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Fulbright New Zealand 60th Anniversary keynote speakers **Professor Ronald Inglehart** and **Professor Paul Callaghan**

## Distinguished scholars for 60th Anniversary

Distinguished American academic **Professor Ronald Inglehart** from the University of Michigan and well known New Zealand scientist **Professor Paul Callaghan** will give keynote addresses at Fulbright New Zealand's 60th Anniversary Symposium in Auckland on November 22nd.

A specially invited Fulbright Distinguished US Scholar, Professor Inglehart is Director of the World Values Survey which measures political and sociocultural change in societies around the world. His keynote address to the symposium will be on "Development, Freedom and Rising Happiness". The World Values Survey has charted increasing happiness in most countries over the past two decades and this year ranked New Zealand 15th of 52 countries surveyed, one place ahead of the United States.

The symposium's New Zealand keynote speaker is well known local scientist Professor Paul Callaghan, who will discuss the life and legacy of Nobel Prize-winning Fulbright alumnus Professor Alan MacDiarmid and the continuing intellectual interchange between New Zealand and American science. He will screen excerpts of *SuperPlasticsMan – The Alan MacDiarmid Story*, a recent documentary he presented for the online science channel HotScience.

A number of Fulbright alumni from the creative arts will discuss or perform their work including author Witi Ihimaera, poet Bill Manhire and filmmaker Sima Urale.

Alumni Susana Lei'ataua and Gareth Farr will perform music they composed together for Susana's new play *Breaking the Surface* during her tenure as a 2008 Fulbright New Zealand Senior Scholar at New York University.

During Professor Inglehart's visit to New Zealand he will give further public addresses in Palmerston North, Wellington and Christchurch. At those engagements he will focus on a different topic - "Changing Mass Attitudes and Democracy" - discussing how the basic values of publics around the world are changing in ways that lead them to give increasingly high priority to individual autonomy and free choice. Combined with increasing levels of education these changes have given rise to increasingly widespread and effective demands for changes to democracy from authoritarian rule.

Professor Inglehart will also meet with New Zealand government officials and university contacts including Dr Paul Perry from Massey University, who has been New Zealand's principal investigator for the World Values Survey since 1985 and was recently appointed to the Survey's scientific advisory board. ►

For dates and details of Fulbright New Zealand's 60th Anniversary Symposium and Professor Inglehart's additional public lectures see Important Dates on Page 2 of this newsletter or the Fulbright New Zealand website - [www.fulbright.org.nz](http://www.fulbright.org.nz)

## Editorial



Mele Wendt, Executive Director

## From the desk of the Executive Director

Tena koutou, talofa lava and warm Fulbright greetings to you. As 2008 comes to a close, we remember that 60 years ago the Fulbright programme was formed in the aftermath of World War II through Senator William J Fulbright's proposal to establish an educational exchange programme to foster international understanding and mutual goodwill. The Fulbright Act was signed by President Truman on 1 August 1946 and it authorised the US Government to enter into bi-national agreements for educational exchanges with countries owing money from World War II. The agreement between the US and New Zealand was signed on 14 September 1948 - the fifth agreement in the world to be signed - and provided for the establishment of the NZ US Educational Foundation which would administer the Fulbright programme in New Zealand.

The first Fulbright grantee in our programme was Dr Olaus Murie, a distinguished American wildlife expert who came in 1948 to research the American elk population in the South Island. The first New Zealand Fulbrighters left for the US in 1949. 13 in all, there were research scholars and lecturers (Samuel Barnett, Lyle Fastier, Jessie Hall, Hamish Mathew and David Rogers), exchange teachers (William Cartwright, George Mitchell and John Robertson) and graduate students (Peter Becroft, Ruth De Berg, Raymond Quick, Ervin Simpson and Sainsbury Strack). Since then over 2,500 students, teachers, academics, artists and professionals have moved between our two countries and they have come to better understand, appreciate and in many cases to love the other country. To all alumni, we remember and celebrate you in this anniversary year! You are what this programme is all about.

