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Fulbright New Zealand Annual Report for the period 1 October 2009 - 30 September 2010

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 the US and New Zealand, to administer the Fulbright Programme in New Zealand.

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The Fulbright Programme



J. William Fulbright as University of Arkansas President, ca. 1941
Special Collections, University of Arkansas Libraries, Fayetteville

“We must try and expand the boundaries of human wisdom, empathy and perception, 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 Bachelor of Arts 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 Master of Arts.

After returning 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 President of the University of Arkansas (the youngest university president in the country at that time).

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 until 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, and was 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 to the programme as individual scholarship.

The New Zealand-United States Educational Foundation (trading as Fulbright New Zealand since 1999) 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 participating countries. Fulbright New Zealand receives funding from both the US and New Zealand governments.

Since 1948 more than 1,400 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 study, research and teach abroad.

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

Chairperson's Report



Welcome to the Fulbright New Zealand Annual Report for Financial Year 2010. This year has been notable for an upswing in the engagement and contributions of our many grantees and alumni, which has been very pleasing to see. These talented and hard-working people embody the very spirit of the Fulbright programme, and the success of the programme can be measured in their achievements and good deeds.

Last year saw the launch of the first official Fulbright New Zealand Alumni Association, which has united and mobilised alumni in new and exciting ways. It has been my pleasure to attend a number of Alumni Association events over the course of the year, and to host a small group of Auckland members to celebrate Independence Day in my own home. Dr Jon Johansson from Victoria University of Wellington gave a series of lectures for the Association about the Obama presidency shortly after returning from his stint as a Fulbright Visiting Scholar in New Zealand Studies at Georgetown University in Washington, DC. These were well attended (including by a capacity crowd of more than 300 people at his home institution) and very well received, and have laid the foundation for keynote Fulbright lectures on each of New Zealand's university campuses annually in the future.

The Fulbright New Zealand Alumni Association aims to connect Fulbright and associated international educational exchange alumni with each other, to support the Fulbright mission and support Fulbright grantees during their exchanges, and to help raise awareness of the aims of the Fulbright programme. The Alumni Association ended its first full year of operation in June 2010 with 160 members, which was a great achievement. But there is still plenty of room for growth so we encourage all of our alumni to join, participate fully and make the most of this fabulous initiative.

I must thank and commend Graham Cochrane and his team of board members and co-ordinators for making such a success of establishing the new Alumni Association. Theirs is the kind of commitment we love to see from our alumni, and Graham's selection to attend a US Department of State International Visitor Leadership Programme for alumni leaders in September 2010 shows that his efforts have been noted in Washington as well.

In September a magnitude 7.1 earthquake struck Canterbury. Thankfully there was no loss of life and little injury caused. There was, though, significant damage to the region and it faces a costly recovery. A group of four 2010 Fulbright US Graduate Students based in Wellington responded to this disaster by holding bake sales at Victoria University of Wellington which raised \$1,182 for the official Canterbury earthquake relief fund. Their actions prompted donations by other Fulbright alumni, and we know that others have and will be involved in practical ways in the rebuilding of Canterbury and preparation for future natural disasters in New Zealand and abroad. We commend them all for their willingness to contribute in this time of need.

Thanks to the initiative of Fulbright alumnus Les Williams, this year we welcomed Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga (New Zealand's Māori Centre of Research Excellence) to our ever-expanding family of award sponsors. Kia ora to Les and Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga's Director, Charles Royal (himself a Fulbright

alumnus and former Board member) for partnering with us on a suite of new awards for both students and scholars.

Our sincere thanks, as always, to the US and New Zealand governments for their continuing commitment to the Fulbright programme as our core funders, and to our sponsoring partners the Cognition Institute, Creative New Zealand, the Earthquake Commission (EQC) and the Ministry of Research, Science and Technology for continuing to partner with us in offering additional exchange awards. Thanks also to the network of donors who support the Fulbright-Platinum Triangle Scholarship in Entrepreneurship, and the Ministry of Education for supporting the same award.

In terms of governance, Fulbright alumna Dr Helen Anderson was appointed to the Board in March 2010 to fill the final New Zealand vacancy, having recently stepped down as Chief Executive of the Ministry of Research, Science and Technology. Helen was responsible for initiating the Ministry's sponsoring of 10+ additional graduate awards each year since 2005, for which we remain eternally grateful.

There were other changes in Board membership this year as several of our ex-officio representatives from the New Zealand and US governments departed and were duly replaced. David Taylor from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs left the Board in March 2010 to take up his new posting as New Zealand's Ambassador to Indonesia. He was replaced by the new director of MFAT's Americas Division, Nigel Moore, in July. On the American side, the US Embassy's Public Affairs Officer, Mark Wenig, transferred to a new posting in Cambodia in September, and was replaced at the Embassy and on the Fulbright New Zealand Board by Adrian Pratt. At the same time, the Embassy's Deputy Chief of Mission, Bob Clarke, was replaced on the Board by US citizen Harlene Hayne who is Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research and Enterprise at the University of Otago.

We thank all the departed Board members again for their terrific contributions to the organisation, and welcome the new members with the expectation that they will deliver the same.

With new energy on the Board and the great service and commitment of the Fulbright New Zealand staff, we celebrate the successes of this year and look forward to another busy and productive year ahead.



Barbara Johnson, Chairperson of the Board

Board Members and Staff



L TO R (BACK): Adrian Pratt, Scott Optican, Mele Wendt, Richard Nelson, Stephen Jacobi, David Patterson
(FRONT): Helen Anderson, Nigel Moore, Barbara Johnson, Suzanne Snively
ABSENT: Mark Fitz-Gerald, Harlene Hayne, Rob McIntosh



L TO R (BACK): Andy Mitchell, Tracy Blower, Kameswari Vanka, Patrick Teahan
(FRONT): Kara Wood, Mele Wendt, Stefanie Joe, Val Leach

Fulbright New Zealand Board

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 (from September 2010)

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 (from July 2010)

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 Fulbright alumnus

David Taylor Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
 (until March 2010)

Fulbright New Zealand Staff

Mele Wendt	Executive Director
Tracy Blower	Programme Administrator
Martin Boswell	Programme and Advising Team Leader (until June 2010)
Stefanie Joe	Programme and Advising Team Leader (from August 2010)
Val Leach	Receptionist/Administrator
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Kameswari Vanka	Programme Manager
Kara Wood	Senior Programme Manager and Educational Adviser

Executive Director's Report



“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 [Fulbright] scholarship programme.”

Senator J. William Fulbright

The purpose set by Senator Fulbright remains at the very core of what everyone in the Fulbright programme does and aims for. We are certain that this will continue well into the future.

We reflect on 2010, our 62nd year in operation, and feel positive about the many accomplishments and successes, and the initiatives implemented.

