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## Fulbright New Zealand

### Annual Report

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## Fulbright New Zealand Annual Report for the period 1 October 2005 - 30 September 2006

The Fulbright Programme was an initiative of US Senator J. William Fulbright to promote international understanding through educational and cultural exchanges between the US and other countries. He believed the programme could play an important role in building a lasting world peace in the aftermath of World War II.

The New Zealand-United States Educational Foundation (trading as Fulbright New Zealand) was established in 1948 through a bi-national treaty between the governments of New Zealand and the US.

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# The Fulbright Programme



**J. William Fulbright as University of Arkansas President, ca. 1941**  
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“We must try and expand the boundaries of human wisdom, and there is no way of doing that except through education.”

Senator J. William Fulbright

## Founder of the Programme

Senator J. William Fulbright was born in Sumner, Missouri, in 1905. He was awarded a BA degree in Political Science from the University of Arkansas in 1925 and then went to Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar, where he received his MA.

When he returned to the US, Fulbright studied law at George Washington University before working in the Justice Department and at the George Washington University Law School. In 1936 he returned to Arkansas to lecture in law. From 1939 to 1941 he was the President of the University of Arkansas (at that time the youngest university president in the country).

Fulbright was elected to the US House of Representatives in 1942 and entered Congress in January 1943, where he became a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee. He quickly came to national attention when the House adopted the Fulbright Resolution which supported US participation in what became the United Nations.

Fulbright served as a Senator for 29 years to 1974, becoming one of the most influential and best-known members of the Senate. His legislation to establish the Fulbright Programme of international exchange, initially funded by war reparations and foreign loan repayments, was passed in 1946.

In 1949 he became a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, becoming its longest serving chairman from 1959 to 1974. After leaving the Senate he was a legal counsel in Washington and continued to actively support the international exchange programme that bears his name.

Senator Fulbright received numerous awards from governments, universities and educational organisations around the world, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom awarded by President Clinton in 1993.

He died on 9 February 1995 at his home in Washington, DC.

## History of the Programme

The Fulbright Programme has been described as one of the largest and most significant movements of scholars across the face of the earth.

In Senator Fulbright's words, the programme aims “to bring a little more knowledge, a little more reason, and a little more compassion into world affairs and thereby to increase the chance that nations will learn at last to live in peace and friendship.” This goal has always been as important as individual scholarship.

The New Zealand-United States Educational Foundation (trading as Fulbright New Zealand) was set up in 1948 to administer the Fulbright Programme in New Zealand. New Zealand was the fifth country to join the programme, and is now one of over 150 countries participating in the programme. Fulbright New Zealand receives funding from both the US and New Zealand Governments.

Since 1948 more than 1,300 New Zealanders and 1,100 Americans have received Fulbright awards under the New Zealand programme. Worldwide, the Fulbright Programme has assisted more than 300,000 people from over 190 countries to live, study, research and teach in other countries.

The programme has produced numerous remarkable alumni internationally, many of whom have gone on to make significant contributions to scholarly knowledge and public life.

# Chair's Report



2006 has been an event-filled year in which the relationship between the governments of New Zealand and the United States has visibly strengthened. As we celebrated the 60th anniversary of the Fulbright programme, it was heartening to reflect on our own contribution to that friendship.

In April I was invited to represent Fulbright New Zealand as part of a 37-strong New Zealand delegation to the inaugural US-NZ Partnership Forum in Washington, DC. My thanks to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), and to Stephen Jacobi, Executive Director of the NZ-US Council, for the opportunity to participate in this milestone event in New Zealand's multifaceted relationship with the United States. Led by former Prime Ministers Jim Bolger and Mike Moore, our party of New Zealand government officials and representatives from both public and private sector organisations with strong ties to the US met with American counterparts for discussion of numerous issues, the result of which was a new momentum in official contacts between the two countries.

remarking on the success of the event, US Ambassador to New Zealand William McCormick wrote that "The Partnership Forum was an opportunity to examine the filters through which we see one another... It was a chance for our two countries to begin to discover what kind of relationship we want going forward – competitive or co-operative, tactical or strategic, transitional or kindred, active or inactive. [The Forum] sent a timely reminder to both governments that it is not just the deliverables that matter, it is the relationship."

Following the Forum, both myself and Executive Director Mele Wendt held meetings to formalise a memorandum of understanding with Georgetown University's Centre for Australian and New Zealand Studies (CANZ), strengthening our existing ties there. Senator J. William Fulbright had a close association with Georgetown and his intern, Bill Clinton, used his internship to fund an education at the university. At Fulbright New Zealand, we are proud to continue Senator Fulbright's vision to "to bring a little more knowledge, a little more reason and a little more compassion into world affairs and thereby to increase the chance that nations will learn to live together in peace and friendship."

Later in the year, we gathered at the Beehive in Wellington's parliament buildings to celebrate the granting of over 50 Fulbright Awards, with a record 22 New Zealand graduate students being awarded to study in the US. At this event, Rt Hon Winston Peters, Minister of Foreign Affairs, acknowledged the Fulbright programme's unique contribution to bilateral relations, as "an integral and long present facet of the bonds between New Zealand and United States." "The significant contribution of the Fulbright programme," he added, "combined with the strong and reciprocated support and commitment of the two governments, has added an important dimension to our relationship nearly sixty years on since the programme began."

The Board gratefully acknowledges that continuing support and commitment from both the US and New Zealand governments, who are the major financial contributors to the Fulbright programme. The New Zealand government contribution to our programme this year totalled \$1,399,000, made up of grants from MFAT, the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Research, Science and Technology (MoRST); plus additional award sponsorship through EQC and Creative New Zealand. The US Department of State allocated US\$553,830 (NZ\$845,962 as at 30 September 2006) to the Fulbright New Zealand programme.

This year we were delighted to announce the first 12 recipients of extra graduate awards funded through MoRST. Our thanks go to Minister Steve Maharey and MoRST for this significant contribution to our awards programme. Thanks also to EQC for their generous support of the Fulbright-EQC Graduate Award in Natural Disaster Research. Our successful partnership with Creative New Zealand on the Pacific Writer's Residency continues, and we thank them for partnering with Fulbright to promote Pacific creativity in this way. Our sincerest gratitude also to former US Ambassador to New Zealand Charles Swindells and other private philanthropists in the US and New Zealand for their generous contributions to the prestigious Fulbright-Platinum Triangle Scholarship in Entrepreneurship, and to our corporate partners and alumni for their growing support of the programme.

It has been a pleasure working with the Board again this year. We farewelled Dave Burnett, who in his four years on the Board made a strong contribution to the selection process for a new Executive Director and the development of the Platinum Triangle Scholarship. We were pleased to welcome to the Board his successor as Deputy Chief of Mission at the US Embassy, David Keegan, and also Richard Nelson, an American financial advisor living in Wellington. On the New Zealand side, Stephen Jacobi and Charles Royal joined the Board to replace Bev Adlam and Richard Harman. With the appointment of Roy Ferguson as New Zealand Ambassador to the US, MFAT is now ably represented by Carl Worker.

