

Kennedy Fellow visits New Zealand

A prominent American figure in the fields of leadership and volunteerism is to visit New Zealand in May, as the first John F. Kennedy Memorial Fellow since 1999. Frances Hesselbein, described by former US President Bill Clinton as a “pioneer for women, volunteerism, diversity and opportunity”, is to be hosted by the Royal New Zealand Plunket Society as a keynote speaker at their Centenary Conference in Dunedin.

Mrs Hesselbein visits New Zealand with the assistance of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Fund, on a fellowship programme administered by Fulbright New Zealand since 1971. The fund was established by the New Zealand Government in 1963, shortly after the death of the popular American president. Public donations of £15,000 were matched by the government, and the John F. Kennedy Memorial Fellowship established for the purpose of bringing eminent Americans to New Zealand for speaking and teaching engagements in honour of the late president. Fellows are chosen for their capacity to contribute towards a closer understanding between the peoples of the United States and New Zealand, and their ability to illuminate the ideals and purposes to which John F. Kennedy dedicated his life. There have been 14 Fellows to date, all widely recognised for excellence in their field of work.

The 15th Kennedy Fellow, Frances Hesselbein has devoted herself to changing lives for the better. She rose from a volunteer troop leader in the Girl Scouts of America to Chief Executive Officer of the organisation, reinvigorating it over her 24 years in the top position. Awarding Mrs. Hesselbein the United States’ top civilian honour, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, at the White House in 1998, President Bill Clinton noted: “In 1976, the Girl Scouts of America, one of our country’s greatest institutions, was near collapse. Frances Hesselbein, a former volunteer from Johnstown, Pennsylvania, led them back, both in numbers and spirit. She achieved not only the greatest diversity in the group’s long history, but also its greatest cohesion, and in doing so made a model for us all.”

Frances Hesselbein is now Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Leader to Leader Institute, an organisation devoted to strengthening leadership in the social sector. She is a member of the National Board of Directors for Volunteers of America, which she has previously chaired, and was invited to speak the Plunket Centenary Conference in recognition of her outstanding career in volunteerism.

The Plunket Society’s volunteer networks have played

a vital role in the lives of young families throughout New Zealand over the past 100 years, and their current number of volunteers is over 10,000.

Mrs Hesselbein will deliver the Truby King Centenary lecture on May 14th, the officially-recognised 100th birthday of the organisation. She will lead an additional workshop on Motivating Volunteers as part of the conference’s four day programme, which includes among its scheduled entertainment a play written especially for the occasion by Fulbright alumnus and renowned New Zealand playwright Roger Hall and his daughter Pip.

“Mrs Hesselbein has been invited to this important occasion because she is a person of substantial accomplishments from whom the Plunket constituency has much to learn,” says Plunket’s President Kaye Crowther.

“Frances is able to share unique, personal perspectives on the art of leadership in the social sector, that will be pertinent to the experience and learning needs of Plunket as this unique kiwi institution considers how to ensure its continuing relevance to New Zealand families. At the commencement of its second century of service, Frances Hesselbein can guide Plunket in consideration of change as a positive that can be managed in the spirit of reinvigorating the soul of the organisation, rather than destroying it.”

While in New Zealand, Mrs Hesselbein will also address the National Advisory Conference of Guides New Zealand in Wellington, give public seminars on the topics of leadership and volunteerism at the US Embassy and be hosted at a reception by Fulbright New Zealand.

“I look forward to a wonderful adventure in New Zealand,” says Mrs Hesselbein of her upcoming eight day visit. “My last visit to New Zealand was the highlight of the year. To return as a Kennedy Fellow is a great honour.” ■

For more information about the John F. Kennedy Memorial Fellowship, see the Fulbright New Zealand website. Details of Plunket’s Centenary Conference are on their website - www.plunket.org.nz



Frances Hesselbein, John F. Kennedy Memorial Fellow

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From the desk of
the Executive
Director

Mele Wendt

Kia ora koutou, talofa and warm Fulbright greetings. The Fulbright programme mourns the loss of two very great New Zealand Fulbright alumni – Professor Alan MacDiarmid and Dame Marie Clay. They were both early participants in the Fulbright graduate student programme, and were such model and outstanding Fulbrighters. We look back on their remarkable achievements with awe and pride. They will be remembered.

