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Fulbright New Zealand Annual Report for the period 1 October 2010 - 30 September 2011

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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

History of the Programme

The Fulbright programme was established in 1946 as an initiative of US Senator J. William Fulbright, to promote mutual understanding through educational and cultural exchanges between the US and other countries. Informed by his own exchange experience as a Rhodes Scholar, Senator Fulbright believed the programme could play an important role in building a lasting world peace in the aftermath of World War II.

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 by bilateral treaty between the governments of New Zealand and the United States of America in 1948 to administer the Fulbright Programme in New Zealand. New Zealand was the fifth country to join the programme. Fulbright New Zealand is jointly funded by the US and New Zealand governments with additional funding from award sponsors, private philanthropists and alumni donors.

The Fulbright programme has been described as one of the largest and most significant movements of scholars across the face of the earth and now operates in over 155 countries, funding around 8,000 exchanges per year for participants to study, research, teach or present their work in another country.

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.

Programme Administration

Fulbright New Zealand is governed by a twelve member Board of Directors comprised of six New Zealanders and six Americans. A staff of eight, based in Wellington, work closely with the US and New Zealand governments and other partner organisations to administer the Fulbright programme in New Zealand.

The **US government** funds and supports the Fulbright programme through the Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The US Ambassador to New Zealand acts as 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.

The **New Zealand government** funds and supports the Fulbright programme primarily through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT). 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. A representative of the Secretary of Education is also an ex-officio member on the Board.

The global Fulbright programme is governed by the **Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FSB)** in Washington, DC. Composed of twelve educational and public leaders appointed by the President of the US, the FSB establishes worldwide policies and procedures for the Fulbright programme and approves all Fulbright award selections.

The **Institute of International Education (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 and predeparture processes for Fulbright US Graduate Awards, and supports New Zealand Fulbright graduate students while they are in the US.

The **Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES)** is a division of IIE based in Washington, DC which administers the Fulbright Scholar Programme in the US. CIES manages the application and predeparture processes for Fulbright US Scholar Awards, and supports New Zealand Fulbright scholars while they are in the US.

Chairperson's Report



Welcome to the Fulbright New Zealand Annual Report for Financial Year 2011. I was elected as Chairperson of Fulbright New Zealand in July 2011, a further step in my own Fulbright journey which began with a Senior Scholar Award for research in the field of seismology at the University of California, Santa Cruz in 1990. As you might imagine, I am firmly committed to supporting others to experience such a significant, life-changing exchange experience.

In October 2010 I began this year by giving a lecture at the Fulbright New Zealand offices in Wellington on the science behind the September 2010 Canterbury earthquake. I drew on my own Fulbright seismological research of the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake in the San Francisco Bay Area. Little did anyone know at that time that another more devastating quake would strike in the new year.

On 22 February 2011, a number of Fulbright grantees, staff, Board members and alumni had a life-changing experience which was certainly not what we had anticipated. We had sent nine Fulbright US Graduate Students to Christchurch to participate in the inaugural Future Partners Forum as part of the annual NZ US Partnership Forum, a high level bilateral gathering of United States and New Zealand government, business and community representatives. Thankfully, our people were all unharmed by the afternoon's major earthquake and were efficiently evacuated by the Forum organisers, the Royal New Zealand Air Force and the US Embassy, to whom we are eternally grateful.

I must acknowledge the resilience of the young Fulbright grantees who, far from their families in the US, found strength in this unifying experience and redoubled their commitment to make the most of the exchange year ahead. The Canterbury earthquakes brought about a remarkable display of the strength of NZ-US cooperation, as the US government deployed a 74 member Urban Search and Rescue team to assist in the search for survivors and donated aid money and equipment. American citizens rallied around fundraising efforts, and the messages of support and concern we received from our alumni were truly heartening.

To round off this unforgettable year, I was asked to give another earthquake lecture in September 2011, this time to the Fulbright New Zealand Alumni Association in Christchurch. It was humbling to meet with local alumni who had lived through the many trials and tribulations of the past year, but were determined to get their alumni programme active and strengthened. We know that the expertise and enthusiasm of Fulbright alumni will contribute to the rebuilding of Christchurch in the long term.

Looking to the future, the Fulbright New Zealand Board has implemented a process of strategic planning to take us through the next few years. We have refocussed from growing the programme to consolidating and strengthening our existing awards, and ensuring each Fulbright exchange is the best it can possibly be. We aim to engage our alumni in more of our activities and in doing so reinforce the importance of the Fulbright brand in nurturing and celebrating thought leadership. Given the current and future economic climate in both our countries it is important that we have clarity of goals and best use of resources so that we are financially sustainable long-term.

We offer our sincere thanks to everyone who supports us in pursuing Senator's Fulbright vision for a more peaceful world through international exchange. As our core funders, the US and New Zealand governments (through the US Department of State and the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade) have an enduring commitment to the Fulbright programme. The Cognition Institute, Creative New Zealand, Earthquake Commission (EQC), James Wallace Arts Trust, New Zealand Harkness Fellowships Trust, Ministry of Science and Innovation, New Zealand Trade & Enterprise, Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga and the private donors of the Fulbright-Platinum Triangle Scholarship in Business, all generously support the offering of additional exchange awards.

There were several changes to Fulbright New Zealand Board membership this year. I must first acknowledge my predecessor as Chairperson, Barbara Johnson, for her wonderful stewardship and a remarkable nine years of service before she stepped down in July 2011. Former Chairperson Suzanne Snively was also farewelled from the Board this year, having served for 15 years! The wisdom and experience of these two long-serving members will be missed.

American geologist Travis Horton from the University of Canterbury was appointed in July to fill one of the vacancies. The US Embassy's Assistant Public Affairs Officer Adrian Pratt, having served one year, was replaced by the new Public Affairs Officer, David Edginton, in July 2011. At the same time, Mark Fitz-Gerald took over as Treasurer from Richard Nelson who remains on the Board for a little longer. Harlene Hayne was appointed Deputy Chairperson in September 2011. Many thanks to all Board members for their terrific commitment to the Fulbright programme.

I want to pay special tribute to Mele Wendt and the dedicated Fulbright New Zealand staff whose hard work ensures the smooth running of our large awards programme. Their energy and commitment, and a lot of weekend work supporting interview panels, really keeps Senator Fulbright's vision alive in New Zealand. Our appreciation also goes to Graham Cochrane and other alumni volunteers who run the Fulbright New Zealand Alumni Association, and to the many alumni who contribute to our activities in so many other meaningful ways. I urge all alumni to join the Association and get involved.