We have celebrated our 60th anniversary year by way of a range of events, starting with a launch reception with Mrs Harriet Fulbright in Wellington in December 2007, then a gala dinner in Washington, DC in June 2008 with American alumni and US government folks, and a parliamentary reception in Wellington also in June. The anniversary will end with a celebration in Auckland on 22 November. The Governor General of New Zealand, Anand Satyanand, and the US Ambassador, Bill McCormick, will attend these events

on behalf of the New Zealand and US governments. We expect a good number of alumni, friends and interested members of the public to join us at the free symposium. Please promote the symposium widely - the more, the merrier!

As part of our 60th anniversary, the US Department of State has kindly sponsored a Fulbright Distinguished US Scholar to visit New Zealand. Prof Ron Inglehart from the University of Michigan will travel to various cities to meet with various groups and give public speaking engagements. (See below for further information)

We say farewell to the US Honorary Chairperson of Fulbright New Zealand and US Ambassador to New Zealand, Bill McCormick, and his wife Gail, who have served their term and head back to America shortly. They have been extremely supportive of Fulbright New Zealand and its Board, staff, grantees and alumni. We have had wonderful Thanksgiving Dinners in their home each year and can't thank them enough for all that they have done for Fulbright. (By the way, happy Thanksgiving everyone!)

We also farewell Ruth Harley, the longest serving Board member (13 years!) and Chair of the Board since March 2007, who leaves New Zealand to work in Australia. As a Fulbright alumna herself, Ruth will always have a special relationship with Fulbright New Zealand. We thank Ruth most sincerely for her incredible service, input and support, and we wish her all the best for the future.

Of course I can't end this column without acknowledging that both New Zealand and the US are having elections four days apart in November this year. It's undeniably an exciting time, especially in the US presidential race. We look forward to working with governments in both countries post-election.

Lastly, because of the many events happening, we are not having our usual Christmas party in Wellington this year (sorry). We do hope to see you soon and we wish Happy Holidays to you all!

## Important Dates

## November

- 17 **Professor Ronald Inglehart public lecture - 'Changing Mass Attitudes and Democracy'**  
Professor Ronald Inglehart (University of Michigan), Director of the World Values Survey, discusses the "Third Wave" of democratisation in which dozens of countries have shifted from authoritarian rule to democracy over the past fifteen years since the fall of communism. Professor Inglehart's visit to New Zealand is as a Fulbright Distinguished US Scholar to give the keynote address at Fulbright New Zealand's 60th Anniversary Symposium.  
*11:00am-12:00pm, Commerce 013, University of Canterbury, Christchurch (Lecture Theatre TBC)*
- 19 **Professor Ronald Inglehart public lecture - 'Changing Mass Attitudes and Democracy'**  
*6:00-8:00pm, Lecture Theatre 1, Rutherford House, 23 Lambton Quay, Victoria University of Wellington*
- 20 **Professor Ronald Inglehart public lecture - 'Changing Mass Attitudes and Democracy'**  
*11:00am-12:00pm, Japan Lecture Theatre, Turitea Campus, Massey University, Palmerston North*
- 22 **Fulbright New Zealand 60th Anniversary Symposium and Reception**  
These are the final events in Fulbright New Zealand's 60th Anniversary calendar. The afternoon symposium is a free public event featuring a fantastic line-up of speakers focused on 'Creative Partnerships' and the exchange of ideas between New Zealand and the US. The invitation-only reception will provide a chance for alumni and friends of Fulbright to reunite and celebrate this special occasion.  
*Symposium - 1:30-5:00pm, Owen G Glenn Building, 12 Grafton Road, University of Auckland*  
*Reception - 5:30-8:00pm, see invitation for details*

See [www.fulbright.org.nz](http://www.fulbright.org.nz) or contact the Fulbright New Zealand office for more details

## Changes to Fulbright New Zealand Board

Fulbright New Zealand's Board of Directors elected Auckland-based US immigration attorney **Barbara Johnson** as its new Chairperson in September, to replace **Ruth Harley** who stood down from the Board after accepting a new job in Australia.

A former United States Diplomat, Barbara has served as one of six Americans on the Fulbright New Zealand Board since October 2002, and has been its Deputy Chairperson since March 2007. She believes strongly that each Fulbright scholar serves in an ambassadorial role during their studies abroad.

