

Assistance for Hurricane Victims

A recent Eisenhower Fellow to New Zealand who is a passionate about corporate responsibility and philanthropy is behind a significant drive to assist the victims of America's Gulf Coast Hurricane Katrina.

Kathy Higgins is Vice President of Community Relations for health care company Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina (BCBSNC) and leads the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation. Kathy led the creation of the BCBSNC Foundation to promote the health and well-being of North Carolinians. Since 2000 it has awarded US\$16million in grants.

Her team is behind the co-ordination of several initiatives through the American Red Cross to assist evacuees in North Carolina.

"We're stepping up to assist the victims of Hurricane Katrina, and we're doing it for the long haul" said Kathy.

"Both individually and collectively as a company, we have a unique opportunity, and a desire, to put our resources and people to work to help some of the many thousands of people who desperately need it.

"BCBSNC has identified at least 3,000 members who reside in the disaster areas. Our team is working to make sure our members get access to the health care they need as quickly and easily as possible. We are also providing assistance to any employees whose immediate family is affected.

"We are aware of a few employees with immediate family members who were evacuated and are now residing with them in the area" said Kathy.

"We are supporting them financially by providing cash gifts and collecting cash donations and gift cards from our employees. We're also offering them services from our human resources department such as resume writing and job searching.

"Many evacuees arrived with nothing except the clothes they were wearing and urgently need the most basic of necessities. We've been able to provide each person with clothing and shoes and are looking at other ways we can help.

"We understand that there is not a short-term fix. Rebuilding homes and lives is going to be a long-term process. Both as employees and as a company we have a desire to put our resources to work to help some of the many thousands of people who desperately need it."

In addition to assisting BCBSNC members, the organisation has contributed US\$100,000 to the



Hurricane Katrina arriving in Alabama

American Red Cross for disaster relief, has implemented a regular blood drive, and is encouraging and supporting their employee volunteers.

"With so many medical professionals on the staff here, we've been able to offer many types of medical assistance.

"Our employees have raised more than US\$630,000 which will support the many local agencies whose resources may have been depleted during recent relief efforts. This is especially helpful right now, since flooding and destruction make it very difficult - and in some cases even impossible - to deliver mass supplies or volunteers on site.

"We will continue to develop and implement plans well into 2006 and maybe beyond."

BCBSNC delivers health care products, services and information to more than 3.2 million members. For 72 years, the company has served its customers by offering health insurance and has served the people of North Carolina through support of community organisations, programmes and events that promote good health.

The Foundation's primary focus areas include access to health care for the uninsured and underinsured, eliminating racial and ethnic health disparities, physical activity, and screenings and education, all with a focus on preventative care.

Kathy has worked at BCBSNC since 1987 in a variety of leadership roles related to corporate philanthropy, employee volunteerism and other community involvement.

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From the desk of the Executive Director

Mele Wendt

Tena koutou, Talofa lava and warm *Fulbright* greetings to you. As 2005 comes to a close, we remember that 100 years ago, James William Fulbright was born in Missouri, USA, and this year we have celebrated this 100th anniversary. Looking ahead to the future, the 60th anniversary of Fulbright in New Zealand will occur in 2008. We will certainly want to mark this important occasion in a big and special way.

Recently one of our US Graduate students, Ann Brower, was browsing in a second-hand bookstore during a visit to Wellington and happened to come across one of Joan Druett's *Fulbright in New Zealand* book which was produced to celebrate the 40th anniversary. Ann discovered a few neatly-folded papers stored within the book, located at the very page showing a picture of someone who the papers and the book related to - Doreen Gilbraith, Personal Assistant to the Executive Director from 1949 to 1983. Ann had found Doreen Gilbraith's personal copy of the book and her own small collection of Fulbright memories - a newspaper clipping on Eric Budge and his exhibition dahlias, Doreen's personal invitation to the 1988 40th anniversary celebrations and the programme from the day and a few other bits and pieces. What an amazing find!

Having read this book, it is clear that a large part of the strength and success of the Fulbright programme in New Zealand is due to the great work of people in the earlier years like Doreen Gilbraith, Eric Budge and Laurie Cox who served for such remarkably long periods of time and who gave so much.