With your support, we look forward to another busy and productive year ahead. Let's hope that earthquakes do not feature at all this coming year.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Helen Anderson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dr Helen Anderson, Chairperson of the Board

Board Members and Staff



L TO R (BACK): David Edginton, Rob McIntosh, Helen Anderson, Peter Guinness (for Nigel Moore), Mark Fitz-Gerald
(FRONT): Richard Nelson, Stephen Jacobi, Scott Optican, Mele Wendt
(INSET): Harlene Hayne, Travis Horton, Nigel Moore, David Patterson



L TO R (BACK): Stefanie Joe, Tracy Blower, John Farrell, Kameswari Vanka
(FRONT): Andy Mitchell, Val Leach, Mele Wendt, Ron Mitchell

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| Mele Wendt | Executive Director |
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| Stefanie Joe | Programme and Advising Team Leader |
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| Ron Mitchell | Programme Manager and Educational Adviser (from February 2011) |
| Patrick Teahan | Accountant (until June 2011) |
| Kameswari Vanka | Programme Manager |
| Kara Wood | Senior Programme Manager and Educational Adviser (on parental leave from February 2011) |

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

Senator Fulbright's vision remains at the very core of what everyone in the Fulbright programme does and aims for. We reflect on Fulbright New Zealand's 63rd year in existence, and feel positive about the many wonderful grantees selected and their positive experiences and successes both during and after their awards. They continue to contribute so much to their professions, fields of study and communities, especially in leadership roles.

This year's programme was one of consolidation and making various changes to manage and enhance current programmes. Several changes to policy and processes were implemented to enhance our award administration. Each award cycle brings about new thoughts on how things can be improved and so do advances in technology and the various issues which arise with grantees.

One of the best initiatives this year was the home-hosting programme implemented by the Fulbright New Zealand Alumni Association. All American grantees were offered temporary accommodation on arrival in their city by generous and willing New Zealand alumni. Also, the orientation programme in Wellington was extended to include the final night spent in a Kiwi home. Feedback from both grantees and alumni hosts was extremely positive and no doubt this programme will go from strength to strength.

We put a lot of effort into our web/online presence, with the groundwork carried out for a totally new website (which goes live at the beginning of 2012 and will replace the nine-year old current website) and our increased use of social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter to maintain contact with the public, applicants, grantees and alumni.

The year had its challenges, starting with the Canterbury earthquake which highlighted the physical and emotional importance of being safe and in immediate contact with family, and the operational importance of good emergency management and planning.

The challenging economic environment was a factor in a small reduction in external sponsorship, and in slowing the growth that we have had in the last few years. We implemented a business development strategy and programme that focussed on maintaining strong relationships with current stakeholders, retaining support for award programmes whose funding was ending, and developing relationships with potential partners/sponsors. The ground work was laid for one or two possible award programmes in the future.

A major operational development was the total refurbishment of our office premises in April and May, which took place without any disruption to our operation and resulted in a very attractive space. Later in the year the building got a new entrance which is now on Waring Taylor Street.

It was quite a busy year for events, starting off with Secretary Hillary Clinton's visit to New Zealand in November 2010 where the Wellington Declaration was signed to establish the framework of a new United States-New Zealand strategic partnership to shape future practical cooperation and political dialogue. It was a privilege to meet Mrs Clinton who leads the agency which sponsors and coordinates the Fulbright programme.

In March, I participated in the Fulbright East Asia Pacific Executive Director's meeting in Korea which was beneficial and enjoyable. The usual other events took place during the year, including an extended outreach programme to tertiary education institutions not visited by us before. The new Future Partners Forum programme which eventuated into three separate sessions over the year was a huge success overall.

In terms of staffing, Kara Wood, Senior Programme Manager, took parental leave for one year from March 2011 to give birth to son, Alexander. She was replaced by Ron Mitchell. Dawn Ferguson was contracted from March to September 2011 as a business development adviser. Our accountant of three years, Patrick Teahan, departed in June and was replaced by John Farrell, another very experienced chartered accountant. Overall, all staff worked really hard and effectively on what ended up being an intense but successful year of activities. I am very thankful to them.

I wish to pay special tribute to a New Zealand great, Sir Paul Reeves, who passed away in August 2011 after a short illness. Former Governor General Sir Paul was a close colleague as he was Chair of the Harkness New Zealand Fellowship Selection Committee and board member of the Harkness New Zealand Fellowship Trust and of the Ian Axford Fellowships. He was very dedicated, provided wise counsel and made a huge contribution. Sir Paul leaves a great legacy.

To end, I thank everyone who supported us this year. Special thanks to Chairpersons Barbara Johnson and Helen Anderson and to all other Board members for their valuable contributions 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 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 blue ink that reads "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 the two year Fulbright-Platinum Triangle Scholarship in Business, 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.

We gratefully acknowledge the support of the Ministry of Science and Innovation, Earthquake Commission (EQC), Ngā Pae o Te Māramatanga and private Platinum Triangle sponsors in partnering with us to make additional graduate awards possible.

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 18 applications for 2012 awards and nominated three candidates to the US Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. 15 recipients were selected from 180 nominations submitted by 90 countries, but no New Zealanders were selected this year.

Fulbright-Platinum Triangle Scholarship in Business

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. Four applications were received this year and one recipient selected for 2012.

Fulbright-Ministry of Science and Innovation 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. 42 applications were received this year and 17 recipients selected for 2012.

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. Six applications were received this year and one recipient selected for 2012.

Fulbright-Ngā Pae o Te Māramatanga Graduate Award

This 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. Seven applications were received this year and one recipient selected for 2012.

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. 40 applications were received this year and eight recipients selected for 2012.

Supplementary Awards

Fulbright New Zealand offers two supplementary awards for New Zealand Fulbright 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 grantee in the field of humanities and/or social sciences. This year's award was granted to Divya Dhar.

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. 80 applications were received this year and nine recipients selected for 2012.

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 exchanges during this financial year:

International Fulbright Science and Technology Awards

Nicholas Fancourt from Auckland is completing a PhD in Public Health, specialising in international children's health and health systems, at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland.

Fulbright-Ministry of Science and Innovation Graduate Awards

Sara Burgess from Palmerston North is researching the link between endospore production and biofilm formation by thermophilic bacilli, at Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts, towards a PhD from Massey University.

Jeffrey Hawke from Auckland is completing a Master of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering, specialising in mechatronics engineering for control of autonomous vehicles and robots, at Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta.

Kate Holland from Palmerston North is completing a Master of Public Health degree in Epidemiology, specialising in infectious disease epidemiology, at the University of Arizona, Tucson.

Eryn Newman from Wellington is researching cognitive mechanisms driving human memory distortions and biases in decision making, at the University of California, Irvine, towards a PhD in Psychology from Victoria University of Wellington.

