Daryl Le Grew; and the Tasmanian Fulbright Alumni Chapter. We hope to establish further Fulbright Awards with other States in 2007.

The establishment of the new Fulbright Australian National University (ANU) Distinguished Chair in American Political Science was also a first for the Commission. Professor Ken Mayer from the University of Wisconsin, Madison made an outstanding contribution as the inaugural Fulbright ANU Chair (see page 16), and we thank ANU and the U.S. Department of State for their support in making this award possible.

As Vice-Chancellor of Queensland University of Technology (QUT) it was an honour to host the first Fulbright National Awards Dinner in Queensland, held on 18 May at QUT's Creative Industries Precinct at Kelvin Grove. The National Dinner has become the premier event on the Fulbright calendar and an important one for universities to host. Our special guests of honour at the 2006 Dinner were the Deputy Premier of Queensland, Anna Bligh and the U.S. Embassy Chargé d'Affaires, Dr Bill Stanton.

Members of the Fulbright community were very pleased to meet Robert D. McCallum, Jr. the new U.S. Ambassador to Australia, at an official Fulbright event at the U.S. Embassy in November. He and his wife Mimi have already been actively involved in Fulbright activities and we look forward to working with him in his capacity as Honorary Co-Chair of the Fulbright Commission.

There were several changes in Board membership for 2006. On behalf of the Board, I wish to thank Susan Crystal, Counselor for Public Affairs of the U.S. Embassy for her enthusiastic support as a member of the Board for the past four years, and Libby Schick for her brief term as the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade representative.

We are pleased to welcome three new Board members: Erin Flaherty, a Corporate Counsel from Sydney; Allaster Cox, Assistant Secretary for the U.S. Branch of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; and Scott Weinhold, Counselor for Public Affairs.



The Fulbright Commission gratefully acknowledges the continuing generous support of the U.S. and Australian Governments as well as our corporate, institutional and individual sponsors including Clough, Telstra Corporation, BHP Billiton and Anthony Joseph Pratt along with other supporters listed in this Report.

Similarly, our National selection committees and State alumni groups again made effective, valuable and much appreciated contributions. I take this opportunity to sincerely thank all those who devote their time and energy to these activities.

Our Executive Director, Mark Darby, and all of the staff have injected continuing enthusiasm and a high level of professionalism into the work of the Commission and achieved another year of proud accomplishments for the Fulbright Program in Australia.

Executive Director

Mark Darby

It was a very busy, yet productive, year at the Fulbright Commission.

In late February we were honoured to host the Fulbright East Asia Pacific Regional Conference and welcome all our Fulbright Program colleagues from the region (China, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, and Thailand) and the United States to Sydney. The four-day conference program provided the opportunity for a valuable exchange of ideas aimed at continuing to improve the Fulbright Program.

New initiatives at the Commission focused on some key areas.

State Awards

It has been an exciting Fulbright year in Tasmania with the establishment of the first ever state sponsored Fulbright Award and the hosting of the 2006 Fulbright Symposium focused on 'Maritime Governance and Security'. We look forward to working with the Tasmanian Government and the University of Tasmania to establish this award for the long term. We are also exploring other state Fulbright Awards.

U.S. alumni

There are now over 2,000 Americans who have been Fulbright Scholars to Australia. We continued building on the linkages and activities with them in 2006 through our first U.S. West Coast event at Stanford University and a dinner hosted by the Australian Ambassador, Dennis Richardson, and receptions by Consuls John Olsen in New York City and Innes Willox in Los Angeles.

Gregory Schwartz Enrichment Grant

Through the generous support of Steven and Claire Schwartz, an Enrichment Grant was established in memory of their son Gregory and his interest in U.S. history. The grant provides support to Australian Fulbright Postgraduate Scholars to travel to conferences, meetings, and other organisations in the U.S. to enrich their Fulbright studies.

Alumni Initiative Grant

To further promote the aims of the Fulbright Program in building bi-national relations, the Commission announced the establishment of an Alumni Initiative Grant. The first grant of \$A10,000 will be awarded in 2007 to support an Alumnus to return to their host institution in Australia or America to further develop long term institutional linkages.

Finances at the Commission remain strong thanks to the support from the Australian and U.S. governments and our sponsors. The \$A200,000 increase in annual funding from the Australian Government will allow for an increase in the number and value of awards for 2007.

The continuing support of our sponsors has been vital in maintaining the prestige of the Fulbright Awards. As outlined on page 24 their support for a wide range of specific awards has greatly enhanced the diversity of Fulbright Awards and potential for engagement of Scholars with business, government and research organisations. The Australian National University's support in establishing the inaugural Fulbright Distinguished Chair in American Political Science has also been a wonderful initiative.

We also greatly appreciate the support of our Selection Committee members and the Universities and their staff that host the State Selection Committees.

Our thanks to PricewaterhouseCoopers for their support as our auditors over the past five years. Their contribution and guidance have been greatly appreciated. We welcome and look forward to working with the staff at RSM Bird Cameron as our new auditors.

With all the increased activity one of the challenges has been staff resources, resulting in the establishment of a new Administrative Assistant position. We were sorry to farewell Heather Rietdyk, who returned to Sydney towards the end of the year. Heather did an excellent job in establishing the position of Communications Manager at the Commission and greatly improved our publications, website and events management.

My thanks to our sponsors, Board, Selection Committees, Alumni, and the Commission staff for their contribution to a very successful 2006 for the Fulbright Program in Australia.



2006 Commission highlights

- Prime Minister John Howard announces \$A200,000 annual increase in Australian Government funding
- Inaugural Fulbright ANU Distinguished Chair in Political Science
- Investiture of Mrs Harriet Fulbright with an Honorary Order of Australia (AM) for her support of the Australian Fulbright Program
- Fulbright East Asia Pacific Conference held in Sydney
- First U.S. West Coast Alumni event held
- Alumni Initiative Grant announced
- Fulbright dinner with distinguished U.S. Alumni hosted by Australian Ambassador
- Establishment of the first ever State sponsored Award (page 19)
- First National Awards Dinner in Queensland

Program

The administration of the Fulbright Scholarships is the core focus of the Commission.

Promotional activities

During 2006 the Commission focused on broadening awareness of the Program and diversifying the application base of Fulbright Scholars. Staff concentrated on strengthening university relationships and networks with a specific emphasis on connecting with a wider range of universities. This resulted in the first ever Fulbright Scholars to be selected from Southern Cross University and Swinburne University of Technology. Other activities included a targeted approach to a wider range of government departments, agencies and professional organisations which resulted in an increase in Professional Award applications from these sectors.

A recent focus in promoting the Postgraduate Awards, has been to encourage Australian PhD applicants to undertake 8-12 months research in the U.S. This gives them access to leading researchers in their fields, a wider base for field research and the opportunity to build international networks and collaborations. As a result, almost 70% of this year's Australian Fulbright Postgraduate Scholars are enrolled in Australian PhD programs.

Selection of Scholars

Pivotal to the success of the Fulbright Program is the selection process which, in Australia, draws on the professional and academic expertise of over 60 representatives who make up the State and National Selection Committees. This year we welcomed 12 new State Selection Committee members, three National Selection Committee members and appointed four new Chairs. The Commission continued to diversify committee membership to include representatives from a wide range of fields including academic, business, media, community and Fulbright alumni. While the focus of selection is on professional and academic excellence and a project proposal relevant to Australia and the U.S., committees also seek to ensure there is a diversity of Scholars from different academic and professional fields and backgrounds.