I'd like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the work of Deputy Chair Ruth Harley and Treasurer Jock Phillips, both of whom marked ten years of service to the Board this year. Their contributions have been truly remarkable. Thanks also to Board members Roy Glover and Barbara Johnson for their contributions to Fulbright's award selection panels, Stephen Levine for his contribution to the new Sir Wallace Rowling Memorial Award, and to Rob McIntosh for his input on behalf of the Ministry of Education.

The Board thanks Mele Wendt, Executive Director, for her management of Fulbright New Zealand and the dedicated Fulbright team. During the year we bade farewell to Laurie Wright and Martin Farmer who both provided many Fulbright grantees with an hospitable environment.

On behalf of the Board, may I congratulate all our Fulbrighters for their academic success. In addition, could I thank them for their commitment to Senator Fulbright's noble vision that one day we may all live in peace and friendship.

Suzanne Snively, Chair of the Board

# Board Members and Staff



**L TO R (BACK):** Richard Nelson, Charles Royal, Rob McIntosh, Stephen Levine, Carl Worker, Stephen Jacobi, Jock Phillips, David Keegan, Roy Glover  
**FRONT:** Ruth Harley, Suzanne Snively, Barbara Johnson, Mele Wendt



**L TO R (BACK):** Maree Yong, Peggy Tramosch, Kameswari Vanka, Kara Wood, Theresa Taylor  
**FRONT:** Val Leach, Mele Wendt, Andy Mitchell

## Fulbright New Zealand Board

### Honorary Chairs

**Hon Winston Peters** Minister of Foreign Affairs, New Zealand  
**HE William McCormick** US Ambassador to New Zealand

### American Members

**Suzanne Snively (Chair)** PricewaterhouseCoopers, Fulbright alumna  
**David Burnett** US Embassy (until July 2006)  
**Roy Glover** US Embassy, Fulbright alumnus  
**Barbara Johnson** US Immigration Attorney  
**David Keegan** US Embassy (from August 2006)  
**Stephen Levine** Victoria University of Wellington  
**Richard Nelson** Taylor Investment Ltd (from March 2006)

### New Zealand Members

**Roy Ferguson** Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Fulbright alumnus (until February 2006)  
**Ruth Harley** New Zealand Film Commission, Fulbright alumna  
**Richard Harman** Harman Media Ltd (until March 2006)  
**Stephen Jacobi** New Zealand United States Council (from March 2006)  
**Rob McIntosh** Ministry of Education  
**Jock Phillips** Ministry of Culture and Heritage, Fulbright alumnus  
**Charles Royal** Mauriora-ki-te-Ao/Living Universe Ltd Fulbright alumnus (from March 2006)  
**Carl Worker** Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (from February 2006)

## Staff

**Mele Wendt** Executive Director  
**Martin Farmer** Student and Education Advising Manager (until February 2006)  
**Val Leach** Receptionist/Administrator  
**Leeza McMillan** Executive Assistant (until November 2005)  
**Andy Mitchell** Communications Adviser (from October 2005)  
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**Theresa Taylor** Programme Administrator (Testing, Advising and Events) (from September 2006)  
**Peggy Tramosch** Programme and Advising Team Leader  
**Kameswari Vanka** Programme Administrator (from August 2006)  
**Kara Wood** Programme Manager and Educational Adviser (from January 2006)  
**Laurie Wright** Graduate Programme Manager (until December 2005)  
**Maree Yong** Accountant

# Executive Director's Report



Kia ora koutou, talofa lava and warm Fulbright greetings. Senator J. William Fulbright once said that, "Of all the joint ventures in which we might engage, the most productive is educational exchange... [It] is not merely one of those nice but marginal activities in which we engage in international affairs, but rather, from the standpoint of future world peace and order, probably the most important and potentially rewarding of our foreign-policy activities."

2006 marked the 60th anniversary of the Fulbright programme. The Fulbright Act was signed by the US Congress in August 1946. In September 1948, New Zealand was the fifth country in the world to sign a binational agreement. We look back on these years with pride and wholehearted satisfaction. There have been over 1,100 Americans who have been Fulbrighters to New Zealand and over 1,300 New Zealand Fulbrighters to the US. There have been many thousands of professional and personal friendships made and kept, many hundred Fulbright events and talks held, and many great achievements made by our alumni as a result of their Fulbright experience. We look forward to celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Fulbright New Zealand programme in 2008.

In the latter months of 2005, the selection interviews were held in Wellington for the 2006 New Zealand Graduate Awards and a total of 22 recipients were selected – double the usual number and the highest ever group of New Zealand students, thanks to the new Fulbright-Ministry of Research, Science and Technology Awards. Selection interviews were held in Wellington in conjunction with The Commonwealth Fund for the Harkness Fellowships, and Mark Booth and Mihi Ratima were selected as 2006/2007 Harkness Fellows.

Thanksgiving was a wonderful affair for the Fulbright family at the home of US Ambassador and his wife, Bill and Gail McCormick. The Fulbright Alumni Lecture Series continued with high-profile alumni Witi Ihimaera and Sima Urale giving a lecture attracting over 200 people, and various other smaller talks given by US alumni at NZ universities. The reorganisation process for the Fulbright office occurred resulting in several staff changes. The start of 2006 marked a new era with a new team raring to go.

The February orientation programme for incoming Americans saw the largest group ever to be orientated to New Zealand with 16 new grantees and their 15 family members. We also selected the 2007 Fulbright US Graduate students. In early March the team travelled to Australia to participate in the 2006 Fulbright East Asia Pacific (EAP) Regional Conference hosted in Sydney by the Australian-American Fulbright Commission. In late March the Fulbright New Zealand Board had its first meeting with elections held and a few changes to by-laws made.

In May the New Zealand Outreach activities took place with 10 university and four polytechnic campuses being visited with a total of 391 people attending our sessions, a 47% increase in attendance on the previous year.

In late May/early June I attended my first NAFSA annual conference in Montreal, Canada, and then visited various US cities (Boston, New York City, Philadelphia and State College) for meetings and alumni gatherings. In Washington, DC, the Ian Axford Fellowships selection interviews took place and three high-calibre fellows were selected for 2007. A new Memorandum of Understanding was signed with the Centre for Australian and New Zealand Studies at Georgetown University, and a new award finalised with the Lois Roth Endowment for the Robin W. and Avril Winks Award.

Two alumni events were held in New Zealand during June - at the Banquet Hall of the Beehive in Wellington with Hons Winston Peters, Steve Maharey and David Cunliffe in attendance, and at PriceWaterhouseCoopers in Auckland with HE Bill McCormick in attendance. A new Grantees Booklet was produced for these events and is available for download from our website. The new Sir Wallace Rowling Memorial Award was launched and its recipient announced, and the two Robin Winks Award recipients were also announced. The 2006 Fulbright New Zealand graduate grantees bound for the US and the American graduate grantees studying in New Zealand attended that event and a two-day mid-year programme at Fulbright New Zealand premises.