Simon Ngawhika from Wellington is completing a Master of Business Administration degree, specialising in distributive issues within the agricultural food production system, at Portland State University in Portland, Oregon.

William Perry from Christchurch is completing a Master of Public Health degree in Health Policy, specialising in policy development for surgical safety and quality improvement, at Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts.

Karishma Sharma from Auckland is completing a Master of Business Administration degree, specialising in strategy, general management and finance, at the University of Chicago.

Julia Talbot-Jones from Christchurch is completing a Master of Arts degree in Environmental Economics, specialising in valuing water resources, at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Claire Whelen from Wellington is completing a Master of Science degree in Health Policy and Management, specialising in the use of data to assist decision-making and improve healthcare quality, at Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts.

Shaun Williams from Christchurch researched 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.

Laura Woods from Auckland is completing a PhD in Organic Chemistry, specialising in natural synthesis of biologically-active compounds for medicinal use, at the University of Notre Dame in Notre Dame, Indiana.

Xiaowen Yu from Wellington is completing a PhD in Neuroscience, specialising in the pathology of Alzheimer's disease, at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.

Fulbright-Ngā Pae o Te Māramatanga Graduate Award

Natalie Coates from Whakatāne is completing a Master of Laws degree in Human Rights and Indigenous Law, at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Awards

Tessa Bromwich from Wellington is completing a Master of Laws degree in Tort Law and Constitutional Law, at New York University.

Jennifer Devlin from Wellington is completing a Master of Laws degree in Financial Regulation, at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Divya Dhar from Auckland is completing a Master of Public Policy degree in Pharmaceutical Policy, specialising in policies to promote research and development of pharmaceutical products for neglected diseases, at Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts.

Rachel Fairhurst from Dunedin is completing a Master of Arts degree in Peace Studies, specialising in peace building, development and human rights, at the University of Notre Dame in Notre Dame, Indiana.

Alexandra Greig from Auckland is completing a Master of Public Health degree in Health Care Management and Policy, specialising in health policy development and analysis for patients with disabilities, at Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts.

Alexis Rider from Wellington is completing a Master of Arts degree in Liberal Studies, specialising in the role of narrative in refugee resettlement policy, at the New School in New York.

Rosemary Wyber from Wellington is completing a Master of Public Health degree in Global Health, specialising in factors associated with the success of rheumatic heart disease control programmes, at Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts.

US Graduate Students

Fulbright US Graduate Awards

Patrick Behrer from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania is completing a Postgraduate Diploma in Environmental Studies, specialising in trade impacts of renewable energy development with carbon constraints, at Victoria University of Wellington.

Eleanor Bors from Bellevue, Washington is researching genetic connectivity among populations of deep-sea invertebrates in New Zealand's Exclusive Economic Zone, at the National Institute of Water and Atmosphere (NIWA).

Laura Kehrl from Everett, Washington is completing a Master of Science degree in Geology, specialising in the effects of water input on the flow of the Franz Josef Glacier, at Victoria University of Wellington.

Jens Lund-Snee from Evergreen, Colorado is completing a Certificate of Proficiency in Geology, specialising in mapping and analysis of the Alpine Fault, at the University of Otago.

Tom McFadden from Sacramento, California is completing a Master of Science degree in Communications, specialising in popularising science in the digital age, at the University of Otago.

Elli Nagai-Rothe from San Francisco, California is researching structural discrimination and programmes addressing racial inequities in New Zealand, at the University of Auckland and the Human Rights Commission.

Sunshine Prior from Plano, Texas is completing a Master of Science degree in Cross-Cultural Psychology, specialising in mental and social health variations among New Zealand and Māori deaf communities, at Victoria University of Wellington.

Kyle Rosenblad from Shelburne, Vermont is researching the effects of exotic plant species on native flora, at Lincoln University.

Rebecca Stahl from Phoenix, Arizona is completing a Master of Laws degree, specialising in the role of the lawyer for the child in Care of Children Act cases, at the University of Otago.



Natalie Coates

Fulbright-Ngā Pae o Te Māramatanga Graduate Award recipient Natalie Coates from Whakatāne is completing a Master of Laws degree in Human Rights and Indigenous Law, at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

I have absolutely loved my time at Harvard thus far and have come to the conclusion that this is going to be the fastest year of my life! There are so many opportunities here it is unbelievable. This ranges from the

hundreds of open lectures from people that are the best in their field (we've already had the chance to listen to three Presidents) to my courses, which have included mock disarmament negotiations and the chance to work on real human rights. For example, I will soon be going to Thailand to interview Burmese refugees. Beyond academia, other highlights of my experience to date have been going to a Red Sox baseball game, watching the big Yale vs Harvard football match and attending a hearing of the Navajo Supreme Court.

I came to Harvard to gain knowledge and expand my world view. I knew my courses would do that, however what surprised me was how much I have gained from the other students and new friends that I have made. The LLM programme thrusts together approximately 180 students from all four corners of the earth, all of them eager to share their ideas and cultures. I have had casual conversations over a beer that range from the language decline of Native Alaskans to comparing Māori gods with Hindu ones, and the political situation in Libya. The friendships that I am developing are one of the most valuable things I will take away from my experience. My plan for next semester is to continue in much the same vein - say yes to as many opportunities as is feasible and simply make the most of the short time that I have here.



Patrick Behrer

Patrick Behrer from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania is completing a Postgraduate Diploma in Environmental Studies, specialising in trade impacts of renewable energy development with carbon constraints, at Victoria University of Wellington.

My Fulbright experience has been both very eye-opening and very refreshing. Eye-opening because I decided to pursue my Masters in environmental policy, an area in which I have always been interested but have never formally

studied, and a far cry from my undergraduate field of economics. Studying at Victoria University of Wellington I have been exposed to a much broader range of opportunities in my field than I expected, and consequently, my thesis has taken on a totally different form than I planned at the beginning of my Fulbright experience. I very much appreciate that the Fulbright is flexible enough to allow and encourage these types of changes.

The experience has been refreshing because of the stubborn insistence of so many Kiwis that work be only one part of life. From traveling throughout the South Island to the Rugby World Cup, my Fulbright exchange has been as much about enjoying everything that New Zealand has to offer as it has been about studying. As a result, the most important lesson I take back to the States may be a new appreciation for the importance of balancing the demands of academic life or a career with the enjoyment of living in a place as beautiful and entertaining as New Zealand.

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.

We gratefully acknowledge the support of the Cognition Institute, Ngā Pae o Te Māramatanga, Creative New Zealand, the Wallace Arts Trust and the New Zealand Harkness Fellowships Trust in partnering with us to make additional scholar awards possible.

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. 13 applications were received this year and six recipients selected for 2012.