Honourable Mufi Hannemann, Mayor of Honolulu and Fulbright alumnus, will give our next alumni lecture in Wellington on Friday 4th May. I met with Mufi, who is of Samoan descent, in his mayoral chambers in Honolulu last year and it was very obvious that he is a proud and proactive Fulbright alumnus. Mufi's professional career and achievements thus far are most impressive and it is a privilege that he is making time in his schedule to visit Wellington. He is a wonderful speaker and we expect the event will attract a large and diverse audience.

For the first time in several years, we are holding alumni functions in Hamilton, Christchurch and Dunedin (see page 7 for more information). I hope many of you come along so we can touch base and discuss together the Fulbright programme and the alumni initiatives we are putting in place. The functions are being held in conjunction with our annual Outreach Tour to tertiary campuses (15 this year!) to promote opportunities to future Fulbrighters, both students and staff. Our annual alumni events in Wellington and

Auckland will be held in June. Our current American grantees and the New Zealand grantees leaving for the US later this year will be introduced at all events.

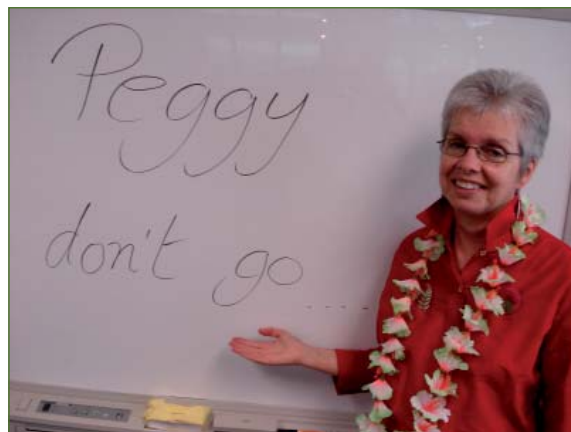
For our American alumni, the New Zealand Ambassador is hosting an alumni function at his residence in Washington, DC on 18th May and I am hosting further functions in New York City on 24th May and Minneapolis, MN on 31st May. We look forward to seeing some of you there!

The 60th Anniversary of Fulbright New Zealand next year will be celebrated with a major conference in Wellington. The conference will have a general NZ-US theme, attracting audiences from a variety of sectors and fields. We hope lots of alumni can attend – from Fulbright, Axford, Harkness, Eisenhower, and any other NZ-US educational exchange programmes!

At this conference we hope to launch an official alumni association (we have not had one before and think it is time we did, so what better time to do it than the 60th?), and also launch a Fulbright publication to mark the anniversary. Fulbright alumni interested in writing short pieces for that publication (reminiscences about your Fulbright exchange, how the award impacted on your life, what you are doing now etc., along with any photographs, past or present) are warmly encouraged to contact our office for guidelines. ■

Kia ora ra, ia manuia,

IN PICTURES



Fulbright New Zealand thanks and farewells Programme and Advising Team Leader Peggy Tramosch (above) and Board member Stephen Levine (below)



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OUTREACH TOUR 2007



Fulbright New Zealand's educational advising team are visiting campuses New Zealand-wide throughout May and June on our annual Outreach Tour, to inform students and staff about educational opportunities in the US and the range of Fulbright awards to help them get there.

Please spread the word to anyone you know who might be interested in experiencing the Fulbright programme!

Visit our website for seminar dates and venues - www.fulbright.org.nz

New Chair for Board

Fulbright New Zealand's Board of Directors elected a new Chairperson at their first meeting of 2007. Fulbright alumna Ruth Harley took the position vacated by Suzanne Snively at the March meeting after a seven year term as Chair. Dr Harley took the opportunity to mark the progress made under Ms. Snively's leadership - a period in which the number, types and funding of awards in New Zealand's Fulbright programme have all markedly increased.

"Suzanne shares with Jock Phillips, her predecessor as Chair, and me, the passion of having the Fulbright experience and how it changes your life," Dr Harley noted. "This absolute belief has been a tremendous attribute for Suzanne and made her a wonderful advocate for Fulbright."

Suzanne Snively remains on the Board, heading a new External Relations Committee dedicated to fostering and maintaining relationships with alumni and sponsorship partners. American immigration attorney Barbara Johnson was elected as Deputy Chairperson of the Board, and historian Jock Phillips re-elected as Treasurer.