"These scholar/ambassadors can transform relationships between the US and New Zealand," she explains. "To that end, the Fulbright New Zealand Board is working to increase both the number and the diversity of grantees so that these scholars can provide the widest possible representation of their home country during their exchange abroad, and have a vital impact on various sectors of society when they return home upon completion of their scholarships."

New Zealander **Stephen Jacobi**, Executive Director of the New Zealand United States Council, was appointed as the new Deputy Chairperson of the Board. The NZ US Council shares the Fulbright programme's goals of fostering a strong and mutually beneficial relationship between New Zealand and the US, and Stephen has broad experience in diplomacy, trade and government.

**Ruth Harley** leaves New Zealand this month to take up a new position as the inaugural Chief Executive of the Australian Government's new screen production agency Screen Australia. She was previously Chief Executive of the New Zealand Film Commission and had

served the Fulbright New Zealand Board for 13 years. A replacement Board member is currently being sought.

The Board also farewelled **Roy Glover**, Public Affairs Officer for the Embassy of the United States in Wellington, who has retired from the foreign service. His replacement, **Mark Wenig**, joins the Board having previously served as Consul for Public Affairs at the US Consulate General in Leipzig, Germany. A former journalist, he has been involved with the Fulbright programme in several other countries during his 14 years in the public service.

**Carl Worker**, Director of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Americas Division, has also left the Board to take up his appointment as New Zealand's Ambassador to China. His replacement is **David Taylor**, who was previously Director of the Ministry's Asia Division and is a past Ambassador to South Korea. ►



*Ruth Harley and Carl Worker are farewelled from the Board*

## Fourth major Science and Technology winner

**University of Auckland biotechnology graduate Jessica Rodrigues** has been selected by rigorous international competition for the highly prestigious and valuable **2009 International Fulbright Science and Technology Awards**, the fourth New Zealander granted the award in the programme's first three years.

The awards, which were designed to be "the most prestigious international scholarship in science and technology", cover the full costs of completing a PhD in the United States and are offered to only 40 students each year from the 150+ participating countries in the Fulbright programme. With an estimated value of over NZ\$350,000 they are the US government's most prestigious and valuable education scholarships and provide a unique opportunity for foreign students to study and research at America's leading academic institutions in scientific fields.

Jessica Rodrigues graduated with a Bachelor of Technology degree (with Honours) from The University of Auckland in May 2008, and looks forward to researching the biotechnological application of plants and microbes at one of several universities in the state of California, which she says is "one of the world's largest biotechnology hubs, where universities such as Stanford, Caltech and Berkeley have established themselves as leaders in the field."

As a biotechnologist she is mindful that simple changes at the cellular and molecular level have drastic effects which can be used to mankind's advantage, and hopes

to one day conduct research which can create new technologies, supplement existing ones or provide new tools for further biotechnology research.

"I believe this field has a lot of scope, both internationally and in New Zealand, as there is plenty of room to improve current technologies, especially in terms of efficiency and sustainability. Novel applications of plant and microbial systems, in settings that range from hospitals to factories to homes, are continually being developed as we come to a greater understanding and knowledge of the processes that underpin them. Only time will tell whether these applications will be able to meet the evergrowing and increasingly urgent needs of society, but it is definitely a path worth exploring."

Long term, Jessica would like to share her enthusiasm for science and technology by pursuing a career in academia combining both research and teaching. A doctoral degree "is the obvious step forward" in achieving this goal, but she cites US universities' combination of course work, laboratory research rotations and compulsory teaching as a particularly rewarding approach.

Jessica will depart for the US next August/September and join three other young New Zealanders already conducting PhD research in the US on International Fulbright Science and Technology Awards - **Alana Alexander** from Auckland and **Irene Ballagh** and **Wynton Moore** from Dunedin. ►

## Fulbright News



**Barbara Johnson**



**Jessica Rodrigues**

## Alumni News



Graham Cochrane

## Official Alumni Association to be formed

As a result of interest and enthusiasm expressed at Fulbright alumni functions in past years, a steering group of alumni of Fulbright and associated NZ-US educational exchanges was recently formed to investigate the possibility of establishing an official alumni association.

