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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2018 has proved to be a momentous year for Fulbright NZ. Not only is it our 70th anniversary but we were also able to introduce and promote our tremendously enhanced new award levels for future NZ graduates to go to the US.

This auspicious dual lens in looking back and celebrating with pride and in the knowledge that the future is very bright is reflected in this issue of Bright Sparks with stories, profiles and achievements of our current talented awardees and fascinating recollections from alumni.

We have been delighted to hold alumni receptions around the country and gatherings in New York and Washington DC. We intend to continue to hold alumni gatherings, hearing from recently returned awardees at the same time as we promote our awards in person to potential applicants around the country.

I continue to be bowled over by the life changing impact of our programme and am incredibly grateful to our wonderful staff, board members and the enthusiasm and goodwill of our alumni.

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We would love to hear what you've been up to! We welcome your letters, articles, notices and story ideas. Please note, any material submitted may be edited for publication.

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**NEW ZEALAND ORDER OF MERIT:**  
**SARAH REO**

Article contributed by Ruby Harfield at Hawkes Bay Today.

A Havelock North woman humbly accepted her New Year Honour on behalf of many who she says deserved it more. Sarah Reo has been made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for her services to Māori and education.

She is the co-founder of education provider Cultureflow, established in 2002, which developed innovative methods of delivering te reo and tikanga Māori training programmes to encourage the uptake of Māori language among a new generation of learners.

Ms Reo said she initially thought she would turn down the honour because she felt there were many people who should have been recognised before her such as her mother and others of that generation.

"I was pretty overwhelmed when they first rang. It's very humbling to be singled out, a little bit embarrassing to me."

However, she decided accepting the accolade was a way of acknowledging her parents' generation who provided opportunities and set a high standard for future generations to aspire to.

"That generation went without, they did so much. They really sacrificed," she said. "I feel like they have

contributed a lot more, my acceptance is in honour of them. On behalf of all of them I accept it with absolute humility."

Ms Reo's achievements are a reflection of how she was brought up and she continues to try to add more value in her work to honour her parents' generation, she said. "There's so much work that we can do to try and live up to their example ... that's a really strong legacy that they've left behind."

Ms Reo has just returned from a Fulbright Platinum-Triangle Business Scholarship to study at the University of Hawaii for two years. She graduated with an Executive Master of Business Administration degree in May and has been continuing small business consulting work since her return to New Zealand.

She will also continue her work with Cultureflow which has programmes delivered throughout New Zealand to public and private-sector organisations, not-for-profit groups and tertiary institutes using a mixture of software classes and one-on-one training.

She has also contributed to Māori housing projects, mentoring programmes for young women, and employment programmes for the unemployed.

**IN PUBLICATION**

**BRIAN HALTON**

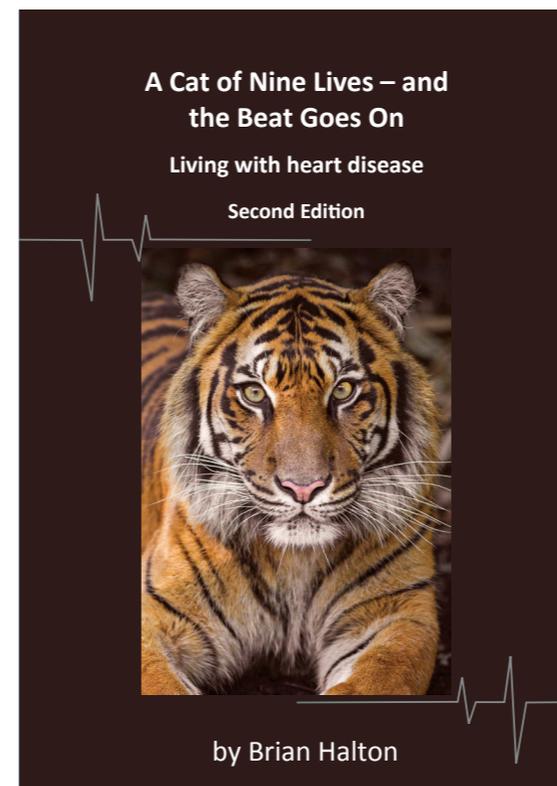
FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR 1981

Congratulations to Fulbright alumnus Brian Halton, who has published the second edition of his book, *Living with Heart Disease*, entitled "A Cat of Nine Lives?"

"The booklet is not intended to bolster any reputation I may have rather than provide a straight forward account of how one can enjoy a full life with heart disease – and I speak from 35 years of experience through many procedures and hospitalisations. If it can help one person then my time has been well spent," said Halton.

Halton has been involved with 262 total publications to date. He was a Fulbright Scholar at The University of Utah from October 1981 to July 1982 as a NZ academic.

The book is available for direct free download from Archive.org at: <https://archive.org/details/ACatOfNineLives-SecodEdition>.



**EVENTS**

SEPTEMBER

**Fulbright New Zealand 70th Anniversary Celebration**

Date: Friday 14 September 2018

Time: 6:30pm onwards

Location: Harbourside Function Venue, Wellington

Occasion: Join us as we celebrate 70 years of Fulbright New Zealand. The evening will feature performances from Fulbright alumni including Bill Manhire, Jan Bolwell & Mona Williams, and speakers across various fields, with music from The Fades.

To purchase tickets head to our events page on our website: [www.fulbright.org.nz](http://www.fulbright.org.nz)

NOVEMBER

**Ngā Pae Fulbright 'Indigenous Futures' Forum**

Date: Tuesday 13 November 2018

Time: 4pm – 6pm

Location: The University of Auckland Business School, Owen G Glenn Building, 098 Lecture Theatre, Auckland

Occasion: Hear from a panel of five Fulbright-Ngā Pae alumni as they talk about their scholarship experience and how this relates to indigenous futures. Register on eventbrite: [bit.ly/NgaPaeFulbrightForum](http://bit.ly/NgaPaeFulbrightForum)

**Campus Advisors Annual Meeting**

Date: 16 November

Time: 12 - 5 p.m.