It was wonderful to establish a new partnership with Ngā Pae te Māramatanga this year and implement a range of new awards focused in indigenous studies. The official launch in June 2010 at the University of Auckland as part of the Fourth International Indigenous Conference on Traditional Knowledge was a special event with over 100 people in attendance. Also implemented this year in partnership with the Harkness New Zealand Fellowship Trust was the new Fulbright-Harkness New Zealand Fellowship. These new awards really helped boost our award offerings to the growing demand of applicants.

We warmly welcomed David Huebner as the new US Ambassador to New Zealand and Samoa in December 2009. As Honorary Co-Chair of the Fulbright New Zealand Board, he has taken a strong interest in and offered deep support to the Fulbright programme. On the New Zealand side, in the US a special presentation was made by the US State Department to New Zealand Ambassador Roy Ferguson for his services to the Fulbright programme at the end of his tenure as Ambassador. Roy and his wife Dawn have been incredible supporters and advocates for the programme over a long while.

A number of events occurred in the period, starting with a Thanksgiving dinner in November 2009, the Orientation for all incoming American grantees in February 2010, and the annual Outreach tour to a large number of New Zealand tertiary institutions and a number of alumni lectures/seminars held from April to May.

In March 2010 we were saddened to hear that Sir Ian Axford, patron of the Axford Fellowships and a New Zealand great, had passed away at his home in Napier. His name and memory lives on in the Axford Fellowships programme which goes from strength to strength.

In April, I participated in the Fulbright East Asia Pacific Regional Conference hosted by the Japan United States Educational Commission in Tokyo. Overall it was beneficial to have key Fulbright people from commissions and US embassies in the region to discuss matters of common interest and share best practice.

In June 2010, the annual Beehive reception and awards ceremony for alumni and grantees was held with over 300 people attending. The Fulbright New Zealand Alumni Association had its first Annual General Meeting in August 2010 and celebrated its

first year in operation.

The usual 2010 programme year was constantly busy with managing a large number of different award programmes, supporting grantees, promoting educational exchange/study in the US to New Zealanders, and implementing regular events in New Zealand and the US. We also worked hard at maintaining strong relationships with the wide range of organisations and individuals we work with on an ongoing basis, especially behind the scenes in the administration of awards. We thank all the agencies we work with for their ongoing collaboration in this regard.

The number of applications for many awards continued to increase. The quality of applications and the grantees selected continued to be as impressive as ever. We were successful this year in getting another New Zealand grantee into the International Fulbright Science & Technology programme which is a highly competitive world-wide competition. In the four years since the US State Dept implemented this programme, there have been a total of five New Zealand grantees – we are one of only two or three countries in the world to have been this successful.

Fulbright New Zealand continued our efforts to increase our profile in the New Zealand media, higher education sector and general public.

In terms of staffing, Martin Boswell, Programme and Advising Team Leader, departed in July for a position at Victoria University of Wellington. He was replaced by Stefanie Joe, an experienced manager from the Wellington tertiary education sector. Kara Wood was promoted to a Senior Programme Manager role and Keri Vanka was promoted from a Programme Administrator to a Programme Manager role. Overall, all staff worked really hard and effectively on what ended up being an intense annual programme of activities. I am very thankful to them.

To end, I thank everyone who supported us this year. A special thank you to Chairperson Barbara Johnson and to all other Board members for your valuable contributions and tireless commitment to Fulbright New Zealand. I thank all those who provided financial and other forms of support, especially the American and New Zealand governments and other sponsoring agencies and individuals. I acknowledge all grantees and alumni who are and continue to be effective ambassadors for the Fulbright programme and for their country. Everyone please continue to support our ever-lasting mission of building a more peaceful world through educational exchange.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Mele Wendt'.

Mele Wendt, Executive Director

Student Programme

The Fulbright 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.

Fulbright New Zealand Graduate Awards

With the exception of the three year International Fulbright Science and Technology Awards and 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.

All New Zealand grantees travelling to the US attend a three day predeparture programme in Wellington in June, and enrichment programmes while in the US.

International Fulbright Science and Technology Awards

These awards are granted for PhD study at top US universities in fields of science, technology or engineering. The awards fully fund three years of PhD study, with the grantee's host institution funding the remaining two years of study. Nominations are accepted from any participating countries in the Fulbright exchange programme, and the winners selected by open and rigorous competition. Around 40 awards are offered internationally each year.

Fulbright New Zealand received 22 applications for 2011 awards and nominated three candidates to the US Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. 43 recipients were selected from 174 nominations submitted by 81 countries, including one New Zealander.

Fulbright-Platinum Triangle Scholarship in Entrepreneurship

This award is granted for study in a knowledge economy-related field, and is valued at US\$100,000 plus travel expenses. In addition, it includes internships in the US and advice and access to employment and venture capital contacts upon the recipient's return to New Zealand.

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

Fulbright-Ministry of Research, Science and Technology Graduate Awards

These 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. 39 applications were received this year and 15 recipients selected for 2011.

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

Fulbright-EQC Graduate Award in Natural Disaster Research

This award 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. Four applications were received this year and one recipient selected for 2011.

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

Fulbright-Ngā Pae o Te Māramatanga Graduate Award

This new award is granted for study or research in the field of indigenous development, and is valued at up to US\$25,000 plus travel expenses. Five applications were received this year and one recipient selected for 2011.

We acknowledge the support of Ngā Pae o Te Māramatanga in making this award possible.

Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Awards

These awards are granted for study or research in any field, and are valued at up to US\$25,000 plus travel expenses. 66 applications were received this year and nine recipients selected for 2011.

Supplementary Awards

Fulbright New Zealand offers two supplementary awards for New Zealand graduate students. 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. This year's award was granted to Dan Bidois.

The Sir Wallace Rowling Memorial Award provides US\$2,500 towards the cost of taking up an internship in Washington, DC for a student in the field of political science, international relations, journalism or international law. This year's award was granted to Nicola Kean.

Fulbright US Graduate Awards

These awards are granted for one year of study or research in New Zealand in any field, and are valued at up to NZ\$30,000 plus travel expenses. 66 applications were received this year and 9 recipients selected for 2011.

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

New Zealand Graduate Students

The following students commenced Fulbright grants this year:

International Fulbright Science and Technology Awards

Jonathan Squire from Dunedin is completing a PhD in Physics, specialising in plasma physics for nuclear fusion energy production, at Princeton University in Princeton, New Jersey.

Fulbright-Platinum Triangle Scholarship in Entrepreneurship

Carl Sanders-Edwards from Thames is completing a Master of Business Administration degree in Entrepreneurship at Babson College in Wellesley, Massachusetts.

Fulbright-Ministry of Research, Science and Technology Graduate Awards

Sumit Anand from Auckland is completing a Master of Science degree in Structural Engineering, specialising in concrete and steel buildings and bridges, at the University of California, San Diego.

Anthea Blackburn from Wellington is completing a PhD in Organic Chemistry, specialising in the development of molecular-sized motors for mimicking biological functions, at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.