Currently Chief Executive of the New Zealand Film Commission, Ruth Harley received a Fulbright Cultural Development Award in 1985 to research private sector sponsorship of the arts in the US. As Chair, she would like to see Fulbright play an active role in the development of international tertiary education policy. "Fulbright New Zealand is approaching its 60th anniversary next year, so we have a wealth of expertise to contribute in the area of international educational exchange," she says. ■



Ruth Harley, Chair of the Fulbright New Zealand Board

Esteemed alumni mourned

Two of Fulbright New Zealand's most notable alumni passed away recently, with tributes being paid to both from around the world.

Nobel Prize-winning scientist Alan MacDiarmid died at his home in Philadelphia in February, aged 79. Professor MacDiarmid was awarded a Fulbright New Zealand Graduate Award in 1950 to complete his PhD at the University of Wisconsin. In 2000 he shared the Nobel Prize in Chemistry with colleagues Alan Heeger and Hideki Shirakawa for the discovery and development of electrically-conductive plastics.

Paying tribute to Professor MacDiarmid, Fulbright New Zealand's Executive Director Mele Wendt said "We are tremendously proud to have rewarded Professor MacDiarmid's potential so many years ago, and to have

shared in his fabulous scientific achievements."

Developmental scientist Dame Marie Clay died in April, aged 81. Dame Marie received a Fulbright New Zealand Graduate Award in 1951 to study clinical child psychology at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. A pioneering researcher into early literacy learning, her work changed the face of primary school literacy education, with her Reading Recovery Programme adopted internationally. The University of Auckland's first female professor, Dame Marie received numerous international awards and honorary doctorates. In 2002, visiting American Fulbright-Hays exchange teacher David Philhower described her as "the Michael Jordan of reading." "[Meeting her] was one of the highlights of the tour for me," he said. ■



Dame Marie Clay, 1951

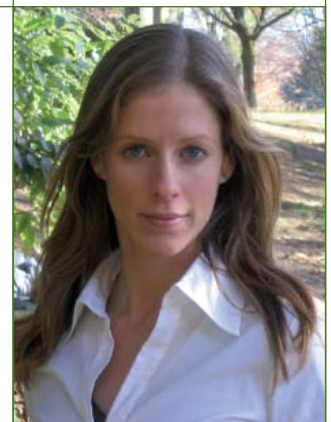
NZ Grad a Top Achiever

2006 Fulbright-Ministry of Research Science and Technology award winner Katie Overeem has been further recognised, with a \$77,000 Top Achiever Doctoral Scholarship. Currently researching nitric oxide signalling and fear learning at Yale University, Kathie is overjoyed at the opportunity to extend her stay in the US.

"My Fulbright award has allowed me to understand what the States had to offer and made me realize that conducting research at Yale is an enormous opportunity that I need to take full advantage of. Receiving a Top Achiever Doctoral Scholarship now means I can stay longer, study and travel more and basically make the most of my Fulbright experience here in the States," Kathie explains.

Kathie was one of fifty New Zealand doctoral students to share in \$4.7 million of Top Achiever scholarships presented in the latest round. "What makes this an extremely attractive scholarship is the international loading, which means you are paid \$25,000 per annum in the currency of the country in which you're studying," she said. The scholarship will allow her to stay at Yale for an extra year, until September 2008.

"During my Fulbright year at Yale every experiment that I've conducted has required me to learn new and valuable research skills. This newfound knowledge has been extremely rewarding and I'm eager to make the most of my time here. So as you can imagine the longer I stay at Yale the more I will learn and the more advantageous my experience in the States will be." ■



Kathie Overeem

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

Arrivals:**Fulbright Senior Specialist Awards**

James Mahshie from Gallaudet University will lecture and conduct workshops on audiology and speech-language therapy programmes at the University of Canterbury. James arrives in July.

Departures:**Fulbright New Zealand Senior Scholar Awards**

Penny Brothers from the University of Auckland will undertake research into the use of porphyrins for hydrogen storage and beryllium sensing at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico. Penny departs in July.

Fulbright New Zealand Travel Awards

Deborah Fraser from the University of Waikato will give a presentation on non-verbal ways of knowing and collaborate with colleagues at the University of Chicago at Urbana-Champaign. Deborah departs in June.

Geoff Lealand from the University of Waikato will participate in an Alliance for a Media Literate America (AMLA) Research Summit and conduct a workshop on *Media Worlds and Dream Worlds: New and Old Media in the Lives of Young New Zealanders* at the AMLA's 2007 National Media Education Conference in St Louis, Missouri. Geoff departs in June.