Location: Fulbright New Zealand offices (Wellington)  
Occasion: Every year we get our campus advisors together in Wellington for a workshop and training. Are you interested in serving as a campus advisor? We are looking for Fulbright alumni with ties to the University of Auckland, the University of Otago, and the University of Waikato. If you're interested, please email [rachel@fulbright.org.nz](mailto:rachel@fulbright.org.nz)

## IN MEMORIAM

We received two obituaries honoring Connie Lawn and Gertrude Ferriman. Although not Fulbright alumnae, both women made significant contributions to US-NZ relations and the Fulbright programme. The letter honoring Gertrude Ferriman can be found on page 31.



### CONNIE LAWN, 1944-2018

Independent reporter Connie Lawn died at her home in Falls Church, Virginia on 2 April 2018. At the time of her death Connie was the longest serving member of the White House Press corps. In 2006 Connie was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award by the New Zealand National Press Club and in 2012 an honorary ONZM (honorary because of not being a New Zealand citizen) for services to New Zealand-United States relations. This latter was conferred on her in Washington by Ambassador Mike Moore, the former Prime Minister.

Connie made a unique and memorable contribution to New Zealand-United States relations through both her reportage and her love of this country. Never other than an American, in her life and work she was a reminder to New Zealanders of the richness and diversity of the United States and the multiple opportunities available to the peoples of both countries to learn from and engage with the other.

*This is an excerpt of a full obituary by Malcolm McKinnon.*



## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:

# ANNE MEADE

*Anne Mead was awarded the Lifetime Achievements in Education Award at the Prime Minister's Education Excellence Awards.*

Anne's academic, research and organisational achievements in Early Childhood Education, both in New Zealand over overseas, span a 40+ year career.

A trained teacher, she has also been a mentor for teachers, a lecturer, a researcher and a policy developer in the field of Early Childhood Education. Following her role as the director of the New Zealand Council for Educational Research, Anne has been a consultant for educational advice for the past 18 years. She and her daughter Linda established the Daisies Early Childhood Education and Care Centre in Johnsonville in 2008. Anne was a Fulbright Scholar in 1999.

## AWARDS OF NOTE



**AILSA LIPSCOMBE**  
2015 FULBRIGHT  
NEW ZEALAND GRADUATE  
AWARD

Congratulations to Ailsa Lipscombe, Doctoral Student in Music History and Theory, who was awarded the 2017 Charlotte Frisbie Student Paper Prize.

Lipscombe's paper is titled "Disembodiment as Indigenous Vocal Performance in Disney's Frozen."

Ailsa received a Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Award towards her research in Musicology and Narratology at the University of Chicago in 2015.



**CLARE JONES**  
2016 FULBRIGHT  
US GRADUATE AWARD

Congratulations to Clare Jones, who received 2nd place in the essay category for the Keats Shelley Prize for her essay, 'Bat, Bat, Come Under my Hat'. The winners of 2018's Keats Shelley Prize were announced by this year's Prize Chair Liz Lochhead at the annual Keats-Shelley Awards Ceremony held on 23rd May at the Society of Antiquaries at Burlington House in central London.

This year's theme of 'Liberty' was chosen to mark the bicentenary of PB Shelley's Prometheus Unbound (1820), the four-act lyrical drama, in which the heroic Prometheus strikes a blow for human freedom against the power of the gods.



**JANE YONGE**  
2018 FULBRIGHT  
NEW ZEALAND GRADUATE  
AWARD

Congratulations to Jane Yonge. Her work, The Basement Tapes, has picked up a much sought after Fringe First Award!

Awarded in August and September by the Scottish publication, they commend original productions that have opened at the Edinburgh Fringe.

Jane Yonge received a Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Award to attend Tisch School of the Arts, New York University in 2018.



**EMMA SHERMAN**  
2014 FULBRIGHT  
NEW ZEALAND GRADUATE  
AWARD

The American Society for Enology and Viticulture (ASEV) has selected the 2018 Best Papers Awards. For the 2018 Enology Best Paper, ASEV selected "Impact of Grape Maturity and Ethanol Concentration on Sensory Properties of Washington State Merlot Wines," by Emma Sherman, David R. Greenwood, Silas G. Villas-Boas, Hildegard Heymann and James F. Harbertson.

The paper evaluated the impact of ripening on wine composition in Merlot grapes in Washington.

Emma will be presenting her winning paper at the Society's 69th National Conference on June 18-21 in Monterey, California.



## FULBRIGHT CONNECTIONS: LIVING RESTORATIVELY

*This article was featured on Victoria University of Wellington's website, featuring Fulbright Graduate Award alumni Lindsey Pointer (2016) and Haley Farrar (2015).*

Haley Farrar and Lindsey Pointer are both based in the office of Victoria's Diana Unwin Chair in Restorative Justice, which is led by Professor Chris Marshall. As restorative justice trainers, facilitators and researchers, they train students and staff members to use restorative justice in all aspects of their lives.

The restorative justice approach, Lindsey says, is focused on the repair of harm, rather than retributive punishment. It encourages dialogue between the person who caused harm and those impacted to bring about a solution that is satisfactory to both parties.

"If we can get people to sit down together and have a space where respectful conversation can unfold, then empathy is going to follow. It gives people

a chance to understand the need and the story behind what happened," she says.

"The empathy goes both ways—the person who caused the harm develops an understanding of the impacts that were felt by others, and those who were impacted learn to see the person who caused the harm as a person, not just as one bad thing that happened. They get a chance to encounter each other's humanness.