For U.S. Fulbright Scholarship applicants, Australia continues to be one of the most competitive countries in the world, attracting the third highest number of applications from 150 countries.

We are grateful to the Fulbright State Secretaries for their commitment and support throughout the year, including Iliana Findikakis, Susan Gasson, Inta Heimanis, Peta Pitchford, Anne Randell and Anne Witt.

Enrichment

Activities to provide Scholars with additional networking opportunities, increased knowledge of the Fulbright Program, and to enrich their Fulbright experience, included the 2006 Enrichment Seminar for U.S. Scholars and the Orientation Program for Australian Scholars. This year saw the successful introduction of a U.S. Fulbright Scholars' Review and Evaluation Meeting held in conjunction with the National Awards Dinner.

U.S. Scholars meet Ambassador McCallum during the Enrichment Seminar in September 2006.



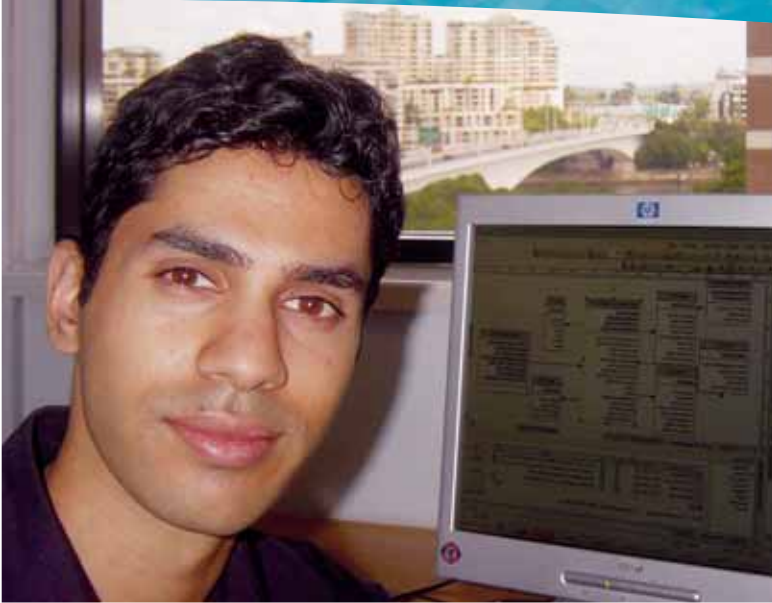
2006 Program highlights

- Appointment of inaugural Fulbright Australian National University Distinguished Chair
- Promotion and selection of inaugural Fulbright Tasmanian Award
- Increased applications for Fulbright Professional, Postgraduate and Postdoctoral Awards
- Presentations conducted at over 24 universities
- First ever Fulbright Scholarships awarded to scholars from Southern Cross University and Swinburne University of Technology
- Enrichment activities included establishment of the *U.S. Fulbright Scholars' Review and Evaluation Meeting*

Australian Fulbright Scholars 2006

POSTGRADUATE	FIELD OF STUDY	HOST INSTITUTION	RESEARCH FOCUS
Matthew Belousoff	Chemistry / Immunology	UC, San Diego	The efficacy of new anti-HIV pharmaceuticals (Aust. PhD research).
Laura Brooks (Engineering - Clough)	Mechanical Engineering	UC, San Diego	Determination of seabed properties and how these properties affect the transmission of sound in the ocean (Aust. PhD research).
Natalie Ebenreuter (Visual & Performing Arts - Pratt)	Multimedia Design/ Dance	Ohio State University and Carnegie Mellon University	Development of a prototype application to assist dancers and choreographers to read, write and interpret dance movements (Aust. PhD research).
Jessica Evans	Law	Columbia University	Human rights and constitutional law, incorporating an internship with a non-government human rights group (U.S. Masters coursework).
Michael Fraser	Physics	Stanford University	Bose-Einstein condensation of excitons in semiconductor coupled quantum wells structures (Aust. PhD research).
Samia Goudie (Indigenous - FACSIA)	Indigenous Wellness/ Health	University of Arizona, New York University and California College of Integral Studies	Resilience and the recovery from inter-generational trauma through a First Nation Peoples and Indigenous Australian perspective (Aust. PhD research).
Jacklyn Hartley (Alumni - WG Walker)	Indigenous Law	University of Arizona	International human rights law and models of Indigenous governance (U.S. Masters coursework).
Paul Hubbard	International Relations	Syracuse University	International Relations with a geographic focus on China and East Asia and international development (U.S. Masters coursework).
Avin Mathew (Technology & Communication - Telstra)	Software Engineering	University of Cincinnati, Ohio	Design of an asset management data warehouse, to assist strategic planning and management through the effective access and use of data (Aust. PhD research).
Sophie Nicholls	Linguistics	University of New Mexico and UC, Santa Barbara	Linguistic aspects of co-operative discourse in Indigenous languages (Aust. PhD research).
Clare O'Neil	Public Policy	Harvard University	Researching innovative environments in government and solutions to systemic poverty (U.S. Masters coursework).
Lisa Richardson	Clinical Psychology	University of Hawaii, Hilo	Telepsychology services as an innovative solution to geographic obstacles of remote mental health service delivery (Aust. PhD research).
POSTDOCTORAL			
Rosalind Hearder	History	University of Wisconsin, Madison	Post-World War II experience of Australian and American veterans who were prisoners of war of the Japanese.
SENIOR SCHOLAR			
Prof. Peter Newman	Environmental Sustainability	University of Virginia, Charlottesville	Sustainability innovations in cities, regions and states.
Assoc. Prof. Catherine Turner	Population Health	Harvard University	Recruitment and retention of the current and future nursing workforce, in order to develop retention strategies.
Prof. David Whiteman	Epidemiology	Fred Hutchison Cancer Research Institute	Risk factors for cancers and pre-cancers of the oesophagus.
PROFESSIONAL			
Dr Mark Brophy (VET - DEST)	Education and Training	Topsfield Foundation, Connecticut	Study Circles as a learning approach and their application to the VET sector, with a focus on disadvantaged learners.
Mr Brett Freudenberg (Business/Industry - Coral Sea)	Taxation Law	University of Illinois	Analyse the proliferation of new business forms in the U.S. to determine the key drivers for their proliferation, and their key characteristics.
Dr Alan Forghani	Remote sensing and geographic information systems	Geographic Information Science Centre, UC, Berkeley	Build capability to develop a land cover classification framework for risk assessment modelling from multi-sector satellite imagery.
Ms Claire Young (Alliance studies - DFAT)	International Relations	Georgetown University	Compatibility of Australian and U.S. 'soft-power' counter-terrorism policy and programs.

A selection of the 2006 Australian Fulbright Scholars



AVIN MATHEW Fulbright Telstra Scholar in Technology and Communication

Sponsored by Telstra

"When I tell people here that I'm studying on a scholarship, and follow it up by casually mentioning that it is a Fulbright scholarship, their eyes light up."

Based at the Center for Intelligent Maintenance Systems at the University of Cincinnati, Ohio, Avin is conducting research on engineering asset management data warehousing and data mining, an integral part of his PhD on information technology systems at Queensland University of Technology (QUT).

"Access to accurate and timely information through data management is important for any industry that manages large scale engineering assets."

He plans to apply his research in Australia to better understand the issues on the composition, use, and efficiency of asset management information technology systems.

