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2008 International Fulbright Science and Technology Award winners *Alana Alexander* (left) and *Wynton Moore* (right)

Double recognition for young NZ scientists

Two young New Zealand scientists have scored an unprecedented double in the prestigious and highly contested international competition for 2008 International Fulbright Science and Technology Awards, both winning the opportunity to undertake fully-funded PhD study in the US from next year.

Alana Alexander from Auckland and Wynton Moore from Dunedin were nominated by Fulbright New Zealand for the awards, which are described as the US government's most prestigious and valuable scholarships. Both were named among 40 recipients chosen by a US-based panel of science, technology and engineering experts, who considered 131 nominations put forth by 63 participating countries in the Fulbright exchange programme.

The success of Fulbright New Zealand's nominations in the second year of the new competition follows that of inaugural recipient Irene Ballagh from Dunedin, and proves New Zealand to be a leading producer of promising young scientists. Only three other countries have obtained a "hat trick" of successfully nominating three candidates for the two rounds of competition thus far.

Both students will obtain full PhDs from leading US universities, with the Fulbright award covering three years of tuition and living costs, and their host university covering the remaining two years of study. The award also includes health insurance and allowances for books and equipment, research costs and conference attendance, with a total estimated value of over NZ\$350,000.

Alana Alexander graduated from the University of Auckland with a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Biology in May. Her honours dissertation focused on

genetic diversity among pilot whales, and she intends to continue studying cetacean genetics at Oregon State University.

For her doctoral study Alana hopes to investigate changes in the genetic diversity of sperm whales, to estimate population size changes due to whaling and other factors. By conducting her research using non-lethally obtained samples, she will help illustrate the wide body of scientific data which can be obtained without the killing of whales, and contribute to the body of knowledge available for consideration in their management.

Wynton Moore completed a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Physics at the University of Otago last year, aged just 19. He is currently studying for a Masters degree and intends specialising in theoretical cosmology for his PhD in the US, a subject studied little at Otago.

Wynton was inspired by the quest to understand the origin and evolution of the universe after reading Stephen Hawking's *A Brief History Of Time* in his early teens. He is interested in using recent astronomical observations of cosmic microwave background radiation to study how the universe evolved from the big bang to its present form.

Steve Maharey, Minister of Research, Science and Technology, says New Zealand's success in nominating candidates for the second year running is a testament to the number of talented young scientists that this country is producing. "The opportunity for these two scientists to go further afield to study and seek new challenges is invaluable, and this country will benefit from the expertise they bring back with them." ►

Editorial



Mele Wendt, Executive Director

From the desk of the Executive Director

Kia ora koutou, talofa and warm Fulbright greetings. It has been a very busy last few months here at Fulbright New Zealand. An alumni event was held in Wellington in August to celebrate New Zealand Leadership Week with speakers Helen Anderson, Shane Jones, Suzanne Snively and Gary Wilson. Another event held in conjunction with Victoria University featured visiting American Fulbright alumna Kehaulani Kauanui.

As part of a staff exchange, Lyndell Wilson, Programme Manager from the Australian-American Fulbright Commission, visited our commission in August for a few days. Highly effective information (and social) exchange took place, and we enjoyed hosting her.

50 selection interviews took place over five days in September for the 2008 Fulbright New Zealand Graduate Awards. Once again, application numbers were slightly up, the quality very high and the selection committees' decisions very difficult.

An important binational event took place in September with the second US NZ Partnership Forum held in Auckland, organised by Fulbright Board member and NZ US Council Executive Director, Stephen Jacobi. It was a great opportunity for various Fulbright representatives to network with a range of key individuals and organisations involved in NZ-US political and business relationships.

The Board implemented a strategic planning process in May and has spent the time since then developing Fulbright New Zealand's next five-year strategic plan. Robust and fruitful discussions have taken place and we are excited and confident about the new plan which will be released in December.

