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2010 International Fulbright Science and Technology Award recipient **Jonathan Squire** from Dunedin

Major award to young New Zealand scientist

A Dunedin student with a view of a clean and safe nuclear-powered future has been recognised as one of the world’s top young scientists and will complete his PhD at a leading American university, having been granted a prestigious International Fulbright Science and Technology Award. Only 40 of the awards are presented worldwide each year, to top students from participating countries in the Fulbright exchange programme. Fulbright New Zealand has been successful in nominating candidates in each of the competition’s four rounds to date.

This year’s recipient, University of Otago honours student Jonathan Squire, was selected from over 150 nominees put forward by 76 countries for 2010 International Fulbright Science and Technology Awards. Jonathan’s award will fund the full costs of completing a five year PhD in the United States of America, where he plans to research energy production by nuclear fusion – a process in which the nuclei of atoms are fused together, releasing enormous amounts of energy, as occurs naturally in the core of the Sun. Unlike traditional nuclear energy production by nuclear fission (splitting of atoms), the developing technology of nuclear fusion promises a future of clean, sustainable and reliable energy with very little resource depletion, and is seen as one possible solution to the looming energy crisis caused by the depletion of fossil fuels.

As Jonathan explains, the US is a powerhouse in the international field of nuclear fusion research: “The nature of fusion research means the experiments are complex, with many components, and therefore very costly. Much of the research is conducted by large, multidisciplinary teams, and consequently no experiments are currently taking place in New Zealand. I’m hoping to study at either Princeton University or

MIT, both of which have strong graduate programmes in the area of fusion research and seem to be really exciting and vibrant places to study.”

He estimates that “it will probably be 40 or 50 years or so before fusion becomes a commercially viable energy option,” and says that while the technology is unlikely to be needed in New Zealand, it could offer the country greater security of power supply. “Nuclear fusion offers incredible promise in the production of clean energy and has the potential to revolutionise the way we produce power. New Zealand is in the enviable position of having plentiful resources for sustainable power generation. However, there are some large difficulties with the volatility and unpredictability of conventional renewable energy sources (solar, wind etc.) and fusion power promises to overcome these.” ➤



Previous International Fulbright Science and Technology Award recipients **Irene Ballagh, Alana Alexander, Wynton Moore** and **Jessica Rodrigues** (clockwise from top left)

Editorial



Mele Wendt, Executive Director

From the desk of the Executive Director

Happy New Year to you! We hope you had an enjoyable Holiday season.

Late last year lawyer David Huebner was sworn in as the new US Ambassador to New Zealand and Samoa. We look forward to working with Ambassador Huebner over the next several years. Upon his arrival, the Ambassador noted of the bilateral relationship between the US and New Zealand that "ties are stronger than they have been in decades, and ... the partnership between our two great democracies continues to broaden and deepen". Of course the Fulbright programme plays a strong role in that positive relationship, because there are so many benefits from the exchange of individual scholars living in and learning about the other country and forming lasting relationships.

We are so pleased to be implementing a new fellowship programme later this month in partnership with the New Zealand Harkness Fellowships Trust, which comprises a small number of dedicated Harkness alumni who have worked hard over many years to fundraise and implement a Harkness Fellowship in areas other than health. This annual fellowship is moderate in remuneration but will bring huge benefits to its recipients and to improving the cross-fertilisation of ideas and experience between New Zealand and the United States. Harkness alumnus Richard Faull is the person who's made it happen – thanks so much Richard.

In February we will welcome all the incoming American grantees for 2010 with an Orientation in Wellington.

This is always a busy but thoroughly enjoyable time for us as we get to know the grantees and their families and help them transition into their soon-to-be wonderful stints in New Zealand, however long. They will be here anywhere from three months to a year or more, depending on how much they like it! At the same time I think about our New Zealand Fulbrighters over in the US, in their first winter there and the terribly severe weather at the moment. Keep warm and safe!

Moving on to Board news, Dr Helen Anderson was recently appointed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs as a New Zealand representative on the Fulbright New Zealand Board. Helen is a Fulbright alumna, having been a Research Scholar to the University of California in 1990. She will soon step down as Chief Executive of the Ministry for Research, Science and Technology after serving six years, along with her preceding six years as Chief Scientific Adviser at MoRST. We are thrilled with Helen's appointment as she brings huge knowledge and experience, along with commitment to the Fulbright programme. It is mostly thanks to her that we have the 10 Fulbright-MoRST graduate awards offered each year. Helen's appointment brings the Fulbright Board to its full complement of 12 members.