A little while ago we did quite an extensive promotional tour around all the New Zealand universities. It was wonderful meeting so many staff, students and our alumni. We are in the process of selecting our next New Zealand Graduate students. It is positive and reassuring that each year we get a diverse range of very high calibre applicants who we know will serve the Fulbright mission well if selected. And the good news is that we can give a much larger number of these students this opportunity because of the MoRST funding boost.

On the US side, our next lot of graduate students, nine in total, start arriving this month with most of

them arriving in early February in time for orientation. We will also have three Senior Scholars, three Ian Axford Fellows and their families arriving from the US. No doubt it will be a diverse group of top-notch, wonderful people.

The new Ambassador to New Zealand, His Excellency Bill McCormick, and his wife Gail McCormick, arrived in the country recently. We warmly welcome them to New Zealand and look forward to working with them over the next few years. We also look forward to eating turkey and pecan pie (amongst other things) at our annual Thanksgiving Dinner hosted by the McCormicks at their home on 24 November. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!

The Fulbright office has undergone a few changes recently. In October, we farewelled Ann Thomson, Communications Co-ordinator, who after having been with us for three years, moved on to a position at IRD. We wish Ann all the best in her new role. Around the same time we welcomed back to the office Laurie Wright who had taken a year's parental leave.

An organisational change process took place in September/October, and it was decided that the office would be structured in two areas - the 'Programme and Advising Team' and 'Corporate Services', and that there would be some changes made to various roles. A full outline of positions and responsibilities will be provided in the next newsletter. In the meantime, staff members continue to provide a great service and demonstrate strong commitment to this organisation. I would like to acknowledge and thank them for that.

Having been in the role nine months now, can I say how much I am enjoying the role, and I'd also like to thank Suzanne Snively, Chair of the Fulbright New Zealand Board, for all her guidance and support, and all the other board members and key external people who have helped me settle in and who continue to support our organisation.

Our Christmas Party for those in Wellington (or who can come to Wellington for it) is Thursday 1st December. I know it is far too early to say this but I will not have the opportunity later, *Happy Holidays and a happy New Year to you all!* ■

Fulbright New Zealand Alumni Campaign

We are seeking donations from alumni in New Zealand and the US in order to send a young New Zealander to the US to carry out post-graduate study, and for a young American to come to New Zealand to carry out post-graduate study. To make a tax exempt donation in New Zealand, please complete the form below and return to us at Fulbright New Zealand, Freepost 178565, PO Box 3465, Wellington. To make a tax exempt donation in the US, please complete the form below and send to Aimee Tschopp, Fulbright Assistance Fund, 809 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017. Alternatively, you can make a secure donation online at www.fulbright.org.nz

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Study in the US Outreach Seminars

With an increase in funding which has enabled us to both increase the value and the number of our graduate awards, the recruitment and promotion of our awards this year has been intensive.

The NZ\$2.7million over four years from the New Zealand Government through the Ministry of Research, Science and Technology (MoRST) is for the creation of up to 12 new graduate awards in areas targeted to support growth and innovation in New Zealand. Broadly, this includes biotechnology, information communication technology (ICT), emerging areas of science such as nanotechnology and supporting areas of study relevant to New Zealand's sustainable economic development and future economic growth. These awards are in addition to our usual graduate awards and the Fulbright-EQC Award in Natural Disaster Research sponsored by the Earthquake Commission.

We have also been seeking applications for our most lucrative award, the Fulbright-Platinum Triangle Scholarship in Entrepreneurship, valued at over US\$100,000. This award is the initiative of former US Ambassador to New Zealand Charles Swindells and is funded through the New Zealand Government and private donors, including the Swindells Foundation.

We specifically targeted the business community to promote the Platinum Triangle award and the science community to promote the EQC and MoRST awards.

During August, our Graduate Programme Manager Martin Farmer and Executive Director Mele Wendt visited universities throughout the country to give seminars to students and faculty about the full range of Fulbright awards. Staff and students from polytechnics, colleges of education and wananga were also invited to attend. Fulbright alumni in each university were invited to speak about their experience in the US and also to assist us with promoting the seminars among students and colleagues.