In July, US Independence Day celebrations were hosted by the American Embassy. Harkness report-back seminars were held in Auckland, Wellington and Dunedin with the two returned Harkness Fellows, Marie Bismark and Elana Taipapaki-Curtis. The Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowships Board, chaired by Rt Hon Jim Bolger, had its annual meeting, hosted a function with sponsors and host agencies, and then the three 2006 Ian Axford Fellows, Linda Blumberg, Susan Coppedge and Saskia Kim, presented their findings and launched their final written reports that evening.

In September 2006, the next round of New Zealand Graduate Award selections was held in Wellington with another top-quality batch of applicants. 21 New Zealand students have been offered awards for the 2007/2008 year at US universities.

The Board met four times during the year and its Finance, Audit and Personnel Committee met an additional four times. Staff who began working at Fulbright in the period included Andy Mitchell, Communications Adviser, Kameswari Vanka, full-time Programme Administrator, and Theresa Taylor, part-time Programme Administrator (Advising and Testing). Overall it was a busy and productive period with staff working with huge commitment and purpose. Feedback from grantees was extremely positive about the services received and their overall experiences.

I would like to thank all members of staff and the Board whose commitment to this awesome programme is unwavering and whose support, especially of me, is highly appreciated. Without the support of the American and New Zealand governments and the other sponsoring agencies and individuals, these programmes would not exist. I am sure that everyone involved would agree with Bill Fulbright that educational exchange is the most productive of joint ventures, and especially in aiming for world peace. Shalom!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Mele Wendt". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mele Wendt, Executive Director

# Graduate Student Programme

The Fulbright Graduate Student Programme enables New Zealand graduate students to go to the US and American graduate students to come to New Zealand to undertake postgraduate study or research. Applicants are selected on the basis of academic excellence, personal and ambassadorial qualities and the feasibility and benefits of their proposed projects.

## Fulbright New Zealand Graduate Awards

With the exception of the two year Fulbright-Platinum Triangle Scholarship in Entrepreneurship, Fulbright New Zealand Graduate Awards fund grantees towards one year of study or research in the US. Fulbright grantees generally have no difficulty winning places in top US universities and attracting the balance of their requisite funding from these institutions.

This year two rounds of Graduate Award selections were held due to the change of application closing dates from 1 October to 1 August in 2006.

All New Zealand grantees travelling to the US attend a three day orientation programme in Wellington in June, coinciding with the Fulbright New Zealand Awards Presentation Ceremony.

## Fulbright-Platinum Triangle Scholarship in Entrepreneurship

The Fulbright-Platinum Triangle Scholarship in Entrepreneurship is granted for study in a knowledge economy-related field, and is valued at US\$100,000 plus travel expenses. In addition, it includes an internship in the US and employment or start-up capital opportunities upon the recipient's return to New Zealand. Five applications were received for the 2006 scholarship and the award granted to Privahini Bradoo. Four applications were received for the 2007 scholarship and one recipient selected.

We acknowledge the support of the Ministry of Education and a number of private donors in making this award possible.

## Fulbright-EQC Graduate Award in Natural Disaster Research

The Fulbright-EQC Graduate Award in Natural Disaster Research is granted for study or research in the field of natural disaster research, and is valued at up to US\$25,000 plus travel expenses. Two applications were received for the 2006 award and the award granted to Clinton Mexted-Freeman. Three applications were received for the 2007 award, but no award granted.

We acknowledge the support of the Earthquake Commission in making this award possible.

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

Awarded for the first time in 2006, Fulbright-Ministry of Research, Science and Technology Graduate Awards are granted for study or research in areas targeted to support growth and innovation in New Zealand, and are valued at up to US\$25,000 plus travel expenses. 22 applications were received for 2006 awards and 12 awards granted. 26 applications were received for 2007 awards and 11 recipients selected.

We acknowledge the support of the Ministry of Research, Science and Technology in making these awards possible.

## Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Awards

Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Awards are granted for study or research in any field, and are valued at up to US\$25,000 plus travel expenses. 41 applications were received for 2006 awards and eight awards granted. 39 applications were received for 2007 awards and eight recipients selected.

## Supplementary Awards

Fulbright New Zealand offered two new supplementary awards for New Zealand graduate students this year. The Robin W. and Avril Flockton Winks Award, sponsored by The Lois Roth Endowment, provides US\$1,500 towards research costs and book purchases to a student in the field of humanities and/or social sciences. Two awards were presented this year.

The Sir Wallace Rowling Memorial Award provides US\$2,500 towards the cost of taking up a US congressional internship in Washington, DC, for a student in the field of political science, international relations, journalism or international law. One award was presented this year.

## Fulbright US Graduate Awards

Fulbright US Graduate Awards are granted for study or research in any field, and provide full tuition fees, a cost of living stipend and travel expenses for one year in New Zealand. 73 applications were received for 2007 awards, and ten awards granted.

All American grantees travelling to New Zealand attend a week-long orientation in Wellington in February, a mid-year report back in June and Thanksgiving dinner and a year-end report back in November.



# New Zealand Graduate Students



**L TO R:** Hannah Gerrard, Rosanna Rahman, Benjamin Gerritsen, Katherine Sanders, Christopher Szeto, Nicole Roughan, Aaron Church, Richard Pole, Lucila van Dam, Clinton Mexted-Freeman, Elizabeth Forbes, Michelle Menzies, Richard Pender, Christopher Loh, Stefanie Head, Kathie Overeem, Morgan Easton, Rebekah Fuller, David Pattemore, Privahini Bradoo, Tim Hume  
**ABSENT:** Skye Duncan

The following students commenced Fulbright grants this year:

## Fulbright-Platinum Triangle Scholarship in Entrepreneurship

**Privahini Bradoo** is completing a Master of Business Administration at the Harvard Business School in Boston.

## Fulbright-EQC Graduate Award in Natural Disaster Research

**Clinton Mexted-Freeman** is completing a Master of Engineering Management, specialising in crisis, emergency and risk management, at the George Washington University in Washington, DC.

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

**Skye Duncan** is completing a Master of Science, specialising in architecture and urban design, at Columbia University in New York.

**Morgan Easton** is completing a Master of Science, specialising in agribusiness strategy and management, at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana.

**Elizabeth Forbes** is conducting research towards a PhD in Medical Sciences, specialising in allergy and immunology, at Cincinatti Children's Hospital Medical Center.

**Rebekah Fuller** is studying towards a PhD in Botany, specialising in ethnobotany, at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in Honolulu.

**Benjamin Gerritsen** is completing a Master of Public Policy, specialising in energy economics and energy policy, at Georgetown University in Washington, DC.

**Christopher Loh** is researching mobile services and applications at Columbia University's Institute for Tele-Information in New York.

**Kathie Overeem** is studying towards a PhD in Psychology, specialising in nitric oxide signalling and fear learning, at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut.

**David Pattemore** is studying towards a PhD in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, specialising in conservation ecology, at Princeton University in Princeton, New Jersey.

**Richard Pender** is studying towards a PhD in Botany, specialising in plant conservation and ecology, at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in Honolulu.

**Richard Pole** is completing a Master of Business Administration, specialising in health management, at the Harvard Business School in Boston.