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. Four applications were received this year and two recipients selected for 2012.

Fulbright-Ngā Pae o Te Māramatanga Senior Scholar Award

This award is for a New Zealand artist, academic or professional 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. One application was received this year and one recipient selected for 2012.

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. Six applications were received this year and one recipient selected for 2012.

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. Seven applications were received this year and one recipient selected.

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. Nine applications were received this year and one recipient selected.

Fulbright-Harkness New Zealand Fellowship

This 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. Five applications were received this year and one recipient selected.

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. 17 applications were received this year across three selection cycles, and 12 recipients selected.

Fulbright-Ngā Pae o Te Māramatanga Travel Awards in Indigenous Development

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 on a theme of indigenous development to American audiences, and are valued at up to NZ\$5,000. Three applications were received this year across three selection cycles, and three 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. 40 applications were received this year and six recipients selected for 2012.

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. 16 applications were received this year across three selection cycles, and eight awards granted.

New Zealand Scholars

The following scholars commenced Fulbright exchanges during this financial year:

Fulbright New Zealand Senior Scholar Awards

Ian Barber from the University of Otago is researching revitalization movements in Māori, Western Pacific and Anglo-American religions, at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

Yvonne Underhill-Sem from the University of Auckland is researching the potential of feminist population geography theories to address maternal mortality, at New York University.

Rachel Vernon from EIT Hawke's Bay researched development of a model for assessing continuing competence of nurses, at the University of Washington in Seattle.

Gwenda Willis from Victoria University of Wellington researched American sex offender treatment programmes following the New Zealand-developed Good Lives Model, at Lynn University in Boca Raton, Florida.

Fulbright Visiting Scholar Awards in New Zealand Studies

Chris Gallivan from the University of Canterbury researched US approaches to judicial oversight of the decision to prosecute, and taught a course on New Zealand's constitutional structure and international relations, at Georgetown University in Washington, DC, for their Spring 2011 semester.

David Small from the University of Canterbury is researching the appropriateness of anti-terrorism measures adopted by low risk countries, and teaching a course on the transformation of New Zealand society over the past 30 years, at Georgetown University in Washington, DC, for their Fall 2011 semester.

Fulbright-Cognition Scholar Award in Education Research

Ngaire Addis from Havelock North High School is researching the use of mathematics achievement data in evidence-based leadership of American high schools, at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Veronica O'Toole from the University of Canterbury researched the development of an emotional literacy programme for New Zealand educators and students, at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut and Wichita State University in Wichita, Kansas.

Fulbright-Ngā Pae o Te Māramatanga Senior Scholar Award

Leonie Pihama from Māori And Indigenous Analysis Ltd (MAIA) researched impacts of historical and intergenerational trauma on the health and wellbeing of indigenous peoples, at the University of Washington in Seattle.

Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Pacific Writer's Residency

Marisa Maepu from Wellington is researching and writing a novel entitled *Sala ma Sina*, at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in Honolulu.

Fulbright-Wallace Arts Trust Award

Mark Braunias from Kawhia completed a three month artist residency at Headlands Center for the Arts in Sausalito, California.

Fulbright-Harkness New Zealand Fellowship

Glenda Anthony from Massey University is researching ways of training mathematics teachers to engage in ambitious teaching, at the University of Washington in Seattle.

Fulbright New Zealand Travel Awards

Lisette Burrows from the University of Otago presented a paper entitled *Fat Porkies in School: Governing the healthy child in New Zealand physical education* at the American Education Research Association's 2011 Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Gemma Dickson from the University of Otago presented a paper entitled *Profiling of marine microbial communities associated with decomposing remains can indicate postmortem submersion interval* at the American Academy of Forensic Sciences' 63rd Annual Scientific Meeting in Chicago, Illinois.

Sian Halcrow from the University of Otago presented a paper entitled *Testing the Neolithic Demographic Transition: A case study from South Asia* at the American Association of Physical Anthropologists' 80th Annual Scientific Meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Janet Hoek from the University of Otago presented papers on marketing regulation of tobacco control at the American Marketing Association's 2011 Marketing and Public Policy Conference in Washington, DC.

Karen Lavin from the University of Otago presented a paper entitled *Using trace elements in particulate matter to determine the geographic sources of semi-volatile organic contaminants in air at an alpine ecosystem in New Zealand* at the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry North America's 31st Annual Meeting in Portland, Oregon.

Robert Patman from the University of Otago presented the research findings of his latest book *Strategic Shortfall: The Somalia Syndrome and the March to 9/11* at a number of US universities.

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.

Rhonda Shaw from Victoria University of Wellington gave seminars on tissue exchange, organ donation and transplantation research at The Hastings Center in Garrison, New York and Yale

University in New Haven, Connecticut.

Carmel Williams from the University of Auckland presented her research findings into development of the health rights framework and its translation into practice in Papua New Guinea, at Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts.

Fulbright-Ngā Pae o Te Māramatanga Travel Awards in Indigenous Development

Spencer Lilley from Massey University presented his research findings into how the information needs of Māori tertiary students are met, at Montana State University Libraries' 21st annual Tribal College Librarians Institute in Bozeman.

Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Award

The University of Alaska Fairbanks is hosting **Sandy Kerr** from Brown Research Ltd., who is assisting with course development in indigenous planning and evaluation for Alaska Native self-governance.



Ian Barber

Fulbright New Zealand Senior Scholar Ian Barber from the University of Otago is researching revitalization movements in Māori, Western Pacific and Anglo-American religions, at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

My 2011 Fulbright scholarship research has been concerned with the global emergence of revitalization movements. These are social projects that promise renewal or deliverance to faithful adherents. At Brigham Young University (BYU) in Provo, Utah, I've studied transnational resemblances in revitalization expressions, with a focus on Māori prophet movements and the Anglo-American Latter Day Saints (Mormon) tradition. In a significant research outcome, I investigated the historical development and contemporary expression of a revitalization-like movement at the periphery of Mormon culture. This movement is based around the anticipated promise of a supernaturally directed mining operation called the 'Relief Mine'. I have also contributed New Zealand content to archaeology classes at BYU and presented an open lecture on the revitalization project.

During October I will present lectures at two other US research institutions. At Georgetown University's Center for Australian and New Zealand Studies in Washington, DC, I will speak on my research into the reasons for, and the legacy of, first contact violence between indigenous populations and European explorers in New Zealand. At the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago, I will speak about the recent academic debate over Māori cannibalism.

I'll return to New Zealand with two book projects underway from what has been an incredibly stimulating and rewarding experience.



Glenda Anthony

Fulbright-Harkness New Zealand Fellowship recipient Glenda Anthony from Massey University is researching ways of training mathematics teachers to engage in ambitious teaching, at the University of Washington in Seattle.