Having studied the structure and activities of alumni associations in other countries, the steering group met under the chairmanship of Fulbright alumnus Graham Cochrane (1978 Fulbright New Zealand Exchange Teacher) in Wellington during September to take initial steps in planning for the formation of a New Zealand alumni association.

The group identified the following core goals for an organisation of alumni willing to "give back" to the Fulbright programme:

- to *connect* alumni with one another through networking opportunities and events;
- to *support* the work of Fulbright New Zealand through involvement with its programmes and grantees, and by fundraising for additional awards;
- to *raise awareness* of the association, its members and Fulbright New Zealand's programmes.

The group decided that a Fulbright New Zealand Alumni Association should be a stand alone organisation but work closely with Fulbright New Zealand in mutually

beneficial ways. Membership would be open to alumni of all exchange programmes administered by Fulbright New Zealand including Ian Axford, Harkness, Kennedy and Eisenhower Fellowships. Participants of similar exchange programmes such as the US Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Programme and any other interested parties would be welcome to join as Friends of the association.

Proposed activities for an alumni association included regional gatherings, alumni awards, lectures and symposiums, a newsletter, an online membership directory, archiving of alumni stories, fundraising for additional awards, buddy support for new grantees and hosting of other visiting Americans.

The steering group is working towards an official launch of the association in June 2009 at a symposium event held in Wellington to coincide with Fulbright New Zealand's annual parliamentary awards ceremony. In the meantime, members are canvassing feedback and suggestions from fellow alumni in their local regions, and inviting any interested alumni to join them at an alumni brunch in Auckland on 22 November prior to Fulbright New Zealand's 60th anniversary celebrations. Please contact Graham Cochrane for details of the brunch or to discuss the planned association.

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## In Brief



Sir Jon Trimmer

## Grantee and Alumni News

Fulbright grantee **Jessica Kerr** (2008 NZ Graduate Student) was awarded a William Georgetti Scholarship valued at \$4,000 in September, towards her LLM study at Yale University. You can read about Jessica's early experiences in the US on Page 6 of this newsletter. Fulbright alumna **Michelle Menzies** (2006 NZ Graduate Student) was another of the dozen recipients of William Georgetti Scholarships, which are awarded for postgraduate study and research in fields important to the social, cultural and economic development of New Zealand. Michelle's award, valued at \$30,000, will fund her continuing study for a PhD in literature from the University of Chicago.

Fulbright alumnus **Dr David Grattan** (2006 NZ Travel Award) has been appointed Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Neuroendocrinology*, the first person outside the UK to hold the position. The journal is published monthly by Blackwell Publishing.

Fulbright alumnus **Peter Peryer** (1985 NZ Cultural Development Grant) is the subject of a new book, *Peter Peryer: Photographer*, written by Peter Simpson and published by Auckland University Press in September. The book documents Peter's 35 year career and includes an autobiographical essay and 80 of his photographs - the largest body of his work ever assembled.

Fulbright alumnus **Dr Richard Blaikie** (2001 NZ Senior Scholar) was appointed Director of the MacDiarmid Institute for Advanced Materials and Nanotechnology in September. The institute, named after Nobel Prize-winning Fulbright alumnus **Alan MacDiarmid** (1950 NZ Graduate Student), is a collaborative venture incorporating four universities and two crown research

institutes.

Fulbright alumnus **Sir Jon Trimmer** (1982 NZ Cultural Development Grant) celebrated 50 years of service in the Royal New Zealand Ballet in September and was honoured at a reception hosted by the Governor General. Sir Jon was knighted in 1999 for services to ballet, and is currently playing the lead in the RNZB's production of *Don Quixote*.