"Restorative justice puts relationships at the centre. It does a really great job of creating a space where people feel like they can connect and build trust, and that has positive impacts on learning and wellbeing."

Restorative justice, Haley says, also demands that those who have caused harm take responsibility for their actions.



ABOVE: SANNA O'CONNOR-MORBERG, CATHERINE J IORNS MAGALLANES, AND LOTTIE BOARDMAN IN KROON HALL AT YALE SFES.

## FULBRIGHT CONNECTIONS: ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AT YALE

Catherine J Iorns Magallanes was invited to give a keynote talk at a conference on Environmental Justice at Yale Law School in March. While at Yale, she gave an additional talk at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Science, where there are two New Zealand Fulbrighters studying towards Masters degrees.

Catherine had previously supervised Lottie's accreditations to attend the the Paris climate negotiations for the climate change clinic, during Lottie's time as a student at Victoria University of Wellington. She was pleased to meet both young women and share the Fulbright connection.

Catherine is the Reader in Law and Academic Adviser to the NZ Council of Legal Education at Victoria University of Wellington. She received a Fulbright New Zealand Graduate Award to study Law at Yale University in 1990.

Sanna O'Connor-Morberg received her Fulbright Science and Innovation Graduate Award in 2016, and Lottie Boardman received her Fulbright General Graduate Award in 2017.



**SHERRY HUMPHRIES**

2016 FULBRIGHT  
DISTINGUISHED AWARDS  
IN TEACHING PROGRAMME  
FOR US TEACHERS

Congratulations to Sherry Humphries, who received a fellowship from Fund For Teachers, which is helping with the cost to attend the Australia New Zealand Conference for Deaf Educators (ANZCED).

“My presentation is called Using Discrepant Events to Encourage Thinking, Writing, and Communication. It’s not researched based. I just wanted to share some of the activities that I use with students in my classroom,” said Sherry.

“I’m really thrilled to attend the conference. It’ll be exciting to learn from and interact with other teachers and researchers in deaf education.”

**ALUMNI MAKING A GLOBAL IMPACT**

# GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

*George Ann Gregory, 2005 Fulbright Scholar and 2010 Fulbright Specialist in American Indian Studies, currently lives in Belize where she is working on language projects in Garifuna and Maya languages. Read her story below:*

“I am currently living in Belize, a former British colony, that is a multi-lingual country. It just achieved its independence in 1989. There are three dialects of Maya spoken here—Yucatec, Mopan, and Q’echi. I have been working with Tumulk’in Center of Learning, the only Maya high school in the country. Education is only required through primary, and this is the only high school that teaches Maya culture and Maya language literacy.

During the next several years, Tumulk’in will be developing teaching materials for Mopan and Q’echi Maya for the local primary schools, and I am assisting in the development of those materials.

Another language group in Belize are the Garifuna, a group that represents a mixture of African slaves and Arawak Indians of the Caribbean. The Garifuna have retained the native Arawak language. I am working with my neighbor to develop beginning readers in Garifuna.”



*FAR ABOVE: TWO MOPAN MAYA WOMEN DANCING AT MAYA DAY (MARCH 2017) AT TUMULK’IN CENTER OF LEARNING. BELOW: A GRADUATING SENIOR GIVING A PRESENTATION ON HIS SENIOR PROJECT (APRIL 2018).*



**ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:**

# TECWYN EVANS

*New Zealand conductor Tecwyn Evans has been appointed Director of Music for the Danish National Opera.*

This position as Director of Music will see Tecwyn conducting concerts and opera productions in most seasons, taking artistic leadership of the company’s in-house ensemble the Chorus of Danish National Opera, and overseeing the company’s musical productivity in liaison with the Artistic Director and General Manager of Danish National Opera, Philipp Kochheim. Tecwyn has previously held positions at Glyndebourne Festival Opera as Chorus Master (1999-2002) and Oper Graz as Deputy Chief Conductor (2009-2011) and takes up this new part-time position in June 2018.

Tecwyn received a Fulbright New Zealand Graduate Award to study music at the University of Kansas in 1997.

## CURRENT GRANTEE EXPERIENCES:

# THE UNEQUAL IMPACT OF MANAGERIALISM IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

Fulbright US Graduate Grantee Elizabeth Adetiba spoke on a panel: “The Unequal Impact of Managerialism in the Criminal Justice System,” hosted by the NZLS Women in Law Committee.

The NZLS Women in Law Committee hosted a panel discussion of how efforts to make the criminal justice system more efficient and effective are increasing the reach of the system into our communities, the unequal impact of this expansion, and the need for legal practitioners to adopt a critical approach to practice in this context.

Discussion was led by MC, Julia Whaipooti (Ngāti Porou), Senior Advisor/Kaitohutohu at the Office of the Children’s Commissioner, and the panellists included Māmari Stephens (Te Rarawa, Ngāti Pākehā), Senior Lecturer, Victoria University Law School, whose research interests include language and law, criminal law, social security law, Māori and the NZ legal system, Julia Spelman (Ngāti Hikairo Ki Kawhia, Ngāti Pākehā), criminal defence barrister at Pipitea Chambers and the chair of JustSpeak, an NGO that advocates for transformative change of the criminal justice system in Aotearoa, and Elizabeth Adetiba, Fulbright Visiting Researcher from the United States, based at Victoria University’s School of Government researching the relationship between various justice processes and the needs of victim-survivors of sexual violence.



FAR ABOVE: FULBRIGHT US GRADUATE AWARD GRANTEE LIZABETH ADETIBA AND FULBRIGHT NZ GRADUATE GRANTEE KATE STONE TOGETHER. KATE HELPED ORGANISE THE PANEL, AND AFTER HEARING LIZ SPEAK AT FULBRIGHT’S MID YEAR PROGRAMME, ASKED HER TO BE PART OF THE PANEL. ABOVE: LIZ AND PANELISTS.



