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Fulbright New Zealand's Executive Director *Mele Wendt* orchestrates a group photo of 65 Fulbright and related exchange grantees

Annual awards ceremony continues to grow

Fulbright New Zealand's annual Parliamentary awards ceremony continues to grow, with 65 of 84 recipients of Fulbright and associated NZ-US exchange awards attending this year's ceremony in June to receive their awards in person. This reflects the ongoing growth of the Fulbright programme in New Zealand, with several new awards presented for the first time in 2010.

The ceremony included the announcement of this year's 25 recipients of Fulbright New Zealand Graduate Awards, who will undertake postgraduate study or research at an American university of their choice in the next academic year, and 12 Fulbright US Graduate Students who are currently doing the same here. Their fields of interest vary from nuclear fusion energy production to tsunami modelling, music composition, livestock conservation, journalism, child health and education equity initiatives.

This year Fulbright New Zealand also gave exchange awards to 41 more advanced academics, artists and professionals in the Fulbright Scholar Programme, with awards ranging from short term travel grants to full semester lectureships. Included in their number were university academics, PhD candidates and assorted professionals including nurse practitioners, a primary school principal and a film cataloguer.

Inaugural recipients of three new co-sponsored award programmes, offered in partnership with Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga, the James Wallace Arts Trust and the New Zealand Harkness Fellowships Trust, were recognised at this year's awards ceremony. Fulbright New Zealand's Chairperson, Barbara Johnson, acknowledged the support of these new award partners in providing additional exchange opportunities for New Zealanders.

Speaking at the awards ceremony, Hon David Huebner,

US Ambassador to New Zealand, noted the dramatic impact of Fulbright exchanges, not just on participants themselves but on all those they encounter abroad. "I don't think any exchange program has had the effect that Fulbright has had on American academic life," he said, "for by bringing young people from around the world to American universities, even Americans who never leave home have had opportunities to interact with young people from some 150 countries, to exchange ideas, to discuss, to break down stereotypes and to bring the world closer together."

The awards ceremony was hosted by Hon Wayne Mapp, Minister of Research, Science and Technology, and was attended by around 290 alumni, stakeholders and supporters of the Fulbright programme, along with families and guests of this year's grantees. ➤

For a full list of this year's Fulbright grantees, download our *2010 Grantees Booklet* from www.fulbright.org.nz



A haka is performed for grantee *Acushla Dee O'Carroll* as she receives her Fulbright New Zealand Travel Award

Editorial



Mele Wendt, Executive Director

From the desk of the Executive Director

Kia ora, Talofa lava and warm Fulbright greetings to you.

It has been one year since the Fulbright New Zealand Alumni Association (FNZAA) was officially launched, and nine months since it became fully operational. Graham Cochrane and Board members have done a marvellous job of creating a professional and active association, very worthwhile of joining. We thank them most sincerely for their wonderful efforts to get alumni activities going throughout the country.

Alumni of all Fulbright and other US-NZ exchange programmes administered by Fulbright New Zealand were invited to join earlier this year. Alumni who had completed their Fulbright awards within the last year were given free membership for one year. Graham Cochrane advises that membership has grown to 160 people in nine months. However, Graham and I agree that the FNZAA needs many more members to make it the active network of alumni it ought to be, and make it financially viable to keep it in operation long-term.

The Association has been well supported by the US Department of State Alumni Office, including two financial contributions to assist in funding the Association's part-time Coordinator and funding various alumni activities, and by a small contribution from the US Embassy to assist with establishment costs. Of course Fulbright New Zealand has also made various contributions, including in-kind. All these contributions were absolutely critical in the smooth and successful establishment of the Association. However, this funding will not continue. In order for the FNZAA to remain in

place, we simply need a lot more alumni to join it. This is not only for financial reasons but more importantly it is so that we build and maintain a successful Association.