Paul Ewart from Hamilton is researching low energy injection moulding of titanium alloy at the University of Texas-Pan American in Edinburg, towards a PhD from the University of Waikato.

Sara Humphreys from Gisborne is completing a PhD in Chemistry, specialising in the biological chemistry of plants, at Washington State University in Pullman.

David MacDonald from Auckland is completing a Master of Science degree in Computer Science, specialising in computer and network security, at the University of California, Berkeley.

Kirsten Meyer from Wellington is completing a PhD in Pharmacology and Molecular Science, specialising in pharmaceutical development against microbes, at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland.

Stephanie Mitchell from Auckland is completing a Master of Science degree and PhD in Aerospace Engineering, specialising in structural dynamics, at California Institute of Technology in Pasadena.

Nick Monahan from Napier is completing a PhD in Chemistry, specialising in single molecule spectroscopy of chemical and biological systems, at the University of Texas at Austin.

Jonathan Rennie from Wellington is completing a post-professional Master of Architecture degree, specialising in the urban growth and development of Pacific Rim towns and cities, at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

Dan Scott from Auckland is completing a Master of Engineering degree in Energy Economics and Engineering, specialising in sustainable energy systems, at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York.

Lucy Stewart from Wellington is completing a PhD in Microbiology, specialising in extremophilic microorganisms in

deep-sea vent environments, at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Ben Trieu from Auckland is completing a Master of Science degree in Industrial Engineering, specialising in manufacturing systems, logistics and technology management, at Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta.

Shaun Williams from Christchurch will research numerical tsunami source modelling at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in Honolulu, towards a PhD in Hazards and Disasters from the University of Canterbury.

Liz Wiltshire from Christchurch is completing a PhD in Biology, specialising in plant cell signalling, at Stanford University in Stanford, California.

Fulbright-Ngā Pae o Te Māramatanga Graduate Award

Dan Bidois from Auckland is completing a Master in Public Policy degree, specialising in urban, social and economic policy, at Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts.

Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Awards

Amelia Evans from Wellington is completing a Master of Laws degree, specialising in business and human rights law, at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Alexandra Hay from Wellington is completing a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Composition, specialising in instrumental and computer music, at Stanford University in Stanford, California.

Alexander Ho from Auckland is completing a Master of Laws degree, specialising in international arbitration and investment law, at New York University.

Nicola Kean from Wellington is completing a Master of Science degree in Journalism, specialising in online reporting, at Columbia University in New York.

Kristian Schmidt from Porirua is completing a Master of Arts degree in Comparative and International Education, specialising in equity initiatives by US universities that target ethnic minorities, at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Jane Standage from Wellington is completing a Master of Laws degree, specialising in competition law and water regulation, at New York University.

Duncan Wilson from Wellington is completing a Master of Arts degree in Journalism, specialising in broadcast news and current affairs, at Columbia University in New York.

Miri Young from Wellington is completing a Master of Arts degree in Humanities and Museum Studies, specialising in the memorialization of the Holocaust and cultural trauma, at New York University.

US Graduate Students

Fulbright US Graduate Awards

Elizabeth Beall from San Diego, California is completing a Master of Commerce and Administration degree in Management, specialising in Māori business strategy in the context of climate change, at Victoria University of Wellington.

Laura Christianson from Ames, Iowa is researching the use of woodchip bioreactors for nitrate removal from agricultural drainage waters, at Massey University Palmerston North, towards a PhD in Agricultural Engineering from Iowa State University.

Rachel Clausing from Lansing, Illinois is researching the effects of anthropogenic nutrient enrichment on intertidal algae communities, at Victoria University of Wellington, towards a PhD in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Hannah Frank from Pasadena, California is researching genetic and immunological evidence of inbreeding in North Brother Island Tuatara, at Victoria University of Wellington.

Lauren Long from Stuart, Florida is completing a Master of Philosophy degree in Ecology, specialising in the long-term effectiveness of denitrification walls for nitrate removal from groundwater systems, at the University of Waikato.

Bradley Markle from Corvallis, Oregon is completing a Master of Science degree in Geology, specialising in the influence of high frequency climate oscillations on the climate of Antarctica, at Victoria University of Wellington.

Kyle Meyer from Wayzata, Minnesota is researching the ecology of symbiotic microorganisms in New Zealand sponges, at the University of Auckland.

Julie Polakoski from Somerset, Pennsylvania is completing a Master of Laws degree in Employment Law, specialising in the impact of legal reform on collective bargaining rights, at Victoria University of Wellington.

Mike Roman from Mason, Ohio is researching I-Kiribati migrants' assimilation to new environments and development of transnational identity, at the University of Waikato, towards a PhD in Anthropology from the University of Pittsburgh.

Amanda Wood from Newburgh, Indiana is completing a Bachelor of Health Sciences (Honours) degree in Public Health, specialising in body weight satisfaction among New Zealand adolescents, at the University of Auckland.

Rebecca Woods from Montpelier, Vermont is researching the history and conservation of rare British livestock breeds in New Zealand, at the University of Otago, towards a PhD in the History and Anthropology of Science from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Min Wu from Olney, Maryland is researching antenatal health care usage among methamphetamine users in New Zealand and the United States, at the University of Auckland.



Kristian Schmidt

Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Award recipient Kristian Schmidt from Porirua is completing a Master of Arts degree in Comparative and International Education, specialising in equity initiatives by US universities that target ethnic minorities, at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

I cannot believe my first semester is already over! Lehigh University has definitely kept me busy with all the great opportunities and people it keeps throwing at me. So far I have sat in briefings at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City, attended the homecoming of two HBCUs (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) in Atlanta, been smashed on the rugby field in Delaware, and flown to Cambodia for data collection with my project evaluation class, just to name a few highlights.

My programme is awesome. I love it because it combines two of my greatest passions – young people and travelling! In Comparative and International Education we study education systems all around the world to gain a better understanding of how they work. My interest is in equity initiatives that focus on transitioning students from low-decile or 'urban' high schools to tertiary education. Through my research I hope to find ways in which we can better support our students in Aotearoa through the services we offer them.

Next semester is bound to bring new challenges and adventures. Already I am set to present at a conference in Montreal and make a holy pilgrimage to Israel, with a possible research project in South Africa. All of which is possible thanks to Fulbright! Malo lava.



Min Wu

Fulbright US Graduate Student Min Wu from Olney, Maryland is researching antenatal health care usage among methamphetamine users in New Zealand and the United States, at the University of Auckland.

I worked with Dr Trecia Wouldes of the University of Auckland School of Medicine on a public health study comparing the patterns of antenatal health care usage among American and New Zealand mothers who use methamphetamine.

In many ways, my Fulbright represented the incredibly fortunate culmination of my personal and professional interests. I had always had a deep interest in clinical research, medicine, and the social sciences, but my experiences in these fields had always been scattershot: I had never truly had an opportunity connect them all together in one field of study until my Fulbright. My research examined the adequacy of health care provided to drug-using and non-using mothers in both New Zealand and the US, specifically in the context of the socioeconomic and systematic differences between the two countries. As such, it was a phenomenal opportunity to ground traditional medical research within a greater, social context, and to explore individual patient care within the framework of larger community health.