## TONGAN TAU’OLUNGA AT THE EAST-WEST FEST

New Zealand Graduate Award grantee Trish Tupou performed a traditional Tongan tau’olunga at 2018 East-West Fest on April 15 2018 at the Hawai’i Imin International Conference Centre in Honolulu.

Trish, from Auckland, is completing a Master of Arts in Pacific Islands Studies at the University of Hawai’i at Mānoa. The university’s Mānoa School of Pacific and Asian Studies is both an academic department and a larger home for initiatives that bring together people and resources to promote an understanding of the Pacific Islands and issues of concern to Pacific Islanders.

While completing her degree Trish is based at the world renowned East-West Centre, where she will specialise in climate

change and indigenous environmental narratives. The East-West Centre promotes better relations and understanding among the people and nations of the United States, Asia, and the Pacific through cooperative study, research, and dialogue. Established by the U.S. Congress in 1960, the Centre serves as a resource for information and analysis on critical issues of common concern, bringing people together to exchange views, build expertise, and develop policy options.



**AXFORD SPOTLIGHT:**

# FAREWELL

Farewell to our 2018 Axford Fellows: Jeff Mosley and Mike Wolking, pictured above with Roy Ferguson, Chair of the Axford Board.

Jeff Mosley and Mike Wolking, this year's Ian Axford Fellows in Public Policy, presented an overview of their research and findings on Wednesday 22 August in Wellington. Jeff was hosted by the Ministry of Social Development and Community Housing Aotearoa, looking at the need and settings for financing affordable housing, and Mike was hosted by Ministry of Education and Network for Learning, taking a systemic lens on classroom teaching. You can read their reports on our website under "Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowships in Public Policy reports."



Oscar Yip from Lone Tree, Colorado is a 2018 Fulbright US Graduate Grantee currently studying towards a Masters of Science in Plant Biotechnology at the University of Otago. This photo was submitted by fellow 2018 Fulbright US Graduate Grantee Cara Lembo.

**SPOTTED:**

“ Oscar performed with his taiko group earlier this week at a ceremony in commemoration of the Hiroshima bomb. He was awesome!!! ”

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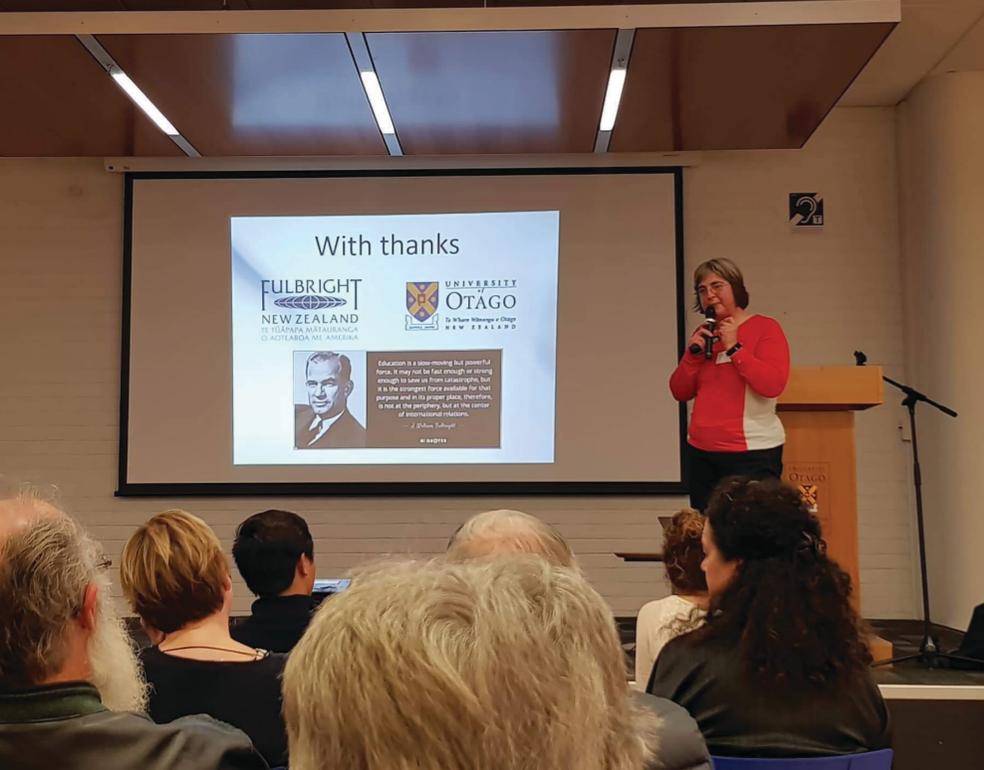


**ABOVE: FULBRIGHT US GRADUATE GRANTEES ELIZABETH ADETIBA AND JORLYN LEGARREC AND FULBRIGHT NZ GRADUATE GRANTEE PARIS WATSON AT THE US EMBASSY'S CONNECTING YOUNG LEADERS: INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP.**

The Embassy of the United States hosted the Connecting Young Leaders: Interactive Workshop on 26th July 2018 in Wellington.

Wellington-based US Grantees Elizabeth Adetiba and Jorlyn LeGarrac attended this workshop, which covered the themes: Regional Security: Risk and Response, American Politics Abroad, and Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

This opportunity brought together U.S.-NZ Youth Council members, USG Exchange alumni and industry experts for meaningful discussion and afternoon tea, featuring panelists who have all recently spent time in the U.S. on exchange programs.