**Rosanna Rahman** is researching stroke treatment, genetics and neuroimaging at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

**Christopher Szeto** is studying towards a PhD in Bioinformatics at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

## Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Awards

**Aaron Church** is completing a Master of Business Administration, specialising in strategy and social entrepreneurship, at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management in Evanston, Illinois.

**Hannah Gerrard** is studying towards a PhD in Literature, specialising in rhetoric, composition, literacy and pedagogy, at the University of Pittsburgh. Hannah also received a Robin W. and Avril Flockton Winks Award.

**Stefanie Head** is studying towards a PhD in Literature, specialising in African-American literature and literary theory, at the University of Rhode Island.

**Tim Hume** is completing a Master of Science in Journalism at Columbia University in New York. Tim also received the Sir Wallace Rowling Memorial Award.

**Michelle Menzies** is studying towards a PhD in English Language and Literature, specialising in aesthetics, literary theory and cinema studies, at the University of Chicago. Michelle also received a Robin W. and Avril Flockton Winks Award.

**Nicole Roughan** is completing a Master of Laws, specialising in legal philosophy and international law, at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut.

**Katherine Sanders** is completing a Master of Laws, specialising in constitutional and administrative law, at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut.

**Lucila van Dam** is completing a Master of Laws, specialising in criminal procedure and constitutional law, at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

# US Graduate Students



**L TO R:** Stephen Higgs, Anne Jakle, Adrienne Wiley, James Mize, Rebecca Reider, J. Scott Parker, Jeanine Refsnider, Matthew Wittmann  
**ABSENT:** Jessica O'Reilly

## Fulbright US Graduate Awards

**Stephen Higgs** is researching environmental mediation at Victoria University of Wellington.

**Anne Jakle** is completing a Master of Science, specialising in the viability of large hydro-electric projects, at Massey University in Palmerston North.

**James Mize** is completing a Master of Development Studies, specialising in natural resource planning and management, at Victoria University of Wellington.

**Jessica O'Reilly** is completing a Graduate Certificate in Antarctic Studies and researching Antarctic science, policy and conservation in New Zealand at the University of Canterbury.

**J. Scott Parker** is producing a documentary film about the ecology of, and human impact on, New Zealand's braided rivers at the University of Canterbury.

**Jeanine Refsnider** is researching nest site choice plasticity in female tuatara at Victoria University of Wellington.

**Rebecca Reider** is researching ecologically sound agriculture in market economies at Lincoln University.

**Adrienne Wiley** is researching international disability policy at Massey University in Wellington.

**Matthew Wittmann** is studying towards a PhD in History, specialising in the circulation of American culture in the late-19th century Pacific, at Victoria University of Wellington.



### Clinton Mexted-Freeman

Fulbright-EQC Graduate Award in Natural Disaster Research recipient Clinton Mexted-Freeman is completing a Master of Engineering Management, specialising in crisis, emergency and risk management, at the George Washington University in Washington, DC.

George Washington University really does make use of its location beside downtown Washington, with most of its graduate students engaged in internships during the

day and receiving lectures from adjunct professors employed in the extensive public service at night. I too am getting involved outside the classroom, learning French from GWU's free language classes and becoming a research assistant for a fledgling FEMA-funded project planning for a large earthquake near Memphis.

At times I forget I'm living in America – Washington has an exciting vibe like Wellington, with pockets of suburbia, hubs of entertainment, and of course the droves of public servants milling around the huge government buildings. During summer I especially enjoyed lazing beside the Potomac River reading my textbooks and people-watching, though it wasn't that peaceful given the river defines the flight path of approaching aircraft.

I'm spending my Christmas break with family in London, so I have my fingers crossed to see a snowfall in either city, though I certainly believe it's currently cold enough to snow – a big change after the hot and humid remnants of summer. I think diversity would best describe Washington, from the weather to the people and the activities on offer. I just hope to experience as much of them as possible – thanks again Fulbright and EQC!



### Rebecca Reider

Fulbright US Graduate Student Rebecca Reider is researching ecologically sound agriculture in market economies at Lincoln University.

I've zoomed down long rural roads all over these two islands, sat with farmers sipping many cups of tea at many kitchen tables, turned compost and planted trees while staying on farms and orchards, discussed agribusiness everywhere from roadside vege stalls to export company boardrooms,

and asked many dozens of people my research question – what would help grow the organic agriculture sector in New Zealand? I've learned much about forces influencing agriculture at all levels, from global commodity markets to the art of encouraging healthy life in the soil. Grateful for this, in return I'm writing a report for organic industry leaders, with recommendations I hope they can use in their quest to promote ecologically sound agriculture in Aotearoa.

Not just from my research, but from friendships and from tramping through forests, snowboarding the peaks and getting through a Canterbury winter huddled by a woodstove in a freezing little bach, I've slowly come to feel part of this magical land. I reckon (and among my favorite kiwi-isms I love "reckoning") that these experiences have been formative – seeds of fruits to come. I want to use what I've learned to work to support organic farmers everywhere. And I dream of caretaking some soil of my own (and some organic goats!).

# Senior Scholar Programme

The Fulbright Senior Scholar Programme enables New Zealand academics, artists and professionals to visit the US and American academics, artists and professionals to visit New Zealand to share their specialist knowledge, undertake research and participate in collaborative projects.

## Fulbright New Zealand Senior Scholar Awards

Fulbright New Zealand Senior Scholar Awards are for New Zealand artists, academics or professionals to pursue research or practical experience in the US for three to five months, and are valued at up to US\$32,500 plus travel expenses. 14 applications were received this year and four awards granted for 2007.

## Fulbright New Zealand Travel Awards

Fulbright New Zealand Travel Awards are for New Zealand academics, artists and professionals to visit the US for 10 to 90 days in order to present papers at conferences and/or deliver lectures in the US from a New Zealand perspective, and are valued at up to NZ\$5,000. 23 applications were received this year and eight awards granted.

## Fulbright Visiting Lectureships in New Zealand Studies

Fulbright Visiting Lectureships in New Zealand Studies are for New Zealand academics to teach New Zealand Studies and conduct research at Georgetown University in Washington, DC, and are valued at up to US\$32,500 plus travel expenses. Five applications were received this year and two awards granted.

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

The Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Pacific Writer's Residency is for a New Zealand writer in any genre to carry out work on an approved creative writing project exploring Pacific identity, culture or history at the University of Hawai'i for three months, and is valued at NZ\$30,000. 11 applications were received this year and the award granted to Victor Rodger.

We acknowledge the support of Creative New Zealand in making this award possible.



### Victor Rodger

Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Pacific Writer in Residence Victor Rodger from Christchurch is working on the first draft of a film script exploring Pacific identity and culture at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in Honolulu.

Around about the third day after I arrived in Honolulu to begin my residency at the University of Hawai'i, I was sitting in an open-air garage listening to a Hawaiian singer strumming on a ukulele as he performed

Tom Waits' "Chocolate Jesus". I thought to myself, "One day I'm going to use this." I don't know how, but I will.

Inspiration has been everywhere I turn. In hotel lobbies. On the beaches. At the Cheeseburger in Paradise restaurant. In the mind-blowing resources of the university library.