A number of Fulbright alumni have published new books in the past quarter, including:

- **Dr John Barrington** (1982 NZ Research Scholar) - *Separate but Equal?: Māori schools and the Crown 1867-1969*, Victoria University Press
- **Dr Ann Brower** (2004 US Graduate Student) - *Who owns the High Country?: The controversial story of tenure review in New Zealand*, Craig Potton Publishing
- **Dr Kennedy Graham** (1972 NZ Graduate Student) - *Models of Regional Governance for the Pacific: Sovereignty and the future architecture of regionalism*, Canterbury University Press
- **Leslie Roberts** (2002 US Graduate Student) - *The Entire Earth and Sky: Views on Antarctica*, University of Nebraska Press
- **Ian Wedde** (2006 NZ Travel Award) - *Chinese Opera*, Victoria University Press ►

## In Memoriam

We are saddened by the recent passing of Ian Axford Fellowships Board Member **Philip Lewin** and the following alumni:

**Ted Harvey**, 1975 New Zealand Research Scholar  
**Peter Roberts**, 1968 New Zealand Exchange Teacher

## An election on the other side

Dr Rod Bieleski was a 1960 Fulbright New Zealand Senior Scholar at the University of California, Los Angeles, during that year's American presidential election campaign. Almost half a century later, as both the US and New Zealand head to the polls for their 2008 elections, Rod reflects on his unique experience at the 1960 Democratic Convention.

How on earth did a plant physiologist, and a New Zealander at that, land up attending the Democratic Convention of 1960? Here's how it came about, the Fulbright way.

It's hard for someone of today's generation to realize just how foreign a place the USA was to a New Zealander in 1960. England was still the Mother Country and all our culture came from there. It worked the same the other way – nearly all Californians confused New Zealand with Australia, most expecting us to wear grass skirts. So the first few weeks of our visit were a huge learning experience, both ways. Strangely, our first common ground centred around lunch, where my regular sandwich lunch (eaten at my desk) was recognized as the USA brown bag lunch (to be eaten in seminars). I was promptly invited to join the Cynical Seminar, run by a small group of about 15 academic heavyweights. While some science came into the discussions (with me hanging on every word), USA was approaching the 1960 presidential election and I got a rapid insight into the complexity of US politics. All were leftish Democrats, praising and condemning various aspects of politics in their country. I soon became aware that the entire spectrum of New Zealand politics fitted within the rightish and leftish Democrat's world, which made for easier understanding on my part. When I revealed this insight, wise heads were nodded, New Zealand was praised as an enlightened and 100% Democratic place, and I became an honorary Democrat on the spot.

The single biggest political issue for the Cynical Seminar that year was segregation, mostly absent in California but prevailing in all the southeastern States. For all seminar members, the total removal of colour discrimination over the entire USA was a burning issue (I didn't realize it at the time, but nearly all the group were Jewish, and understandably sensitive to racial discrimination). My boss, George Laties (with his wife equally involved) went beyond talking and was an active, working member of the Democratic Party. For George and Betsy, the presidential candidate who most accepted the need to do something positive was Adlai Stevenson. He was their champion and they were prepared to work their tushes off for him. As good Fulbrighters, my wife and I hung around, trying to get a deeper insight into this aspect of American life. I can still remember Betsy's fury when, with her, we passed a house at the bottom of her road where there was a burning cross on the front lawn (yes, a burning cross, in LA, in 1960). To Betsy it was a total obscenity, and when she explained its background, it was to us too.

And that's why we went out to the airport to greet Adlai Stevenson when he arrived in LA for the convention. George and Betsy, as party activists, had to be there and had tickets to attend the convention. It was exciting for them, looking at and greeting a potential President who could make such a difference to their much-loved country. It was great to be there, surrounded by exuberant supporters, and to experience the roiling

enthusiasm. It made, and still makes, our elections look tame by comparison. But after the first day of the Convention, everything was black for the Laties. Their champion was soundly defeated, and John F Kennedy was to be the presidential candidate. They saw him as one of the old establishment, not prepared to make any change. Worse, by the time they left the convention that evening, it was clear to them that the next day Lyndon Johnson would be elected as the Vice Presidential candidate, and they couldn't stomach that. Johnson was a hard old Texas politician, right from the middle of segregation country. They would not attend the convention the next day to see that, and we were offered their tickets. By now we were all wrapped up in the excitement of the American political process, and accepted like a shot. And that's how we attended the convention on that historic day when LBJ was nominated as vice presidential candidate. We experienced the parading of the state banners, the calling out of the state votes, the smoky atmosphere, and finally LBJ's acceptance speech. The Laties' upset had been our treasure – we had attended a major event in American politics.