The personal perspectives of our alumni were very well received by the seminar participants.

We have received good publicity for our departing and arriving students this year. This publicity provides an excellent vehicle to encourage others to apply. Our students appeared in metropolitan newspapers, weekend magazines and were interviewed on the national radio.

With over 20 awards on offer this year, more than we have ever had, we are keen to tell as many people as possible about Fulbright and the wonderful opportunities it offers. ■



Students from Victoria University hear alumna Jo Mossop speak about her Fulbright experience in the US.

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She was behind the development of a five-year partnership between the BSBSNC Foundation and the New Carolina Association of Free Clinics to provide statewide access to free clinics and double their capacity to serve uninsured residents of the state. She has developed a number of award-winning programmes including *Be Active Kids*, which teaches preschool children about nutrition and physical activity; the *Breast Health Project* which educated the public about breast cancer and the importance of early detection of the disease.

As an Eisenhower Fellow to New Zealand earlier this year, Kathy met with health care and opinion leaders in areas of government, hospital administration, private sector health companies, business leaders, non-profit and local agency leaders, medical school and academic leaders.

Her aim was to gain an understanding of how innovation and creativity is being implemented in the delivery of health care through programmes, initiatives, projects, activities, partnerships and collaborations and to understand the impact of physical activity, diet and smoking on the citizenship.

"In New Zealand the government has historically shouldered most responsibility for providing services to the community. Corporate philanthropy is minimal

because there is little demand for it.

"I looked closely at government funded tribal-based health care clinics. The government has demonstrated sensitivity to tribal traditions by learning much about how Maori approach the care and well-being of their people.

Kathy also spent some time in Australia as part of her Eisenhower Fellowship where she met with corporate leaders in Sydney about the value of corporate-community relations.

As a result of her Eisenhower Fellowship experience, Kathy pledged to look for meaningful and measurable ways to bring about change through health and social outcomes in the US. She has already identified ten tangible best practices from her fellowship that she aims to implement in her work and in her community. ■

PROFILE



Kathy Higgins

GRADUATE AWARDS

Departed: 2005 US Graduate Student **Adeline Sutphen** has returned to the US. Adeline's research into emerging technologies (specifically robotics) explored how these technologies could be utilised in education to encourage increased participation in science based fields. She was based at Lincoln University.

Returned: 2003 New Zealand Graduate Student **John Ip** has returned to New Zealand after completing a Masters in Constitutional Law at Columbia University, focusing on the constitutional rights and adjudication and criminal procedure within criminal law.

Returned: 2004 New Zealand Graduate Student **Liam Wotherspoon** has returned to New Zealand after researching towards his New Zealand PhD in Civil Engineering at Iowa State University.

Arriving: 2006 US Graduate Student **Jeanine Refsnider** will be based at Victoria University of Wellington where she will carry out research into nest site choice plasticity in female tuatara. Jeanine has recently completed an MSc in conservation biology at the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities. She arrives in early November.

Arriving: 2006 US Graduate Student **Jessica Ward** will be based at the University of Canterbury where she will undertake a Graduate Certificate in Antarctic Studies, as well as independent research into Antarctic science, policy and conservation in New Zealand. She is currently working towards her PhD at the University of California, Santa Cruz. She arrives in early November.

SENIOR SPECIALISTS

Departed: **Robert Krim**, Executive Director of the Boston History Collaborative, was hosted by the New Zealand Historic Places Trust where he helped to develop collaborations between heritage organisations and business partners.

Departed: **Joel Myerson**, a Distinguished Professor of American Literature, Emeritus, from the University of South Carolina, was based at the University of Otago and Dunedin Public Library where he lectured on Walt Whitman and consulted with students and staff about an under-used literary history and criticism resource.

Departed: **Anita Silvers**, Professor of Philosophy at San Francisco State University,

taught courses in the Department of Philosophy at the University of Auckland in topics related to disability and health law.

Departed: **Blake Stimson**, Assistant Professor in Art History and Co-Director of the Critical Theory Program at the University of California, Davis, participated in a guest lecture series at Victoria University of Wellington. His topic was *Contemporary Art in the US since the 1960's*.