A reminder that membership of the Fulbright New Zealand Alumni Association is intended to provide:

- a positive means for alumni to "give back" to the Fulbright and associated programmes, contribute to the ongoing enrichment and support of current grantees and to continue their own professional and personal growth;
- access to a strong network of Fulbright and associated programme alumni and a membership database;
- invitations to events and activities that connect Fulbright and associated programme alumni including some prestigious events; and
- opportunities to meet and connect with current grantees.

I'm sure that alumni members who have signed up and started participating in activities over recent months will say that it is worthwhile and enjoyable. We urge alumni of all our exchange programmes to join FNZAA (email admin@fnzaa.org or visit www.fnzaa.org and pay your annual subscription) and get active!

Hei konei ra, ia manuia and warm regards,

Fulbright News



Dan Bidois

New awards benefit emerging Māori leaders

Two emerging Māori leaders have benefited from new Fulbright awards launched this year. Auckland graduate student Dan Bidois (Ngāti Maniapoto) was announced in June as the first recipient of the new Fulbright-Ngā Pae o Te Māramatanga Graduate Award, and Sacha McMeeking (Ngāi Tahu) was selected for the inaugural Fulbright-Harkness New Zealand Fellowship.

The Fulbright-Ngā Pae o Te Māramatanga Graduate Award is for a promising New Zealand graduate student to undertake postgraduate study or research in the US in a field of indigenous development. While the award is not restricted to Māori applicants, its first recipient, Dan Bidois, is a young Māori leader who was President of the Students' Association while at the University of Auckland and has been accepted into the prestigious John F. Kennedy School of Government's Master in Public Policy programme at Harvard University.

At Harvard, Dan will study social and economic policy, focusing his second year research project on policies and initiatives for addressing education inequality. He hopes in future to help inform education policy in New Zealand for improving the achievement of Māori and Pacific students.

The Fulbright-Harkness New Zealand Fellowship is for an emerging New Zealand leader in any field of study or vocation to study or research in the US for a minimum of six weeks. Its inaugural recipient, Sacha McMeeking, has a legal background and currently holds a senior management position at Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, the

corporate entity representing the South Island iwi. On her fellowship to the US, Sacha plans to research the role of indigenous leadership in corporate citizenship, a form of corporate self-regulation which factors public interest into corporate decision-making. She sees corporate citizenship as under-developed in New Zealand when contrasted to the US, and hopes to form an indigenous framework to encourage the practice here, as well as building networks between the United States and New Zealand.

A second Fulbright-Harkness New Zealand Fellowship will be granted in 2010, with applications closing on 1 October. See www.fulbright.org.nz for details of how to apply. ►



Inaugural Fulbright-Harkness New Zealand Fellowship recipient **Sacha McMeeking** and supporters at the 2010 Fulbright New Zealand Awards Ceremony

Pacific playwright follows her sister to Hawai'i

Auckland playwright Makerita Urale has been selected as the 2010 recipient of the Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Pacific Writer's Residency, and will spend three months from mid-August working on the first draft of a new play entitled *The Heathen's Way* at the University of Hawai'i. In doing so, Makerita will follow in the footsteps of her younger sister – filmmaker Sima – who in 2004 was the inaugural writer to take up the same residency.

Makerita's 1998 black comedy *Frangipani Perfume* was named one of the top ten New Zealand plays of the decade by *The Listener* in 2000. It is studied at New Zealand schools and universities and has been toured nationally and internationally.

Where *Frangipani Perfume* focused on the struggles and dreams of three immigrant sisters working as office cleaners, Makerita says "*The Heathen's Way* is at the other end of the spectrum and focuses of Pacific Islanders who have 'succeeded' in the Palagi

(Caucasian) world."

The play will be based entirely in a university setting – "the highest place of learning in Western society" – and performed in university lecture theatres rather than conventional mainstream theatres. "In this setting I can explore the social dynamics of today as more and more Pacific Islanders enter and achieve in higher education and adjust to the Western world," explains Makerita. "It is about Western knowledge, values and learning balanced against cultural knowledge and cultural ways."