Hindsight is a wonderful thing. Three years later JFK was assassinated. LBJ became President through the back door. The Laties were wrong – LBJ did more than any other politician before or since to attack segregation, nurturing the Civil Rights Act of 1964 which outlawed most forms of racial segregation and then in 1965 the Voting Rights Act which outlawed discrimination in voting, so allowing millions of southern blacks to vote for the first time. And Val and I saw the historic event that, more than any other, started that process. Not bad for a New Zealand-born plant physiologist.



*Lyndon Johnson* accepts his party's nomination for Vice President at the 1960 Democratic Party Convention in Los Angeles

## Reminiscence



Rod Bieleski

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## Grantee Voice



Jessica Kerr

*"There really is a sense of wonder about our tiny, tough little country."*

## In with the new

Jessica Kerr from Omapere received a 2008 Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Award to complete a Master of Laws degree at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut. One of the first of this year's New Zealand graduate students to touch base in the US, she reports on her first impressions of an historic Ivy League university.

Flying into New Orleans hot on the heels of Hurricane Dolly, over a giant oil spill in the Mississippi and into a city of thunderstorms, oppressive heat, unforgettable jazz and super-sized everything made for a dramatic start to my Fulbright year. The three weeks I and another New Zealand Fulbrighter, Rob Vosslamber, spent at Tulane University were designed to give us an introduction to the US legal system and help us catch our breath before the year began in earnest. There were definitely some academic eye-openers, like the day spent in court watching first-time marijuana possession accused, some of whom had been in custody for days, shuffling in shackled at their wrists and ankles. But the city was a whole learning curve in itself. Being robbed on our first night out in the French Quarter may have been a little too educational for comfort, but everyone else I met was so overwhelmingly friendly that it was hard to take away anything other than happy memories – in fact, memories verging on awe at how such a ravaged city had sustained an incredible, all-pervading mood of dedication to eating, drinking and generally making merry.

Onwards and upwards (literally) from Louisiana, I survived Philadelphia airport and staggered into the more sedate environs of Yale Law School, where the first week flew by, recovering from sensory overload and letting the tranquil New England summer ease me into an appropriately dignified Ivy League state of mind. New Haven is a small city, perched on the coastal arc between Boston and NYC, with a fairly grim reputation that I'm now beginning to understand as stemming from the pervasive (and, for a New Zealander, un-ignorable) economic gulf between Yalies and, well, almost everyone else around here. In the central Yale campus area it's breathtakingly pretty, and in the late summer the campus buildings – which could be described as a testament to Americans' complete unconcern with historical snobbery – almost seem to glow. Even my underdeveloped colonial sense of history had to respond to the surreal vibe of our gorgeous Harry Potter-style Sterling Law Building, which proudly juxtaposes several distinct architectural eras and many artfully "repaired" leadlight windows – making it easy to forget that it was all constructed in the space of a year or so in the 1920s.

Our orientation into the "small but perfectly formed" law school community was perfectly managed – it's amazing how quickly my sense of unmitigated unworthiness (which seems to be standard for YLS international students!) faded as a succession of accomplished and articulate faculty and undergraduates reached out to welcome me. And it was astonishing to realize that my announcement of my nationality (if there was any doubt about it from my apparently incomprehensible accent) was a source of much, much more than polite curiosity or even predictable amusement. There really is a sense of wonder about our tiny, tough little country and how we seem to have escaped so much of the grief and rage that fills the political and cultural histories of classmates, especially those from Latin America and

Eastern Europe. Taking the first tentative steps towards seeing my personal and national history through the eyes of perceptive, interested people from all over the world has already opened my eyes in a way that I don't think any amount of sitting and thinking at home could have done. And it really has been true so far, as we were told on our first day, that the richest part of the learning experience at this very sophisticated institution is often in simple conversation – in talking, and listening, and marvelling at the space that opens up as our different perspectives gain new depth and possibility in relation to each other. Which isn't to say that the formal teaching environment isn't wonderful – I'm lucky (or foolhardy) enough to be taking only very small seminar courses this semester, which puts me in astonishing and pretty daunting proximity to professors I could spend a whole lifetime listening to, if they didn't spend most of the time listening to us and inviting us to discover and sharpen our own ideas.