My time here has also had an impact on some of my existing works such as my play My Name is Gary Cooper, which will open in Auckland next year. The play features a Samoan student from Los Angeles but after settling into my office here at the university I soon realised I had written the character all wrong. So now she says things like "binary" and "hegemonic world order" and I can sit back, confident in the knowledge she sounds just right.

This residency has been invaluable on every conceivable level, and many of the personal and professional relationships I have developed will continue long after I have said my final aloha.



### Giselle Byrnes

Fulbright Visiting Lecturer in New Zealand Studies Giselle Byrnes from Victoria University of Wellington is teaching New Zealand Studies and conducting research at Georgetown University for the university's Fall semester.

My time in the United States has been incredibly valuable. In addition to teaching a course on New Zealand history at Georgetown University, which has been hugely rewarding, I have made progress on a

number of other research projects.

My main focus has been The New Oxford History of New Zealand, a general history of which I am General Editor, forthcoming in 2008. Working on this book from outside New Zealand has offered a fresh perspective on New Zealand history and I am sure the book will benefit from this. I have worked on a comparative project examining processes of historical reparation and apology between governments and indigenous peoples. I wrote an article on this topic while here in the United States and this has been accepted for publication. I have also developed a new course on comparative history, to be offered at Victoria University in 2008. Particular highlights have been travelling to Ann Arbor, where I gave a paper at the University of Michigan, and to Chicago, where I presented a paper at the University of Chicago.

I have made many connections with other scholars and am confident these will lead to future teaching and research collaborations. I sincerely thank Fulbright New Zealand for making this possible. For myself and my family, it has truly been a wonderful experience.

## Fulbright US Senior Scholar Awards

Fulbright US Senior Scholar Awards are for American artists, academics or professionals to pursue research or practical experience in New Zealand for three to five months, and are valued at up to NZ\$32,500 plus travel expenses. 18 applications were received this year and four awards granted for 2007.

## Fulbright Senior Specialist Awards

Fulbright Senior Specialist Awards are for New Zealand academic institutions to host US academics, artists or professionals for lectures, seminars, workshops, conferences or symposiums for two to six weeks, and are valued at up to NZ\$8,400 plus travel expenses. 15 applications were received this year and six awards granted.



**John Louie**

Fulbright US Senior Scholar John Louie from the University of Nevada researched developing a Wellington community seismic hazard modelling environment at Victoria University of Wellington and GNS Science.

I have long-term collaborations with colleagues at Victoria University, and my year-long stay brought several new collaborations with experts at GNS Science.

Developing physics-based earthquake-hazard prediction for Wellington required two efforts. First, I had to become better acquainted with the local hazard community, to understand their needs. My stay at GNS and the 1855 Earthquake Symposium got me started. Second, I had to measure ground conditions affecting susceptibility to earthquake shaking. Victoria, GNS, Hutt City, and Fulbright New Zealand all pitched in to help. GNS supported an excellent Victoria MSc student to assist me, and we characterized 46 sites from January to March.

I presented preliminary findings to community researchers in April, in the theatre on GNS's Avalon campus where the Lord of the Rings films first screened. I don't think the animations I showed were as compelling, though they also required supercomputing. In July I was able to give a workshop on my new community seismic modelling environment tool at Victoria.

Visiting this small and focused community of scientists and engineers gives me more appreciation for the vertical integration hazards studies need. I feel a new determination to get Nevada's earthquake puzzles solved. Such experience is life-changing. My wife, daughter and son, who accompanied me the entire year, tend to agree.



**Ken Muir**

Fulbright Senior Specialist Ken Muir from Appalachian State University delivered guest lectures and assisted with teacher training and professional development at Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology.

In July 2006 I spent four weeks at Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology as a Fulbright Senior Specialist where I lectured on media and the sociology of sport. I also conducted research on New Zealanders' attitudes regarding women athletes – particularly women rugby players.

My areas of teaching and research as an associate professor of sociology at Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina include gender studies, popular culture and the sociology of sports. Being in New Zealand while rugby was in full season gave me the opportunity to interview players, coaches, referees and spectators about their perceptions of sexuality and gender in regard to rugby. I presented my findings at the annual conference of the North American Society for Sociology of Sport in Vancouver, British Columbia in November.

While at CPIT, I was graciously hosted by International Programs Director Dr Margaret Pierson. I also met with a number of students formally and informally and discussed their research projects. I also had the opportunity to referee a number of rugby matches as a visiting member of the Canterbury Rugby Referees Association. My wife, Lisa, a professor of English, and I found time to tour the South Island and ventured out to the ski fields.

# New Zealand Senior Scholars

The following scholars commenced Fulbright grants this year:

## Fulbright New Zealand Senior Scholar Awards

**Ian Laird** from Massey University researched the effectiveness of preventative interventions to reduce hazardous chemical exposures in small business at the Harvard School of Public Health in Boston.

**Euan Mason** from the University of Canterbury researched hybrid modelling of forest growth at Auburn University and Oregon University.

## Fulbright New Zealand Travel Awards

**Hong Di** from Lincoln University delivered a keynote paper on mitigating environmental impacts and improving the sustainability of grazed pasture systems by the use of a nitrification inhibitor at the 18th World Congress of Soil Science in Philadelphia, and presented seminars at the University of California, Riverside, and the University of Delaware.

**Andrew Geddis** from the University of Otago presented papers comparing New Zealand and US electoral law at Loyola Law School and the University of California in Los Angeles, and attended a workshop at the University of Southern California in San Diego.

**Lorena Gibson** from Massey University presented a paper on hip-hop, history and contemporary whakapapa in Aotearoa/New Zealand at the 104th annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association in Washington, DC.

**Elizabeth Gordon** from Christchurch College of Education led a symposium on the SOLSA study at the 2006 annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association in San Francisco and participated in a conference on school choice at the University of Illinois in Champaign.

**David Grattan** from the University of Otago delivered a paper on hormonal induction of central leptin resistance during pregnancy at the 14th annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Ingestive Behaviour in Naples, Florida.

Author **Ian Wedde** from Wellington attended the American Association of Museums' centennial conference in Boston, and presented seminars at New York University's Tisch School of Arts, the University of California, Santa Cruz and John F. Kennedy University in Berkeley, California.

## Fulbright Visiting Lectureships in New Zealand Studies

**Adam Classen** from Massey University taught New Zealand Studies and conducted research at Georgetown University for the university's Spring semester.

**Giselle Byrnes** from Victoria University of Wellington is teaching New Zealand Studies and conducting research at Georgetown for the university's Fall semester.

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

**Victor Rodger** from Christchurch is working on the first draft of a film script exploring Pacific identity and culture at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in Honolulu.

# US Senior Scholars

## Fulbright US Senior Scholars

**Tracy Camp** from the Colorado School of Mines researched reversing the trends in questionable network simulations and acute gender imbalance at the University of Canterbury.

**John Louie** from the University of Nevada researched developing a Wellington community seismic hazard modelling environment at Victoria University of Wellington.

**Mary Beth Oliver** from Pennsylvania State University researched effects of media stereotyping of marginalised groups at the University of Otago.