Makerita says she hopes to benefit as much as her sister Sima did from the same residency. "She really loved writing in a new place without having to worry about paying bills for three months. We're both in the same boat as full time artists, freelancing to make a living, so the residency in Hawai'i is an incredible opportunity to just write and write. We both understand that a good script is the seed to all good productions in theatre or cinema." ➤



Makerita Urale

Ambassador farewelled with Fulbright honours

Departing New Zealand Ambassador to the US, and Fulbright alumnus, Roy Ferguson, was farewelled from Washington, DC with a certificate of appreciation and an esteemed alumni globe presented by the US Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) in June, shortly before completing his four year posting as Ambassador.

The honours were granted in recognition of Ambassador Ferguson's advocacy for the Fulbright programme in the 38 years since his Fulbright exchange, including four years as a member of the Fulbright New Zealand Board prior to his appointment as Ambassador. The certificate cited his contribution as "a most articulate and sincere advocate for the Fulbright Program," whose "significant contributions stand as a model for others to emulate".

"The Fulbright programme made a huge difference in my life," Ambassador Ferguson said in response. "I am glad I have been in a position to give a little back to a

programme that is as relevant and important today as it was when Senator Fulbright conceived it." ➤



Roy Ferguson with the esteemed alumni globe presented by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs

Read more about Roy on Page 5 of this newsletter

Obama lecture draws big crowds

Recently-returned 2009 Fulbright Visiting Scholar in New Zealand Studies Dr Jon Johansson's alumni lecture on the Obama presidency has drawn big crowds in Wellington and Auckland, and there are plans to present the lecture in Palmerston North in September.

Dr Johansson's inaugural lecture on his home campus at Victoria University of Wellington in April drew a capacity crowd of over 300 people, and a repeat performance at the University of Auckland in June was attended by more than 100. The lecture will next be held at Massey University Palmerston North on 1 September.

In his lecture, Dr Johansson examines Barack Obama's presidency in the context of broader scholarship on presidential leadership. Drawing on his semester spent in the US observing the healthcare debates, Tea Party protests and Obama's decision to send more troops to Afghanistan, Jon discusses Obama's problematic first year in office and the complexity of the modern

presidency. Despite inherent difficulties with America's constitution and political institutions, Jon remains optimistic that President Obama can deliver on the huge promise he was elected on. ➤



Jon Johansson delivers his alumni lecture in Wellington

In Brief



Stuart Middleton

Alumni News

Fulbright alumnus **Paul Millar** (2000 NZ Research Scholar) published a biography of little-known yet influential New Zealand writer Bill Pearson in April. *No Fretful Sleepers* (Auckland University Press) explores how Pearson, author of the biting 1952 social criticism essay *Fretful Sleepers: A Sketch of New Zealand Behaviour and its Implications for the Artist* and celebrated 1963 novel *Coal Flat*, was forced into a life of contradiction and secrecy for fear of persecution over his homosexuality.

Fulbright alumnus **Reg Mascarenhas** (1990 NZ Research Scholar) has published a new book documenting the development of India's Information and Communication Technology (ICT) sector, centred in Bangalore. *India's Silicon Plateau: Development of Information and Communication Technology in Bangalore* (Orient BlackSwan) emphasises political, historical and institutional factors predating India's 1991 economic liberalisation as providing a foundation for the sector.

A number of Fulbright alumni were recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours announced on 7 June. **Stuart Middleton** (2007 New Century Scholar), **Nigel Roberts** (2001 American Studies Institute) and **Ian Wedde** (2006 Travel Award) were each appointed as Officers of the New Zealand Order of Merit, Stuart and Nigel for their services to education, and Ian for his services to art and literature. **Terry Healy** (1995 NZ Research Scholar) and **Philip Yock** (1962 NZ Graduate Student) were appointed Members of the Order of New Zealand for their services to science and astronomy, respectively. **Helen Anderson** (1990 NZ Research Scholar) was appointed a Companion of the Queen's Service Order for her services to the Ministry of Research, Science

and Technology, and **Darcy Nicholas** (1984 NZ Cultural Development Grant) received the same honour for his services to museums. **Gillian Reid** (1989 Vocational Development Grant) was awarded a Queen's Service Medal for services to the community.