"The U.S. and, in particular, the IMS Center, have been great in terms of meeting various people from industry. There is a diversity of companies willing to collaborate with academic institutions. I've been able to acquire data here to test out my models that would not have been possible back in Australia."

Avin is excited about the collaboration now starting to flourish between the two universities. "We've been able to send machine vibration data collected by the IMS Center to a PhD student at QUT and have also started talks about sharing algorithms for fault diagnosis and prognosis to better understand what each institution is working on."

Away from his hard work, a highlight for Avin was an ice hockey game he attended along with fellow Fulbright scholar, Natalie Ebenreuter.

"We had hotdogs topped with ketchup and mustard, and big inflatable Bam Bam sticks that made noise when you hit them together – it was everything you expect an American sports game to be – big, gaudy, noisy and fun!"



SAMIA GOUDIE Fulbright Indigenous Scholar

Sponsored by the Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination in the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

"I feel my research and my life have been enriched beyond anything I could have imagined and can only guess what the next seven months still have in store for me."

Samia Goudie, a member of the Bundjalung Mununjali Nation/Clan from northern New South Wales and a postgraduate student at the Ginibi Indigenous Peoples College, Southern Cross University, is undertaking research at the University of Arizona and New York University. Her topic explores the use of creative narrative in building recovery from Historical and Intergenerational Trauma in Indigenous cultures.

"I am examining what is working and not working in Australia and in the U.S. – our similarities and differences in addressing the historical and ongoing legacy of colonisation and the subsequent policies that affect Indigenous peoples in the recovery from intergenerational trauma."

"I feel the opportunity to broaden my scholarship in my area of research has been vital in allowing me to access what is working in Australia and what can be improved upon. This work will lead to positive outcomes that can be recommended and utilised in developing programs that will help improve wellness and health outcomes for Indigenous people."

"The networks I am making here will contribute to linking Indigenous communities with each other and create a platform for further dialogue and exchanges, both academic and professional and at a community and cultural level."

"My experience has so far been outstanding and the warmth of welcome at both universities has been incredible."

Highlights for Samia include attending the Native American Film Festival in New York and a stint of teaching at the Bronx College in New York City.



DR MARK BROPHY
Fulbright DEST Professional Scholar in
Vocational Education and Training

Sponsored by the Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST)

“The study circle is a unique learning approach that is being used in the U.S. to help develop the trusting relationships necessary for long-term change for disadvantaged learners.”

Mark Brophy is a Senior Project Manager with the Victorian Government Office of Training and Tertiary Education. He recently left for the U.S. where he will use his Fulbright Award to further the concept of study circles in Australia. Although some work has been done on study circles in Australia, it has so far been ad hoc. By establishing a relationship and entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the U.S. Study Circles Resource Center (SCRC), Mark hopes to consolidate the concept in Australia.

“Australia’s increasing awareness and activity in study circles, along with this support from the SCRC, provides a unique opportunity for this country to be the forerunner in globalising the concept.”

There is strong evidence in the U.S. and in Sweden that well-organised community-wide study circle programs can result in dramatic improvements in education and training participation for disadvantaged learners.

“In a setting where everyone is equal, and through open and democratic dialogue, the small group of diverse circle members listen and learn from each other. My research in the U.S. will include the development of a portfolio of resources including procedures, protocol, policies and multi-media material.”

“The Fulbright connection has already given me opportunities with a conference presentation at the VET network National Conference in Cairns and presentations at the Teens Teaching Training Forum in Perth.”



DR ROSALIND HEARDER
Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholar

“I’m learning new personal and professional skills that I’ll take with me into my future life and career.”

Rosalind Hearder received her History PhD from the University of Melbourne, on the roles and experiences of Australian medical officers in Japanese captivity during the Second World War. Through her Fulbright Award she is conducting research at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (UW) into the post-war experiences of former World War II Allied Japanese POWs, from medical, political and cultural aspects.

“The Department of Medical History and Bioethics at UW is renowned as being one of the most influential and foremost medical history centres in the world. Not only do I have colleagues in the medical field, but historians, anthropologists, and bioethicists as well, comprising a very diverse and stimulating group.”

Her research will highlight the shared historical experiences of Australia and the U.S., especially the long-term effects of war on veterans and their families.

“Being in the U.S. has given me access to a variety of archival and secondary sources and enabled me to conduct personal interviews with surviving American ex-POWs, appropriate officials, experts and scholars.”

Rosalind has laid the foundations for future collaborations with the host university, and also established relationships with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and with the International Society for Military History. She is teaching a course in the department at UW, on the history of military medicine from 1850 to now.

Slowly becoming accustomed to the “wow – a Fulbright” reaction from those she meets, Rosalind has settled in to a busy schedule – “I can look back and say I have never worked harder” – and absorbing what she can of American culture including “football, the political process, wonderful live music” and meeting “some great people”!



SOPHIE NICHOLLS
Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar

“I have had the opportunity to present my research to many audiences who did not previously know how relevant Australian language research was to their own.”

Sophie Nicholls is working with experts in Native American languages at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, and the University of California, Santa Barbara. Her study will go towards her PhD in linguistics at the University of New England.

By implementing varied methodologies to analyse language, Sophie aims to facilitate communication across languages and cultures by providing clear understandings of how interactional styles can differ between languages and cultures.

“It is extremely valuable to me to form links with other people who are also bridging the divide between academic and practical applications such as teaching and translating. In the South-West it is especially pertinent as some Indigenous language speakers are themselves academics.”

“The more I learn here, the more it becomes clear that language issues and methodologies in the U.S. are also appropriate for the context and setting of Australian Aboriginal language communities.”

Sophie plans to continue to learn new methodologies for connecting language as an interactional tool with academic research in a way that benefits the often marginalised speakers of these languages.

“The global community benefits when animosity and suspicion between different cultural groups can be minimised and replaced by mutual understanding and respect.”

“From watching traditional Native American dance to talking with Apache and Navajo speakers about the concerns of their language, or attending conference sessions discussed in Navajo language, I have learnt a lot just by being in these new and extraordinary environments.”



PROFESSOR PETER NEWMAN
Fulbright Senior Scholar

“My project is documenting the sustainability innovations that have occurred in Australia and the opportunities that are becoming evident in the U.S.”

Professor Newman is Director of the Institute for Sustainability and Technology Policy at Murdoch University, and widely acclaimed as a distinguished author for his research and papers on sustainable cities and urban form. He is conducting research at the University of Virginia on how U.S. cities and states respond innovatively to global issues like climate change and peak oil.

“My host, Professor Tim Beatley, and I have written a book together, and drafted another, in just 10 weeks – that must be close to unique.

‘*Responding to Peak Oil: Toward Resilient, Sustainable, Solar Cities*’ - has relevance to both the U.S. and Australia. World trends indicate that the peak in production of conventional oil has already occurred. Higher oil prices are not something people want but it will get worse and we will need lots of help in the transition. This book outlines the cities worldwide that are showing how it is possible to reduce car use and dependence and thrive.

‘*Green Urbanism Down Under*’ - sets out a range of innovations occurring across Australia that will be of considerable interest to local and state governments in the U.S. and Australia.”

Peter is also helping to establish a Center for Global Sustainability at the University of Virginia to link Australian sustainability researchers with local scholars. The Center will facilitate the global agenda on how cities need to respond to the issues of climate change, oil, the new sustainable transport agenda, and other issues, by working with cities to create policy suggestions and practical ideas for change.