The Board has also established a 60th Anniversary Steering Committee, chaired by Jock Phillips, to set the framework for anniversary activities next year. The anniversary will be celebrated in various ways throughout 2008, culminating in a conference in late October. Activities will be open to alumni of all NZ-US educational exchanges such as Harkness, Ian Axford and Eisenhower Fellowships and the US State Department's International Visitor Program.

We are looking forward to three upcoming events. A group of Fulbright alumni teaching on New Zealand university campuses have been selected as Fulbright campus advisers and will be given an induction in Wellington in November. Thanksgiving will bring our current American graduate students back to Wellington to give their end-of-year reports, followed by a wonderful turkey dinner at the US Ambassador's residence.

Mrs Harriet Fulbright will visit New Zealand in December which we are really excited about! Her last visit was in 2003. She is looking forward to meeting Fulbright board members, staff, alumni and stakeholders and visiting parts of Wellington she hasn't been to before. Mrs Fulbright will be a guest of honour and key speaker at a reception being held in partnership with the Ministry of Education on 12 December in Wellington. What a wonderful way to end the year, to celebrate Christmas and the beginning of our 60th anniversary year!

Kia ora rā, ia manuia,

60th Anniversary Conference – 'Creative Partnerships'

For sixty years the Fulbright programme has facilitated the exchange of graduate students, research scholars, artists and professionals between New Zealand and the United States of America. To celebrate this achievement Fulbright New Zealand is organising a 60th anniversary conference in association with the University of Auckland from Friday 31 October to Sunday 2 November 2008.

The theme of the conference, 'Creative Partnerships', is intended to highlight the energising and stimulating impact of intellectual exchange. The conference will draw on outstanding presenters to show how the coming together of American and New Zealand cultural and academic traditions has enriched the life of both societies. Case studies will be drawn from such areas as business, creative arts, education, health, the humanities, law and sciences. Some well-known keynote speakers are being invited and the conference will be accompanied by several exciting cultural events and social receptions, with travel options for international visitors.

We hope that many of you can join us in celebrating 60 years of the Fulbright programme in New Zealand. Please keep in touch for more information.



We want you! ...to share your Fulbright reminiscences.

As the 60th Anniversary of Fulbright New Zealand approaches in 2008, we invite all alumni to share memories and mementos of their participation in the Fulbright programme. Please feel free to send in a written recollection of your exchange experience, along with photos and any other special mementos of your time abroad.

We aim to produce a memorial booklet for publication next year, and selected memoirs will also be published in our Fulbright Quarterly newsletter and on the Fulbright New Zealand website. Written submissions should be around 1000 words in length, although longer submissions are welcome (subject to editing for publication). Photographs can be submitted either digitally or as prints.

Please contact andy@fulbright.org.nz for further guidelines or assistance. We look forward to receiving your submissions.

Alumni share their views on leadership

Fulbright Events



A quartet of esteemed Fulbright and Harkness Fellowship alumni shared their views on the role of international exchange in fostering leadership at a special Fulbright event held in Wellington on 1 August to mark New Zealand Leadership Week.

Suzanne Snively, Fulbright New Zealand alumna and Board member and partner in PricewaterhouseCoopers, introduced her fellow panellists and quoted from Lloyd Jones' novel *The Book of Fame* - an account of the 1905 "Originals" All Black rugby team's triumphant tour of Europe, an event which helped forge New Zealand's identity on the international stage.

Fulbright alumna Helen Anderson, Chief Executive of the Ministry of Research, Science and Technology, recalled her own exchange to UC Santa Cruz and attributed New Zealanders' leadership success in part to a willingness to think outside the square. Arriving in California shortly after the 1989 San Francisco earthquake, Helen surprised her US colleagues by

following her own research path rather than focusing on the recent quake as they all were.

Harkness Fellowships alumnus and Member of Parliament Shane Jones recounted his newfound appreciation of the scale of New Zealand's issues upon arriving in the United States during the first Iraq war, and his realisation of the enormity and diversity of the US during a three month road trip with his family.