**CELEBRATING 70 YEARS:**

# ALUMNI EVENTS

*This year we have held a number of alumni receptions throughout the country. These have been a great opportunity to connect alumni in the different regions, hear from recently returned alumni, and to celebrate Fulbright New Zealand's 70th Anniversary.*

**Dunedin Alumni Reception**

The first of our receptions took place in Dunedin in mid-April at The University of Otago. We had 2017 Fulbright New Zealand Scholar Ruth Empson present on her Fulbright award that she undertook at Stanford University, where she researched how brain activity controls movement.

**Canterbury Alumni Reception**

The Canterbury Alumni Reception was held on May 1st at The University of Canterbury. Matt Stott, a 2016 Fulbright NZ Scholar, presented his research on the ecological, functional and taxonomic similarities of microorganisms that populate geothermal ecosystems in New Zealand and Yellowstone National Park, Montana.

**Auckland Alumni Reception**

This year Fulbright took part in TechWeek, an annual technology festival which ran from May 19 – 27 hosting tech related events around the country. As part of this we ran an event 'Fulbright and The Future of Tech' at Auckland University of Technology. We had two of our grantees, Fulbright US Scholar Smitesh Bakrania and Fulbright US Graduate Jorlyn Le Garrec who are both in engineering fields present on their research and how this related to technology. We invited our alumni in the area to attend and also gather for some drinks and nibbles beforehand.

**Waikato Alumni Reception**

Our Waikato Reception was held on June 6 at The University of Waikato, with a presentation by alumnus Harrison Jull. Harrison was a 2016 Fulbright New Zealand

Science and Innovation Graduate awardee. He presented his research on laser-induced breakdown spectroscopy applied to an agricultural robot from his time at Nova Southeastern University.

**New York Alumni Gathering**

In June, our Executive Director Penelope Borland hosted a dinner for alumni in and around New York while she was over in the US. This was a small gathering, but a lovely occasion to get together and to share in Fulbright's 70th celebrations across the globe.

**Washington, D.C. Ian Axford Function**

Fulbright NZ's 70th and the Ian Axford Fellowships' 20th anniversaries were celebrated by alumni from both programmes and dignitaries at the New Zealand Embassy in Washington, DC on Friday 1 June.

*LEFT: RUTH EMPSON PRESENTS AT THE DUNEDIN ALUMNI RECEPTION. MIDDLE: NYC ALUMNI DINNER WITH BRENDA MCKINNEY, GEORGE HAMPTON, HOWARD SCHIFFMAN, JUDI WALSH, JUSTINE KIRBY, PAIGE THOMAS, MARK WHELDON, PAMELA SMART, SALINA FISHER, SANNA O'CONNOR-MORBERG, AND PENELOPE BORLAND. RIGHT: WELLINGTON ALUMNI RECEPTION AFTER ORIENTATION.*



**COVER STORY:**

# **2018 FULBRIGHT NEW ZEALAND AWARDS CEREMONY**



# 2018 AWARDS CEREMONY

*Fulbright New Zealand's Annual Awards Ceremony was hosted by the Rt. Hon Winston*

In June, Fulbright celebrated the grantees for 2018 at our annual awards ceremony held at Parliament's Banquet Hall in Wellington. This occasion was hosted by the Rt. Honourable Winston Peters, Deputy Prime Minister, and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade on Monday the 18th of June.

Minister Peters spoke about the relevance of the Fulbright programme and congratulated the grantees on their achievements. We were also joined by Susan Niblock, Deputy Chief of Mission

for the US Embassy, who acknowledged the important relationship between the US & NZ, fostered through the Fulbright programme. Finally, Fulbright Science and Innovation grantee Richard Hunter, gave a warming speech to the current cohort about his personal experience and the exciting challenges that lie ahead as they take up their award.

The event was followed by further celebrations at The Thistle Inn for the grantees and their families.



## AFTER THE AWARDS:

# MID YEAR PROGRAMME

*This year's Mid-Year Programme ran from Monday 18 June through Wednesday 20 June at our Wellington offices.*

The annual Mid-Year Programme (MYP) runs for three days and is a highlight of the year for Fulbright New Zealand. The programme centres around the evening Awards Ceremony held at Parliament, celebrating the achievement of our new grantees with friends, family and Fulbright alumni. The Mid-Year Programme is the only time we bring together the current US and NZ graduate award cohorts. The Fulbright staff and outside facilitators lead the graduates in exercises in cultural competencies, ambassadorial leadership, and reflection. We keep the outgoing NZ graduates for another day and provide an in-depth pre-departure orientation, connecting them with recently returned alumni.

"The Fulbright MYP in Wellington was a great couple of days that set the scene before embarking on the Fulbright programme and my studies. Three key aspects that I really enjoyed from the programme was new relationships, reflections and celebrations," said 2018 Fulbright New Zealand Graduate Award Grantee Francis Hwang.

"It is always humbling to be among such ambitious and inspiring people who come from varied backgrounds but are all wanting to contributing to a better society and world. I highly value the friendships that I formed and know that these connections will enable me to be successful both in during and after my studies."

BELOW: LAUREN PARSONS, JESSICA HANSELL, MAKERITA URALE. FAR BELOW: MID YEAR PROGRAMME AT THE WELLINGTON OFFICE.



## CELEBRATING TRADITION:

# KAKAHU HURUHURU

*Jessica Hansell a.k.a Coco Solid is the 2018 recipient of the Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Pacific Writer's Residency. We are honoured that she shared the story of her Kākahu Huru huru with us.*

For me dress codes are a funny thing, I don't like to dress in a falsely formal way that makes me feel self-conscious. I love to be comfortable and feel like I can be myself no matter what context I'm in. Having said that I was very aware that the Fulbright awards ceremony meant a lot to my family and my community. I wanted to represent and respect people's wishes to see me shine on their behalf. My mother and father were young parents and I am so grateful for all the sacrifice and energy they poured into my education. My Mum had migrated from rural Northland as a young girl and my father is the child of immigrants from Samoa and Rarotonga respectably. Basically I asked myself how could I be authentic but still honour the occasion, in Parliament no less. I was pretty moved when my whole whanau agreed to get a traditional cloak made for me - I was able to be both formal and my whole self. My whole family had an amazing night.