My fellowship experience was organised around working alongside researchers from the Learning in, From, and For Teaching Practice (LTP) project. LTP focuses on changing initial teacher preparation so that its purpose is teaching novices to do the work of

mathematics teaching ambitiously, rather than the more traditional focus of learning about the work of teaching. As part of the LTP project team, I have been privileged to be a participant observer in maths methods classes at the University of Washington and the Boston Teacher Residency programme. Within these programmes I've observed a range of instructional activities involving teacher educators' and novice teachers' engagement in a cycle of rehearsal and coaching in the work of teaching - both in the university and school settings. Each instructional activity has focused on high-leverage practices and principles of ambitious teaching, as well as knowledge of students, content, and the curriculum.

As well as experiencing the contrasting landscapes of Washington, Nevada and Massachusetts states, the timing of my Fulbright-Harkness visit has also meant that I'll be able to enjoy the Halloween festivities complete with a visit to Salem to mingle with the witches. Importantly, my time away has provided me with the space to expand my horizons and think about exciting possibilities for developing new pedagogies of practice in teacher education in New Zealand.



Rachel Vernon

Fulbright New Zealand Senior Scholar Rachel Vernon from EIT Hawke's Bay researched development of a model for assessing continuing competence of nurses, at the University of Washington in Seattle.

My research topic has international significance and is concerned with the development of a conceptual model for the demonstration and assessment of continuing competence. Continuing competence is agreed by regulatory authorities to be necessary to protect the public in health professional regulation. The research has identified a consensus view amongst regulatory experts and authorities in the USA, Canada, UK, Ireland, Australia and New Zealand, and resulted in the development of a conceptual model and recommendations to align best practice with existing requirements.

My visit to the US was an opportunity of a lifetime - a thoroughly positive and stimulating experience. Being immersed in a research environment provided excellent opportunities for networking with other scholars and colleagues within the field of nursing regulation. It has also provided international exposure of my research which resulted in an invitation to present a keynote address at the International Council of Nurses Credentialing and Regulators Forum in Taipei in November 2011.

During my time in the United States I travelled extensively, and was shown incredible hospitality and warmth. I particularly appreciated the invitations and opportunities provided to my husband and I to taste the American lifestyle, and the interest that was shown about life in New Zealand.

US Scholars

Fulbright US Senior Scholar Awards

Frank Alcock from the New College of Florida researched New Zealand's emissions trading scheme and lectured about the politics of cap and trade systems, at Victoria University of Wellington.

Mike Emch from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill researched spatial and social patterns of internal migration due to the Canterbury earthquakes, and smoking and smoking cessation in New Zealand, at the University of Canterbury.

Christopher Lubienski from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign researched school enrolment policies and their impact on equity patterns in New Zealand, and taught courses on equity and leadership in education, at the University of Waikato.

Jeffrey Matsuura from Alliance Law Group researched legal and policy approaches to emerging technologies in New Zealand and the United States, at the University of Otago.

Lesley Wheeler from Washington and Lee University researched links between poets and communities in the 21st century, and lectured about American poetry, at Victoria University of Wellington.

Fulbright Specialist Awards

The University of Otago hosted **Diane Campbell** from the University of California, Irvine, who taught and developed course materials about pollination biology and breeding systems in alpine plants.

AUT University hosted **Jacquelyn Campbell** from Johns Hopkins University, who delivered the keynote address at the 17th annual Nursing Network on Violence Against Women International conference, and collaborated with the Strategy To Advance Research (STAR) Project to help build research capacity.

The New Zealand School of Dance is hosting **Richard Chen See** from the Paul Taylor Dance Company, who is teaching a dance work by American choreographer Paul Taylor.

The University of Otago hosted **Edward Davis** from Messiah College, who gave lectures and workshops about the historical and contemporary relationship between religion and science in the US.

The University of Auckland hosted **Wayne Feiden** from the City of Northampton, who lectured and conducted workshops about various aspects of urban planning.

Victoria University of Wellington hosted **Pat Gaffney** from the University of Delaware, who gave lectures and conducted workshops on marine genetics.

The University of Auckland hosted **Craig Garner** from Stanford University, who gave lectures and presentations about the biology of autism spectrum disorders, and spoke at the 2011 Australasian Winter Conference on Brain Research.

AUT University hosted **Andrea Polli** from the University of New Mexico, who taught and assisted with curriculum, faculty and research development in the university's Digital Design programme.

Victoria University of Wellington hosted **Dan Robinson** from the University of Texas at Austin, who lectured and conducted workshops about integrating technology into team-based learning principles.



Lesley Wheeler

Fulbright US Senior Scholar Lesley Wheeler from Washington and Lee University researched links between poets and communities in the 21st century, and lectured about American poetry, at Victoria University of Wellington.

My Fulbright experience was intellectually, artistically, and personally galvanizing. Based at Victoria University of Wellington, I conducted research toward a book project titled *Poetry, Conversation, and Community in the*

Twenty-First Century. It concerns the networks joining poets with each other and with their audiences. Of particular interest is how poets affiliate transnationally, that is, in ways that transcend national borders. My focus was the International Institute for Modern Letters at Victoria University, unique in its relationship with a prestigious US creative writing program, the Iowa Writers Workshop.

I gave several readings and lectures while in New Zealand, talked to poets from all over the country, and attended numerous readings, lectures, and performances. Two articles based on my findings as well as many poems are under submission now for publication, and I have presented this work at US conferences and symposia. At the moment I'm preparing to teach a seminar partly concerning poetry in the Pacific and Fulbright alumna Alice Te Punga Somerville, in Toronto for the year, has just agreed to fly down and give a lecture. My interview with Bill Manhire, who is Director of the International Institute for Modern Letters, is forthcoming in the literary magazine *Shenandoah*, and I also have an essay in a volume of creative writing exercises to be published by Victoria University Press.



Craig Garner

Fulbright Specialist Craig Garner from Stanford University was hosted by the University of Auckland, where he gave lectures and presentations about the biology of autism spectrum disorders. He also spoke at the 2011 Australasian Winter Conference on Brain Research.

I was a Fulbright Specialist in August 2011 on a three-week visit to the University of Auckland in New Zealand to work with colleagues at the Centre for Brain Research. The purpose of my visit was three fold. The first

was to meet with faculty at the Centre for Brain Research and assess synergistic opportunities for faculty at Stanford University. The second was to jump start a new project with the students and postdoctoral fellows in Dr Johanna Montgomery's laboratory to explore the synaptic mechanism underlying cognitive and behavioral impairment in patients with autism. The third was to attend and give a keynote lecture at the 29th International Australasian Winter Conference on Brain Research. This was a week-long meeting held in Queenstown, New Zealand and organized by Cliff Abrahams from the University of Otago.