Fulbright alumna **Selina Tusitala Marsh** (1995 NZ Graduate Student) has won the New Zealand Society of Authors' Jessie Mackay Award for Best First Book of Poetry in the 2010 New Zealand Post Book Awards, it was announced in June. Selina's book *Fast Talking PI* (Auckland University Press) was judged one of three winners in best first book categories – for fiction, non-fiction and poetry – each of which comes with a \$2,500 cash prize. She will be presented her award at a gala dinner in Auckland on 27 August.

Fulbright alumnus **Roger Horrocks** (1963 NZ Graduate Student) was presented with the 2010 Van Gogh Award at the inaugural Amsterdam Film Festival in July, for his short film dramatising the moment when acclaimed New Zealand artist and film-maker Len Lye, as a 16-year old, first conceived his vision for kinetic art. *Art that Moves* was made to accompany a book and exhibition of the same name, both also produced by Roger. ►

See the Fulbright New Zealand website for more alumni news – www.fulbright.org.nz/alumni

Alumni, please keep us up-to-date with your news and achievements, by email to andy@fulbright.org.nz

In Memoriam

We are saddened by the recent passing of the following alumni:

Bernard Galvin, 1965 Harkness Fellow

Murray Thompson, 1962 NZ Graduate Student ►

Important Dates

August

- 1 Fulbright-Ministry of Research, Science & Technology Graduate Awards applications close
- Fulbright-EQC Graduate Award in Natural Disaster Research applications close
- Fulbright-Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Graduate Award applications close
- Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Awards applications close
- Fulbright US Senior Scholar Awards applications close (to the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) – see www.cies.org)

25 Fulbright New Zealand Alumni Association Annual General Meeting

4:30-6:00pm, Fulbright New Zealand boardroom, Level 8, 120 Featherston Street, Wellington

Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowships in Public Policy seminars

All seminars 12:30-1:30pm, Te Waahi Kōrero Room, State Services Commission, Level 5, 100 Molesworth Street, Wellington

IPANZ members register online at www.ipanz.org.nz; non-members RSVP to admin@ipanz.org.nz

- 20 Laura Benedict – *Social Lending: A Tool for Grantmakers, an Opportunity for Communities*
- 23 Arnell Hinkle – *Policy Implementation for Health Equity in Aotearoa: Examining Healthy Eating and Physical Activity Programs in Māori and Pasifika Communities*
- 25 Hillary Harvey – *Building Bridges to Protect Health: Enhanced Partnerships among Animal, Human and Ecosystem Health Sectors in New Zealand*
- 27 Terri Dunahay – *Is the Grass Always Greener? Issues Affecting the Adoption of Genetically Modified Pasture Grasses in New Zealand*
- 30 Lou Green – *Trade Recovery: Laying The Groundwork for the Establishment of a New Zealand-United States Action Plan for Application in the Event of a Serious Trade Disruption*

September

- 13 Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy and Practice applications close (to The Commonwealth Fund – see www.commonwealthfund.org)

October

- 1 Fulbright-Harkness New Zealand Fellowship applications close
- Fulbright US Graduate Awards applications close (to the Institute of International Education (IIE) – see <http://us.fulbrightonline.org>)

November

- 1 Fulbright New Zealand Travel Awards applications close
- Fulbright-Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Travel Awards in Indigenous Development applications close
- Fulbright Specialist Awards applications close

See www.fulbright.org.nz or contact the Fulbright New Zealand office for more details

Alumni Association update

The Fulbright New Zealand Alumni Association's first Annual Report is currently being prepared and will highlight the achievements and significant progress made during its establishment year. The major achievement is the initial support of alumni and confirmation that an alumni-driven association is now a reality with exciting prospects for the future. The report will reflect on 17 alumni events arranged by regional coordinators across the country over the year.