Sarah-Jaine Paine from Massey University will present a paper on *Circadian versus Psychosocial Factors in Habitual Sleep Timing* at the 21st Annual Meeting of the Associated Professional Sleep Societies and give a lecture at Harvard Medical School in Boston. Sarah-Jaine departs in June.

Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Program

Oneroa Stewart from Tauranga will assist research and teaching in education, language, cultural and social sciences at Georgia Southwestern State University in Americus, Georgia. Oneroa departs in July.

Study of the US Institutes

Roydon Agent from Kamo High School will participate in a six week Institute for Secondary School Educators titled *Negotiating America Local, National and Global: A Multidisciplinary Investigation* at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Roydon departs in June.

Christopher van der Krogt from Massey University will participate in a six week Institute on Religious Pluralism at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Christopher departs in June. ■

CURRENT GRANTEES

Fulbright New Zealand Graduate Awards

For a full list of current New Zealand Graduate Students, please see the 2006 Grantees Booklet, available for download from our website: www.fulbright.org.nz

Fulbright US Graduate Awards

Amanda Cravens is completing a Master of Arts in Geography, specialising in the history of South Island mountain tourism, at the University of Canterbury.

Amy Fowler is completing a Master of Science in Marine Science, specialising in the threat of invasive species to native biodiversity, at the University of Auckland.

Willie Franco is completing a Master of Fine Arts in Installation Art at Massey University in Wellington.

Shaw Gargis is conducting research towards a PhD in Biology, specialising in the mechanism of Zoonin A resistance, at the University of Otago.

Kenny Gillingham is completing a Master of Arts in Economics, specialising in the economics of solar power generation in New Zealand, at the University of Auckland.

Dana Greenfield is completing a Postgraduate Certificate in Gender Studies, specialising in medical management of intersex, at the Universities of Canterbury and Auckland.

Becky Hamner is completing a Master of Science in Biology, specialising in the major histocompatibility complex of cetaceans, at the University of Auckland.

Emily Howard is completing a Master of Arts in Political Science, specialising in media coverage of biopharming, at the University of Canterbury.

Tiffany Rinne is completing a Master of Arts in Political Science, specialising in cross-cultural meanings of genetically modified food technology, at the University of Canterbury.

Andrew Shipley is conducting research into socio-cultural identities at Victoria University of Wellington.

Fulbright Visiting Lectureship in New Zealand Studies

Thomas Ryan is teaching New Zealand Studies and conducting research at Georgetown University in Washington, DC.

Fulbright New Zealand Senior Scholar Awards

Phil Sheard from the University of Otago

is researching nerve cell connectivity patterns at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy

Mark Booth from the Ministry of Health is researching health care policy responses to population aging at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island.

Mihi Ratima from AUT University is researching obesity prevention among indigenous peoples and ethnic minorities at Harvard Medical School's Center of Excellence in Women's Health in Boston.

Fulbright New Century Scholars Program

Stuart Middleton from Manukau Institute of Technology is participating in a year-long international program on the theme of *Higher Education in the 21st Century: Access and Equity*.

Fulbright US Senior Scholar Awards

Pam Chasek from Manhattan College is researching Pacific regional responses to environmental challenges at Victoria University of Wellington.

Doug Creed from the University of Rhode Island is researching New Zealand's response to the US model for workplace diversity management at Victoria University of Wellington.

Tom Egnew from the University of Washington is developing a doctor-patient relationship curriculum for the University of Otago.

Beth Jakob from the University of Massachusetts Amherst is researching the behaviour of jumping spiders at the University of Canterbury.

Bob McElvaine from Millsaps College is researching the influence of the US New Deal model on New Zealand's handling of the Great Depression at the Alexander Turnbull Library in Wellington.

Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowships in Public Policy

Fiona Alexander from the US Department of Commerce is researching regulation of the Information and Communications Technologies sector to encourage broadband uptake at the Ministry of Economic Development.

Ann Morse from the National Conference of State Legislatures is comparing perspectives of immigration and integration in the US and New Zealand at the Department of Labour.