A wāhine named Marie Cotter made my kākahu huruhuru. She works under the name Tarati Design in South Auckland. She has a small showroom in her house where she showcases Mahi Toi (Art), Taonga (Jewellery), Harakeke and Rakau (Flax and Wood works) from not just her but many kaupapa-driven people all over Aotearoa. I'm so grateful for the many talented people like Marie keeping these aspects of our culture alive, they all have varying styles and cultural outlooks like any

other artistic spectrum. Talking and getting measured by Cotter was awesome because she told me I should hold my head up high when I wear my cloak and feel my ancestors with me. So when I entered parliament that's what I did. It really does give you a feeling of great fortitude and mana wearing something that special.

It is made of Coque feathers but they were dyed a deep maroon in the style of the native Northern Kākā bird, a bird prevalent in my tribal rohe of Tai Tokerau (Northland, the region of my iwi Ngāpuhi). Using native bird feathers for a cloak such as mine is not really possible unless one seeks approval from the Department of Conservation. But I confessed to Marie that I had quite bold taste and she explained that back in the day kākahu was not necessarily about fitting in so my taste was surprisingly apt - the most prevalent birds in an area often dictacted the more common colours worn, which thanks to our beautiful native birds could be really bright. Throughout history you can see the showmanship of our clothing increase. For example many Māori originally wore dog-hair lined cloaks to keep them warm but as kākahu became as much about fashion as practicality, people started to flip them inside-out for status. I loved this because it meant my bright red cloak was in tune with the the attitudes of my family back in the day.



**AMANDA WALLIS**  
2018 FULBRIGHT-EQC  
GRADUATE AWARD IN  
NATURAL DISASTER  
RESEARCH

Amanda Wallis from Palmerston North will research human behaviour in disaster preparedness at the University of Colorado Boulder in Boulder, Colorado towards a PhD in Psychology at Victoria University of Wellington. Amanda graduated with a BA and a BSc (Hons) from Victoria University of Wellington in 2017.



## BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS: EQC PRESENTATION

*Fulbright- EQC Graduate Award Grantee Amanda Wallis gave a presentation to EQC's Resilience Team Meeting on Tuesday 12 June.*

This year's recipient of the Fulbright-EQC Graduate Award in Natural Disaster Research hasn't yet left for the states, but she's already making waves with the team at EQC.

Prior to departure, Amanda was invited to give a presentation to EQC's Resilience Team to brief them on her research in the area of public education around disasters. Amanda's research gives a psychological perspective to this work.

Amanda introduced her talk first by clarifying some terminology, in particular explaining how she doesn't use the term 'natural disaster' as the use of 'natural' in that phrase can tend to make people think that they have no control over what will happen and therefore may be less likely to prepare.

It is widely known that there is often a gap between a person's awareness of disasters and their preparedness for them. There are several factors that play in that gap, such as a person's willingness to prepare, their ability to prepare and to what extent a person has a sense of personal responsibility. Amanda's research specifically focuses on understanding how a person's sense of attachment to place can affect their preparedness for disaster.

Her research will be looking into what constitutes 'place' for people: is it their home? And/or the people in it? Is it the community? The city? The country? Does home ownership as opposed to rental accommodation change someone's sense of place?

From this understanding, Amanda will look at what incentives or rewards can be strategically leveraged to increase a person's or community's preparedness. She mentioned the examples of Te Papa's recently released Minecraft app that simulates an earthquake in a player's built world; and New Zealand's annual national Shake Out drill.

Pam Johnston, Senior Advisor - Resilience, commented "Amanda's research is fantastic; she presented creative strategies that would make it easy for families to prepare for an earthquake."

Joseph Stone, Education Advisor on the Resilience team said "It's great to see this year's scholarship recipient looking at the human aspect of disasters. Her research will provide usable information for when she comes back to New Zealand."

**ALUMNI FEATURE STORY:**

## REFLECTIONS IN THE (DRINKING) WATER

*Fulbright alumnus John O'Connor reflects on both his work and overall Fulbright experience during his time in New Zealand.*

As long-term Chairman of Civil Engineering at the University of Missouri-Columbia (1975-1990), I was granted a year-long sabbatical leave for 1990. During my year at Canterbury University in Christchurch, I organized a seminar on drinking water held throughout NZ (Dunedin, Christchurch, Wellington, Auckland) with several of my new-found colleagues.

I was surprised to find that, while many diverse agencies in NZ had interests in and responsibilities for drinking water, many had not previously met or coordinated with one another. Using these seminars to facilitate these liaisons gave our team of academics much pleasure.

Subsequently, two of my Civil Engineering faculty colleagues from Columbia, Shankha Banerji who has a speciality in wastewater treatment, and Jimmie Hinze who specializes in construction management, served as adjunct faculty at the University of Canterbury.

On returning to the U.S., I was appointed Chairman of the Fulbright Awards Committee for Australasia. As Chair, I revisited New Zealand (and Australia) to further coordinate

our joint programming. In addition, my wife and I have revisited NZ several times since. We had made numerous friends there.

Primarily for academics, I have contributed to a 'water and wastewater' blog on the American Chemical Society member's website. Some of the topics addressed may be of interest to my former - and, more likely, new - counterparts at NZ universities and in engineering practice.

In 1989, NZ ran a series of advertisements on U.S. television asserting that 'the two most beautiful islands in the world are in the same country'. We were captivated by the scenery.