The first annual general meeting of the Association will be held in Wellington on 25 August, and all members are welcome. Members will shortly receive information about the meeting and a copy of the annual report. A fourth newsletter will also be sent to members shortly.

Recent events have included two receptions and four Independence Day celebrations. US Ambassador David Huebner addressed Otago-Southland alumni at their celebration dinner. Alumnus Jon Johansson has presented his well-received lecture on the Obama administration in Auckland in partnership with the

University of Auckland. A novel Kiwi fish 'n' chip dinner was held in Palmerston North based on a format that brings US grantees together with a small number of alumni in a home-hosted setting. The first gatherings were held in the New England and Midwest regions where alumni met with Mele Wendt.

The Association has received further grants for the coming year from the US Department of State's Office of Alumni Affairs towards one Board meeting and major events in each New Zealand region.

You are encouraged to join the Association if you have not already done so, to ensure you will be invited to all events arranged by the Association and to bring you into the network of alumni members. Keep watching the Association's website at www.fnzaa.org for the latest news. The Association appreciates members' continuing interest, enthusiasm, encouragement and support.

Graham Cochrane

Graham Cochrane, FNZAA Chairperson ►

Alumni Association

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**TE WHAKAWHITINGA
AOTEAROA-AMERIKA**

A lifetime ambassador for Fulbright

Fulbright alumnus Roy Ferguson recently returned to New Zealand from Washington, DC, where he served a four year term as New Zealand's Ambassador to the United States of America. Since his exchange to the University of Pennsylvania as a Fulbright New Zealand Graduate Student in 1972, Roy has been a vocal advocate for the Fulbright programme.

Your Fulbright exchange to the US was as a graduate student. How do you think this set you up for your subsequent career in foreign affairs?

The year I spent in Philadelphia living in International House just whetted my appetite to learn more about other countries and other cultures by living overseas. At the same time it made me appreciate what we took for granted in New Zealand and made me proud to be a Kiwi and to represent New Zealand.

What were some of your formative experiences during that first exchange to the US?

I was in the United States during a fairly turbulent time politically; opposition to the war in Vietnam was intense and the Watergate affair eventually led to the resignation of the President. Most of my friends were students who were in various stages of rebellion against the establishment but I also had some friends who were Vietnam veterans and I vividly recall their pain. I was impressed by the diversity of ideas and Americans' willingness to see them expressed; the commitment to individual liberty. I remember being impressed by American generosity, friendliness and hospitality. On my second day when I took several buses and several hours to get out to Philadelphia airport to collect some airfreight, one of the workers there gave me a ride back to the University in his car. At Thanksgiving I was hosted by a family who had this complete stranger in their house for this family-oriented occasion. Although Philadelphia was a big and sometimes strange city after Christchurch, I was made to feel very welcome.

What areas of the binational relationship have you focused on in your time as New Zealand's Ambassador to the United States?

Together with my colleagues in the Embassy, I've tried to focus on strengthening New Zealand's relationship across a wide range of areas where we have similar interests to the US; in the defence area, in trade, in homeland security, in education, in science. We've looked for practical things we can do together, often to tackle regional or global issues both countries feel strongly about. In my experience relationships get stronger by doing things together.

Looking forward, which areas of cooperation do you think will drive the relationship forward?

What makes this relationship different from some others we have, is that it is based on shared values such as a commitment to democracy, the rule of law, human rights and free enterprise. Because of this, and its importance to New Zealand, I expect it to continue to be a very wideranging relationship. From time to time we will want to focus on particular goals; currently we'd like to achieve a successful trade agreement through completing the Trans-Pacific Partnership. We are much more likely to succeed in my view if our relationship is broad and deep, and creates a sense amongst Americans that New Zealand is a worthwhile partner.

How did it feel to recently be honoured as an esteemed alumnus of the Fulbright programme?