But even outside the clinic, simply in my day-to-day life, it was (as cheesy as it sounds) amazing and heartening to live in a place that so openly valued a deeply-imbedded sense of social justice – especially as manifested by New Zealand's comprehensive health care system – as well as a general friendlier pace of life, with none of the cut-throat pressure of the US. Overall, my experiences in New Zealand were deeply inspiring, encouraging a sense of optimism about the feasibility of social change, even in the face of sometimes deep and vocal opposition, back home in the States.

Scholar Programme

The Fulbright Scholar Programme enables New Zealand academics, artists and professionals to visit the US, and American academics, artists and professionals to visit New Zealand, to undertake research, teach, present their work and share their specialist knowledge.

Fulbright New Zealand Senior Scholar Awards

These awards are for New Zealand artists, academics or professionals to lecture and/or conduct research in the US for three to five months, and are valued at up to US\$32,500 plus travel expenses. 10 applications were received this year and five recipients selected for 2011.

Fulbright Visiting Scholar Awards in New Zealand Studies

These awards are for New Zealand academics to conduct research and teach a course in New Zealand Studies at Georgetown University in Washington, DC for one or two semesters, and are valued at up to US\$32,500 plus travel expenses. Two applications were received this year and one recipient selected for 2011 (another having been selected previously).

Fulbright-Ngā Pae o Te Māramatanga Senior Scholar Award

This new award is for New Zealand artists, academics or professionals to lecture and/or conduct research in the US for three to five months in a field of indigenous development, and is valued at up to US\$32,500 plus travel expenses. Two applications were received for the inaugural award and one recipient selected.

We acknowledge the support of Ngā Pae o Te Māramatanga in making this award possible.

Fulbright-Cognition Scholar Award in Education Research

This award is for a New Zealand educator or scholar to pursue research in the US designed to have an impact on New Zealand early childhood education or primary/secondary schooling and student achievement, for three to five months, and is valued at up to US\$32,500 plus travel expenses. Three applications were received this year and two recipients selected for 2011.

We acknowledge the support of the Cognition Institute in making this award possible.

Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Pacific Writer's Residency

This award is for a New Zealand writer of Pacific heritage to carry out work on a 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. Nine applications were received this year and one recipient selected.

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

Fulbright-Wallace Arts Trust Award

This award is for an outstanding mid-career or senior New Zealand visual artist to undertake a three-month residency at Headlands Center for the Arts in Sausalito, California, and is valued in excess of US\$30,000. 12 applications were received this year and one recipient selected.

We acknowledge the support of the Wallace Arts Trust and Headlands Center for the Arts in making this award possible.

Fulbright-Harkness New Zealand Fellowship

This new award is for an emerging New Zealand leader in any field of study or vocation (excluding health care policy and practice) to study or research in the US for a minimum of six weeks, and is valued at NZ\$15,000.

We acknowledge the support of the New Zealand Harkness Fellowships Trust in making this award possible.

Fulbright New Zealand Travel Awards

These awards are for New Zealand academics, artists and professionals to visit the US for 10 to 90 days in order to present their work to American audiences, and are valued at up to NZ\$5,000. 23 applications were received this year across three selection cycles, and 13 recipients selected.

Fulbright US Senior Scholar Awards

These awards are for American academics, artists or professionals to lecture and/or conduct research in New Zealand for three to five months, and are valued at up to NZ\$32,500 plus travel expenses. 20 applications were received this year and five recipients selected for 2010.

Fulbright Specialist Awards

These awards are for New Zealand academic institutions to host US academics, artists or professionals for two to six week programmes of lectures, seminars, workshops, conferences or symposiums, and are valued at up to NZ\$8,400 plus travel expenses. Seven applications were received this year across three selection cycles, and six awards granted.

New Zealand Scholars

The following scholars commenced Fulbright grants this year:

Fulbright New Zealand Senior Scholar Awards

Laurence Aberhart from Russell is photographing New Zealand artefacts collected by early 19th century American whalers, throughout the Eastern Seaboard states.

Glenn Colquhoun from Levin is researching medical storytelling programmes at Columbia, Harvard and Pennsylvania State Universities.

Grant Hannis from Massey University Wellington is researching the depiction of Chinese gold miners in 19th century US newspapers, at San Francisco State University.

Glyn Harper from Massey University Palmerston North is researching the Battle of Monte Cassino, at Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Virginia.

Jeff Harrison from the University of Auckland is researching the effect of medication therapy management services on healthcare costs to both patients and the government, at Purdue University in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Keith Petrie from the University of Auckland is researching the effects of patients' perceptions of their illness on placebo treatments, at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Paul Spoonley from Massey University Albany is researching the cultural identities of children of immigrants, at the University of California, Berkeley.

Linda Wilson from Otago Polytechnic lectured and researched changes in occupational therapy, at the University of New Hampshire in Durham, New Hampshire.

Fulbright Visiting Scholar Awards in New Zealand Studies

Doug Pratt from the University of Waikato researched religious plurality and extremism, and taught a course on religion in New Zealand at Georgetown University in Washington, DC for their Spring 2010 semester.

Lydia Wevers from Victoria University of Wellington is researching the portrayal of the US and use of American narrative conventions in New Zealand fiction, and teaching a course on contemporary New Zealand fiction at Georgetown University for their Fall 2010 semester.

Fulbright-Cognition Scholar Award in Education Research

Enosa Auva'a from Mount Albert Primary School is researching ethnic minority leadership in American schools, at the University of Hawai'i in Honolulu.

Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Pacific Writer's Residency

Makerita Urale from Auckland is writing the first draft of a play entitled *The Heathen's Way* at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in Honolulu.

Fulbright-Wallace Arts Trust Award

Richard Maloy from Auckland completed a three month residency at Headlands Center for the Arts in Sausalito, California.

Fulbright-Harkness New Zealand Fellowship

Sacha McMeeking from Christchurch is researching the role of indigenous leadership in corporate citizenship, at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.

Fulbright New Zealand Travel Awards

Gillian Alcorn from Hutt Valley Youth Health Trust co-presented a paper entitled *Youth Health Services and Nurse Practitioner (Youth Health) clinical leadership: A New Zealand perspective on addressing health care inequalities for young people* at the National Nursing Centers Consortium's 8th Annual Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Hinemoana Baker from Whitireia Polytechnic is performing her poetry and music at the University of Iowa's 43rd annual International Writing Programme in Iowa City.

Jessie Bakker from the University of Otago, Wellington gave a lecture on sleep research in New Zealand, at Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts.