Matt Nice from the Multnomah County Department of County Management is comparing outcomes of legislation on methamphetamine use in the US and New Zealand at New Zealand Police. ■

Growing the future

Rebecca Reider received a Fulbright US Graduate Award in 2006 to conduct research into organic farming in New Zealand. Her resulting report, *Grown Organically? Human Networks and the Quest to Expand Organic Agriculture in New Zealand*, was published by Lincoln University's Agribusiness and Economics Research Unit in March. Now a Fulbright alumna, Rebecca has stayed in New Zealand to help put her research into practise.

Organic agriculture is blossoming worldwide. Consumers are hungry for healthier food, grown in an ecologically responsible way. Feeding them has become big business in Europe and America. As one New Zealand apple exporter told me, conventional apple orchards are going broke because of sagging prices, but organic is "one of the greatest brands in the world... better than Pepsi-Cola!"

Could organic mean an ecologically and economically bright future for New Zealand agriculture? In fact, despite this country's "clean green" image, less than one percent of its farmland is certified organic. The government has recently funded two new projects to help change that: a national organisation, Organics Aotearoa New Zealand (OANZ), and an Organic Advisory Programme to help farmers learn about organic production. But many organic leaders still wonder how to get New Zealand farmers to really change their approach to the land and make the full organic leap. I decided to dedicate my Fulbright year to addressing this issue, with the goal of making practical recommendations to people in the organic movement.

For several months I roamed the countryside, interviewing farmers and agribusiness people to get at this issue. I saw this as the best way to educate myself as well, as the real expertise in New Zealand organics is out on the farms, not in the universities. I found many organic farms thriving, ranging from community gardens growing salads for local restaurants, to huge sheep and beef farms sending their organic lamb halfway around the world.

I also found that many New Zealand farmers still get most of their information and ideas from people selling products, such as fertiliser company representatives and vets. It is no wonder, then, that many conventional farmers end up dependent on a whole range of synthetic fertilisers, pesticides, herbicides, drenches, and antibiotics without realising that organic farmers are producing healthy food with the use of only naturally derived products. Many dairy farmers buy or make their own organic fertilisers because they have discovered that healthier soils grow more nutritionally balanced pastures, meaning much healthier animals. But their neighbours are still pouring on the same old superphosphate and urea, in a rush to produce more grass and more milk. I found a need for more general awareness among farmers that organic is not just for "sandal-wearing hippies", and that organic practices can actually build a more robust farm.

My research looked at three agricultural sectors: mixed crop/sheep farms in Canterbury, apple orchards in Hawke's Bay and dairy farms in the Waikato. Most farmers and growers told me they like to trust the advice of fellow farmers rather than consultants and researchers; they want to learn practical techniques from organic peers who have done the "hard yards" themselves. For this reason, I have recommended that the national Organic Advisory Programme fund more farmer-to-farmer learning opportunities, such as discussion groups and mentorship programmes. Farmers need a whole range of information sources to help them go organic: from basic publicity in farming newspapers to get the word out; to in-depth educational programmes to help them fine-tune their skills. Organic farming can be more work and requires real understanding and proactive thinking. Organic farmers need to understand how to prevent weed problems because they can't just reach for a spray can if weeds arise; and they need to know how to keep their animals in top health because they can't rely on conventional medicines if a sickness suddenly crops up. However, most of the organic farmers I met say they love the journey and the challenge.

These are interesting times for organics, as multinational corporations are now involved at all levels, from growing the crop to selling it in supermarkets. In New Zealand, big companies (such as Heinz Wattie's and Fonterra) have actively promoted organics – for example, by helping new organic farmers with growing advice or by giving them extra payments while they convert. The drawback: big companies like to work with simple one-crop systems – one crop to grow, one crop to sell. New Zealand's two biggest organic export crops, apples and kiwifruit, are grown mostly in monoculture. But when farms or orchards grow just one crop they are vulnerable to pest, disease, and weather problems, and vulnerable to price swings in the ever-changing global marketplace. I hope to promote more awareness of this issue in organic circles so we do not sacrifice farm biodiversity for short-term profits.

As a happy twist to the end of my research, I learned that some of my recommendations had been incorporated into the design of a new mentorship programme for organic farmers in Canterbury, and now I find myself with a part-time job running the programme. It's one of the rewards of working in a small country where individuals can make an impact. I will seek out new or struggling organic farmers and link them with more experienced farmers as mentors. I learned so much roaming around the country, drinking tea with organic farmers and brainstorming ideas, but I find it exciting now to take on this new adventure: getting back into the field and finding out if my own recommendations actually work! ■

Rebecca's full report can be downloaded from Lincoln University's Agribusiness and Economics Research Unit website - www.lincoln.ac.nz/story9430.html



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– Rebecca Reider

A year in the Big Apple



Skye Duncan and the Statue of Liberty

“Living in New York is like a dream come true for any architect and this intricate and complex urban fabric has provided the perfect setting for a year completing my [Masters].”