Fulbright alumnus Gary Wilson, an Associate Professor of geology at the University of Otago, stressed the importance of international collaboration to New Zealanders, and noted the wealth of resources available to scientists in the US. He also recalled teaching oceanography to a class in Nebraska on his Fulbright exchange, none of whom had ever seen the ocean!

Gary's leadership skills on the ANDRILL Antarctic drilling project were honoured with a Sir Peter Blake Emerging Leader award in 2006. ➤

(left and above): Helen Anderson, Shane Jones and Gary Wilson speak on the topic of leadership in their respective fields

Playwrights take Samoan theatre to New York

Fulbright News

Two New Zealand-born Samoan actors and writers are taking their unique perspective to the stages of New York over coming months with the assistance of Fulbright awards.

Susana Lei'ataua from Wellington was awarded a 2008 Fulbright New Zealand Senior Scholar Award to take up a position as Artist-in-Residence at New York University's Asian/Pacific/American Institute, the first Pacific artist invited to do so.

Her nine month residency began in October with a solo performance of songs from *Breaking The Surface*, a full length theatre work she will continue to develop in collaboration with New York-based performers during her stay in the US. The new work, an autobiographical operetta, will feature a score composed by Fulbright New Zealand alumnus Gareth Farr and will be toured around New Zealand upon Susana's return from the US next year.

Her other main project while in the US is to edit a Pacific Worlds Reader - a collection of short, accessible essays about Pacific history, cultures and colonisation for US students and the general public.

In late November Susana will take part in the inaugural Indigenous World Theatre Reading Series as a panellist and moderator, introducing indigenous playwrights from New Zealand, Australia, Samoa, Canada and the United States. Included in their number is fellow

Samoan New Zealander Louise Tu'u, who will travel to New York with the assistance of a Fulbright Travel Grant to participate in the event.

Louise will read excerpts from her first play *Le Tuvaga (The Competition)*, which examines the struggle of a young Samoan man to feel at home in both fa'a Samoa (the Samoan way) and the Palagi (European) world. The play is set against the backdrop of the annual Auckland Secondary Schools Māori and Pacific Islands Cultural Festival, better known as PolyFest.

The Indigenous World Theatre Reading Series also features a screening of films and videos celebrating the work of indigenous theatre artists. Included is a screening of *Daughters of the Pacific*, a documentary which profiles Louise and three other women born to Pacific Island migrants to New Zealand, each struggling to combine two cultures and to find their place and identity in New Zealand.

The event is held in collaboration between the New York-based Australian Aboriginal Theatre Initiative, the City University of New York and the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian. ➤

The Indigenous World Theatre Reading Series takes place from 29 November-Saturday 1 December at the Martin E. Segal Theatre Center, City University of New York, 365 5th Avenue.



Susana Lei'ataua (left) and Louise Tu'u (right)

Arrivals and Departures

Arrivals:

Fulbright Senior Specialist Awards

Lincoln University will host Mary Firestone from the University of California, Berkeley, who will share her expertise in soil microbial ecology teaching and research with students and faculty. Mary arrives in November. ➤

Departures:

Fulbright New Zealand Senior Scholar Awards

Cameron Grant from the University of Auckland will conduct research into the importance of nutrition to the health of children at John Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. Cameron departs in January.

Fulbright Visiting Lectureships in New Zealand Studies

Jo Diamond from the University of Canterbury will teach a course in indigenous art history at Georgetown University for their Spring semester. Jo departs in December.

Fulbright Travel Awards

Des Kahotea from Victoria University of Wellington will present a paper on *The legacy of British and American archaeology and Māori heritage* at the American Anthropological Association's 106th annual meeting in Washington, DC. Des departs in November.

Emily Nelson from Clive will present her research on *Co-constructing early adolescence education through image-based research* at the National Middle School Association's 34th annual conference in Houston, Texas. Emily departs in November.

Louise Tu'u from the University of Auckland will attend a reading of her play *Le Tauvaga (The Competition)* at the Indigenous World Theatre Reading Series in New York. Louise departs in November.