American Fulbright Scholars 2006

POSTGRADUATE	FIELD OF STUDY	HOST INSTITUTION	RESEARCH FOCUS
Devon Biggerstaff	Physics	University of Queensland	Optical methods for characterising entangled photon states useful in experimental quantum information.
Jessica Boynton	Linguistics	University of Western Australia	Linguistic fieldwork to document Tjupany, an Indigenous language of the Western Desert region of Australia.
Laura "Kat" Burmeister	Anthropology	Charles Darwin University	Affect of Aboriginal youth's increased exposure to formal education on egalitarian sharing practices.
Lindsay Chura	Biology	University of Adelaide	Underlying mechanisms of the relationship between obesity and female fertility.
Michael Deceglie	Physics	University of Queensland	Nanocrystal conducting polymers and their application to solar cells (Australian Masters Program).
Laura Greisman	Pharmacology	University of Melbourne	Evolution, toxicology and health significance of toxic venomous fish.
Sara Hughes	Environmental Policy	University of South Australia	Socio-political aspects for water management in Australia.
Russell Johnson	Biology	University of Melbourne	Metabolic pathways in the apicoplast of the parasite <i>plasmodium falciparum</i> , the human infecting species of malaria.
Amos Jones	Law	University of Melbourne	Comparative research encompassing law and politics, with a focus on religion.
Jody Kelman (Alumni Scholar)	Political Science	University of Sydney	International studies focusing on investigating attitudes towards asylum seekers (Australian Masters Program).
Jonathan Kobrinski	Law	La Trobe University	Comparative legal studies analysing the differences in criminal sentencing methods in the U.S. and Australia.
Kate Murray	Clinical Psychology	University of Queensland	Comparative research into refugee resilience in resettlement.
Jeanette Simmonds	History	University of Queensland	Historical study of Australian biological nitrogen fixation research focusing on the symbiosis between legumes and soil bacteria.
Eric Yip	Behavioural Ecology	Australian National University	Social conflict in Australian huntsman spiders.

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Prof. Kenneth Mayer	Political Science	Australian National University	Campaign fundraising and executive power in politics.
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SENIOR SCHOLAR

Assoc. Prof. James Bever	Biological Sciences	CSIRO	Soil micro-organisms as determinates of terrestrial plant community dynamics and restoration.
Prof. Danielle Conway-Jones	Law	La Trobe University	Intellectual property law and rights of Indigenous peoples in traditional knowledge, cultural expression and genetic resources.
Assoc. Prof. Jeffrey Lantis	Political Science	University of New South Wales	Australian debates over the ratification of international treaties.
Assoc. Prof. Timothy Nohe	Art	University of Wollongong	Sound design and installation art resulting in publication of a sound installation and audio DVD.
Assoc. Prof. GERALYN SCHULZ	Medical Science	University of Queensland	Techniques of lingual movement (bio) feedback in remediating speech problems following neurological damage.
Prof. Wendy Woodson	Dance/Theatre	Victorian College of the Arts	Creating a performance work that relates to concepts, experiences and images of reconciliation, mediation and migration.

A selection of the 2006 U.S. Fulbright Scholars



DANIELLE CONWAY-JONES Fulbright Senior Scholar

Professor Danielle Conway-Jones is a Professor of Law and Director of the Hawai'i Procurement Institute at the William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i at Manoa.

With her Fulbright scholarship she is conducting research on the rights of Indigenous Peoples in traditional knowledge, cultural expression, and genetic resources at La Trobe University. While in Australia she is also conducting lectures on intellectual property licensing law.

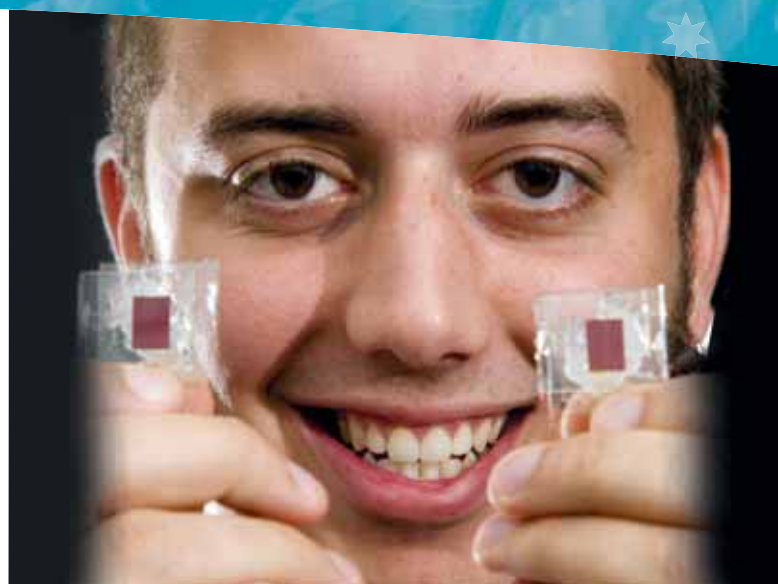
"I argue that traditional knowledge is worthy of protection because there is great potential for western exploitation of this knowledge."

A widely recognised speaker and dedicated professional who has pursued the exploration of intellectual property law as a vehicle for social activism and justice, Danielle has written cutting-edge articles dealing with the substance and policy of intellectual property law, government contract law, information law and policy, internet law and policy, globalisation, Native Hawaiian rights, and trademark law.

In the Faculty of Law and Management at La Trobe University, Danielle is lecturing on Intellectual Property Licensing Law and U.S. Government Contract Law in addition to conducting her research.

"My research has been given context by the myriad writings of Indigenous authors, activists, and performers, including Doris Pilkington, Mick Dodson, Larissa Behrendt, and Liz Cavanagh, among many others, and by the superior collections at the Koorie Heritage Trust Cultural Centre and Bunjilaka, The Aboriginal Centre at Melbourne Museum. In addition, I have been able to network with the legal community by taking the opportunity to attend the 35th Australian Legal Convention, Indigenous Legal Issues Forum presented by the Advisory Committee on Indigenous Legal Issues," said Danielle.

Through her Australian experience of cross-cultural analysis and research into the social, political and economic implications of recognising traditional knowledge as a form of intellectual property, Danielle hopes to enhance current debate in Hawaii and throughout Indigenous communities globally.



MICHAEL DECEGLIE Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar

"It's been very exciting to see what other researchers around Australia are working on with regard to energy."

Michael Deceglie is undertaking research at the University of Queensland on how electric charges move in organic solar cells, namely dye-sensitised solar cells and conducting polymer/nanocrystal cells.

"Such an understanding should help in designing more efficient devices with the potential for a low-cost alternative to the silicon solar cells which currently dominate the market, leading to global improvement in the use of solar energy."

The abundance of sunshine in Australia was certainly one of its attractions to Michael when choosing a place to advance his research.

"Solar energy has a lot of potential in Australia. There are many isolated and sunny areas where it can be put to good use. I saw Australia, with all its sunshine and the good work already being done in the area of solar energy as a great opportunity to demonstrate, by example, the need for trans-national cooperation to address global warming."

"The profile of my work draws attention to the fact that global warming and sustainability are global issues and must be addressed with cooperation among the global community – not just scientifically but also economically and politically."

While in Australia Michael has extended his interest in sustainability by volunteering with Conservation Volunteers of Australia (CVA) to help local bush care groups weed out invasive species and mulch revegetation sites.

A more light-hearted connection with Australia has involved getting his head around the local football codes, cricket (!) and spending "several weekends down on the Gold Coast learning to surf".