SENIOR SCHOLARS

Awarded: **Euan Mason**, Associate Professor in the School of Forestry at the University of Canterbury and 2005 New Zealand Senior Scholar, leaves for Oregon State University this month to further his research on hybrid modeling of forest growth.

Departing: **Adam Claasen**, Senior Lecturer in the School of Social and Cultural Studies at Massey University, Albany, departs in January 2006 to teach and research at Georgetown University in Washington DC where he will be the Visiting Lecturer in New Zealand Studies.

TRAVEL AWARDS

Awarded: **Lorena Gibson**, a PhD candidate in the Social Anthropology Programme at Massey University, will make a presentation on history and contemporary whakapapa at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association in Washington in November.

Awarded: **Liz Gordon**, a Research Associate from Christchurch College of Education, will present papers at the American Educational Research Association meeting in San Francisco in April 2006.

Awarded: **Andrew Geddis**, a Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Law at the University of Otago, will present seminars on New Zealand's electoral law at Loyola, University of Southern California and UCLA law schools in early 2006.

CURRENT GRANTEES 2005 US GRADUATE STUDENTS

Ann Brower: Based at Lincoln University carrying out post-doctoral research on land reform in the South Island.

Stephanie Ford: Based at the University of Waikato examining how archaeological sites and wahi tapu are managed.

Corrie Francis: Independent research, creating a ten-minute animated documentary exploring the relationship between

wilderness and New Zealand culture.

Patrick Rielly: Based at Victoria University, studying the ongoing electronic government initiatives in New Zealand and the impact of e-government on the public management system.

Jared Seltzer: MA in Film and Media Studies at the University of Otago, exploring New Zealand's cinema conceptualisation of national identity.

Ritesh Shah: Based at the University of Auckland, carrying out independent research into the steps that are being taken by the New Zealand government to deal with some of the negative consequences that the Tomorrow's Schools reforms have had on urban schooling.

Nicholas Twemlow: Creative writing at Victoria University, working on a transcript about his family's life and the life and writing of mid-century New Zealand children's author Joyce West.

NEW ZEALAND GRADUATE STUDENTS

Rana Abboud: Master of Architecture, specialising in virtual reality technologies, at the University of California, Berkeley.

Keith Bolland: PhD in political science at New School University in New York, specialising in political leadership theory, political history and political sociology.

Alastair Cameron: LLM, specialising in public international law and comparative constitutional law at New York University.

Joshua Feast: MBA at MIT Sloan School of Management specialising in technology entrepreneurship.

Laurel Flinn: PhD in history, specialising in modern British cultural history at Johns Hopkins University.

Matthew Gillett: LLM specialising in international law at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Nina Khouri: LLM at New York University specialising in the theory and practice of law as a mechanism for the peaceful resolution of disputes.

Matthew Nippert: Master's in Journalism, focusing on investigative work, the reporting of government affairs and media commentary at the Graduate School of Journalism at Columbia University.

Johanna Paddison: Doctoral research in psychoneuroimmunology at Harvard Medical School. ■

Mathematics-in-Industry

Graeme Wake is a Professor of Industrial Mathematics and Director ANZ Mathematics-in-Industry Study Group at the Centre for Mathematics-in-Industry, II MS, Massey University, Auckland. In 1994 he was a Fulbright Research Scholar at the Claremont Colleges in California.

The worldwide Mathematics-in-Industry Study Group (MISG) movement, with which I'm currently involved as Director of the ANZ version, has swept the academic world since its humble beginnings in the late 1960s.

I was privileged to be there at the birth of this movement in Oxford where I was based as a post-doctoral scholar in what is now the most famous Oxford Centre for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (OCIAM). This experience, together with my time in the Chemistry Division of the now, no longer existing, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, served to shape my perspectives towards the way mathematics acts as the 'saviour and servant of society'.

In 1994, as the recipient of a Fulbright award, I was based at Claremont Colleges in California, where the well-known Mathematics Clinic is situated. It has a strong following from US industry. All these experiences provided a good platform for my current role.