– Skye Duncan

Skye Duncan is a 2006 Fulbright New Zealand Graduate Student who has spent the last year completing a Master of Science degree, specialising in architecture and urban design, at Columbia University in New York.

Job interviews, portfolios, final presentations, the thought of packing and moving, of sad goodbyes and exciting new adventures! It seems almost impossible to fathom that 11 months have flown by and my time here studying at Columbia University is coming to an end. Even amidst this current build up to final hand-ins and 18 hour work days, it is strikingly clear this has been a truly incredible year of my life. Living in New York is like a dream come true for any architect and this intricate and complex urban fabric has provided the perfect setting for a year completing my Master of Science in Architecture and Urban Design.

Arriving in May 2006, it was of course a little daunting at the beginning but I was lucky to get student accommodation with another Irish Fulbright student also completing my course and a fantastic American graduate student who have helped make life here so great. Our three bedroom apartment next to Tom's Restaurant (the famous Seinfeld restaurant) in the Upper West Side is only a few blocks south of our Columbia campus and amongst thousands of other students is like its own small community. Getting a taxi home the other night we even saw Elton John's 60th birthday occurring on our street and had our NY star-spotting moment seeing Richard Gere, Olivia Newton-John and Liv Tyler... one of the best streets in town we quickly decided!

My master's class has been another complete blessing in that it is comprised of 39 students from all over

the world, none of whom knew anyone in New York (only 12 Americans in the class, none from NY) and all with a desire to get out and explore this urban playground. While the summer semester proved insanely intense, we seized any moment we could to hop on the subway and pop up to explore varying diverse neighborhoods - Chelsea, Greenwich Village, East Village, Brooklyn, Mid-town and on they go. As well as barely understanding a word I say and constantly hassling my accent, these wonderful people have, of course, become very good friends that aid in setting up the base for a future global network within our profession after our one short year together is over... Amazing! I can now look forward to visiting friends and checking out the architecture and urban environments in Turkey, Greece, Japan, China, Kuwait, Brazil, Spain, Ireland, Thailand and India, for example.

The other extraordinary opportunity for global networking has of course come from the Fulbright programme. The enrichment seminar I attended in Miami meant not only a chance to explore other parts of the country (with some sunshine to escape the snow storms in NY) but also to meet people from all over the world gaining similar experiences in different parts of the states. I met a lot of other Fulbrighters studying here in New York, even at Columbia, that I had not previously met but now stay in regular contact with. I also got the chance to go to the opening of a brilliant film about William Fulbright and met Mrs Harriet Fulbright herself! She said she is spending this Christmas in New Zealand and her daughter is marrying a kiwi. Who would've thought, huh?

My program at Columbia has really offered some once in a life time opportunities professionally, broadening my thinking and understanding of our built environments to try and comprehend the fundamental political, social, economic and environmental considerations that come into play in its creation and adaptation over time. The speakers we have heard have been phenomenal - Rem Koolhaas, Peter Eisenman, Bernard Tschumi, Kenneth Frampton, Santiago Calitrava and the list goes on. (Sorry non-architects, these are our movie stars of architecture!)

While New York has so many exciting things happening, it has been great also getting out to visit other parts of the country to experience the States. I have managed to get to Chicago, Washington, Boston, Maine, Miami and all around regional New York with my studies. In January our class took a trip to Ecuador where we were studying two different cities - Quito and Guayaquil - while some of us traveled beforehand through the Amazon and the Andes. Both main cities are facing large future urban growth, much of which currently occurs 'informally' or 'illegally'. Often thousands of people settle overnight on a piece of land, without any services of power and water. Being such large groups, the local governments are unable

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to shift these invaded settlements and are forced to supply services as an after thought, as opposed to being integrated into planned growth. Simultaneously people add to their houses as they please, with no respect to legal restrictions, all the while slowly destroying the local natural ecologies of mangroves and quebradas (ravines) as they are filled in with waste. We are now spending the semester, having worked with the local communities and government, on suggested solutions, considerations and directions in which these cities can manage their urban growth in the future in a sustainable and progressive manner. Final presentations to the school and visitors from Ecuador are in one week, so fingers crossed!