Did I mention that when I'm not in class, in conversation or in rapture at the fall foliage just starting to turn, I've been walking 100 metres down the road to a hall where I've seen Tony Blair speak one week, Bill Clinton the next, and had the unbelievable good fortune to be allowed to sit in on three absolutely blissful (for me) days of frank and inspired discussions between some of the most distinguished Supreme Court judges in the world? I've eight months left at Yale to soak in everything I can, and this new life in New Haven, in a country that may be about to usher in an entirely new political age, won't be getting old in a hurry. ►



Jessica Kerr gets acquainted with fellow Fulbrighters on a Mississippi steam boat (above) and explores the surrounds of Yale University with classmates (below - photo courtesy of Yale Law School)



## Awarded

### Fulbright Travel Awards

John Bitchener from AUT University will present a paper entitled *Tailoring different types of written corrective feedback to individual needs* at the 43rd Annual TESOL Convention in Denver, Colorado.

Dianne Brunton from Massey University will collaborate on research projects examining the impact of climate change on migratory birds at Environment for the Americas in Boulder, Colorado, and the impact of microbial infection on kakapo egg mortality at the University of California, Berkeley.

Karyn France (see Departures) ►

## Arrivals and Departures

### Departures:

#### Fulbright Travel Awards

Karyn France from the University of Canterbury will give lectures on child and family psychology in New Zealand and the Canterbury Sleep Programme at various institutions in Kansas and Pennsylvania. ►



2008 Fulbright US Graduate Students *Brian Kastl* (above) and *Alyssa Borowske* (below) pictured at work during their exchanges to New Zealand



## Current Grantees

### International Fulbright Science and Technology Awards

Alana Alexander - PhD, wildlife, Oregon State University  
Irene Ballagh - PhD, neuroscience, Columbia University  
Wynton Moore - PhD, physics, University of Chicago

### Fulbright-Platinum Triangle Scholarship in Entrepreneurship

Alex Dunayev - MBA, Stanford University  
Fiona Miller - MBA, University of California

### Fulbright-Ministry of Research, Science and Technology Graduate Awards

Josephine Beck - research, primate vocalisation, Harvard University  
Adam Forbes - MS, management science and engineering, Stanford University

Lucy Hawcroft - MS, conservation psychology, University of Oregon

Rick Henry - PhD research, engineering, Iowa State University

William Kelton - PhD, chemical engineering, University of Texas

Shaun McGirr - PhD, political science, University of Michigan

Josie McVitty - MS, environmental engineering, Harvard University

Rahul Mehta - PhD, electrical engineering, University of Texas

Hiren Mulchandani - MS, material science and engineering, Stanford University

Hiten Mulchandani - MS and PhD, aeronautics and astronautics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Monique Ryan - MS, computer science, Stanford University

Damian Scarf - PhD research, animal psychology, Columbia University

Dmitri Schebarchov - PhD research, physics, University of Tennessee

Jethro van Ekeren - PhD, mathematics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

### Fulbright-EQC Graduate Awards in Natural Disaster Research

Geoff Rodgers - PhD research, mechanical engineering, Texas A&M University

Aaron Wilson - PhD research, civil and environmental engineering, Drexel University

### Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Awards

Luke Di Somma - MFA, musical theatre writing, New York University

Bethany Edmunds - MA, visual culture, New York University

Olivia Kember - MA, security studies, Columbia University

Jessica Kerr - LLM, judicial role in public/private law, Yale University

Jono Paulin - MS, clinical exercise physiology, Northeastern University

Simon Thode - PhD, history, Johns Hopkins University

Rob Vosslander - PhD research, taxation ethics, Boston University

### Fulbright US Graduate Awards

Alyssa Borowske - BSc (Hons), biology, University of Waikato

Dorien Coray - MSc, biotechnology, University of Canterbury

Christina Gonzalez - GradDipArts, political science, Victoria University of Wellington