What is Industrial Mathematics (IM)? It is the systematic solving of non-mathematical problems arising in all areas - not just the traditional engineering ones, but also the biological, medical, environmental, financial and social areas as well. The steps are well defined: through the four inter-connected steps of formulation, solution, interpretation and underpinning decision support, we as practitioners, take problems as they are 'out there' through this process.

It's a challenging task but richly satisfying. It provides a much-needed profile to the development and, I strongly believe, the health of mathematics as a whole in areas of research, teaching, funding, public profile, and so on.

IM is not mathematics applied to other mathematics and must surely include the use of statistical methodology. 'I have all this data, what does it mean?' is often the first encounter many organisations have with quantitative information. A systems model will often follow later of course.

Why are there not more of us, when the need is so great? This is not an easy question to answer. Firstly, the mix of skills needed is quite great... It's a mix of inter-disciplinary knowledge and know-how, strong interpersonal attributes, with lots of pitfalls along the way. It's very difficult to teach and one has to, in the end, 'learn by doing'.

Secondly, many in the traditional mathematics community see Industrial Mathematics (as I've described it) as 'old mathematics' - albeit in a new

application. This viewpoint can appear to be sometimes superficially correct. Evidence of this is seen frequently in reports on grant applications and promotion outcomes.

Of course, the view above (about IM being 'old mathematics') is mostly wrong. My own small efforts in both of the two areas of spontaneous thermal ignition and cell-growth have helped spur the growth of non-linear and non-local advanced calculus (operator theory) both of which, as a basic knowledge, are poorly developed. No ignition problems are addressed by methods from modern-day singularity theory and our widely accepted model of cell-growth has focussed attention on spectral methods for non-local differential operators. Our cell-growth model, having been shown to be robust, is now being used to quantify 'treatment and outcome' of drugs and radiation to treat tumours.

I like to think the world is slowly realising the importance of IM and that the 'systems science' side of mathematics will gain wider acceptance and peer support. Of course, the latter has to include financial support as well. We find ourselves often falling through the rather large cracks: by being 'too theoretical' for the application area and 'too applied' when viewed from the pure end. It's an all too familiar 'no-win' situation.

Our current visible form of Industrial Mathematics, the ANZ MISG, is not of course the only such model for doing IM. Many individuals and groups are using mathematical, computing and statistical science to solve problems arising in a variety of applications - outside mathematics (this is perhaps one way of distinguishing Applied Mathematics from Industrial Mathematics - though it is a bit of grey distinction and the overlap is great).

However, the MISG concept has the distinguishing features of being a very open forum, with the main milestone being 'to try'. It is an excellent training vehicle for newcomers and especially post-graduates, and a means of giving publicity for our endeavours.

In the 2004 and 2005 ANZ MISG's we have handled 13 problems (12 New Zealand and one Australian) with success in all but one, with either complete resolution or the seeding of an ongoing collaboration. A measure of success is the regular return of companies and organisations to MISG, like New Zealand Steel, Environment Canterbury, Transpower and Compac Sorting Equipment. Some of these have already asked to be involved with MISG2006 on 30 January - 3 February 2006 at Massey, Albany, along with some notable new ones. Visit <http://misg2006.massey.ac.nz> for further details.

Financial support from New Zealand Government agencies like the Foundation for Research, Science and Technology and links to Australia through their Mathematical Sciences Institute have greatly boosted our efforts. ■



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— Graeme Wake

California Dreaming

Alastair Cameron is a 2005 New Zealand Graduate Student. He is based at New York University where he is doing an LLM specialising in public international law and comparative constitutional law. Here, he writes about his first impressions of California.

As far as California goes, I definitely knew I was in America. Everything is bigger - the cars, roads, houses, shops, malls, food, hair and of course the people themselves, even though California is supposedly one of the thinner states. As one American put it to me "Big is the point"...

The waitress wasn't allowed to serve lemonade after 8pm but she could serve Sprite - huh??? (and then she tried to charge for the lemonade anyway!)

Several people heard my accent and spoke back to me in a slow drawl as if English was clearly my second language...

Almost every car has either a pro-Bush or anti-Bush sticker on its bumper; my personal favourite is "Lies, Hate, Greed: The Republican Way"...