Graeme Wake from Massey University will give lectures on industrial and applied mathematics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts and the University of Massachusetts Lowell. Graeme departs in November. ➤

Awarded

2008 International Fulbright Science and Technology Awards

Alana Alexander from Auckland will complete a PhD in cetacean genetics at a top US university.

Wynton Moore from Dunedin will complete a PhD in theoretical cosmology at a top US university.

2008 Fulbright New Zealand Senior Scholar Awards

Cameron Grant (see Departures)

Sarah Leberman (see Current Grantees)

Susana Lei'ataua from Wellington will develop a full length theatre work entitled *Breaking The Surface* and edit a Pacific Worlds Reader at New York University.

Phil Lester from Victoria University of Wellington will investigate the control of red imported fire ants using pheromones at Texas A&M University in College Station.

Stephen May from the University of Waikato will undertake a study of successful bilingual literacy programmes for minority school students at the University of Arizona in Tuscon and Columbia University in New York.

2008 Fulbright Visiting Lectureships in New Zealand Studies

Jo Diamond (see Departures)

Brian McDonnell from Massey University will teach a course in New Zealand film and literature at Georgetown University for their Fall semester.

Fulbright Senior Specialist Awards

The University of Canterbury will host James Mahshie from Gallaudet University, who will share his expertise in aural rehabilitation in a variety of academic, clinical, research and community settings. ➤

Current Grantees

International Fulbright Science and Technology Awards

Irene Ballagh - PhD, neuroscience, Columbia University

Fulbright-Platinum Triangle Scholarship in Entrepreneurship

Priv Bradoo - MBA, Harvard University

Alex Dunayev - MBA, Stanford University

Fulbright-Ministry of Research, Science and Technology Graduate Awards

Tom Algie - PhD research, engineering, University of California, Davis

Richard Conroy - PhD research, engineering, Canesta Inc

Simon Consedine - LLM, energy law, Columbia University

Ulric Ferner - MS/PhD, engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Shane Geange - PhD research, marine ecology, University of Florida

Phillip Hall - PhD, psychology, University of Arizona

Ryan Higgs - MS, animal science, Cornell University

Kyle Lin - MS, engineering, Stanford University

Ross McGurk - medical research, Massachusetts General Hospital

Toni Moyes - LLM, energy policy, New York University

Kenji Sumida - PhD, chemistry, University of California

Brian Walters - MS, financial mathematics, Florida State University

Mark Wheldon - PhD, statistical genetics, University of Washington

Andy Wood - medical research, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Awards

Charlotte Brown - LLM, human rights/media law, Columbia University

Sarah Hill - PhD, public health, Harvard University

Chye-Ching Huang - LLM, constitutional law/economic regulation, Columbia University

Rachel Liebert - PhD, social welfare, Stony Brook University

Leigh Parker - MDes, Carnegie Mellon University

Ben Steele - MA, anthropology, Columbia University

Saeeda Verrall - LLM, public interest law, Harvard University

Georgina White - MA, museum studies, New York University

Fulbright US Graduate Awards

Amanda Cravens - MA, geography, University of Canterbury

Amy Fowler - MSc, marine science, University of Auckland

Willie Franco - MFA, installation art, Massey University

Shaw Gargis - PhD research, Zoonin A resistance, University of Otago

Dana Greenfield - PGCert, gender studies, University of Canterbury

Becky Hamner - MSc, biology, University of Auckland

Emily Howard - MA, political science, University of Canterbury

Tiffany Rinne - MA, political science, University of Canterbury

Fulbright New Zealand Senior Scholar Awards

Penny Brothers - research, porphyrins, Los Alamos National Laboratory

Sarah Leberman - research, women in sports leadership, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Matthew Palmer - research, indigenous peoples' rights, Yale University

Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Pacific Writer's Residency

Sarona Aiono-Iosefa - writing, novella, University of Hawai'i

Fulbright Travel Awards

Gwenda Willis - paper presentation, community reintegration of child molesters, Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers conference

Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy

Shane Reti - research, electronic personal health records, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center/Harvard University