Anne-Marie Brady from the University of Canterbury participated in a panel discussion on the politics of ethnicity in China at the Association of Asian Studies' 2010 Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Gaylyne Carter from Massey University Palmerston North is presenting a paper entitled *Conservation and restoration in a Pacific Island context: Introduced pest management* at the 2010 Hawai'i Conservation Conference in Honolulu.

Kathy Dudding from the New Zealand Film Archive presented a paper entitled *Tracing the Flaneuse: On early women amateur cinematographers* at the seventh Orphan Film Symposium in New York.

Michael Dudding from Victoria University of Wellington presented a paper entitled *Contradicting the testimony: assessing memory, evidence and artifice in oral history research* at the Oral History Association's 2009 annual meeting in Louisville, Kentucky.

Gareth Farr from Wellington gave a series of lectures on New Zealand and South Pacific music, and conducted rehearsals, a workshop and premiere performances of his new gamelan composition "Pukul Michigan", at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Audrey McKinlay from the University of Canterbury presented a paper entitled *Prediction of brain injury in childhood: Insights from a New Zealand perspective* at the International Brain Injury Association's eighth World Congress on Brain Injury in Washington, DC.

Ross Notman from the University of Otago gave presentations on innovative school leadership developments in New Zealand and Alaska, at Indiana University in Bloomington and to various Alaskan school administrator coaching programmes in Anchorage.

Nancy November from the University of Auckland presented a paper entitled *Performance history and Beethoven's string quartets: Setting the record crooked* at the American Musicological Society's 75th Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Acushla Dee O'Carroll from Wellington gave a presentation entitled *Haka and hula representation in tourism* at the 2010 Healing Our Spirit Worldwide conference in Honolulu, Hawai'i.

John Prebble from Victoria University of Wellington presented papers on taxation law at Saint Louis University's third annual Sanford E. Sarasohn Memorial Conference in St. Louis, Missouri and Creighton University School of Law's third annual Law Review Symposium in Omaha, Nebraska.

Ian Sheerin from the University of Otago, Christchurch gave presentations on health issues for indigenous people in New Zealand, at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque and the National Institute of Health in Phoenix, Arizona.

Ann Weatherall from Victoria University of Wellington presented a paper entitled *Insertion repair* at the National Communication Association's 95th Annual Convention in Chicago, Illinois.

Rebecca Zonneveld from Evolve Youth Services co-presented a paper entitled *Youth Health Services and Nurse Practitioner (Youth Health) clinical leadership: A New Zealand perspective on addressing health care inequalities for young people* at the National Nursing Centers Consortium's 8th Annual Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



Hinemoana Baker

Hinemoana Baker from Whitireia Polytechnic received a Fulbright New Zealand Travel Award to perform her poetry and music at the University of Iowa's 43rd annual International Writing Programme in Iowa City.

I was fortunate to be offered a place on the 43rd International Writing Programme (IWP), which every year brings to the University of Iowa outstanding authors from every continent. IWP is the oldest and largest multinational writing residency in the

world, and the University of Iowa is renowned for the world-famous Iowa Writer's Workshop.

The IWP offered not only a chance for me to write and research for my next book but also to present my published work to an entirely new audience of readers both in the US and globally (the latter through broadcast interviews and readings now available on the internet). I was also privileged to meet and get to know 37 other writers from 31 countries, many of whom also work as film-makers, editors, translators and publishers around the world. For three months we lived, wrote and travelled together, forming lasting friendships along the way.

I visited eight different states and nearly a dozen different towns and cities while being based in Iowa City, and I read and performed my work in lecture theatres and libraries, in a jazz concert and on the radio, under a marquee in the Iowa twilight and on a dude ranch around a campfire in Wyoming. I have come home with an offer of another possible residency in the United States, and a new confidence, both in my work and as a person. I have an entirely transformed view of what's creatively possible both here in New Zealand and in the wider world.



Jeff Harrison

Fulbright New Zealand Senior Scholar Jeff Harrison from the University of Auckland is researching the effect of medication therapy management services on healthcare costs to both patients and the government, at Purdue University in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Fulbright Award has been a fantastic opportunity to immerse myself in the system in order to better understand the very complicated and complex structures of US healthcare, and at a

fascinating time, politically.

I have been extremely fortunate to work at the Regenstrief Institute. The institute was founded by industrialist Sam Regenstrief, whose vision was that innovation and new technology would provide better health care for more people at less cost. Internationally recognised as a centre for health informatics and health services research, the institute is affiliated with the Indiana University School of Medicine and the Purdue University College of Pharmacy. This intersection of medicine, pharmacy, health informatics and health service research produces exciting research that is readily applicable in the real world.

I have relished the chance to enjoy the Mid-West, a place rarely seen in travel guides. Work and play have taken me out of Indiana to Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, and further afield for some mountain biking in Utah. I have delighted in the "down-home" hospitality of everyone I've met; the welcome has been genuine and generous. I've also thoroughly enjoyed the college football scene; Americans certainly know how to turn a game into a day out with a good tailgate party!



Paul Spoonley

Fulbright New Zealand Senior Scholar Paul Spoonley from Massey University Albany is researching the cultural identities of children of immigrants, at the University of California, Berkeley.

It has been a privilege to work with colleagues in the Department of Ethnic Studies at the University of California Berkeley. Not only do they have one of the best collections of Latino scholars but the university is at the centre of US scholarship on political and ethnic change – in a city and state that is itself

changing. These colleagues, and the students that were allocated to help me, has given me new insights into at least some of the issues as a Latino demographic surge alters American civic life.

The added bonus was being in the US for an election that looks likely to constitute a sea-change in terms of political leadership and policy. I took the opportunity to participate in as many political events as possible. It was fascinating and I was reminded how difficult it is to characterize such a large and diverse country.

The Fulbright has given me the space to complete a book (with a colleague) on immigration and identity in New Zealand. Apart from the joy of being free of daily administrative tasks, my location in the USA and interaction with colleagues here gave me a different perspective on issues in New Zealand. There are similarities but also significant differences between the two countries in terms of immigration and ethnic recognition. Distance and engagement provides new insights, or it did for me. It has been a wonderful experience.

US Scholars

Fulbright US Senior Scholar Awards

Tomasz Baumiller from the University of Michigan researched Oligocene fossil evidence for the role of predation as an evolutionary force, at the University of Otago.

Dee Boersma from the University of Washington made two short documentary films about New Zealand fauna and gave lectures about marine science and zoology, at the University of Otago.

Dan McNeil from West Virginia University researched the psychological and social impact of a proposed exchange programme for Native American students to visit New Zealand, at the University of Waikato.

Thomas Preston from Washington State University taught a course on American foreign policy, at Victoria University of Wellington.

Howard Schiffman from New York University researched the development of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation, at the University of Waikato.

Halaevalu Vakalahi from George Mason University researched grandparenting among Māori and Pacific peoples in New Zealand, at Massey University Palmerston North.

Fulbright Specialist Awards

The University of Auckland hosted **Anne Duggan** from Johns Hopkins University, who collaborated on longitudinal multidisciplinary studies into the health of children growing up in New Zealand and the United States, and gave lectures in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin.