The newspapers almost have half a page of international news (although admittedly I haven't been reading any of the major city dailies)...

Every bar plays hip-hop/rap, which drives me crazy!

It really is like a different country/planet!

Fulbright sent me on a four-week course entitled "Orientation to USA Law", which was held for three weeks at the University of California Davis and one week at the University of California Berkeley. Each day consisted of lectures on a certain area of American law.

There were about 85 students in the course from perhaps 30 different countries. The group included 12 other Fulbrighters, two of whom are going to be based in New York as well. Around half the 85 were Japanese; the next biggest groupings came from Germany and Brazil, and then a mix from the rest of Europe, Central and South America and few from other parts of Asia. Including me, there were only two other native English speakers: a girl from Ireland and a guy from Australia.

Ironically, the unanimous verdict from others in the class was that we three native speakers were the hardest to understand! It's actually quite logical when you think about it - we speak too fast and use odd words and colloquialisms. While most people's English was really good, to make myself understood I had to slow my speech right down and try to use reasonably uncomplicated words.

Putting such a diverse group together presented a pretty unique set of opportunities, both academically and socially. Academically speaking, I gained a fascinating comparative look into other countries' law and legal systems. The one thing everyone had in common was that we were all lawyers, so naturally people discussed the differences and similarities between their home systems and those of others.

Socially, the experience was equally unique. Navigating each others' cultural norms, boundaries and language was a challenge. For example, 10 lawyers from eight different countries organising themselves for a weekend away at Yosemite National Park provided a series of useful insights into cross-cultural interaction. Someone could write a thesis on the communication, or mostly miscommunication, that occurred that weekend! But it all transpired in good humour, and by the end of the course, we were a pretty cohesive group.

DAVIS

Davis itself is a small university town about two hours north of San Francisco, 20 minutes south of Sacramento. While it felt a bit sleepy and out of the way, it was an ideal start to my time over here. The town itself and the huge UC Davis campus were very easy to get around. Since the weather was consistently fine and calm, we hired bikes and then cycled everywhere.

The highlight from the three weeks in Davis was the trip to Yosemite National Park. What a stunningly beautiful place. Our specific destination was Yosemite Valley, much of which we got to see over the couple of days we were there. On the Sunday, we tackled a 13 mile hike, which took us up a 1000 metre incline and right around the top of the valley. It was exhausting, but well worthwhile.

The course also organised some field trips to various legal institutions. The most interesting was the California State prison in Vacaville, about 20 minutes south of Davis. The prison was built in the early 1980s for 2,700 prisoners and currently holds over 6,000. Congress passed legislation forcing judges to give longer sentences and the result was, naturally, a huge increase in the long-term prison population, leading to overcrowding.

According to the Lieutenant who showed us around, the inmates have "no right to privacy" so there was no problem with trekking us through their living quarters. We could see the triple bunking, where there was supposed to be only one bunk. The guys weren't in cells because they were only Level two (out of four), which meant a few came up and asked us who we were and what we were doing. We saw where the inmates ate, although 'feeding', as the guard referred to it, had not started. They were allowed out for their afternoon's exercise while we were there; it was hot with no shade, so none wore a shirt. Almost every inmate was incredibly fit, since all they had to do, it seemed, was run around and play sport. 95% appeared black or Hispanic; the oldest inmate was 85 years old. The prison held about 2,100 'lifers' (inmates who were almost certain to die in prison). The trip served to strengthen my belief that in 200 years or so history will judge our criminal justice system very poorly.



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It's worth noting the unbelievable resources university campuses have. They are, essentially, small towns. UC Davis alone has 26,000 students so the services and support facilities for them are the same as those for the population of a town like Masterton in New Zealand. The resources do seem incredible to me, but I guess it's not that surprising when you consider the kinds of fees that students pay; upwards of US \$30,000, which gives them an annual budget of at least US \$780,000,000!!