It has been difficult to think of leaving the bustling life of Manhattan, so much so that I am hoping to find a job here that will allow me to stay for an additional year of academic training. Perhaps a bit more time out of school will foster even more explorations of this

fantastic city that without Fulbright, I would never have had the chance to experience. My extensive thanks to Fulbright, and I promise to keep you posted! ■



Skye with Mrs Harriet Fulbright in Miami

NEWS

Fulbright alumnus and renowned New Zealand writer **Professor C. K. Stead** (1987 Visiting Writer's Fellowship) was one of four New Zealanders appointed by the Queen as special Additional Members of the Order of New Zealand on Waitangi Day, February 6th, to mark the 20th anniversary of the institution of the Order. New Zealand's highest official honour, the Order of New Zealand is restricted to 20 living Ordinary Members. Other Fulbright alumni to have received the same honour are the late Nobel Prize-winning scientist **Alan MacDiarmid** (1951 NZ Graduate Student) and poet **Allen Curnow** (1961 NZ Research Scholar). C. K. Stead is one of a number of Fulbright alumni participating in this year's Auckland Writers & Readers Festival from 24-27 May - see www.writersfestival.co.nz for details.

Fulbright alumnus **Dr John Bedbrook** (1975 NZ Graduate Student) was one of seven winners at the 2007 World Class New Zealand Awards in March, for his work in the field of Biotechnology. The awards are jointly presented by Kea New Zealand and New Zealand Trade & Enterprise, to acknowledge world-class New Zealanders for their individual achievements and their global impact on New Zealand's reputation and economy.

Fulbright alumna **Elizabeth DeLoughrey** (1997 US Graduate Student) has published a new book partly based on her research in New Zealand. *Routes and Roots: Navigating Caribbean and Pacific Island Literatures* was published in April by the University of Hawai'i Press, and is the first comparative study of the literatures of these two tropical island cultures.

Our congratulations to Fulbright alumnus **Stephen Higgs** (2006 US Graduate Student) and his wife Amy on the birth of their second child. Conceived during the Higgs' stay in New Zealand, Samuel Tasman Higgs was born on April 12th in Portland, Oregon. ■

EVENTS

Alumni lecture

Fulbright alumnus and Mayor of Honolulu **Mufi Hannemann** will give a free public lecture at 5:30pm, Friday 4th May at Rutherford House on Victoria University of Wellington's Pipitea Campus. Mayor Hannemann will discuss his road from Fulbright US Graduate Student to mayoralty via the White House, where he served in the administrations of four US presidents.

Alumni functions - New Zealand

Fulbright New Zealand will hold alumni cocktail functions in the following centres during our annual Outreach Tour. We encourage all alumni to attend a function in their local area in order to catch up with old friends, meet your fellow Fulbright alumni and some current grantees, and stay connected to us here at Fulbright New Zealand. We also wish to update you all on alumni initiatives and plans for our 60th Anniversary celebrations next year.

Wednesday 2nd May - Hamilton
Tuesday 8th May - Dunedin
Wednesday 9th May - Christchurch

Alumni functions - USA

Fulbright New Zealand's Executive Director Mele Wendt will host functions in the following centres during her annual trip to the US in May:

Fulbright New Zealand alumni functions

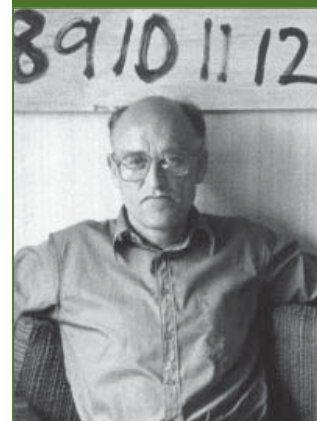
Thursday 24th May - New York, NY
Friday 18th May - Minneapolis, MN

Ian Axford Fellowships alumni function

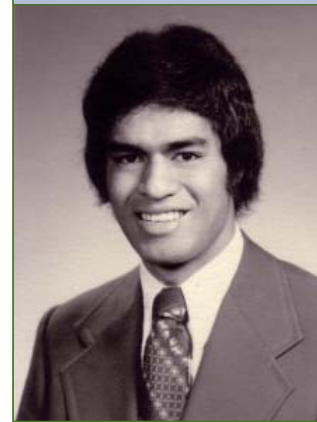
Friday 18th May - Washington, DC

Registration is required for all of these events - please contact the Fulbright New Zealand office if you would like to attend. ■