I felt very honoured and very humble. I was fortunate to be in a position to be able to give a little back to the Fulbright Programme because of my position as Ambassador but overall I benefited enormously from Senator Fulbright's vision. I continue to believe the Fulbright Programme is as relevant today as it was when it was established 60 years ago.

In the modern "global village", how important are individuals' personal ambassadorial qualities to advancing mutual understanding?

Very. Particularly for a country with a small population we may well be judged for better or worse by the impact of individual, often chance, meetings. We shouldn't underestimate the power of building a better world, one relationship at a time!

Alumni Voice



Roy Ferguson

"We shouldn't underestimate the power of building a better world, one relationship at a time!"

Awarded

Fulbright-Platinum Triangle Scholarship in Entrepreneurship

Carl Sanders-Edwards from Thames will complete 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 will complete 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 will complete 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 will research 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 will complete a PhD in Chemistry, specialising in the biological chemistry of plants, at Washington State University in Pullman.

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

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

Stephanie Mitchell from Auckland will complete 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 will complete 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 will complete 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 will complete 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 will complete a PhD in Microbiology, specialising in extremophilic microorganisms in deep-sea vent environments, at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Ben Trieu from Auckland will complete 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 will complete 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 will complete 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 will complete a Master of Laws degree, specialising in business and human rights law, at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

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

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

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

Kristian Schmidt from Porirua will complete 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 will complete a Master of Laws degree, specialising in competition law and water regulation, at New York University.

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

Miri Young from Wellington will complete a Master of Humanities and Social Thought degree and an Advanced Certificate in Museum Studies, specialising in memorials, monuments and museums dedicated to memorialising cultural trauma, at New York University.

Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Pacific Writer's Residency

Makerita Urale (see Departures)

Fulbright-Harkness New Zealand Fellowship

Sacha McMeeking from Christchurch will research the role of indigenous leadership in corporate citizenship, at a US university.

Fulbright New Zealand Travel Awards

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

Gaylynn Carter (see Departures)

Ross Notman from the University of Otago will give 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.

Acushla Dee O'Carroll (see Departures)

Fulbright Specialist Awards

Cynthia Poindexter (See Arrivals)

Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowships in Public Policy

Ian Boisvert from Edgcomb Law Group will research New Zealand's permitting regime for marine energy devices, at Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA).

Victoria Johnson from the National Commission on Children and Disasters will research New Zealand's national school disaster preparedness programme, at the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management.

Jonathan Karp from the US Securities and Exchange Commission will research New Zealand's model for corporate financial disclosure, at the Securities Commission and the Companies Office.

David Wiley from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration will research scientific research in support of decision-making in marine protected areas, at the Department of Conservation. ➤

Arrivals and Departures

Departures:

International Fulbright Science and Technology Awards

Jonathan Squire from Dunedin will complete a PhD in Physics, specialising in plasma physics for nuclear fusion energy production, at Princeton University in Princeton, New Jersey. Jonathan departs in August.

Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Pacific Writer's Residency

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

Fulbright New Zealand Senior Scholar Awards

Keith Petrie from the University of Auckland will research the effects of patients' perceptions of their illness on placebo treatments, at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Keith departs in August.

Fulbright Visiting Scholar Awards in New Zealand Studies

Lydia Wevers from Victoria University of Wellington will research interactions and links between contemporary New Zealand literature and America, and teach a course on contemporary New Zealand literature, at Georgetown University in Washington, DC for their Fall 2010 semester. Lydia departs in August.

Fulbright New Zealand Travel Awards

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. Gaylyne departed in July.

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

Arrivals:**Fulbright Specialist Awards**

The University of Otago will host Van McCrary from Stony Brook University, who will give lectures and seminars on the impact of law on medical decision-making in the US. Van arrives in September.