Overall, my visit was an fantastic experience. I thoroughly enjoyed the many scientific discussions with students and faculty within each venue. My assessment was that the faculty at both the Universities of Auckland and Otago are doing a fantastic job of creating vibrant interactive research programs using state of the art technologies to address fundamental disease-related questions. I was extremely impressed with the caliber of the students and postdoctoral fellows and much enjoyed discussion of their projects and dreams of the future. On all levels my visit was a huge success. I gave two lectures, one on synaptic mechanisms of neurodegeneration and the second on developing pharmacotherapies for kids with Down syndrome. I was also able to design and initiate an entirely new program of study with Dr Montgomery on autism. I very much look forward to a return visit in 2012 to initiate and expand new collaborative projects.

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 New Zealand government agencies, 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 four Ian Axford Fellows for 2011 were:

- Renewable energy attorney **Ian Boisvert**, who researched challenges to ocean renewable energy development in New Zealand, at the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA);
- **Victoria Johnson**, formerly of the National Commission on Children and Disasters, who researched the implementation of “What’s the Plan, Stan?”, a national resource for disaster preparedness education in New Zealand schools, at the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management;
- **Jonathan Karp** from the US Securities and Exchange Commission, who researched New Zealand’s model for corporate financial disclosure, at the Companies Office and the New Zealand Securities Commission; and
- **David Wiley** from the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, who researched how multi-stakeholder inclusivity in scientific research can increase the social power of its results in marine protected area management, at the Department of Conservation.

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 2011 is **Sarah Derrett** from the University of Otago, who is researching coordination and pathways between primary and secondary/tertiary services for patients with chronic conditions, at the University of Chicago.



Ian Boisvert

Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellow in Public Policy **Ian Boisvert**, a renewable energy attorney from San Francisco, researched challenges to ocean renewable energy development in New Zealand, at the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA).

From the beginning of my Ian Axford Fellowship I set the goal of crafting a balanced resolution to the decades of conflict Kiwis have become mired in regarding coastal space allocation. For my fellowship I traveled throughout

New Zealand interviewing stakeholders like CEOs, Māori leaders, environmental activists, and government representatives. Accessing all these groups that otherwise do not communicate with each other gave me unique insight. The warm Kiwi openness and informality made it that much easier to discuss thorny issues and potential solutions. I very much appreciated how willing everyone was to meet and talk, even if they were executives or government leaders. The US and New Zealand are quite different in this regard. In the end, I presented to New Zealand’s Energy Minister, Members of Parliament, US Embassy staff, and renewable energy executives my ideas on how New Zealand could resolve coastal space conflict and unlock its ocean renewable energy potential.

Personally, New Zealand and the Axford Fellowship offered opportunities I rarely get in California. I alone was responsible for how I worked, what I worked on, and the results of the work. That independence is exceptional. Fulbright New Zealand staff provided excellent support when needed. The friends and colleagues I made in New Zealand will be life-long relationships. The Axford Fellowship was a personal and professional highlight that I will always cherish.



Victoria Johnson

Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellow in Public Policy **Victoria Johnson**, formerly of the National Commission on Children and Disasters, researched the implementation of “What’s the Plan, Stan?”, a national resource for disaster preparedness education in New Zealand schools, at the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management.

I had an extraordinary experience working at the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management as an Ian Axford Fellow, particularly during the

response to the Christchurch earthquake on 22 February 2011, when I was asked to assist in the National Crisis Management Centre below the Beehive in central Wellington. That week, I had the opportunity to witness the efforts of the national level staff, who worked tirelessly to coordinate resources and communications. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to contribute to the emergency response in some small way.

For my fellowship, I travelled throughout the North and South Islands to conduct focus groups with primary and intermediate school educators and gather first-hand perspectives from teachers coping with the aftermath of the Canterbury earthquakes. These opportunities gave me a real insight into Kiwi life and the both the benefits and challenges of teaching children about the realities of disasters on the “Shaky Isles.”

My partner Ryan and I relished our road trips and tramping through some of the most beautiful places on earth, including Coromandel, Mt Cook, and Stewart Island, just to name a few. As if our experience couldn’t get any better, we got engaged on the beautiful black sand beach in Cape Palliser. New Zealand will always hold a special place in our hearts.

Events



New Zealand Events

In October 2010, Fulbright New Zealand alumna and Board member Helen Anderson, a seismologist, gave a free public lecture at the Fulbright New Zealand offices in Wellington, explaining the science behind the recent Canterbury earthquake.

Also in October, Fulbright alumni in the Waikato region were generously hosted for a formal cocktail function by the University of Waikato's Chancellor, Rt Hon Jim Bolger, and Vice-Chancellor, Professor Roy Crawford.

In November the annual dinner for Harkness Fellowships alumni was held at The Wellington Club. Alumni were updated about the Fulbright-Harkness New Zealand Fellowship, which had been presented for the first time in 2010, and heard the 2009-2010 Harkness Fellow in Health Care Policy and Practice from New Zealand, Penny Andrew, speak about her fellowship.

Later in November we farewelled the dozen soon-to-depart 2010 Fulbright US Graduate Students with our annual Thanksgiving dinner at the US Ambassador's residence in Lower Hutt. Our American student grantees, staff and Board members enjoyed dinner with the Ambassador, his spouse and their family members from the US. Earlier in the day, the students each gave a final report about their academic exchange year in New Zealand.

In December we held a Christmas party at our offices for around 70 Wellington based alumni and supporters of the Fulbright programme, to wrap up another busy and productive year.

We began 2011 by welcoming 18 new American Fulbright and Ian Axford Fellowship grantees to New Zealand with our usual week-long orientation programme in Wellington in February, 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. For the first time, grantees were also home-hosted overnight by local members of the Fulbright New Zealand Alumni Association at the conclusion of the orientation programme. Smaller, informal events were organised by the Alumni Association in other regions around New Zealand to welcome grantees.

In February, nine Fulbright US Graduate Students participated in the inaugural Future Partners Forum with a similar number of New Zealand university students. The event was organised as part of the NZ US Partnership Forum in Christchurch, a high level gathering of New Zealand and US government, business and community representatives working to further the bilateral relationship. Both events were interrupted on their final day by the major Christchurch earthquake, so the Future Partners

reconvened in Wellington in April to conclude their discussion. Their findings were presented to Partnership Forum delegates in Auckland later in the month.

Penny Andrew, New Zealand's 2009-2010 Harkness Fellow in Health Care Policy and Practice, reported the findings of her research at a series of seminars held in May at the University of Otago, the University of Auckland and the Ministry of Health in Wellington.