IN BRIEF



*above: C. K. Stead, 1987
below: Mufi Hannemann, 1977*



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Fulbright New Zealand Senior Scholar Awards

These awards are for New Zealand artists, academics or professionals with distinction to pursue research or practical experience in the US for three to five months. A small number of awards valued at up to US\$32,500 (plus travel expenses) are offered each year. **Applications close 1 June 2007**

Fulbright Visiting Lectureships in New Zealand Studies

These awards are for New Zealand academics to teach New Zealand Studies and conduct research at Georgetown University in Washington, DC, for one or two semesters. Two lectureships - one per semester - valued at up to US\$32,500 (plus travel expenses) are offered each year. **Applications close 1 June 2007**

Fulbright Travel Awards

These awards are for New Zealand academics, artists or professionals to visit the US for 10 to 90 days in order to present papers at conferences and/or deliver lectures in the US from a New Zealand perspective. Approximately eight awards valued at up to NZ\$5,000 are offered each year. **Applications close 1 July and 1 November 2007, 1 March 2008**

Fulbright Senior Specialist Awards

These awards are for New Zealand academic institutions to host US academics, artists or professionals for lectures, seminars, workshops, conferences or symposiums for two to six weeks. Approximately six awards valued at up to NZ\$8,400 (plus travel expenses) are offered each year. **Applications close 1 July and 1 November 2007, 1 March 2008**

Fulbright-Platinum Triangle Scholarship in Entrepreneurship

This award is for a promising New Zealander in a knowledge economy-related field to complete a Masters degree at a US university and to gain professional work experience in the US and in New Zealand. One award valued at US\$100,000 (plus travel expenses and a paid internship) is offered each year. **Applications close 1 August 2007**

Fulbright-EQC Graduate Award in Natural Disaster Research

This award is for a promising New Zealand graduate student to undertake postgraduate study or research at a US institution in the area of natural disaster research. One award valued at up to US\$25,000 (plus travel expenses) is offered each year. **Applications close 1 August 2007**

Fulbright-Ministry of Research, Science & Technology Graduate Awards

These awards are for promising New Zealand graduate students to undertake postgraduate study or research at a US institution in areas targeted to support growth and innovation in New Zealand. Approximately 11 awards valued at up to US\$25,000 (plus travel expenses) are offered each year. **Applications close 1 August 2007**

Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Awards

These awards are for promising New Zealand graduate students to undertake postgraduate study or research in any field at a US institution. Approximately eight awards valued at up to US\$25,000 (plus travel expenses) are offered each year. **Applications close 1 August 2007**

Fulbright US Senior Scholar Awards

These awards are for US academics, artists or professionals with distinction to pursue research or practical experience in New Zealand for three to five months. A small number of awards valued at up to NZ\$32,500 (plus travel expenses) are offered each year. **Applications close 1 August 2007**

Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy

These fellowships, offered by The Commonwealth Fund of New York (www.cmfw.org), are for promising New Zealand health policy researchers and practitioners to conduct a policy-orientated research project and work with leading health policy experts in the US. One or two fellowships valued at up to US\$95,000 are offered each year. **Applications close 1 September 2007**

Fulbright US Graduate Awards

These awards are for promising US graduate students to undertake postgraduate study or research in any field at a New Zealand institution. Approximately 10 awards covering travel, tuition and living costs are offered each year. 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 22 October 2007**

Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowships in Public Policy

These fellowships are for outstanding mid-career US professionals to study and gain first-hand experience of public policy in New Zealand for six months. A small number of fellowships valued at up to NZ\$39,000 (plus travel expenses) are offered each year. **Applications close 1 March 2008**

Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Pacific Writer's Residency

This award is for a New Zealand writer in any genre to carry out work on an approved creative writing project exploring Pacific identity, culture or history at the University of Hawai'i for three months. One residency valued at NZ\$30,000 is offered each year. **Applications close 1 April 2008**

Eisenhower Fellowships

These fellowships are for emerging American leaders to visit New Zealand to meet with local experts in their field of interest. One or two awards covering travel, accommodation and living costs are offered each year. For further information see www.eisenhowerfellowships.org **Application dates vary – visit the Eisenhower Fellowships website for details. ■**

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