The University of Auckland is hosting Cynthia Poindexter from Fordham University, who is teaching, conducting workshops and collaborating on research in HIV-related topics. Cynthia arrived in June. ➤

Returning Grantees

Fulbright Visiting Scholar Awards in New Zealand Studies

Douglas Pratt from the University of Waikato returned to New Zealand in

May, having researched religious pluralism and extremism, Christian-Muslim relations and interfaith dialogue, and taught a course on religious plurality and the problem of extremism, at Georgetown University in Washington, DC for their Spring 2010 semester.

Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Programme

Evan Poata-Smith from AUT University returned to New Zealand in June, having taught courses in Indigenous Studies at Northern Arizona University and engaged in community outreach activities to neighbouring indigenous colleges and community organisations.

Fulbright US Senior Scholar Awards

Tomasz Baumiller from the University of Michigan returned to the US in July, having researched Oligocene fossil evidence for the role of predation as an evolutionary force, at the University of Otago.

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

Tom Preston from Washington State University returned to the US in June, having lectured on American foreign policy, at Victoria University of Wellington. ➤

Finding satisfaction in New Zealand

Amanda Wood from Newburgh, Indiana is one of twelve 2010 Fulbright US Graduate Students currently based at New Zealand universities. She 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.

"This will change your life forever." That was the most common phrase said to me before I embarked upon my Fulbright experience. I thought, of course this will change me, I am moving to a different country! Yet I could not possibly imagine how much I would learn, not only about my research area, but also about life, people and culture; how much I would see and experience; and most importantly, how much I would change.

Fulbright is about stepping outside of your comfort zone and seeing what can be gained from embracing the change. I graduated from Indiana University with a degree in nutrition science and a focus on adolescent obesity. While in New Zealand, I am completing an Honours degree in Population Health at the University of Auckland. This was quite a change for me – transitioning from chemical structures and formulas to public health policy and theoretical paradigms. However, I have enjoyed exploring a new area of nutrition and broadening my perspective on health research.

During my time in Auckland, I am researching factors associated with body weight satisfaction among New Zealand secondary school adolescents (age 13-17). National statistics are available in New Zealand from the Youth '07 Survey, which was given to over 9,000 secondary school boys and girls from all over the country. I will be looking at a sampling of demographic, social, personal, and familial factors that are associated with body weight satisfaction to determine the prevalence and characteristics of adolescents with high body satisfaction.

Research shows New Zealand has relatively high levels of body weight satisfaction when compared to countries such as the United States – approximately 50 percent of New Zealand boys and girls are satisfied with their body

weight. As a result, understanding the characteristics of New Zealand adolescents with high body satisfaction is critical learning to help those who are not satisfied with their body weight. With body dissatisfaction becoming a more common global issue, intervention programs prove necessary to prevent the negative factors associated with low body satisfaction, such as high rates of disordered eating, depression, lower self-esteem and decreased social development.

While analysis is ongoing on my project, I have also been busy exploring the wonderful country where I have the opportunity to study. For such a small country, my To See and To Do lists are growing quite long! I have seen exquisite beaches and fantastic mountains, trekked along breathtaking trails, and even tried fish and chips for the first time. But even more exciting than the places I have seen are the people I have met. It has been rare to meet a Kiwi not willing to share stories, help me out when I am a little lost, or extend an invitation for coffee. This truly seems to be a culture of happy, hospitable people.

This may sound like a typical overseas study experience, so how has this really changed me, you ask? I have to admit, while I have traveled outside of the US before, this is my first experience living overseas. Once exposed to the bigger world, the diversity of people and cultures, and the magnificent possibility of international relationships, it is impossible to look back. My small window of opportunity suddenly became a massive world of opportunity. The Fulbright program has enabled me to share in the discovery of so many past Fulbrighters, which is a much greater appreciation and knowledge of the world around us.

It is hard to believe that I am already halfway finished with my Fulbright award, but I can already look back on fond memories. From whale watching to horse trekking, tramping to relaxing in hot pools, New Zealand has no lack of beautiful sights to see and exciting things to do. Whether I am exploring this country in the classroom or outdoors, I am thankful Fulbright allowed me to come here, and it is an experience that has forever and completely changed my life. ➤

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