In June we held our 2011 Fulbright New Zealand Awards Ceremony and Alumni Reception in the Banquet Hall of the Beehive in Wellington. The event was hosted by Hon Murray McCully, Minister of Foreign Affairs and an Honorary Chairperson of Fulbright New Zealand.

In August this year's Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowships in Public Policy fellows Victoria Johnson, Jonathan Karp, Ian Boisvert and David Wiley reported the findings of their research at a series of lunchtime seminars organised in conjunction with the Institute of Public Administration New Zealand (IPANZ). The seminars were held at the premises of the State Services Commission in Wellington.

Also in August, the Fulbright New Zealand Alumni Association held its second annual general meeting in Wellington. The Association had enlisted 201 members by the time of the meeting, and has been active in hosting events in six New Zealand regions and two US regions.

To commemorate the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the US, the Alumni Association organised lectures in Wellington and Palmerston North in September, at which Fulbright alumnus Robert Patman from the University of Otago discussed the topic of his latest book – *Strategic Shortfall: The Somali Syndrome and the March to 9/11*. See the Association's website at www.fnzaa.org for details of the numerous other events they have held throughout the year.

US Events

Fulbright New Zealand's Executive Director Mele Wendt visited the US in May-June 2011 on her annual trip to meet key stakeholders there. In Washington, DC, Mele addressed a meeting of the Fulbright programme's governing Fulbright Foreign Scholarships Board for the first time, and she also caught up with a small group of Fulbright grantees in New York.

In June, Rt Hon Mike Moore, New Zealand Ambassador to the United States, hosted a reception for alumni and supporters of the Fulbright and Ian Axford Fellowships programmes at his residence in Washington, DC.

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 351 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 2010 and February 2011 to a total of 31 participants. We administered SAT tests in November 2010 and January 2011 to a total of 25 participants, and the ACT test in December 2010, April 2011 and June 2011 to a total of 11 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 2011 Fulbright New Zealand's Educational Advising team undertook their annual Outreach Tour, visiting 24 tertiary education institutions around the country with 683 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.



Divya Dhar

Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Award recipient Divya Dhar from Auckland is completing a Master of Public Policy degree in Pharmaceutical Policy, specialising in policies to promote research and development of pharmaceutical products for neglected diseases, at Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts.

Here at the Harvard Kennedy School I have developed a strong interest in global health entrepreneurship. I am

doing an elective in healthcare entrepreneurship which has given me exposure to a range of business models from non-profits to for-profits addressing developed and developing world diseases. I've also been on the founding team for the Harvard Health Innovation Group, which brings together students interested in healthcare innovation from across the university. With these insights I'm helping develop a global immersion programme with the Harvard Engineering School that seeks to send multi-disciplinary teams of students to emerging markets for healthcare needs assessment and scoping of possible engineering solutions. Another major commitment has been my election as Vice President of the Harvard Graduate Council, which is the overarching governing body of all Harvard Graduate Schools. In this role I'll be launching a new initiative to help the cross-pollination of ideas between Harvard's twelve graduate schools.

Personally, I have been making many friends within the Kennedy School and the broader Harvard and Boston communities. I've had the chance to meet New Zealanders on several occasions including at the New England New Zealand Counsel hangi. In short, it's been an incredible experience so far and I cannot wait to see what the next semester brings. I thank Fulbright for the incredible privilege to have such a rich experience.



Rebecca Stahl

Fulbright US Graduate Student Rebecca Stahl from Phoenix, Arizona is completing a Master of Laws degree, specialising in the role of the lawyer for the child in Care of Children Act cases, at the University of Otago.

I applied for a Fulbright grant simply to study the New Zealand Family Court system and use the information to improve the systems in the United States. Instead, Fulbright New Zealand provided a support network that made it possible to test my personal limits, travel

this beautiful country, and engage with people from around the world. I learned more about myself professionally and personally than I ever could have imagined. Professionally, I met judges and lawyers, participated in discussions about the Ministry of Justice's Family Court Review, and wrote my thesis on a new paradigm for lawyers representing children in custody cases. I am leaving with a new network of professional relationships, a more realistic view of the New Zealand Family Court, and a path forward for my own future profession representing children.

Personally, I met amazing people from around the world, enjoyed the beauty New Zealand has to offer, and learned to head outside no matter what the weather throws my way. There were definite challenges along the way, but there is no doubt they helped me better understand myself. Words simply cannot express what an amazing opportunity this has been and my gratitude for it.



“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 pages 19 and 20, which comprise the summary consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 September 2011 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 2011. We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those financial statements in our report dated 7 December 2011.

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 2011 are a fair summary of those financial statements, in accordance with FRS-43 *Summary Financial Statements*.

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7 December 2011
Wellington



Simon Ngawhika

Fulbright Ministry of Science and Innovation Graduate Award recipient Simon Ngawhika from Wellington is completing a Master of Business Administration degree, specialising in distributive issues within the agricultural food production system, at Portland State University in Portland, Oregon.

My Fulbright exchange began with a gateway programme at The University of Iowa, where I met 40 other Fulbright scholars from all regions and continents

of the world, who like me had just arrived in the US and were about to begin their studies. It was a regular United Nations Youth Council. We learned about what it means to be a Fulbright scholar in America. But it would not be complete without Americans. Getting first hand experience of what life is like here and just how much diversity there is within America was awesome.

Students are put through the Portland State MBA program as a cohort - my classmates and I will go through the two year programme together. For now, we are covering the foundation courses. This term we are being put through our paces in accounting, macroeconomics, marketing and leadership.

Looking back on my first months in Portland, I have to consider myself incredibly lucky. I am living in a place that is similar enough to home that it feels pretty familiar, and yet different enough that I am able to experience new things. I have come to a place where the people are adventurous, alternative, progressive and conscious about what is going on in the world.



Laura Kehrl

Fulbright US Graduate Student Laura Kehrl from Everett, Washington is completing a Master of Science degree in Geology, specialising in the effects of water input on the flow of the Franz Josef Glacier, at Victoria University of Wellington.

Over the last year in New Zealand, I have grown both professionally and personally. My research on the Franz Josef Glacier provided many opportunities for professional development. As an MSc student in the

Antarctic Research Centre at Victoria University of Wellington, I interacted with many scientists and students who study similar topics to me. I learned more about my own research and also about pertinent topics in other fields. In addition, I co-led my first field campaign to the Franz Josef Glacier and learned how to better mitigate group dynamics and equipment failure while in the field.

On a more personal level, my time in New Zealand forced me to reconsider many of my life goals and views. I still intend to pursue a career in academia, but I now know that it is important to me that my life remains balanced between work, family, and holiday. I also learned what it means for me to be an American and how that shapes my world views. I did not anticipate this lesson when I first arrived in New Zealand, but it has been perhaps the most important lesson that I've learned during my time here.