BERKELEY / SAN FRANCISCO

Next stop was the campus at the University of California Berkeley. Having been fed a diet in Davis consisting mainly of Mexican food, pizza, hamburgers and (thank goodness) fresh fruit and salad, we made a b-line for Telegraph Avenue in downtown Berkeley for some decent Indian food. Telegraph Ave and Berkeley is all you'd expect - street stalls selling tie-dye by the metre, pan-handlers, Hare Krishnas dancing with flowers in their hair, grungy music stores specialising in used hard punk/rock, piercing and tattoo stores, a series of cheap eateries and mixed in among all of this a few decidedly 'normal' looking students.

The campus itself is attractive with lots of trees and lawns, a stream running through the middle and some interesting buildings.

San Francisco itself is only 20 minutes away on the

BART, so very accessible. Beautiful, although surprisingly cold. The western (pacific facing) part of the city is frequently under fog all day. It rolls in off the cold water that evidently comes down from Alaska in a jet-stream, and in the evening, the wind comes up so the city is freezing. With that weather, plus the city's hills and harbour, I couldn't help but be reminded of Wellington.

Still, what a great place. Incredibly diverse. In 45 minutes you can walk from Nob Hill and the palace, like homes of the original railroad tycoons, into North Beach (Little Italy), down through China Town into Union Square, the glitzy shopping area. From there through the Tenderloin with all the beggars and prostitutes, and a little further on into the Mission (Latin) District and finally into the Castro, where the normal assumptions most definitely go out the window. The large rainbow flag towering over those below on the main intersection, and the smaller ones on almost every building, leave you in no doubt about which part of town you're in!

The week ended with a semi-formal 'Graduation Dinner' back at Berkeley, and a long night of goodbyes. The organisers did give us a "networking schedule" with each others' contacts, so I'm sure we'll remain in contact! ■

NEWS

Associate Professor Hugh Laracy, a 1994 New Zealand Senior Scholar, has been awarded the John Dunmore Medal 2005 for his significant contribution to knowledge of the extensive role played by the Pacific in the Societe de Marie (Marist Fathers), a catholic congregation founded in France in 1836. The John Dunmore Medal is awarded annually in recognition of major contributions to knowledge and better understanding of the part played by the French people and French culture in the scientific, economic, historical and cultural development of the Pacific. Dr Laracy studied Pacific history at the East-West Centre in Hawai'i. He is based in the Department of History at the University of Auckland.

Dame Evelyn Stokes, a 1960 New Zealand Graduate Award recipient, has died. Dame Evelyn was made a Dame Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit for her services to tertiary education and research on the future of Maori in New Zealand. She was a staff member at the University of Waikato since its inception in 1964 and was a leading geographic authority. She served on the New Zealand Universities Academic Audit Unit, was a member of the Ngai Tahu Tribal Trust, a member of the Waitangi Tribunal and also the New Zealand Geographic Board. She authored more than 30 books and countless monographs, articles for academic journals and reports. Dame Evelyn studied geography at Syracuse University, New York.

Dr Shayle Searle, a 1956 US Graduate Award recipient, has been awarded an Honorary Doctor of Science degree by Victoria University of Wellington for his contribution to statistics over a long and varied career at Cornell University.

The Fulbright Academy of Science and Technology would like to invite Fulbrighters in science-related fields to join. The Academy is not limited to grantees - they also welcome alumni, hosts of grantees and others interested in scientific and technology innovation and exchange. For further information or to subscribe to their newsletter, email info@fulbrighter.org ■

LECTURE

New Zealand Dreams, Pacific Destinies. Award-winning film-maker **Sima Urale** will discuss her writing and film-making, and renowned novelist **Witi Ihimaera** will read and launch his latest novel *The Rope of Man*. Sima was the recipient of the 2004 Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Pacific Writers Residency at the University of Hawaii. Witi received a Fulbright Travel Award in 2005.