Rhema Vaithianathan - research, insurance design, Harvard University

Fulbright New Century Scholars Programme

Stuart Middleton - research, *Higher Education in the 21st Century: Access and Equity*, University of California, Berkeley

Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Programme

Oneroa Stewart - research/teaching, education/language/cultural & social sciences, Georgia Southwestern State University ➤

For further information about many of the current grantees listed above, see the Fulbright New Zealand 2007 Grantees Booklet, which is available to download from our website - www.fulbright.org.nz

A platinum Fulbright experience

Priv Bradoo from Auckland received the 2006 Fulbright-Platinum Triangle Scholarship in Entrepreneurship to complete an MBA at Harvard Business School. A little over halfway through her two year award, Priv already has plenty to report about her studies, internship and other exchange experiences.

My ride back on the T (Boston's Subway System) today was an exciting one. I was just making my way back from the Women in Business Convention at the Hyatt on Avenue de Lafayette in downtown Boston, where I had been invited to teach a marketing case to undergraduate women with an interest in business from many of the nation's top universities. I have to say, I had thoroughly enjoyed teaching, and thankfully it appeared that I wasn't the only one enjoying it! But apart from just having a lot of fun playing 'teacher' for a change, I spent a lot of the subway ride thinking about how far I had come in the last year.

I couldn't believe just some twelve months ago I'd come to the US for the first time, meeting a whole lot of Fulbrighters at our orientation in New York, and was about to embark on the MBA program at Harvard Business School! And for me, the journey from lab scientist to entrepreneur to being a business school student at this prestigious institution has truly been a transformational one.

I remember my first day on campus. It was a beautiful Boston summer afternoon on the 12th of August 2006. It was the date of my 25th birthday and here I was with my parents moving into my true-to-spirit ivy-covered dorm building. What a birthday treat! The MBA program started off with a high intensity prep course called Analytics. This was an introductory two-week course for 300 or so non-traditional students like me who had after a multitude of journeys found a passion in business and commerce, but without formal training. We had crazy crash courses in accounting, finance and quantitative skills every day from 7am, and crazier socialising events until insane hours of the morning! I'm not quite sure where I garnered all that energy, but all I remember is a lot of work, a lot of fun, and a lot of amazing people from around world.

Somewhere along those two weeks Analytics transitioned into formal school orientation (there was obviously too much partying involved for me to remember the exact transition point), and I jumped right into the formal MBA program with 899 of my first-year peers. Given the large size of the first-year cohort, the class is divided into 10 sections. These sections all have a life, spirit and dynamic of their own, and I was a proud member of Section C.

The first thing I noticed about being in class is that we clap for *everything*. Although this did seem hilarious at the start, it *has* helped me significantly exercise the thenar eminence muscles of my hands! This was also my first exposure to the renowned case study method of pedagogy at HBS, and all I can say is after having a taste of this, it will be hard to learn any other way. Rather than spending 90 minutes of class time listening to the professor, this is a unique way to learn from the varied experiences of 89 other students - bankers, consultants, marines, military people, people from not-for-profit, industry experts, entrepreneurs and scientists. And with such a diverse range of experiences

and backgrounds, each class promised to be a tremendous learning curve.

Apart from all the courses we take, there are always a million things that one could be doing within a day. This has, in fact, given rise to the famous acronym used by HBS students - FOMO (fear of missing out!). Between recruiting presentations, making a ton of new friends, hearing Al Gore, Lee Scott and Steve Ballmer (usually all on the same day), team dinners with professors, club activities, conference planning and preparing for conferences, there are just never enough hours in the day!

Some of the highlights of the last year have been taking part in a two week Social Enterprise trek to Costa Rica, helping organise the Healthcare Conference at HBS and having a phenomenal summer internship experience. I spent the summer at a renewable energy company called Mascoma, a 25 person start-up funded by some top venture capital firms in the US. Mascoma is looking to produce ethanol from cellulosic biomass. Not only was it transformational in that this space is absolutely exciting, it was also a chance to work with great like-minded people. (Not to mention work on the announcement of one of the first ever cellulosic ethanol plants in the world, fly around Michigan in a private jet and meet Governor Granholm along the way!)