The University of Otago hosted **Van McCrary** from Stony Brook University, who gave lectures and seminars on the impact of law on medical decision-making in the US.

The University of Auckland hosted **Cynthia Poindexter** from Fordham University, who taught, conducted workshops and collaborated on research in HIV-related topics.

Massey University Albany hosted **Charles Schewe** from the University of Massachusetts, who collaborated on research into demographic generational cohort analysis and gave lectures on consumer behaviour.



Charles Schewe

Fulbright Specialist Charles Schewe from the University of Massachusetts collaborated on research into demographic generational cohort analysis and gave lectures on consumer behaviour, at Massey University Albany.

In February 2010 I began a five week Fulbright Senior Specialist assignment at my host institution, Massey University in Albany.

Part of my duties included teaching one half of a course in Consumer Behaviour at Massey and working with a colleague there on my research interests investigating differences between various age groups in New Zealand and understanding how marketing could best be conducted with those different age segments. I also had been collecting data on Millennials in the US and began collecting similar data on 20 year olds in New Zealand for comparison. I conducted six faculty seminars at universities around New Zealand and got four of them to collect data for my research. The data will also be shared with participating professors and manuscripts are in preparation from that data and with New Zealand professors.

In addition, traveling around the country opened new perspectives on the New Zealand and Māori culture that I will take with me and bring greater awareness to others of these wonderful people. All in all, it was a wonderful experience both professionally and personally.



Cynthia Poindexter

Fulbright Specialist Cynthia Poindexter from Fordham University taught, conducted workshops and collaborated on research in HIV-related topics at the University of Auckland.

I was a visiting faculty member at the University of Auckland's Faculty of Education, where the School of Counselling, Human Services and Social Work is housed. I lectured in four Social Work classes, on 'HIV as a Chronic Illness', 'HIV as Crisis and Trauma', 'HIV and Loss', and 'Issues for HIV-affected

Carers'. I also was a guest lecturer in an international social work class at Massey University, where I presented a faculty seminar entitled 'Social Services from a Human Rights Perspective'. I participated in two seminars outside of universities: one was a community forum on living with HIV and cancer; the second was a research presentation to the interdisciplinary HIV team at the Auckland hospital.

With two colleagues I am conducting a qualitative research project with HIV-positive Black African migrants and refugees. We will be collaborating for the next couple of years on analysing data and presenting and publishing from this study.

I was able to meet with staff from Body Positive, Positive Women, and New Zealand AIDS Foundation, which was one of the most interesting and rewarding experiences, because as an HIV social worker and advocate it was meaningful to be able to talk to others about their experiences, histories, challenges, and systems.

Other Fellowships and Awards

Fulbright New Zealand administers a range of other exchange programmes between New Zealand and the US on behalf of their various agencies.

Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowships in Public Policy

These fellowships, funded by the New Zealand government, are for outstanding mid-career American professionals to study public policy in New Zealand for seven months, and are valued at up to NZ\$45,500 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 five Ian Axford Fellows for 2010 were:

- **Laura Benedict** from Self-Help, who researched how social lending can be expanded in New Zealand and its usefulness to Māori and Pacific communities, at the Ministry of Social Development and Philanthropy New Zealand;
- **Terri Dunahay** from the US Department of Agriculture, who researched issues affecting the adoption of genetically modified pasture grasses in New Zealand, at the Ministry of Research, Science and Technology;
- **Lou Green** from US Customs and Border Protection, who researched establishment of a New Zealand-United States joint action plan for recovery from serious trade disruptions, at the New Zealand Customs Service;
- **Hillery Harvey** from the National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, who researched partnerships between animal, human and ecosystem health sectors in New Zealand, at the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry;
- **Arnell Hinkle** from CANFIT, who researched healthy eating and physical activity programmes in Māori and Pacific communities in New Zealand, at the Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs.

The findings of their fellowships research were published in policy reports which were launched at a series of public seminars in August and are downloadable from the Fulbright New Zealand website.

We acknowledge the support of the 23 New Zealand government agencies which fund these fellowships.

Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy and Practice

These fellowships, funded by the Commonwealth Fund, 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 for up to twelve months, and are valued at up to US\$107,000. Fulbright New Zealand administers the New Zealand selection and report-back process for Harkness Fellowships on behalf of the Commonwealth Fund.

The Harkness Fellow for 2010 is **Robyn Whittaker** from the University of Auckland, who is researching innovations in mobile health in the United States, at the Health Resources and Services Administration in Washington, DC.



Terri Dunahay

Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellow in Public Policy Terri Dunahay from the US Department of Agriculture researched issues affecting the adoption of genetically modified pasture grasses in New Zealand, at the Ministry of Research, Science and Technology.

I have worked on issues relating to trade and regulation of genetically modified crops for USDA for over 10 years, and I came to New Zealand with the goal of seeing this issue from another

perspective. During my time in New Zealand I was able to meet with researchers, farmers, government officials, and stakeholders to discuss their views on biotechnology. I was gratified by the accessibility and candor of everyone I spoke to, and the support I received from my host agency, on what is a very controversial topic. I found New Zealanders to be pragmatic but very protective of their unique physical and cultural environment, which creates interesting challenges for researchers and farmers who want to pursue the use of GM crops. The US and New Zealand are at very different stages with respect to the adoption of GM organisms, and I hope my perspectives will influence regulators in both countries as we develop new policies and face the challenges of this rapidly evolving field.

On a personal level, my experience in New Zealand was a wonderful adventure. I had traveled extensively before this trip, but had never lived overseas. The Fulbright office helped make the transition easy and although I moved to Wellington on my own, I returned to the US with a new set of Kiwi and American friends and colleagues. I was able to travel quite a bit around both the North and South Islands, but there are many places I missed and I look forward to a return visit.



Arnell Hinkle

Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellow in Public Policy Arnell Hinkle from CANFIT researched programmes promoting healthy lifestyles in Māori and Pacific communities in New Zealand, at the Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs.

My 2010 Ian Axford Fellowship in Public Policy was the perfect blend of professional and personal growth and renewal. I spent my time in Aotearoa examining how national healthy lifestyle programs were being implemented in

Pacific and Māori communities. This focus allowed me to work closely with both public sector officials and community providers. It also enabled me to spend time in many amazing communities.

The Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs was the perfect host agency – opening doors, explaining context, and providing an official base of operations. I also took Māori language classes, and found the experience invaluable for gaining an insight into Māori culture. I was invited to present my findings and observations to district health boards, ethnic professional organizations, and community groups. This cross-fertilization of ideas continues as a Māori health provider recently visited my organization in the United States, and as I prepare to present my findings to a variety of public health audiences and to officials from the Obama administration's *Let's Move* campaign to combat childhood obesity. Most importantly, I have returned from my fellowship re-energized about the importance of the role of culture in implementing community health programs, and with new cross-cultural tools and experiences for being effective in my work.