This high-profile event will take place on Wednesday 2 November at 5.30 - 7pm at The Auditorium, National Library of New Zealand, 58-78 Molesworth Street in Wellington. To register your interest for this free lecture, email info@fulbright.org.nz ■

IN BRIEF



Witi Ihimaera



Sima Urale

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These awards are for promising graduate students to complete a post-graduate degree or work towards a New Zealand doctorate degree at an American university. Approximately eight highly prestigious and competitive awards are offered each year to graduate students who show academic excellence, leadership potential and the ability to be cultural ambassadors for New Zealand. Each award is valued at up to US\$25,000 (plus return travel to the US). **Applications close 1 October.**

Fulbright-EQC Award in Natural Disaster Research

This award is for a promising graduate student to complete a post-graduate degree or work towards a New Zealand doctorate degree in the area of natural disaster research at an American university. One highly prestigious and competitive award is offered each year to a graduate student who shows academic excellence, leadership potential and the ability to be a cultural ambassador for New Zealand. The award is valued at up to US\$25,000 (plus return travel to the US). **Applications close 1 October.**

Fulbright-Ministry of Research, Science & Technology Awards

These awards are for promising graduate students to complete a post-graduate degree or work towards a New Zealand doctorate degree, in areas targeted to support growth and innovation in New Zealand, at an American university. Approximately 12 highly prestigious and competitive awards are offered each year to graduate students who show academic excellence, leadership potential and the ability to be cultural ambassadors for New Zealand. Each award is valued at up to US\$25,000 (plus return travel to the US). **Applications close 1 October.**

Fulbright-Platinum Triangle Scholarship in Entrepreneurship

This award is for a promising graduate student to complete a post-graduate degree in a knowledge economy related field at a US university, as well as gain professional work experience in the US and in New Zealand. One highly prestigious and competitive award will be offered each year to a graduate student who shows academic excellence, leadership potential and the ability to be a cultural ambassador for New Zealand. The award is valued at over US\$100,000. **Applications close 1 October.**

Fulbright US Graduate Student Awards

These awards are for promising graduate students to complete a post-graduate degree or research at a New Zealand university. Approximately 10 highly prestigious and competitive awards will be offered each year to graduate students who show academic excellence, leadership potential and the ability to be cultural ambassadors for America. Applications that emphasise New Zealand studies or have a comparative element with the US are desirable. For further information see www.iie.org **Applications close 25 October.**

Fulbright Travel Awards

These awards are for New Zealand scholars who have presenting papers at conferences and/or delivering lectures in the US in New Zealand Studies or with a US-New Zealand comparative component. Approximately six awards are offered each year to applicants planning to stay for a minimum of 10 days in the US. **Applications close 1 February and 1 August.**

Fulbright New Zealand Senior Scholar Awards

These awards are for artists, academics or professionals to pursue research or practical experience in the US. A small number of awards are granted each year for New Zealand scholars to lecture and research at an American institution for three to five months each year. The value of each award varies depending on additional financial assistance available to the applicant. **Applications close 1 June.**

Fulbright Visiting Lecturers in New Zealand Studies

These awards are for academics to teach one course in New Zealand Studies and conduct research at Georgetown University, Washington DC. Two lectureships are available - one per semester. The value of each award varies depending on additional financial assistance available to the applicant. **Applications close 1 June.**

Fulbright Senior Specialist Programme

These awards are for New Zealand academics or institutions to host US academics and professionals for lectures, seminars, workshops or conferences/symposiums for two to six weeks. **Applications close 1 February, 1 May, 1 August and 1 November.**

Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Writer's Residency at the University of Hawai'i

This award is for a New Zealand-based writer of Pacific heritage to carry out work on an approved creative writing project at the University of Hawai'i for three months. One award is offered each year to a writer in any genre. The award is valued at up to NZ\$18,000 (plus travel and accommodation). **Applications close 1 April.**

The Harkness Fellowship in Health Care Policy

These fellowships, from The Commonwealth Fund of New York, are for promising health policy researchers and practitioners to conduct a policy-orientated research project and work with leading health policy experts in the US. The fellowship are valued at up to US\$95,000. **Applications close 1 September.**

Eisenhower Exchange Programme

This fellowship is for emerging American leaders to visit New Zealand to meet with local experts in their field of study. For further details see www.eisenhowerfellowships.org **Applications close 1 October.**

Ian Axford Fellowships in Public Policy

These fellowships are for outstanding American professionals, at mid-career level, to study, travel and gain practical experience in public policy in New Zealand, including first hand knowledge of economic, social and political reforms and management of the government sector. For further information visit www.cmwf.org **Applications close 15 March.** ■

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