TIMOTHY NOHE
Fulbright Senior Scholar

“My children and I have discovered a world alive with cicadas, raucous sulphur-crested cockatoos, galahs, king parrots, querulous lorikeets, frogs, huge huntsman spiders, water dragons, towering gum trees, and flora of wondrous variety.”

Timothy Nohe, Associate Professor, Department of Visual Arts, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, is undertaking research at the University of Wollongong to produce an “immersive, surround-sound experience of Botany Bay”.

“This non-traditional audio-documentary will explore the human use of the Bay, from the first human settlement to the present. I hope to shape the rich voices and sounds of Botany Bay into an aural landscape that will heighten and contrast what is, and has been, so that Australians may experience the past and contemporary complexity of this meeting place.”

Timothy will record these historical ‘sounds’ by giving voice to descriptions of rock paintings and engravings, readings from ships’ logs, botanical specimen findings, tombstone epitaphs, convict songs, emancipists’ letters, and newspaper reports.

“As Australians grapple with, and attempt to define and redefine national identity, ‘mateship’ and citizenship competency, this work will amplify what Australians may no longer hear as they sort out the cacophony of their past and present.”

Timothy chose to work in Australia because it presented him with a site equally rich in history of human usage as Wendover, Utah, where he previously undertook non-traditional documentary projects.

“By living in a new place, a new culture, I have questioned my own practices as an artist and my identity as an American. I have also been introduced to a broad and very mature group of artists and musicians producing electro-acoustic music, microtonal tunings, and alternative radio broadcasts.”



DR AMOS JONES
Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar

“Australia is facing deep cultural conflict over same-sex marriages, religious influences on policy and whether to adopt bills of rights in various contexts. Constitutional theory plays a dynamic role in seeing Australia through these complex relations.”

With a Doctor of Law from Harvard Law School, Amos Jones is undertaking research at the University of Melbourne Law School’s Centre for Comparative Constitutional Studies, on the role of cultural values in higher lawmaking.

“My Fulbright Scholarship has spurred informal but important intellectual interaction between myself and a number of outstanding scholars: Dr Ian Roos, a former Melbourne chemistry professor; Dr Helen Irving of the University of Sydney; and Dr David Tucker, a political theorist whose studies include, among other things, the policy-making role of courts.”

Amos aims to assess the interdependence of popular culture, religion and mass media as they influence the establishment of civil and human rights in Australia.

“I chose Australia because of the serious public debate occurring about proposed bills of rights in sections of the country. Australia also serves as an excellent laboratory for studying the roles of culture, media, politics and religion in post-modern constitutional law-making as the country embodies important similarities to the U.S. in its legal and political systems.”

Amos was fortunate to win a Lois Roth Endowment travel grant, with which he will undertake a fact-finding mission to Adelaide, Perth, Darwin, Brisbane and Hobart before returning to the U.S.

Not missing an opportunity to learn about some of the non-academic aspects of Australian culture, Amos was happy to witness “up-close, the wonders of Australian-rules football, with excellent seats in the hallowed Melbourne Cricket Ground”.



ERIC YIP
Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar

“I’ve already made some startling observations on my study of huntsman spiders, whose behaviour has never before been observed in the wild.”

Eric Yip, who has a Bachelor of Science from the University of Arizona, is undertaking research at the Australian National University with Dr David Rowell, a premier spider geneticist. He is examining the habitat limitations that may have led to sociality and social conflict of the huntsman spider species *Delena Cancerides*.

“This species is endemic to Australia and Dr Rowell’s team is the only lab group working on it here. To understand why this spider lives in groups, while its close relatives do not, it was imperative that I study it in its natural environment. Australia, with its unique geological and biological history, is a gold mine of knowledge.”

“Dr Rowell and his students have also shared their expertise in genetics and molecular biology, allowing me to study how spiders disperse through examining gene flow, adding another dimension to my thesis.”

While Eric has made significant inroads into research towards his PhD at Cornell University, he also feels he has established a permanent base of operations, paving the way for visits by other students studying aspects of spider behaviour and biology.

Eric enjoyed an Australian field trip where he got up close and comfortable with a species of velvet worms he had previously only seen “pickled in a jar”.

“We also saw a few funnel web spiders, a fantastically large earwig, and perhaps more bull ants than I would have liked!”

(Photograph by Simon Couper – Australian National University)



LAURA “KAT” BURMEISTER
Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar

“I feel I have established several professional friendships and partnerships here in academic, educational and community circles.”

Laura is currently conducting research at a primary school in Palmerston in the Northern Territory on grassroots educational initiatives designed to encourage and improve upon positive outcomes for Aboriginal children in urban areas. The research will form the basis of her PhD at the University of Connecticut.

“Mr Greg Jarvis, Principal of Moulden Park Primary School, and Dr Gary Robinson of the School of Social and Policy Research at Charles Darwin University, have enabled me to meet people from the community which has helped me begin to understand the complexity of Australia’s relations with Australian Aboriginal people.”

Laura was drawn to Australia to study as, when conducting literature reviews on Indigenous people, she noticed that academic literature frequently drew parallels between Australian Aboriginal and Native American cultures and social concerns “... both being the first peoples of first-world nations”.

At Palmerston, Laura is investigating how recent changes in funding – from a government to a private and community model – is affecting schools, teachers’ work, and Aboriginal children’s educational experiences and identities.

“Understanding how Indigenous populations are conceiving and negotiating their identities with social expectations, may shed light on the effectiveness of differently conceived educational ideologies. It should also enhance our understanding of the issues around the inclusion of socially-just initiatives in educating urban Aboriginal youth as citizens of society at large.”

“I hope to contribute to our awareness of how to structure and implement effective multicultural educational initiatives and programming in light of increasing migrations of the world’s Indigenous populations to urban centres.”

Inaugural Fulbright ANU Distinguished Chair

A new award for the Australian Fulbright Program, the Fulbright Australian National University Distinguished Chair in American Political Science, was established in collaboration with the Australian National University (ANU) and the U.S. Department of State.

The aim of the award is to bring 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 inaugural Fulbright ANU Distinguished Chair, Professor Kenneth Mayer, from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, took up the position for five months from August to December.

Professor Mayer, a leading American political scientist with a background in campaign finance, legislative behaviour and executive power, won the 2002 Neustadt Award from the American Political Science Association for his book *With the Stroke of a Pen: Executive Orders and Presidential Power*. A Yale University graduate, Professor Mayer is also a member of the Editorial Board of the *American Political Science Review* and has won a number of outstanding teaching awards at the University of Wisconsin.

During his appointment Professor Mayer conducted a national speaking tour of major Australian universities, giving public lectures and seminars in Hobart,

Adelaide, Perth, Brisbane, Melbourne, Canberra and Sydney during September and October. The two major topics for the tour – Electoral Integrity and Executive Power – both drew strong comparisons and differences between the Australian and U.S. systems.

While in the position, Professor Mayer also undertook research on two specific collaborative programs which take advantage of similarities between Australia and the U.S. one a comparative study of election financing and the other a longer-term study comparing executive leadership by presidents and prime ministers.

To honour and welcome Professor Mayer to the Australian National University, Vice-Chancellor Professor Ian Chubb, hosted a lunch attended by the U.S. Ambassador, Robert McCallum, and ANU faculty representatives, including Fulbright alumni. The Fulbright ANU Distinguished Chair is affiliated with the School of Social Sciences in the ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences which offers a strong American studies program, including an internship in the U.S. Congress.