Now, two months into the second year, I only wish time would slow down! Every day is just so much fun that I would do anything to live this experience all over. I was fortunate to be chosen as one of 35 students out of 1,800 to be profiled on the HBS website, which brought home something so key to my entire Fulbright and MBA application process - even though we are a small country of 4 million people on the other side of the world, we can always compete with global giants.

Right now, a couple of things that I'm working on are planning the first HBS immersion program to India as a part of the Centennial Year celebration of the school, and preparing to co-author a case study on my summer employer.

As life continues here in true Red Bull and Vodka style, I miss home, family and friends in New Zealand a lot. But suffice to say, I will bring back a lot more than when I first left last year. ➤



Priv Bradoo in the laboratory, before she traded in her lab coat for a position at Harvard Business School

Grantee Voice



Priv Bradoo

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Alumni Voice



Tine Hansen-Turton

“Together we share a responsibility to continue to network and share our knowledge, to meet these exchange programs’ common aims of achieving a more prosperous, just and peaceful world.”

Working together for health care solutions

Tine Hansen-Turton from the American National Nursing Centers Consortium (NNCC) came to New Zealand as an Eisenhower Fellow in 2005, visiting health organisations and experts around the country to research the role of Nurse Practitioners in the public health infrastructure. She has continued collaborating with likeminded New Zealand organisations, and in January 2008 will return for the first Global Healthcare Solutions to Vulnerable Populations Conference, which the NNCC has organised in partnership with the Community Services Development Trust of New Zealand.

In 2005 I visited New Zealand as an Eisenhower Fellow with the objectives of learning about the public health infrastructure in New Zealand, exchanging ideas about the role of Nurse Practitioners in nurse-managed health centers, and exploring the development of nurse-led care in New Zealand with the country’s health care leaders. Nurse Practitioners are experienced and educated expert practice nurses who generally hold a Master’s degree. Like general practitioners, Nurse Practitioners can provide primary care, health promotion and disease prevention to all population groups, and in the US there are over 141,000 nurse practitioners serving as primary care providers for millions of Americans.

Several positive outcomes have resulted from my Eisenhower Fellowship. For example, New Zealand Nurse Practitioners now have prescriptive authority, local District Health Boards (DHBs) are getting funding to establish nurse-managed centers, and a new affiliate of the NNCC has been established, called the New Zealand Nursing Centers Consortium. However, while many positive outcomes have occurred, in order to ensure the proper integration of the Nurse Practitioner’s role and nurse-managed health centers in New Zealand as part of the country’s Primary Health Care Strategy, the following areas still need to be addressed by the Ministry of Health and Nursing Council of New Zealand to ensure success of the strategy:

1) Nurse Practitioners must be integrated with Primary Health Organisations (PHOs). Similarly, community service pilots should be developed to integrate Nurse Practitioner service delivery in conjunction with both PHOs and non-government organisations with a focus on vulnerable populations such as Māori, through a funding mechanism from the DHBs;

2) New Zealand should consider the development of Family Nurse Practitioners, with a general scope of primary care for all age groups, to fill the gaps of GP service;

3) To ensure the success of the Nurse Practitioner program, the Ministry of Health should put pressure on DHBs to provide set-aside funding for PHOs to try alternative Nurse Practitioner models in primary care, such as nurse-managed health centers to provide care for indigent populations, where DHBs have a shortage of GPs and there is a lack of access to primary care;

and 4) The Nursing Council should enter into a dialogue with universities and consider the possibility of credentialing Schools of Nursing to award the Nurse Practitioner degree and then administer a national test for all graduates. This would assure fairness and equity in the process.

Since completing my fellowship, I have kept in close contact with so many wonderful New Zealand colleagues I met during my five-week visit. For the past two years, 20 nursing and health care leaders from New Zealand have visited the US and attended annual best practices conferences hosted by the organization I lead, the National Nursing Centers Consortium. Among them were DHB funders, GPs, Nurse Practitioners, Nurse Practitioner students, and nursing academics. The majority of them were from DHBs which serve the Māori population in Northland.