## Fulbright Senior Specialists

**Anna Clark** from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, was a keynote speaker at the 2006 Biennial Conference of the New Zealand Historical Association and gave lectures and seminars at the University of Auckland, Victoria University of Wellington and the University of Otago.

**Michael Giannitti** from Bennington College conducted master classes in lighting design at Toi Whakaari: New Zealand Drama School in Wellington.

**Harry Kersey** from Florida Atlantic University assisted Victoria University of Wellington's Stout Research Centre on a project exploring the impact of Maori social, political and economic initiatives on the outcome of the 2005 election.

Flautist **Julie Koidin** from Winnetka, Illinois, gave lessons and performances at the University of Auckland and the University of Waikato.

**Michael Luger** from the University of North Carolina assisted the University of Auckland Business School in developing its programmes and structures as an entrepreneurial university.

**Ken Muir** from Appalachian State University delivered guest lectures and assisted with teacher training and professional development at Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology.

**Joel Myerson** from the University of South Carolina worked with the Dunedin Public Library to catalogue and promote their Walt Whitman collection.



### Hong Di

Hong Di from Lincoln University received a Fulbright New Zealand Travel Award to deliver a keynote paper on mitigating environmental impacts and improving the sustainability of grazed pasture systems by the use of a nitrification inhibitor at the 18th World Congress of Soil Science in Philadelphia. While in the US, he also presented seminars at the University of California, Riverside, and the University of Delaware.

I am currently Professor of Soil and Environmental Science in the Agriculture and Life Sciences Division, Lincoln University. My major research interests include nutrient and pesticide losses and water contamination. In the past few years I have been working together with my colleague Professor K.C. Cameron to develop a new mitigation technology using nitrification inhibitors, known as 'eco-n', to reduce nitrate leaching and water contamination in grazed pasture systems.

In July 2006, with the help of a Fulbright Travel Award, I attended the 18th World Congress of Soil Science, in Philadelphia, USA, to deliver a keynote paper about the 'eco-n' technology. Prior to the World Congress, I also visited the University of California, Riverside, and the University of Delaware, to exchange views on research in managing non-point source contamination in the farming environment. While in Philadelphia, I also visited the Liberty Bell, the Constitution of Independence and a few other historically important places which helped to better understand the American history, constitution and people.

This was a very successful and rewarding trip which not only allowed me to deliver a keynote paper but also gave me the opportunity to establish new linkages and make new friends with my American counterparts. I have come back a better informed person about America, its people and new research frontiers. These gains will help enrich my teaching, research and extension here in New Zealand.



### Julie Koidin

Flautist Julie Koidin from Winnetka, Illinois, gave lessons and performances at the University of Auckland and the University of Waikato.

On my Fulbright trip I gave masterclasses in US repertoire for flute and performed recitals at the University of Auckland and the Waikato Museum with University of Auckland doctoral piano student Richard Liu. In Auckland, flutist Melody Lin, a Masters

student, assisted me in a performance of Victoria Bond's "Woven" – the New Zealand premiere of a piece arranged especially for me to use in my Fulbright work. Victoria's compositional process models how a weaver uses thread, and I thought it particularly appropriate for this cultural exchange.

In Auckland I worked alongside Assistant Professor Uwe Grodd (flute/conducting), who I interviewed for an article I have written about my Fulbright experience for Flute Talk magazine. I had the fabulous opportunity to become familiar with new works coming out of New Zealand by adjudicating the Douglas Lilburn New Composition Competition at the University of Auckland. I made several connections with composers and have brought back a stack of music for my students and colleagues. I am planning a concert for them to perform this repertoire.

On a free weekend I researched Maori instruments in Rotorua, where I met craftsmen at the Te Puia Maori Village. With their guidance, I was able to collect educational materials and instruments for a class I hope to teach at Loyola University in Chicago.

# Other Fellowships

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

Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowships in Public Policy are for outstanding mid-career American professionals to study public policy in New Zealand, and are valued at up to NZ\$39,000 plus travel expenses. Fulbright New Zealand administers the Ian Axford Fellowship programme on behalf of the Board of the Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowships in Public Policy.

The Ian Axford Fellows for 2006 were:

- **Linda Blumberg** from the Urban Institute, who researched the effect of private health insurance coverage on health services utilisation in New Zealand at the Ministry of Health and Victoria University of Wellington.
- **Susan Coppedge** from the US Attorney's Office, who researched human trafficking at the Ministry of Justice and New Zealand Police.
- **Saskia Kim** from the California State Legislature, who researched safeguarding consumer privacy in a technological era at the Office of the Privacy Commissioner and the Ministry of Justice.

The findings of their Fellowships are published in final reports, downloadable from the Fulbright New Zealand website.

We acknowledge the support of the 22 New Zealand government agencies which fund these fellowships.

## Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy

Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy are for promising New Zealand health policy researchers and practitioners to conduct a policy-oriented research project and work with leading health policy experts in the US, and are valued at up to US\$95,000. Fulbright New Zealand administers the New Zealand selection process for Harkness Fellowships on behalf of the Commonwealth Fund of New York (CMWF).

The Harkness Fellows for 2006 are:

- **Mark Booth** from the Ministry of Health, who is researching health care policy responses to population aging at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island.
- **Mihi Ratima** from AUT University, who is researching obesity prevention among indigenous peoples and ethnic minorities at Harvard Medical School's Center of Excellence in Women's Health in Boston.

## Eisenhower Fellowships

Eisenhower Fellowships are for emerging US leaders to visit New Zealand to meet with local experts in their field of study, and provide travel and accommodation expenses and a cost of living stipend for four to eight weeks in New Zealand. Fulbright New Zealand organises fellows' schedules and supports fellows during their visits.

The Eisenhower Fellow for 2006 was **Yiota Ahladas** from the Community and Economic Development Office of Burlington, Virginia, who researched models of community and economic development initiatives around New Zealand.



### Saskia Kim

**Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellow in Public Policy** Saskia Kim from the California State Legislature researched safeguarding consumer privacy in a technological era at the Office of the Privacy Commissioner and the Ministry of Justice.

My time as an Ian Axford Fellow allowed me to experience a considerably different approach to privacy issues. It was an incredibly valuable opportunity to work alongside policy experts who are dealing

with many of the same challenges that we face in the United States.

My project looked at how New Zealand and California treat privacy issues, with a focus on emerging technologies. New Zealand's Privacy Act is one of the most comprehensive national privacy laws in the world. The United States, on the other hand, tends to legislate in a piecemeal manner.

The fellowship allowed me to work directly with, and learn from, policy advisors in the Ministry of Justice and Office of the Privacy Commissioner. My hosts in both offices were incredibly generous with their time, expertise and support. I had a fantastic experience because of them. I was able to work with officials in other government departments, privacy practitioners, professors and others who were dealing with the privacy implications of technologies like radio frequency identification (RFID).

The knowledge I gained during my fellowship is directly relevant to my work in the California State Senate. I have been able to take valuable lessons back to California and work with legislators to help them implement policy ideas based on my experience in New Zealand.