The Chair is part of the international Fulbright Program and is considered to be one of the most prestigious appointments offered by the organisation. There are currently only 31 Fulbright Distinguished Chair positions in the world, with this position being the first offered in Australia and the East Asia Pacific Region. ANU is hosting the Chair for the first five years after which it will be open to other Australian universities.

Left: U.S. Ambassador to Australia, Robert McCallum Jr.; ANU Distinguished Chair, Professor Kenneth Mayer; and ANU Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ian Chubb.
Right: Professor Mayer on his lecture tour.

"We tend to study the U.S. as the centre of a Ptolemaic universe ... But, having now observed Australian politics for an extended period, I now have the ability to look at U.S. practices from a new vantage point, and appreciate the similarities and differences between two comparable democratic political systems...."

"The Fulbright connection was crucial in opening doors and giving me access to decision makers and officials."

Professor Kenneth Mayer

Topics for Professor Mayer's presentations:

The Integrity of American Elections

The 2000 presidential election is widely considered an administrative disaster. It prompted major reforms and new laws on voter registration, voting technology and election administration. This talk focused on the history of the U.S. election system (including its adoption of the Australian ballot), its challenges and its recent reforms.

Who runs the Country? Executive Power in U.S. and Australian Government

Where does executive power come from? How is excessive use of this power checked? What can Australia and the U.S. learn from each other? This talk discussed the development of presidential power in the U.S., and addressed current concerns that recent presidents and prime ministers have pushed too far.

Papers available from the Fulbright website www.fulbright.com.au



National Awards Dinner

Queensland congratulates the 2006 Australian Fulbright Scholars

Queensland Deputy Premier, The Hon. Anna Bligh MP, welcomed the 2006 Australian Fulbright Scholars to Brisbane for the Fulbright National Awards Dinner on 18 May, the premier event on the Australian Fulbright calendar.

The Queensland University of Technology (QUT) hosted the dinner at their Kelvin Grove Creative Industries Precinct in Brisbane as the first Fulbright National Awards Dinner held in Queensland.

In congratulating the Scholars, Anna Bligh paid tribute to their high academic achievements and leadership qualities, stating that it would ensure Australia's participation in education on a global scale.

The event brought together 200 government, business and educational representatives, distinguished alumni, U.S. Fulbright scholars, family and friends.

Guests were entertained by QUT performers Avril Huddy with her 'Big Dress' and acclaimed singer Kate Miller-Heidke. QUT Creative Industries faculty and students created a multi-media presentation of the Fulbright Program history and activities which screened throughout the dinner.

The Fulbright Scholars were presented to: Dr William Stanton, Chargé d'Affaires a.i., U.S. Embassy; The Hon. Anna Bligh MP, Deputy Premier Queensland; and Professor Paul Kerin, National President of the Australian Fulbright (Alumni) Association.

The Australian Scholars represented a diverse range of professional fields including linguistics, quantum physics, dance, pharmaceuticals, bushfire research systems, international development, Indigenous law, data asset management, sustainable cities, mental health services, nursing and counter terrorism. For a complete list of Scholars see page 8.

The 2007 National Awards Dinner will again be held in Queensland, hosted by the University of Queensland, at the elegant Customs House on 24 May.

Left: The 2006 Scholars
Right: Big Dress – A performance by QUT performer Avril Huddy



U.S. educators explore Australia's unique environment

For the second consecutive year, Australia hosted a Fulbright-Hays Seminar Abroad Program to Australia in June and July. Titled *Australia – An Ancient, Delicate and Unique Environment*, the seminar focussed on the environmental history of Australia in a cultural and social context.

Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, the program provided short-term study and travel seminars for U.S. educators to improve their understanding and knowledge of other countries. The individual awards included a round-trip economy airfare, room and board, tuition and fees, and program-related travel within Australia.

Participants developed a curriculum project to integrate their experience into their U.S. classrooms.

The 16 participants in the 2006 seminar spent five weeks in various locations throughout Australia including Canberra, Alice Springs, Kakadu and the Great Barrier Reef, and explored how physical isolation has affected the Australian environment and Aboriginal society and modern Australian society and culture.

More than just a tour, the seminar enabled participants to gain first hand experience of Australian culture through home stays, school visits in urban and rural areas, and time with local Aboriginal communities. The program also allowed participants to fulfil their own research agendas and areas of interest. They also had the opportunity to meet with U.S. Fulbright Scholars and Fulbright Alumni in Australia.

Participants' projects are available on the Fulbright website.

"The inner country of Australia is beautiful and definitely unique to Australia... Uluru (Ayers Rock) and Kata Tjuta (the Olgas) show how old the continent is."
Bridget Federspiel

"A highlight to me was seeing the depth and variety of the environment of Australia, the animals, terrain and weather. The experience was extremely enlightening and beneficial. It will impact my students and my teaching for the rest of my teaching career. Thank you for this wonderful opportunity." Cindy Jessup

"Uluru was great. Loved the rock art. The guide was fun and painting dot art with aboriginals was the highlight."
Nadene Adams

"It was and I am sure will always be one of the highlights of my teaching career! You have elevated and celebrated us as teachers and truly honoured our profession. I will never be able to adequately thank you for giving me this incredible gift of a lifetime."
Vicki O'Neal

"I have no doubt that this travel/study opportunity will impact hundreds of students in the U.S. and Australia. What a wonderful legacy."
Vicki O'Neal

"A highlight for me was the opportunity to touch and experience the weather, the forests, deserts, reefs, tropics, the birds and animals, to see the stars, sunrise and sunset at Uluru, to see and experience Aboriginal art and culture and gather artefacts and some understanding of this unique culture."
JoAnn Trygestad

Left and Right: U.S. participants of the Fulbright-Hays program in the field.



Fulbright in Tasmania

First Fulbright State Award

In February the then Tasmanian Minister for Economic Development, Lara Giddings MHA and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Tasmania, Professor Daryl Le Grew, announced their joint support for the establishment of a Fulbright Tasmanian Award.

The U.S. Consul General to Melbourne and Fulbright Board member, Earl Irving, highlighted the Award's importance as the first ever state-based Fulbright Award in the history of the Australian Fulbright Program. He congratulated the Tasmanian Government and the University of Tasmania for their initiative saying that the Award demonstrated Tasmania's vision for the future through the support of research and development, and the development of long-term international relations.

Lara Giddings said that the award would assist in building long-term linkages between Tasmania and the United States in the mutually beneficial areas of research and development and also help to build international partnerships.

Professor Le Grew highlighted that the award would also bring lasting outcomes for Tasmania and 'open doors' in the United States, given that Fulbright Awards are internationally recognised. Tasmanians have won Fulbright Awards in the past, but he said that this initiative would ensure greater opportunities for Tasmanians. He was pleased to partner with the Tasmanian Government in establishing this award and said the University would seek donations to ensure its endowment for the future.

The Fulbright Tasmanian Scholar is selected on professional and academic merit and the potential benefit of their proposed research for Tasmania. The inaugural Fulbright Tasmanian Scholar will commence their program of study or research from mid-2007.

The Commission is currently exploring the option of Fulbright State Awards being established with other Australian states during 2007.

Chair of Tasmanian AFA, Dr Anthony Worby; former Tasmanian Minister for Economic Development, Lara Giddings; U.S. Consul General to Melbourne and Fulbright Board member, Earl Irving; and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Tasmania, Professor Daryl Le Grew.