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 2011 NZ\$ | Group 2010 NZ\$ |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Statement of Financial Position as at 30 September 2011 | | |
| Assets | | |
| Current assets | 3,029,859 | 2,881,223 |
| Non-current assets | 107,913 | 19,586 |
| Total Assets | 3,137,772 | 2,900,809 |
| Liabilities | | |
| Programme commitments | 870,122 | 975,815 |
| Other liabilities | 545,375 | 298,179 |
| Total Liabilities | 1,415,497 | 1,273,994 |
| Equity | 1,722,275 | 1,626,815 |
| Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 September 2011 | | |
| Revenue | | |
| United States government grant | 930,651 | 998,570 |
| New Zealand government grants: | | |
| <i>MFAT grant</i> | 577,778 | 577,778 |
| <i>MSI grant</i> | 506,557 | 700,921 |
| <i>MoE grant</i> | 0 | 100,000 |
| Other operating income: | | |
| <i>Award partner contributions</i> | 181,026 | 193,786 |
| <i>Donations incl. Platinum Triangle contributions</i> | 71,294 | 182,452 |
| <i>Administration fees</i> | 66,500 | 56,500 |
| <i>Interest</i> | 85,001 | 78,419 |
| <i>Sundry income</i> | 1,603 | 918 |
| Total other operating income | 405,424 | 512,075 |
| Total Revenue | 2,420,410 | 2,889,344 |
| Expenditure | | |
| Fulbright awards granted* | 1,391,964 | 1,738,162 |
| Award selections/Grantee orientation | 53,838 | 46,823 |
| Personnel expenses | 590,945 | 503,999 |
| Communications/Newsletters/Printing | 50,946 | 48,015 |
| Depreciation/Amortisation | 20,481 | 23,215 |
| Foreign exchange loss | 16,058 | 22,724 |
| Other operating expenses | 198,463 | 191,808 |
| Total Expenditure | 2,322,695 | 2,574,746 |
| Changes in fair value of financial investments | (2,255) | 6,045 |
| Profit for Period | 95,460 | 320,643 |

Note

This is a summary of the Group's audited financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2011 which were authorised for issue by the trustees on 7 December 2011. The summary financial statements have been extracted from the full financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2011. 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.

* Fulbright awards granted (2011)

| | Number | NZ\$ |
|----------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| New Zealand Graduate Awards | 23 | 720,897 |
| New Zealand Scholar Awards | 11 | 212,364 |
| New Zealand Travel Awards | 15 | 46,500 |
| Total New Zealand Awards | 49 | 979,761 |
| US Graduate Awards | 10 | 266,453 |
| US Senior Scholar Awards | 5 | 145,750 |
| US Specialist Awards | 8 | 0 |
| Total US Awards | 23 | 412,203 |
| Total New Zealand and US Awards | 72 | 1,391,964 |

| | Group 2011 NZ\$ | Group 2010 NZ\$ |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 30 September 2011 | | |
| Balance of fund as at 1 October | 1,626,815 | 1,306,172 |
| Total comprehensive income | 95,460 | 320,643 |
| Balance of fund as at 30 September | 1,722,275 | 1,626,815 |

Fulbright New Zealand Trust (Incorporated)

| | 2011 NZ\$ | 2010 NZ\$ |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Revenue | 34,302 | 117,425 |
| Expenditure | 51,066 | 2,047 |
| Changes in fair value of financial investments | 0 | 2,376 |
| Profit for period | (16,764) | 117,754 |
| Balance of fund as at 1 October | 871,191 | 753,437 |
| Total comprehensive income | (16,764) | 117,754 |
| Balance of fund as at 30 September | 854,427 | 871,191 |

John F Kennedy Memorial Fund

| | 2011 NZ\$ | 2010 NZ\$ |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Revenue | 10,245 | 12,701 |
| Expenditure | 6,781 | 7,550 |
| Changes in fair value of financial investments | (2,255) | 3,669 |
| Profit for period | 1,209 | 8,820 |
| Balance of fund as at 1 October | 246,966 | 238,146 |
| Total comprehensive income | 1,209 | 8,820 |
| Balance of fund as at 30 September | 248,175 | 246,966 |



Xiaowen Yu

Fulbright Ministry of Science and Innovation Graduate Award recipient Xiaowen Yu from Wellington is completing a PhD in Neuroscience, specialising in the pathology of Alzheimer's disease, at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.

This Fall quarter has gone by so quickly! It has flown by, but at the same time, so many things have happened since I arrived here. I have thoroughly enjoyed shopping for my apartment at Target, and travelling around the city by El (the Chicago train system). I love Chicago's green spaces, and the lake has been serving as my calming, large body of water, in lieu of an ocean.

My cohort of the neuroscience programme is a diverse and interesting group, and it's been really fun getting to know everyone. We come from very different backgrounds and it's great to learn with people different perspectives. The course work and research definitely requires good juggling of time, but I like the balance of basic science and hands-on research. For me, there are a number of labs working on Alzheimer's disease, and I will be choosing one to do my thesis work in at end of the academic year.

I've really enjoyed both learning more about American culture, and sharing some Kiwi and Chinese culture too. I had lots of fun cheering on the Northwestern Wildcats at my first football game, which of course, was prefaced with some tailgating. I have now tried pumpkin pie, Thanksgiving turkey, and even cakes that come out of a box! And I know that along with all of these experiences, I have made new friends whom I will treasure for the rest of my life.



Mike Emch

Fulbright US Senior Scholar Mike Emch from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill researched spatial and social patterns of internal migration due to the Canterbury earthquakes, and smoking and smoking cessation in New Zealand, at the University of Canterbury.

I spent the first week of my Fulbright research experience preparing to conduct a project on social networks and health. Then the February 22nd Christchurch earthquake hit, the university closed, my main collaborator's house was destroyed, and my project was stalled. Soon after I was invited to a meeting at the Christchurch Emergency Operations Centre and I began collaborating on a project to understand internal migration because of the earthquake and to make projections about what this means for the changing demography of Christchurch. I was included because I have expertise in population and spatial sciences.

In the aftermath of the earthquake the University of Canterbury showed its resilience by keeping programs going for students and I did several guest lectures on the geography of health. I also gave three research talks at Australian universities using Fulbright Travel Pot funds.

Personally, my family did quite a bit of travel especially on the South Island and also became quite integrated into Kiwi life. My nine year old son joined two rugby teams and became a huge Canterbury Crusaders fan and my 12 year old daughter immersed herself in the Christchurch ballet scene.



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