### Mark Booth

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

In New Zealand I manage the Strategic Funding and Therapeutic Policy team of the Ministry of Health. As a Harkness fellow, I am working at Brown University in Rhode Island looking at policy issues around population aging – in particular the funding

of long-term care for the elderly. This is an issue that will affect all developing countries and has profound implications for the delivery of health care and long term care. In addition, as the population requiring age-related health and disability services increases, the working population is decreasing – by 2051 one in four New Zealanders will be aged over 65.

My research is concentrating upon obtaining the views of long-term care experts in the USA and New Zealand on how to deal with these issues and considering possible initiatives that could be used in New Zealand.

I am in USA with my family and my 15 year old daughter is attending the local high school where she is getting immersed in subjects such as American History and American Literature – it is a true adventure for all members of the family! Brown University is a picturesque Ivy League university with a long history and is located in Providence. Rhode Island is the smallest state in the US but has a long and interesting history and great places to visit.

# Events



## New Zealand Events

Esteemed Fulbright alumni Witi Ihimaera and Sima Urale spoke on the theme of 'New Zealand Dreams, Pacific Destinies' at the annual Fulbright New Zealand alumni lecture at the National Library Auditorium in Wellington in November 2005.

Later the same month, the annual dinner for Harkness Fellowship in Health Care Policy fellows and alumni was held at Juniper Restaurant in Wellington, with Karen Davis, John Craig and Robin Osborn from the Commonwealth Fund of New York in attendance. At the dinner Sir Paul Reeves announced and introduced the 2006 Harkness Fellows, Mark Booth and Mihi Ratima.

Also in November, the new US Ambassador to New Zealand, William McCormick, and his wife Gail hosted a group of current Fulbright US Graduate Students, Fulbright New Zealand staff and Board members for Thanksgiving dinner.

In February 2006 we welcomed 16 new American grantees to New Zealand with a week-long orientation programme in Wellington. This included seminars on New Zealand and Pacific history, culture, politics and people, and visits to Waiwhetu Marae (for an overnight stay), Karori Wildlife Sanctuary and Parliament.

In June we held the 2006 Fulbright New Zealand Awards Presentation Ceremony at the Banquet Hall of the Beehive in Wellington, hosted by Rt Hon Winston Peters, Minister of Foreign Affairs. Fulbright New Zealand's Executive Director, Mele Wendt, announced the recipients of over 50 Fulbright awards for 2006, and Hon Steve Maharey, Minister of Research, Science and Technology, presented the inaugural Fulbright-Ministry of Research, Science and Technology Awards. The following week an alumni event was hosted at PricewaterhouseCoopers in Auckland by US Ambassador to New Zealand, William McCormick, giving Fulbright alumni a chance to meet new local grantees.

In July, 2005 Harkness Fellows Marie Bismark and Elana Taipapaki Curtis reported the findings of their Fellowship research at a series of seminars at Victoria University of Wellington, the University of Auckland and Dunedin Hospital.

Also in July, 2006 Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowship in Public Policy fellows Linda Blumberg, Susan Coppedge and Saskia Kim reported the findings of their Fellowship research at the BP Theatre in Wellington.

## US Events

Fulbright New Zealand's Executive Director, Mele Wendt, hosted several events during her annual visit to the US in May and June. American Fulbright alumna Cheryl Cheney generously hosted an alumni function at her home in Somerville, Massachusetts. A get-together for current grantees was held at the Commonwealth Fund in New York and a function was hosted by Pennsylvania State University in State College.

In June New Zealand's Deputy Chief of Mission to the US, Ian Hill, hosted the annual function for Ian Axford Fellowship applicants, alumni and friends at the New Zealand Embassy in Washington, DC.



# Non-grant Programme Activities

Fulbright New Zealand promotes educational and cultural exchange between New Zealand and the US. Our education services include advice and reference guides on studying at universities in the US.

## Educational Advising and Testing Services

Fulbright New Zealand's Educational Advising Service provides the most comprehensive source of advice on study in the US available in New Zealand.

Our dedicated educationUSA advising centre provides US university catalogues, directories and application guides, a resource library and computers as well as test registration and preparation materials. The centre is open to the public during office hours, by appointment.

Our Educational Adviser conducts high school and tertiary campus visits to promote study in the US and to explain the application process.

This year, our Educational Advising Service answered 468 inquiries by mail, phone, email and fax. In addition there were approximately 35,353 visits to the Education Services section of the Fulbright New Zealand website and a further 41,275 seeking general information on study in the US or New Zealand.

Our Educational Advising Service also gives advice about and/or administers the following standardised tests for US university admissions:

- ACT
- SAT
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
- Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT)
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

## Outreach Tour

In May and June of 2006 Fulbright New Zealand's Educational Advising team undertook our annual Outreach Tour, visiting 14 tertiary education institutions around the country with 391 attendees. Students and staff were introduced to the range of awards available on the Fulbright programme, heard the experiences of Fulbright alumni and found out more about studying in the US.



**Tim Hume**

Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Award recipient Tim Hume is completing a Master of Science in Journalism at Columbia University in New York.

During my first semester at Columbia's journalism school I've been exposed to, and inspired by, a great deal of brilliant journalism – work that shows the power which reporting and writing, at their very best, can achieve.

I've spent a lot of time working my "beat" in a depressed South Bronx neighbourhood, gaining insight into one of New York's roughest ghettos through interviews with the drug dealers, the prostitutes, and the homeless who live there. I've covered stories as diverse as home invasion gang slayings to the recent elections, getting a real sense of what makes New Yorkers tick in the process. I've enjoyed rigorous critical maulings at the hands of a legendary octogenarian critic during my weekly writing workshops, and even tried my hand at photojournalism.

In between all this, I've attempted to find the time to go and listen to the impressive array of speakers that pass through the school (Vaclav Havel and Wole Soyinka last week), and to spend some quality time with my wonderful classmates in the giant playground that is New York.

It's all far too much to take in, and I'm loving it. But whilst I would love to stay here indefinitely, I am excited about the challenge of putting my studies into practice in New Zealand, and hopefully producing some quality journalism on my return.



**Jeanine Refsnider**

Fulbright US Graduate Student Jeanine Refsnider is researching nest site choice plasticity in female tuatara at Victoria University of Wellington.

Over the past year, I've been lucky enough to spend almost three months on Stephens Island (Takapourewa), a nature reserve in the Cook Strait famous for the largest population of tuatara in the world. My project has focused on nesting ecology, parental care and potential effects of global

warming on this ancient and very unique reptile, and I've presented the results at conferences in Wellington, Palmerston North, and Dunedin. I was also involved in the first reintroduction of tuatara to mainland New Zealand in December 2005, when seventy tuatara were translocated from Stephens Island to the Karori Wildlife Sanctuary in Wellington.

When not working nine to five (pm to am!) with tuatara, I've managed to fit in a lot of travelling around New Zealand to enjoy the spectacular scenery and walking tracks for which this country is famous. In Wellington I've been busy volunteering with bird surveys at a mountain bike park, presenting guest lectures to biology students and taking courses in Māori and Marine Biology.

Thanks to an extension of my Fulbright grant, I'll be returning to Stephens Island one last time in March to study tuatara mate choice and territorial aggression, before returning to the US in April to begin a PhD in ecology and evolutionary biology.