At first, I proposed that we spend 6 months in New Zealand and 6 months in Australia. My wife argued that we should not move around if we wanted to establish strong roots in the community that hosted us. Instead, we should become an integral part of that community over our sabbatical. Indeed, we made friendships that continue to this day. We hosted kiwis from Palmerston North (retired Massey University Professor, Tim Brown and his wife, Greer) in Columbia just this past year.

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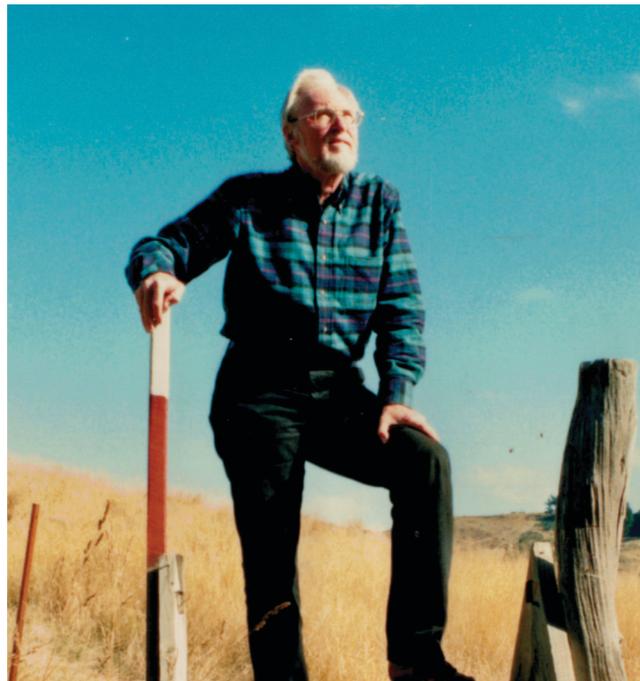


**JOHN O'CONNOR**

1990 FULBRIGHT US  
SCHOLAR

John O'Connor from Columbia, Missouri, received his Fulbright US Senior Scholar Award in Civil Engineering in 1990 and was hosted by the University of Canterbury.

In addition to his career in engineering, he currently contributes to a 'water and wastewater' blog on the American Chemical Society's website.



Completely unacquainted with New Zealand universities and their faculty, I sent blind letters to Auckland and Christchurch enquiring about potential hosts. I immediately heard from the University of Canterbury offering their welcome and noting that their sanitary engineering professor, Frank Wilson, was familiar with my work.

At the time of my tenure in Christchurch, USEPA was rapidly developing health-based regulations to protect drinking water. This effort was prompted by well-publicized outbreaks of giardiasis and cryptosporidiosis. These new regulations required the adoption of ever more advanced drinking water treatment techniques. In my lectures, I described these regulatory trends - and the rationale for them.

There was comparatively little regulation of drinking water supply in New Zealand - probably with good reason. Low population density, less industrial pollution, abundant sources of fast-running, well-aerated water from snow melt, reduced the urgency of agency action.

Also, detections of outbreaks of giardiasis were beginning to create headlines in New Zealand. My colleague, Tim Brown, at Massey

University, conducted the difficult analysis for Giardia and was thereby dubbed the 'Giardian Angel'. Strangely, the popular press attributed these outbreaks to tourists that defecated in New Zealand's pristine wilderness. Not likely. The organism almost certainly came along with the very first settlers.

I am not informed about changes in NZ water practice since 1990 - although I am very interested. Through my consulting with numerous water utilities in the U.S., I have seen a very substantial evolution of water treatment practice here, both in terms of treatment effectiveness and economic efficiency. (That may be changing.)

One very important development in the U.S. is a nationwide effort to promote and improve water and wastewater operator training. My son and I have contributed a great deal to that in the midwestern portion of the country.

Finally, my wife and I are strong advocates for our friends and colleagues to avail themselves of the native beauty and friendship of the people of New Zealand. We often tell them, "It was the best year of our lives."

### **HAVE A KORERO TO SHARE?**

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We would love to hear your story. We welcome your letters, articles, notices and story ideas. *Please note, any material submitted may be edited for publication.*



“ One of the most important aspects of the Fulbright experience is a cultural exchange - the hands on experience of being in the canoe and following instructions in the Māori language is the best way of understanding the culture.  
- Jorlyn Le Garrec ”

**ABOVE: WELLINGTON-BASED FULBRIGHT US GRADUATE JORLYN LEGARREC AND COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER RACHEL TILGHMAN TOOK PART IN A WAKA EXPERIENCE WITH EDUCATION NEW ZEALAND.**

Education New Zealand hosted two student journalists from the US for a nine day tour of New Zealand, and were kind enough to invite Fulbright New Zealand to join their waka tour at Te Wharewaka o Pōneke.  
“I had a a great time on the Waka Tour. The tour guides were very engaging and keen to tell us about their culture which made the experience very fun. My favorite part of the experience was performing for passers-by and showing them our best pukana,” said Jorlyn.

**ALUMNI PUKAPUKA:  
HONORING GERTRUDE FERRIMAN**

*The following letter was submitted by A G (Oneroa) Stewart. We feel honored to share these memories with you.*

When I first was encouraged to apply for a Fulbright Travel Grant to the USA way back in the early 1990's I was aiming to see successful bilingual teaching in action. At that time, I was developing my theory for a doctorate on who makes decisions on language curriculum, delivery and evaluation in our NZ schools (issues of tino rangatira).

Someone in Washington, DC, decided to send me off to Albuquerque, where I was first introduced to Gertrude Ferriman, the Program Coordinator at Albuquerque Council for International Visitors. She definitely was the who's who of Navajo language revitalisation having herself taught in many local pueblo schools. First day in town she drove me many sleepy miles to meet her own native mentor, Lola, an elderly weaver at her loom.