'Maritime Governance and Security' – the 2006 Fulbright Symposium

In June, the University of Tasmania's School of Government hosted the 2006 Fulbright Symposium in Hobart on the topic of *Maritime Governance and Security*, with a focus on Asia and the South Pacific.

The aim of the annual symposium is to publicly demonstrate the Fulbright 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 and engage leading speakers from both countries.

This symposium's American speakers included Professor Douglas Stewart from the Dickinson College and U.S. Army War College, Pennsylvania; and Professor Richard Hildreth, Director of the University of Oregon Ocean and Coastal Law Center.

Australian presenters included: Professor Bill Tow, Australian National University; Dr Rod Lyon, University of Queensland; Dr Carl Ungerer, University of Queensland; Dr Sam Bateman, University of Wollongong; Associate Professor Derek McDougall, University of Melbourne; Professor Bruce Mapstone, University of Tasmania; and Mr Tony Mulder, Commander, Tasmanian Police.

Delegates from Australian and U.S. universities and government agencies, including police, customs and the military, attended such sessions as *Maritime Law and Governance*, the *Marine Environment*, and *Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism*.

In launching the Symposium, Earl Irving, U.S. Consul General, Melbourne and Professor Daryl Le Grew, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Tasmania, highlighted the importance of relations and the strong maritime links between Australia and the U.S.

Program and abstracts are available from the Symposium link on the Fulbright website.

The 2007 Fulbright Symposium will be hosted by the University of Western Australia, Centre for Muslim States and Societies, on the topic *Muslim Citizens in the West: Promoting Social Inclusion*.

"The Australian-American Fulbright Commission is a living example of our ongoing partnership. With quiet individual diplomacy and friendship, Fulbright Scholars further both Australia's and America's interests. Tasmania is setting the bar high by developing the first ever State Award with its commitment to the Tasmanian Fulbright Award and hosting the 2006 Fulbright Symposium."

Earl Irving, U.S. Consul General Melbourne.

Alumni events and happenings

Australian Fulbright Association

The Australian Fulbright Association (AFA) facilitates professional and social networking opportunities for Alumni and supports current Fulbright Scholars. Members of the Association receive invitations to official functions, discounts on National Awards Dinner tickets, and a copy of the Fulbrighter newsletter. Funds raised by the Association also contribute towards the development of the Fulbright Program in Australia.

State Chapters of the AFA continued to organise events for alumni and new Scholars. This year, members in each State hosted a welcome dinner for the inaugural Fulbright ANU Distinguished Chair, Professor Kenneth Mayer, as he conducted public lectures around Australia. Receptions or dinners were also held in most states to welcome U.S. Scholars and congratulate new Australian Scholars.

Earlier in the year Professor Paul Kerin from the Melbourne School of Business took over from The Hon. Greg Hunt MP as National President of the Association. Unfortunately Paul had to resign due to ill health later in the year and Greg Hunt has again taken on the role in an interim capacity until the appointment of a new President in May 2007. Treasurer Robert Niven also resigned to take up a distinguished Marie Curie International Fellowship in Denmark and alumnus Cheryl Hislop has taken over this role.

While present membership is quite strong, with over 400 members including 32 life members, the association is seeking to increase membership over the coming year.

Establishment of U.S. Alumni Chapter

Working closely with the Australian Fulbright Association, the Commission started to explore the establishment of a U.S. Alumni Chapter that builds on strong Fulbright links and connects with the Australian Embassy and Consulates. Given the interest from U.S. alumni in this initiative we look forward to developing this concept, and associated U.S. activities, further in 2007.

Functions

Alumni attended a wide range of events throughout the year, including:

- a reception in May at the Australian Embassy in Washington DC where Prime Minister John Howard invested Harriet Fulbright with the Order of Australia Medal;
- the first U.S. West Coast alumni event, hosted by Stanford University, in March with Mrs Fulbright and Australian Consul General and Trade Commissioner for San Francisco, David Lawson;
- various Australian State receptions and dinners with 2006 Australian Fulbright Scholars in March/ April;
- a dinner in Washington DC hosted by the Australian Ambassador to the U.S., Dennis Richardson, to honour and celebrate the Fulbright Program in Australia;
- receptions hosted by the Australian Consul Generals in New York (Mr John Olsen) and Los Angeles (Mr Innes Willox) in October to welcome the 2006 Australian Fulbright Scholars to America; and
- the Annual Fulbright Alumni Reception hosted by the new U.S. Ambassador to Australia, Robert D. McCallum Jr., at the Canberra Embassy residence.

Fulbright Alumni Directory

The Alumni Directory was updated and is accessible via the Fulbright website to allow alumni and scholars in Australia and the United States to continue building professional and social networks. The directory lists over 5,000 Australian and American Fulbright alumni and allows a search of alumni based on professional field, research area, university, place of employment and geographical location. All alumni were issued with an ID and logon details to access the database.

Fulbright Alumni Awards

Australian Alumni (WG Walker) Scholar, Jacklyn Hartley, travelled to the U.S. to undertake a Master of Laws in Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy at the University of Arizona, Tucson. The U.S. Alumni Scholar, Jody Kelman, is undertaking a Masters in International Studies at the University of Sydney focusing on Australian attitudes towards asylum seekers.

The Fulbright Alumni Awards, established through annual donations to the Alumni Funds, are the most prestigious Postgraduate Awards. Presented to the highest ranked postgraduate Fulbright Scholars, they are a positive way for Fulbright Alumni to contribute towards providing the Fulbright experience for future talented young Australians and Americans.

Left: Prime Minister John Howard with Harriet Fulbright at the investiture of her honorary Order of Australia medal
Right: Kirsty Guster (photograph courtesy of Office of Public Affairs, Embassy of the United States of America)



Alumni achievements



Terence Tao

Throughout 2006 Australian and U.S. Fulbright Alumni continued to achieve in their fields, some even making international headlines.

Terence Tao — 1992 Australian Postgraduate Scholar

Maths fans and media clamoured to meet Terence in August at the 25th International Congress of Mathematicians in Madrid when he became the youngest, and first Australian, to win the prestigious Fields Medal, the equivalent of the Nobel Prize in maths. For a boy from Adelaide, who went to America on a Fulbright Scholarship at just 16, it has been a somewhat 'surreal' year. Just one month after winning the Fields Medal, this 'Mozart of Maths' also won a \$US500,000 MacArthur Fellow Grant awarded to talented individuals with exceptional creativity and promise for future important advances.

Cassandra Pybus — 2001 Australian Senior Scholar

Cassandra's book *Epic Journeys of Freedom: Runaway Slaves of the American Revolution and Their Global Quest for Liberty* received rave reviews for groundbreaking research uncovering stories of runaway slaves who left America to forge difficult new lives in far-flung corners of the British Empire.

Aleksandr Tsiboulski — 2005 Australian Postgraduate Scholar

In a big year Aleksandr won the 49th Tokyo International Guitar Competition, the D'Addario Classical Guitar Competition in Connecticut, the St. Joseph International Guitar Competition in Missouri and received 3rd Prize in the Guitar Foundation of America International Competition.

Geraldine Chin — 2001 Australian Postgraduate Scholar

Geraldine received the Panasonic Young Women's Award in the 2006 Telstra NSW Business Awards in September in recognition of her work on driving cultural change at the Australian Stock Exchange.