Brian Kastl - MSc, geology, University of Auckland

Amanda McRaven - MPhil, community theatre, Massey University

Siobhan O'Kane - MSocSc, geography, University of Waikato

Lauren Robinson - research, art curation, Victoria University of Wellington

Danya Rumore - PGDipSci, environmental management, University of Auckland

Malia Villegas - PhD research, indigenous education, University of Auckland

### Fulbright New Zealand Senior Scholar Awards

Anne de Bruin - research, entrepreneurship, Babson College

### Fulbright Visiting Scholar Awards in New Zealand Studies

Brian McDonnell - research/lecturing, New Zealand film and literature, Georgetown University

### Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Pacific Writer's Residency

David Young - creative writing, University of Hawai'i

### Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy

Robin Gauld - research, reduction of clinical performance variations, Boston University/Massachusetts General Hospital ►

For further information about many of the current grantees listed above, see the Fulbright New Zealand 2008 Grantees Booklet, which is available to download from our website - [www.fulbright.org.nz](http://www.fulbright.org.nz)

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## Awards

Fulbright awards recognise individuals who show academic or professional excellence, leadership potential and the ability to be cultural ambassadors for their country. Fulbright New Zealand offers or administers the following awards and fellowships:

#### Fulbright Travel Awards

For New Zealand academics, artists or professionals to visit the US for 12 to 90 days in order to present papers at conferences, deliver lectures, collaborate with American colleagues or visit relevant institutions. Eight to twelve awards valued at up to NZ\$5,000 are offered each year. **Applications close 1 March, 1 July and 1 November 2009**

#### Fulbright Senior Specialist Awards

For New Zealand academic institutions to host US academics, artists or professionals for two to six week programmes of lectures, seminars, workshops, conferences or symposiums. Approximately six awards valued at up to NZ\$8,400 (plus travel expenses) are offered each year. **Applications close 1 March, 1 July and 1 November 2009**

#### Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowships in Public Policy

For outstanding mid-career US professionals to research and gain first-hand experience of public policy in New Zealand for seven months. A small number of fellowships valued at up to NZ\$45,500 (plus travel expenses) are offered each year. **Applications close 1 March 2009**

#### Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Pacific Writer's Residency

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 2009**

#### International Fulbright Science and Technology Awards

For promising graduate students from around the world to undertake fully-funded PhD study at top US universities in fields of science, technology or engineering. Approximately 40 awards with an estimated value over NZ\$350,000 are offered internationally each year. **Applications close 1 May 2009**

#### Fulbright-Cognition Education Research Trust Scholar Award in Education Research

For a New Zealand educator or scholar to pursue research in the US designed to have an impact on New Zealand schooling and student achievement, for three to five months. One award valued at up to US\$20,000 (plus travel expenses) is offered each year. **Applications close 1 May 2009**

#### Fulbright New Zealand Senior Scholar Awards

For New Zealand academics, artists or professionals to lecture and/or conduct research 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 2009**

#### Fulbright Visiting Scholar Awards in New Zealand Studies

For New Zealand academics to conduct research and teach New Zealand Studies at Georgetown University in Washington, DC for one or two semesters. Two awards - one per semester - valued at up to US\$32,500 (plus travel expenses) are offered each year. **Applications close 1 June 2009**

#### Fulbright-Platinum Triangle Scholarship in Entrepreneurship

For a promising New Zealand graduate student in a knowledge economy-related field to complete a Masters degree at a US university and gain professional work experience in the US and New Zealand. One award valued at US\$100,000 (plus travel expenses and a paid internship) is offered each year. **Applications close 1 August 2009**

#### Fulbright-Ministry of Research, Science & Technology Graduate Awards

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 10 awards valued at up to US\$25,000 (plus travel expenses) are offered each year. **Applications close 1 August 2009**

#### Fulbright-EQC Graduate Award in Natural Disaster Research

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 2009**

#### Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Awards

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 2009**

#### Fulbright US Senior Scholar Awards

For US academics, artists or professionals to lecture and/or conduct research 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 2009**

#### Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy and Practice

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\$107,000 are offered each year. **Applications close 1 September 2009**

#### Fulbright US Graduate Awards

For promising US graduate students to undertake postgraduate study or research in any field at New Zealand institutions. Approximately 10 awards valued at up to NZ\$30,000 (plus travel expenses) are offered each year. **Applications close 16 October 2009**

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