However, I was a tad sick, coming down with delayed jet lag. Being sympathetic to my predicament both Gertrude and Lola told me to strip off (Oh, yes, they had seen it all before) and roll myself up on their floor into a huge furry buffalo hide while grasping and gasping into a small medicine bag of herbs in my hands. After about an hour I was released and had definitely sweat every bad vibe out of my body. Lesson number one: do as the locals say.

For nearly fifty years Gertrude Ferriman was a dedicated volunteer in her community role based in her office at the Ramada Classic Hotel in downtown (those of you who have stayed there will remember their vintage car collection). While we as fancy pants academics so often get all the publicity it is always the likes of such dedicated and humble people who make our visits so exciting. Gertrude visited the Wellington Office about fifteen years ago. Her daughter, Susan Severt carries on her mother's work. It has been my pleasure to host here in NZ ten of the Albuquerque volunteers with whom I became great friends, and friend of their friends.

During my doctorate write up I remember the perplexing late night got a bit more than lost in my direction. It was in the company of such new friends and new perspectives that my light bulbs got switched on again giving me the energy to complete and graduate as the first EdD in New Zealand. Thanks to them - all these often unsung heroes assisting the Fulbright programmes in the USA.

Sadly, Gertrude died recently on May 15th, aged 95. Her spirit returns to her Creator.  
Moe mai rā e kui, i roto i ngā ringaringa o te Atua Kaha Rawa.  
Aroha nui,  
A G (Oneroa) Stewart



**GERTRUDE FERRIMAN**  
1923-2018



**A G (ONEROA) STEWART**  
2007 FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM

Oneroa's EdD Thesis is titled: Māori Parents at School: the role of the Māori parent community in the delivery of the te reo Māori curriculum. University of Auckland. 2001.

## NEWS FROM THE WELLINGTON OFFICE:



**CHLOE LEMUNYAN**  
OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

### STAFF UPDATES

**Chloe LeMunyan** joined the Fulbright team at the beginning of May as our office administrator and executive assistant to Penelope Borland. She works part-time on top of finishing off her final trimester studying Public Policy at Victoria University of Wellington. The past three months she has enjoyed communicating with grantees in the office and on the phone and looks forward to continue learning about all the interesting projects that everyone is involved in.



### FULBRIGHT AT NAFSA

## INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Fulbright New Zealand Executive Director, Penelope Borland, joined international educators from across the world at the NAFSA Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in late May 2018. This was her first time in Philadelphia and meeting Fulbright Executive Directors outside of the Asia-Pacific Region. Between meetings with Executive Directors, ECA and IIE, Penelope had the chance to see Bill Nye speak and join other New Zealanders at the NAFSA 2018 Kiwi Experience in Philadelphia.

Following the four days at the NAFSA conference, Penelope travelled to Washington D.C. to participate in the Axford selection interviews. After the interviews, John O'Brien and family hosted a BBQ potluck for Axford alumni. The remaining days in the U.S. were spent in New York City meeting with IIE. The trip was wrapped up with a lovely dinner celebrating Fulbright's 70th anniversary with alumni based in NYC.

## STOP IN FOR A CUPPA

True to New Zealand culture, every day at 10:15am the Fulbright office pauses to take part in the Dominion Post Quiz over coffee. We always welcome those in the neighbourhood to drop by and join us - if you'd like to schedule a time feel free to email [alumni@fulbright.org.nz](mailto:alumni@fulbright.org.nz) or reach out to your programme manager.

So far this year we have had the pleasure of welcoming a number of grantees and alumni, including:

- US Graduate Award grantee **Karsten Lorentz** joined us for a cuppa in mid-April, just two days before heading back home. He worked on his Masters at Victoria University studying the generation and availability of nutrients in soils.
- **Tina Effray**, one of our grantees undertaking her Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching, stopped in for morning tea. Tina is exploring the best practices and learning for assessment literacy.
- Another one of our Distinguished Teachers **Amanda Short** came in for a coffee and quiz. We were lucky enough to have her come in twice before she went back home! Amanda explored culturally relevant pedagogy and curricular practices based on Maori education.
- US grantee, **Ziibiins Johnson**, popped into the office while in Wellington for a coffee. She is currently studying Indigenous Language Revitalization at the University of Auckland.
- **Kate Turner**, who you may recognize from our Fulbright banners, came into the office and told us all about sea ice geophysics in Alaska. It was interesting learning how different the culture in Alaska is to the rest of The States.
- **Jessica Hansell**, AKA Coco Solid, is one of our Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Pacific Writer's Residency recipient. She is heading off to University of Hawaii soon to work on a manuscript for her book.
- **Timothy Stern** just recently finished his Fulbright time in the States and came by the office to tell us all about it! Tim was mainly based in Colorado and NYC studying continental tectonics and uplift of the Transantarctic Mountains.
- Last but not least we had a surprise visit from **Lottie Boardman**. She is currently in New Zealand doing background research on Manuka honey but is back to Yale in just a few days. While her visit was short, the entire office learned a lot about bees and are extremely keen to learn more!

# KNOW A FUTURE FULBRIGHTER?

Fulbright New Zealand offers a range of exchange awards for New Zealand and United States citizens wanting to study, research, teach or present their work in each other's country. We love for our alumni and contacts to share their experiences, and spread the word about our programme to potential applicants.

## AWARD TYPE

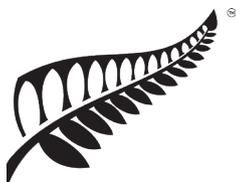
Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Awards  
Fulbright Science & Innovation Graduate Awards  
Fulbright-EQC Graduate Award in Natural Disaster Research  
Fulbright-Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Graduate Award  
Fulbright Specialist Awards  
Fulbright US Scholar Awards  
Fulbright New Zealand Scholar Awards  
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Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowships in Public Policy  
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John F. Kennedy Memorial Fellowship

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

1 August annually  
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