Events



New Zealand Events

In October 2009 the annual dinner for Harkness Fellowships alumni was held at The Wellington Club. The New Zealand Harkness Fellowships Trust's Chairperson, Professor Richard Faull, used the occasion to inform alumni about the newly-created Fulbright-Harkness New Zealand Fellowship and introduce New Zealand's 2006 Harkness Fellow in Health Care Policy and Practice, Mark Booth, who spoke about his fellowship experience.

In November we formally farewelled the year's soon-to-be-departing Fulbright US Graduate Students with our annual Thanksgiving dinner. Since there was no US Ambassador appointed to New Zealand at the time, we held the dinner at Whitby's Restaurant in Wellington instead of the Ambassador's residence. The event was made special by the attendance of several special guests including Baron Ralph von Kohorn, a New Zealand-based American businessman who served on the Fulbright New Zealand Board for a remarkable 29 years from 1965-1994.

In February 2010 we welcomed 23 American Fulbright and Ian Axford Fellowship grantees to New Zealand with a week-long orientation programme in Wellington, which included seminars on New Zealand and Pacific history, culture, politics and people, a pōwhiri and overnight stay at Waiwhetū Marae and visits to Te Papa Tongarewa The Museum of New Zealand, Ōtari-Wilton's Bush and Parliament. Follow-up gatherings were hosted in most regions by the Fulbright New Zealand Alumni Association, to allow US grantees based in each area to meet local alumni.

In May alumni receptions were organised by Fulbright New Zealand Alumni Association regional co-ordinators in Palmerston North and Auckland to coincide with our educational advising team visiting those centres on their annual Outreach Tour.

Robin Gauld, 2008-2009 Harkness Fellow in Health Care Policy and Practice, reported the findings of his research into reduction of unwarranted clinical practice variations at a series of seminars held during April and May at the University of Auckland, the University of Otago and the Ministry of Health in Wellington.

In June we held our 2010 Fulbright New Zealand Awards Ceremony and Alumni Reception at the Banquet Hall of the Beehive in Wellington, hosted by Hon Dr Wayne Mapp, Minister of Research, Science and Technology.

In August, this year's Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowships in Public Policy fellows Laura Benedict, Arnell Hinkle, Hillery Harvey, Terri Dunahay and Lou Green reported the findings of their research at a series of lunchtime seminars organised and promoted in conjunction with the Institute of Public Administration New Zealand (IPANZ). The seminar series was held

at the premises of the State Services Commission in Wellington.

Also in August, the Fulbright New Zealand Alumni Association held its first annual general meeting in Wellington. The Association had enlisted 169 members by the time of the meeting, and have been very active in hosting events for members in six New Zealand and two US regions. See the Association's website for details of the numerous events they have held throughout the year – www.fnzaa.org

US Events

Fulbright New Zealand's Executive Director Mele Wendt visited the US in May-June 2010, during which she attended inaugural Fulbright New Zealand Alumni Association gatherings in the Midwest and New England regions (held in Evanston, Illinois and Cambridge, Massachusetts respectively).

In June the New Zealand Embassy in Washington, DC hosted the annual Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowships in Public Policy Forum for recent fellows to report their research findings, followed by a reception for applicants, alumni and friends at New Zealand Ambassador Roy Ferguson's residence. At the reception Ambassador Ferguson was presented with a certificate of appreciation and an esteemed alumni globe by the US Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), in recognition of his long advocacy for, and service to, the Fulbright programme.



Ambassador Roy Ferguson (second left) with the esteemed alumni globe presented to him by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs

Non-Grant Programme Activities

Fulbright New Zealand promotes educational and cultural exchange between New Zealand and the US. Our educational advising services include informing New Zealanders and Americans about university study in each other's countries.

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 a resource library with US university catalogues, directories and application guides 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 497 enquiries in person or by mail, phone, email and fax. The Fulbright New Zealand website is a popular source of information about 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
- GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)
- GMAT (Graduate Management Admissions Test)
- TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language)

Fulbright New Zealand administered GRE tests in October and November 2009 and February 2010 to a total of 44 participants. We administered SAT tests in November 2009 and January 2010 to a total of 25 participants, and the ACT test in December 2009 and June 2010 to a total of 7 participants.

We have a network of 14 Fulbright Campus Advisers at major university and polytechnic campuses around New Zealand. These advisers are all Fulbright alumni who are available to discuss their exchange experiences with students and staff, as well as to give basic information and advice about Fulbright awards and studying in the US.

Outreach Tour

From March-May 2010 Fulbright New Zealand's Educational Advising team undertook their annual Outreach Tour, visiting 24 tertiary education institutions around the country with 701 attendees.

At all Outreach visits 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.



Julie Polakoski

Fulbright US Graduate Student Julie Polakoski from Somerset, Pennsylvania is completing a Master of Laws degree in Employment Law, specialising in the impact of legal reform on collective bargaining rights, at Victoria University of Wellington.

New Zealand served as a fertile research ground for comparative labour law study. Unions, employers, and some of the leading scholars on the topic eagerly participated in my project. My time spent following the New Zealand labour movement has given me an invaluable international perspective of labour management relations early in my legal career. Being a Fulbrighter also allowed me to conduct a study that was one the first of its kind. This experience has opened so many doors for my career that the options are overwhelming.

On a personal level, Fulbright provided me with the unique opportunity to immerse myself in a culture that inspired me to make many positive lifestyle changes. I arrived in New Zealand after one of the most stressful years of my life having just finished law school, the New York Bar Exam, and my first job at a law firm. My year here in one of the most gorgeous, friendliest countries in the world has had a calming effect on me. The laid-back Kiwi lifestyle is contagious; New Zealanders have taught me that career success does not have to be accompanied with consuming work. And when you live in a country like this that is so unbelievably stunning, it would be wrong not to take time to breathe in the fresh air.



Lucy Stewart

Fulbright-Ministry of Research, Science and Technology Graduate Award recipient Lucy Stewart from Wellington is completing a PhD in Microbiology, specialising in extremophilic microorganisms in deep-sea vent environments, at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

This first semester has been, professionally, both challenging and rewarding. In the lab, I was plunged straight into learning how to grow hyperthermophilic microorganisms.

In the three months I've been here, I've seen one lab-mate sit her preliminary exam and another defend her doctoral dissertation – a preview of what I'll have to do over the next four-and-a-half years for my own doctorate. I've already attended a conference and been asked to write parts of two scientific papers. It's really full steam ahead as a scientist, and I love it.

On a personal level, living in the Amherst area has been very different. I'm a city girl, and now I live in an old farmhouse across from a working farm. Outside my studies, I've helped with the Microbiology Graduate Student Group, joined the UMass science fiction society, and taken part in a challenge to write a 50,000 word novel in a month. It's been a whirlwind!