David McCann — 2005 Australian Postgraduate Scholar

Following the conclusion of his Masters in Law at Columbia University, David was selected as a Policy Associate at the William J. Clinton Foundation in New York. He is now working on a range of international climate change initiatives developed by the Foundation.

Professor Alex Frino — 2005 Australian Senior Scholar

Following his Fulbright research at the Commodity Futures Trading Commission in Washington DC, Alex managed to secure \$A2 million in seed funding from the Sydney Futures Exchange to establish a Futures Industry Research Centre at the University of Sydney. The Centre conducts research in macro-economic context and relevance, performance and efficiency of the Australian futures industry.

John Hope Franklin — 1960 and 1973 U.S. Distinguished Visitor and Lincoln Lecturer Scholar

Professor Emeritus of History from Duke University and best known for his work *From Slavery to Freedom*, John Franklin was recognised in November as the third recipient of the John W. Kluge Prize for lifetime achievement in the study of humanity. He is to also be recognised with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Fulbright Association in March 2007.

John was also interviewed by another Fulbright alumnus to Australia (1968 and 1971), U.S. National Archivist, Dr Allen Weinstein, in *An American Conversation*, a National Archives initiative available online through their web site www.archives.gov/about/archivist/conversations

Brian Henry — 1997 U.S. Postgraduate Scholar

With an already broad international reputation for his editorial and critical efforts and his sizeable creative output, Brian Henry well and truly established his mark on the literary world during 2006 when he won the Carole Weinstein Poetry Prize. The prize is awarded each year to a poet with strong connections to central Virginia, recognises significant recent contribution to the art of poetry and is awarded on the basis of a range of achievements in the field of poetry.

The publication of his limited edition book, *In the Unlikely Event of a Water*, in December 2006, comes at the end of a long list of poetry publications since his first poetry book *Astronaut* was published in 2000.

Financial report

Financial Review

Finance Report

The summarised Financial Statements are extracted from the Commission's complete Financial Statements, which RSM Bird Cameron gave an unqualified audit report. A complete set of the Audited Financial Statements are 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 following applicable Australian Accounting Standards and Urgent Issues Group Interpretations were applied; AASB 110: Events after the Balance Sheet Date; AASB 1031: Materiality.

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

Of note is the increase in sponsorship funding reflecting an increase in program expenses and administration costs. The Fulbright Commission also manages a number of externally funded programs which are not reflected in the Income Statement. This additional management is reflected in the administration costs. In 2006 and 2005 the U.S. Government provided additional funding to conduct a Fulbright-Hays Seminar Abroad.

The investments include endowment funds from donations received. These are permanent funds and from earnings provide for the Coral Sea Fulbright Professional Scholarship, the Australian Alumni (WG Walker) Scholarship and the U.S. Alumni Scholarship. The investments are shown at a fair market value and our thanks to Tony Gleeson from Genesys Wealth Advisers for providing excellent advice and continuing to assist us in the management of our investments.

Financial Statements Income Statement for year ended 31 December 2006

	Note	2006 \$	2005 \$
Funding for ordinary activities			
Australian Government		597,853	579,877
United States Government		852,219	829,487
United States Government – Fulbright-Hays		424,184	391,417
Scholarship sponsorships		254,795	169,481
Endowment sponsorship	1	24,721	272,016
Total funding		2,153,772	2,242,278
Other revenue			
Interest earned		29,855	37,642
Gain on investment		225,251	163,282
Foreign currency exchange		6,285	13,114
Other income		17,500	17,505
Total other revenue		278,891	231,543
Total revenue		2,432,663	2,473,821
Expenses from ordinary activities			
Program expenses		1,301,906	1,190,419
Program returns		(48,069)	(94,438)
Fulbright-Hays program expenses		424,184	391,820
Administration		499,974	412,118
Non-program expenses		193,496	186,377
Foreign currency exchange		8,605	0
Total expenses		2,380,096	2,086,296
Operating surplus (deficit)		52,567	387,525
Accumulated fund previous year		993,753	621,728
Transfer (to) from reserves		(12,077)	(15,500)
Balance for year taken to accumulated fund		1,034,243	993,753

Note 1. The Australian Fulbright Association donated the Australian Alumni (WG Walker) Fund during 2005.

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2006

	2006 \$	2005 \$
Assets		
Cash	398,083	1,258,346
Funds receivable from governments	261,153	13,630
Receivables	21,024	42,867
Other current assets	19,745	24,904
	700,005	1,339,747
Investments held at market value	1,504,874	1,330,451
Total assets	2,204,879	2,670,198
Liabilities		
Provisions	199,024	117,152
Funding in advance	0	749,949
Creditors	55,568	23,917
	254,592	891,018
Unpaid program costs	513,702	395,162
Total liabilities	768,294	1,286,180
Net assets	1,436,585	1,384,018
Equity		
Reserves	402,342	390,265
Accumulated funds	1,034,243	993,753
Total Equity	1,436,585	1,384,018

Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 31 December 2006.

In order to be consistent with the Manual for Binational Commissions and Foundations the Commission does not hold any fixed capital or equity. There are no movements in equity other than movements in Reserves.

Sponsors

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

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

CORORATE PARTNERS

BHP Billiton is the world's largest diversified resources company. The Fulbright BHP Billiton Award in Engineering and Science was established in 2000.

Clough is one of Australia's foremost engineering, construction and asset management groups. The Fulbright Clough Award in Engineering was established in 1994.

Telstra is Australia's leading telecommunications and information services company. The Fulbright Telstra Postgraduate Award in Technology & Communication was initiated in 2005 to support innovation in technology and communications.

GOVERNMENT

The Department of Education, Science and Training, sponsored the 2006 Professional Scholar in Vocational Education and Training Award.

The Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, through the Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination, sponsored the 2006 Fulbright Postgraduate Award for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade announced support for the Fulbright Professional Award in Australia-United States Alliance Studies in 2001 to recognise the 50th Anniversary of the ANZUS Treaty.

The Tasmanian Government, Department of Economic Development assisted in the establishment of the Fulbright Tasmanian Award in 2006.

UNIVERSITIES

The Australian National University (ANU) assisted in supporting the establishment of the Fulbright ANU Distinguished Chair in American Political Science which commenced in 2006.

The University of Tasmania assisted in the establishment of the Fulbright Tasmanian Award in 2006.

FOUNDATIONS / FUNDS

Anthony Joseph Pratt and the Pratt Foundation have supported the Fulbright Postgraduate Award in the Visual and Performing Arts since 1996, providing the opportunity for Australian artists and musicians to study in unique institutions throughout the United States.

The Coral Sea Scholarship Fund was established by the U.S. Ambassador, Mel Sembler, and U.S. companies in 1992 to recognise the 50th anniversary of the Battle of the Coral Sea to support a Fulbright Professional Award focusing on a business/industry issue of relevance to Australia and the United States.

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

The US Alumni Scholarship Fund was established in 2006 and a scholarship is awarded annually to the highest ranked U.S. Fulbright Postgraduate.

Fulbright Gregory Schwartz Enrichment Grants were established in 2006 by Claire and Steven Schwartz in memory of their son Gregory Schwartz to assist Australian Fulbright Postgraduate Scholars enrich their experience in the U.S.

SUPPORTERS

We wish to thank the following for their ongoing support:

Australian universities

Australian universities support the state selection process for Australian applicants (including the University of Tasmania, Monash University, Murdoch University, Queensland University of Technology and The University of Sydney) and where possible waive the tuition fees for visiting U.S. Postgraduates.

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