# Related Organisations

The following organisations and groups work closely with Fulbright New Zealand:

## J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FSB)

The FSB is composed of 12 educational and public leaders appointed by the President of the US. This board establishes worldwide policies and procedures for the international Fulbright programme in over 150 countries and approves all Fulbright award selections.

## US Department of State

The US Department of State is the government agency that, through its Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, promotes and administers educational and cultural exchange programmes to bring about greater understanding between the people of the US and the peoples of the world. The Deputy Chief of Mission and Public Affairs Officer from the US Embassy in Wellington serve as ex-officio members on the Board of Fulbright New Zealand.

## Institute of International Education (IIE)

IIE is an independent, non-profit organisation based in New York which administers over 250 international education programmes including the Fulbright Graduate Student Programme in the US. IIE manages the application process for Fulbright US Graduate Awards and supports grantees before they depart for New Zealand. They also support New Zealand graduate students while they are in the US.

## The Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES)

CIES is a division of IIE based in Washington, DC, that administers the Fulbright Senior Scholar Programme in the US. CIES manages the application process for the Fulbright US Senior Scholar programme and supports grantees before they depart for New Zealand. They also support New Zealand scholars while they are in the US.

## Fulbright New Zealand Selection Committees

Fulbright New Zealand selection committees draw members from New Zealand Fulbright alumni, the Fulbright New Zealand Board and relevant academic and government sectors to interview applicants for awards and make recommendations to the Fulbright New Zealand Board.



### Michelle Menzies

Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Award recipient Michelle Menzies is studying towards a PhD in English Language and Literature, specialising in aesthetics, literary theory and cinema studies, at the University of Chicago.

So far my time in Chicago has been a dream. This city is just amazing – the kind of Modernist architecture you have to experience and enough arts activity even for me. More galleries than I've had time

to visit, Shakespeare and opera companies, blues bars, cabaret, farmers' markets, experimental film and deep-dish pizza to write home about; all arranged around a lake the size of a small Mediterranean sea.

My academic work is the most intellectually engaging I've experienced. Being in classes with leaders in the field and surrounded by like-minded peers has given me access to a stream of stimulating conversation that, three months in, has already left me feeling I've learned a lot. I have a new sense of clarity about my motivations to work in this field, and a much more substantiated sense of where my abilities and direction lie. The interdisciplinary focus of my department has also been really validating. I feel very supported to continue to practice as an artist and I'm looking forward to participating in the Chicago art scene over the winter.

I've been surprised and encouraged at the level of interest (and information!) that people have shown in New Zealand. Being so far away gives me a different perspective on what that we have to offer. I feel privileged to have access to this kind of eye and mind-opening experience, and feel strongly that I'd like to contribute to the traffic of art ideas and culture between New Zealand and the US.



### Stephen Higgs

Fulbright US Graduate Student Stephen Higgs is researching environmental mediation at Victoria University of Wellington.

My Fulbright year has been one of the best of my life – an incredible experience to pursue research I value, to develop great friendships in a new community, and to learn more about my strengths, limitations, and purpose.

During my Fulbright, I have researched the use of collaborative approaches to environmental dispute resolution and focused attention on New Zealand's specialized Environment Court and its court-connected mediation program. I conducted formal and informal interviews of legal practitioners in and out of the Court and wrote two reports and delivered one presentation to feature lessons from the Court's innovations in environmental problem solving.

There is so much one learns in a year of study in another country. My lessons range widely from how to make kiwifruit chutney to a rudimentary understanding of what takes place on a rugby field. I also learned quite a bit more about how best to listen to others – the practice of good listening related closely to my research subject (mediation), my research methodology (personal interviews) and the nature of good diplomacy while living overseas in turbulent times. Learning to listen and to listen well is just one of the skills Fulbrighters develop and, in my view, the skill that will serve us best in life.

I'm thankful to Fulbright for believing in me and for investing in my research.



“Our future is not in the stars but in our minds and hearts. Creative leadership and liberal education, which in fact go together, are the first requirements for a hopeful future for humankind. Fostering these - leadership, learning, and empathy between cultures - was and remains the purpose of the international scholarship programme.”  
Senator J. William Fulbright

# Audit Report

To the readers of the financial statements of the New Zealand-United States Educational Foundation

We have audited the summary financial report of the New Zealand-United States Educational Foundation (the "Foundation") for the year ended 30 September 2006 as set out on page 20.

## Responsibilities of the Trustees and Auditor

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of a summary financial report in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand. It is our responsibility to express to you an independent opinion on the financial report presented by the trustees.

## Basis of Opinion

Our audit was conducted in accordance with New Zealand Auditing Standards and involved carrying out procedures to ensure the summary financial report is consistent with the full financial report on which the summary financial report is based. We also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the summary financial report against the requirements of FRS-39: Summary Financial Reports.

Other than in our capacity as auditor we have no other relationship with or interests in the Foundation.

## Unqualified Opinion

In our opinion the information reported in the summary financial report complies with FRS-39: Summary Financial Reports and is consistent with the full financial report from which it is derived and upon which we expressed an unqualified audit opinion in our report to the readers of the financial statements dated 6 December 2006.

We completed our work for the purposes of this report on 2 February 2007.

  
KPMG

Wellington

# New Zealand-United States Educational Foundation

Summary financial report for the year ended 30 September 2006

	2006	2005
<b>Statement of financial performance</b>		
<b>Revenue</b>		
United States government grants	845,962	770,231
New Zealand government grants	1,399,000	795,192
Other income	356,084	211,917
<b>Disbursements</b>		
Prior years' programmes	427,674	548,517
Current programme	1,263,382	378,777
<b>Other expenditure</b>		
EFTs	64,000	122,970
Movement in estimated future commitments	138,946	-87,934
Administration expenses	428,078	430,783
Non-grant programme expenditure	328,342	291,750
<b>Net surplus for the year</b>	<b>-49,376</b>	<b>92,477</b>
<b>Statement of financial position</b>		
Current assets	1,249,567	1,186,433
Fixed assets	78,659	111,022
Current liabilities	57,681	40,849
Estimated future commitments	827,377	688,431
Unearned income	77,292	152,293
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>365,876</b>	<b>415,252</b>
<b>Balance of funds</b>	<b>365,876</b>	<b>415,252</b>
<b>Statement of movements in funds</b>		
Balance of fund as at 1 October	415,252	322,775
Total recognised revenues and expenses	-49,376	92,477
<b>Balance of fund as at 30 September</b>	<b>365,876</b>	<b>415,252</b>

## Note

This is a summary of the Foundation's audited full financial report for the year ended 30 September 2006 which were authorised for issue on 6 December 2006.

The summary financial report has been extracted from the full audited financial report dated 6 December 2006, which has been audited and on which an unqualified opinion has been issued. Therefore it cannot be expected to provide as complete an understanding as provided by the full financial statements of the financial performance, financial position and movements in funds of the Foundation. A copy of the full financial statements can be obtained from Maree Yong at Fulbright New Zealand.

The auditor has examined the summary financial report for consistency with the audited financial statements and has issued an unqualified opinion.



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