I've found that it's the little things that really make the difference between America and New Zealand; the iodine they swab on your arm when you give blood, buying food in pounds instead of kilos, the arcane rules of banking. Superficial similarities hide a world of difference – but there's always something new to learn. I'm looking forward to finding out what else I don't know.

Related Organisations

Fulbright New Zealand works closely with various partner organisations and groups in the US and New Zealand who are involved in different aspects of the Fulbright programme.

The following organisations 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 155 countries worldwide and approves all Fulbright award selections.

US Department of State/US Embassy

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 US Ambassador to New Zealand is an Honorary Chairperson of Fulbright New Zealand, and the Deputy Chief of Mission and Public Affairs Officer from the US Embassy in Wellington serve as ex-officio members on the Fulbright New Zealand Board.

New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT)

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade is the main agency through which the Fulbright programme is supported by the New Zealand government. The Minister of Foreign Affairs is an Honorary Chairperson of Fulbright New Zealand and the Director of the Americas Division at MFAT serves as an ex-officio member on the Fulbright New Zealand Board.

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 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 Fulbright graduate students while they are in the US.

Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES)

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



Alexander Ho

Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Award recipient Alexander Ho from Auckland is completing a Master of Laws degree, specialising in international arbitration and investment law, at New York University.

"Think calm, breathe deep". With these four words from our introductory US law class, 300 LLM students were launched headfirst into the first half of their NYU degree. The range of classes at NYU is so broad that it is impossible to take every class that you want to take. However, I have not yet had a moment where I have regretted my choices. My courses frame a mix of US-centric and international areas of law, and they are each as fascinating as the other. Constitutional Law provides as unique an insight into the American psyche as being among a cheering crowd in a baseball game; while courses with an international flavour provide an interesting insight into international law from an American perspective. Students from all around the world each provide an extremely unique perspective.

There has certainly been no shortage of opportunity to apply the advice given to us on the first day, but there also has been opportunity to take advantage of all that New York has to offer. Broadway musicals, theatre, Shakespeare in the park and baseball games are just a fraction of the many things that go on in this city. Although one could easily spend their entire exchange in New York, I have also had the opportunity to see other parts of the country, from deer grazing in a suburban front garden in Boulder, Colorado, to cactus in Arizona and a special behind-the-scenes tour at the Boeing factory in Seattle. With half our time in the US gone already, I am determined to enjoy the rest of my time here so by the end of my Fulbright experience I have no regrets.



Lauren Long

Fulbright US Graduate Student Lauren Long from Stuart, Florida is completing a Master of Philosophy degree in Ecology, specialising in the long-term effectiveness of denitrification walls for nitrate removal from groundwater systems, at the University of Waikato.

My ten month Fulbright exchange in New Zealand has been an amazing and worthwhile experience both professionally and personally. I have completed a thesis at the University of Waikato in Hamilton researching the long-term effectiveness of denitrification walls. I quickly learned that nitrate pollution from fertilizer is an important problem here in New Zealand just like it is back in the United States. My research on denitrification walls, which remove nitrate from groundwater, is important globally and has allowed me to make many contacts within my field. I have also been impressed with the value that many New Zealanders place on their environment and their pride in their "green" image. I hope to share these values and the importance of environmental education upon my return home.

During my time in New Zealand, I was fortunate enough to explore the country and I fell in love with the beautiful scenery. In the South Island, within four hours I drove from the sunny, green Canterbury plains through snowy mountains and out to the coast! One of the most cherished memories of my time here will be all of the friendly and helpful New Zealanders that I have met throughout my journeys.



“International educational exchange is the most significant current project designed to continue the process of humanizing mankind to the point, we would hope, that men can learn to live in peace.”

Senator J. William Fulbright

Independent Auditor's Report on the Summary Financial Statements

To the Readers of New Zealand-United States Educational Foundation and its consolidated entities John F Kennedy Memorial Fund and Fulbright New Zealand Trust (Incorporated) (collectively "the group") on the Summary Financial Statements

The accompanying summary consolidated financial statements on page 20, which comprise the summary consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 September 2010 and the summary consolidated statements of comprehensive income and changes in equity for the year then ended, and notes, are derived from the audited consolidated financial statements of the group for the year ended 30 September 2010. We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those financial statements in our report dated 1 December 2010.

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required for full financial statements under generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand. Reading the summary financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements of the group.

Trustees' Responsibility for the Consolidated Financial Statements

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of a summary of the audited consolidated financial statements, in accordance with FRS-43 *Summary Financial Statements*.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the summary consolidated financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) (ISA (NZ)) 810 and International Standards on Auditing (ISA) 810 *Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements*.

Other than in our capacity as auditors we have no relationship with, or interests in, the group.

Opinion

In our opinion, the summary consolidated financial statements derived from the audited consolidated financial statements of the group for the year ended 30 September 2010 are a fair summary of those financial statements, in accordance with FRS-43 *Summary Financial Statements*.



1 December 2010
Wellington

Summary Financial Statements

New Zealand-United States Educational Foundation and its consolidated entities
John F Kennedy Memorial Fund and Fulbright New Zealand Trust (Incorporated)
(collectively “the Group”)

	Group 2010 NZ\$	Group 2009 NZ\$
Statement of financial position as at 30 September		
Assets		
Current assets	2,881,223	2,536,260
Non-current assets	19,586	241,518
Total assets	2,900,809	2,777,778
Liabilities		
Programme commitments	975,815	1,156,255
Other liabilities	298,179	315,351
Total liabilities	1,273,994	1,471,606
Equity	1,626,815	1,306,172
Statement of comprehensive income for the year ended 30 September		
Revenue		
United States government grants	998,570	1,567,689
New Zealand government grants	1,378,699	1,196,793
Other operating income	512,075	345,167
Total operating income	2,889,344	3,109,649
Expenditure		
Grants awarded	1,738,162	2,090,693
Other operating expenses	836,584	905,935
Total operating expenses	2,574,746	2,996,628
Revaluation of investments	6,045	(35,181)
Profit for period	320,643	77,840
Statement of changes in equity for the year ended 30 September		
Balance of fund as at 1 October	1,306,172	1,228,332
Total comprehensive income	320,643	77,840
Balance of fund as at 30 September	1,626,815	1,306,172

Note

This is a summary of the Group's audited financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2010 which was authorised for issue by the trustees on 1 December 2010. The summary financial statements have been extracted from the full financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2010 which were authorised for issue by the trustees on 1 December 2010. The summary financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS-43 *Summary Financial Statements*.

The full financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice and they comply with New Zealand International Financial Reporting Standards.

The financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars because that is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Group operates.

The summary financial statements cannot be expected to provide as complete an understanding as is provided by the full financial statements of the financial performance, financial position and changes in equity of the Group. A copy of the full financial statements can be obtained, free of charge, from Fulbright New Zealand. The Group is a Public Benefit Entity and qualifies for differential reporting exemptions. All available reporting exemptions allowed under the Framework for Differential Reporting have been adopted.

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



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