Last year, we collectively decided that it would be fun and important to plan our own first international conference in New Zealand. What we know from working together is that around the world, thousands of health care professionals have developed innovative health care models and services, such as nurse-managed and nurse-led primary care and public health programs that help increase access to care for millions of vulnerable populations.

In August 2007, I had the distinct honor to return to New Zealand to visit with my New Zealand friends and colleagues, and reconnect with the wonderful Fulbright office, which all of us Eisenhower Fellows come to know as our home away from home. My colleagues invited me back to support them in their continuous efforts to promote and expand the new role of Nurse Practitioners and primary care nurse-led services, and to plan for an exciting international health care conference to be held in Auckland in January 2008, which I hope you will all attend!

My New Zealand colleagues and I were inspired to hold the first Global Healthcare Solutions to Vulnerable Populations Conference by a common belief that access to quality, affordable health care is a global problem and a global responsibility we all share. The conference has been organized by likeminded individuals at Auckland University of Technology, the Community Services Development Trust of New Zealand and the National Nursing Centers Consortium, with support from Fulbright New Zealand and Eisenhower Fellowships. It provides an exciting opportunity for health care professionals from around the world to share innovative health care models and services and to discuss best practices.

The emphasis of the conference is on population-based and community-based health care along with health promotion and preventive care through nurse-managed and nurse-led primary care and public health programs. I look forward in particular to the contributions of Fulbright, Eisenhower and Harkness alumni who are leaders in this field, and encourage those of you reading this to consider attending and presenting at the conference. Together we share a responsibility to continue to network and share our knowledge, to meet these exchange programs’ common aims of achieving a more prosperous, just and peaceful world. ►

The Global Healthcare Solutions to Vulnerable Populations Conference takes place at AUT University in Auckland from 16-17 January 2008, with a Nurse Practitioner Pre-Conference Workshop on the 15th. For more information or to register, visit www.globalhealthcareconference.com

Grantee and Alumni News

Fulbright alumnus **Professor Lloyd Davis** (1996 NZ Research Scholar) has been appointed as Chair of the University of Otago's new Centre for Science Communication. The centre is the first of its kind in New Zealand and its role will be to engage with the New Zealand public, while also hosting a Master of Science Communication programme designed to equip students with the skills and wherewithal to communicate science effectively with the public. The degree will be offered in three subjects - Science and Natural History Filmmaking, Creative Non-fiction Writing in Science, and general Science Communication with an emphasis on the digital realm.

Fulbright grantee **Andy Wood** (2007 Fulbright-MoRST Graduate Award) received extra recognition in August in the form of a prestigious and valuable AMP Scholarship. As one of two Premium Scholarship winners, he will receive a share of NZ\$80,000 in addition to the base AMP Scholarship of NZ\$10,000. Andy is currently researching new treatments for neuroblastoma at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Fulbright alumna **Jen Germano** (2003 US Graduate Student) was awarded a Top Achiever Doctoral Scholarship valued at \$77,386 in August, towards her continuing PhD study of sex identification and reproduction in New Zealand frogs. Presented by the Tertiary Education Commission, the Top Achiever scholarships recognise, support and reward excellence among postgraduate students in New Zealand.

Fulbright alumnus **Professor Keith Hunter** (1990 NZ Research Scholar) was awarded the University of Otago's highest research honour - the Distinguished Research Medal - in August. Keith is an internationally recognised researcher in the field of marine chemistry, with specific interests in sea and fresh water trace metals, ocean carbon dioxide concentrations and isotopic analysis.

Fulbright alumnus **Kerry Howe** (1987 Travel Award) was appointed as a Distinguished Professor by Massey University in September, in recognition of him achieving a position of eminence internationally in the field of history. One of only six academics at the university to hold the title, Kerry is the first from the study of humanities. In August he won the Montana Book Awards' history category for *Vaka Moana: Voyages of the Ancestors*, which he edited in addition to curating the Auckland Museum exhibition of the same name.

Fulbright alumnus **Professor Bill Manhire** (1999 Visiting Professor in New Zealand Studies) was one of three New Zealand writers recognised at this year's Prime Minister's Awards for Literary Achievement in September, receiving a \$60,000 prize for his

contribution to New Zealand literature in the field of poetry. Announcing the awards, Prime Minister Helen Clark noted that "Bill has had a significant influence on the development of New Zealand literature and his standing, both within the New Zealand literary community and internationally, is much deserved."

Fulbright alumnus **Distinguished Professor Gaven Martin** (1981 NZ Graduate Student) has been appointed as Director of Massey University's newly-formed New Zealand Institute for Advanced Study. Launched in October, the institute aspires to be one of the world's leading centres for theoretical research and intellectual inquiry in the sciences, and hopes to one day earn New Zealand's first fully "home grown" Nobel Prize. A mathematician, Gaven was also named as one of five founding members of the institute's professoriate.

Fulbright grantee **Willie Franco** (2007 US Graduate Student) is the featured artist in an exhibition to mark Dia de los Muertos, the Mexican Day of the Dead festival, in Wellington. Willie, a Chicano artist from San Diego, and his partner Miki Seifert have recreated their installation *No Olvidado/Don't Forget Me* and collaborated on additional works with Andrea Peterson, another Wellington-based artist of Mexican descent. Willie and Miki also workshopped ideas around the Day of the Dead festival with a group of local artists who have contributed to the exhibition, which is showing at ROAR! Gallery until November 10th. ►

In Memoriam

Fulbright alumna **Connie Hall (nee Borland)** (1949 New Zealand Research Scholar) passed away in July, aged 87. Connie was the only woman in the first group of New Zealand Fulbright scholars sent to the US, where she studied museum education at the American Museum of Natural History in New York. In Joan Druett's 1988 book *Fulbright in New Zealand*, she recalled the "unimagined luxury" of her three day flight to the US. On her return to New Zealand, Connie continued a lifelong career in museums and education. She was awarded a Queen's Service Medal for Public Services in 1988 for her work in museum education. ►

We are also saddened by the recent passing of the following alumni:

Ward Barrett, 1955 US Graduate Student
Robert Callander, 1969 New Zealand Research Scholar
Henry Forsman, 1959 New Zealand Exchange Teacher
Reginald Graham, 1956 New Zealand Graduate Student
Vernon Penfold, 1980 New Zealand Educational Development Grant

In Brief



above: Willie Franco, 2007
 below: Connie Borland, 1949



Important Dates

December

1 Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy alumni dinner

The Drake, Auckland - please contact the Fulbright New Zealand office for further details or to register your attendance

12 Harriet Fulbright reception

A parliamentary reception hosting distinguished American visitor Harriet Fulbright, wife of the late Senator J. William Fulbright and President of the J. William & Harriet Fulbright Center, which promotes the late Senator's vision of world peace and nonviolent means of resolving conflicts.

5:30pm, Grand Hall, Parliament Buildings, Wellington

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This award is for a promising New Zealand graduate student to undertake postgraduate study or research at a US institution in the field of natural disaster research. One award valued at up to US\$25,000 (plus travel expenses) is offered each year. **Applications close 1 August 2008**

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These awards are for promising New Zealand graduate students to undertake postgraduate study or research at US institutions in fields 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 2008**

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 US institutions. Approximately eight awards valued at up to US\$25,000 (plus travel expenses) are offered each year. **Applications close 1 August 2008**

Fulbright US Senior Scholar Awards

These awards are for US academics, artists or professionals 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 2008**

Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy

These fellowships, offered by The Commonwealth Fund, 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 2008**

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These awards are for promising US graduate students to undertake postgraduate study or research in any field at New Zealand institutions. Approximately 10 awards covering travel, tuition and living costs are offered each year. **Applications close 17 October 2008**

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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. **Application dates vary - see the Eisenhower Fellowships website (www.eisenhowerfellowships.org) for details.**

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