We look forward to another fruitful year here at Fulbright New Zealand and hopefully seeing you sometime in 2010.

Fulbright News



Fulbright "family" celebrates Thanksgiving

Fulbright New Zealand American student grantees, staff, Board members and special guests gathered in Wellington to celebrate a family-style Thanksgiving on November 26th. Traditionally hosted at the US Ambassador's residence in Lower Hutt, this year the annual Fulbright Thanksgiving dinner was held at Whitby's Restaurant in the James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor in Wellington, as the US Embassy awaited the appointment and arrival of a new Ambassador.

Special guests at the dinner included New Zealand-based businessman Baron Ralph von Kohorn, who served on the Fulbright New Zealand Board for a remarkable 29 years from 1965-1994. Baron von Kohorn recalled how he had introduced New Zealand-based selection panels for choosing grantees, a practise which continues to this day.

Fulbright alumna Helen Anderson, Chief Executive of the Ministry of Research, Science and Technology (MoRST), was another special guest, and was acknowledged for her commitment of MoRST sponsorship for a dozen-odd additional Fulbright graduate awards for New Zealanders each year since 2006.

Serving ex-officio Fulbright New Zealand Board members David Taylor, Director of the Americas Division of the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and Bob Clarke, Chargé D'Affaires at the US Embassy in Wellington, spoke on behalf of their respective governments to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving and wish the soon-to-be-departing

American grantees in attendance all the best for their lives back home in America.

Earlier in the day, the 2009 cohort of 14 Fulbright US Graduate Students gathered at the Fulbright New Zealand offices to give final reports on their exchange year in New Zealand, which was drawing to a close. Most had travelled extensively throughout New Zealand (and in several cases, the Pacific) in addition to conducting their nominated course of study or research, and several students will stay on at New Zealand universities for further study in 2010. ➤



Former Fulbright New Zealand Board member **Baron Ralph von Kohorn** reminisces about his time on the Board

Complementary Harkness Fellowship launched

The New Zealand Harkness Fellowship Trust and Fulbright New Zealand have partnered to offer a new exchange opportunity for New Zealanders, complementing the existing Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy and Practice which are offered by the Commonwealth Fund.

Before being restricted to the field of health care in 1997, Harkness Fellowships were available in a wide range of fields including business, politics, creative arts and journalism. Many of New Zealand's Harkness Fellowships alumni are from those fields, and it has long been an aim of the New Zealand Harkness Fellowships Trust, chaired by Professor Richard Faull, to reinstate exchange Fellowships in fields other than health care.

Richard Faull and his committee have worked long and hard to implement the new Fulbright-Harkness New Zealand Fellowships, which will complement the existing Harkness Fellowships by providing exchange opportunities for emerging New Zealand leaders in

fields other than health care to study or research in the US for a minimum of six weeks in their chosen field. One fellowship valued at NZ\$15,000 will be offered each year, with applications for the first fellowship closing on 15 March 2010. Further details of the award and an application form are available on the Fulbright New Zealand website – www.fulbright.org.nz

Meanwhile, the 2010-2011 Harkness Fellow in Health Care Policy and Practice was selected in Auckland in December, by a panel including Harkness alumni, New Zealand Harkness Fellowship Trust Board members and Robin Osborn and John Craig from the Commonwealth Fund in New York. The selected fellow was Robyn Whittaker from the University of Auckland's Clinical Trials Research Unit, who proposed to research whether innovations in health information technology actually deliver improved access or reduced inequalities in health status, as is often predicted. ►

Harkness News



Richard Faull

New US Ambassador arrives in New Zealand

Fulbright New Zealand welcomes David Huebner, the new US Ambassador to New Zealand, who was sworn in and arrived in Wellington to take up his post in December. As Ambassador, he serves as an Honorary Chairperson of Fulbright New Zealand along with New Zealand's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Murray McCully.

Mr Huebner was nominated as Ambassador to both New Zealand and Samoa by President Obama in October, and sworn in as Ambassador by US Vice President Joe Biden at a White House ceremony on December 4th before travelling to New Zealand where he presented his credentials to the Governor General Hon Anand Satyanand at Government House Vogel on December 9th.

Before his appointment as Ambassador, Mr Huebner was a partner in the law firm Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton, where he headed the law firm's China Practice and International Disputes Practice. Based in Shanghai, he specialised in international arbitration and

mediation and handled a wide range of matters across the Pacific Rim region.

Ambassador Huebner has long been active in civic, non-profit and educational activities. A native of Pennsylvania, he is a graduate of Princeton and Yale Universities and has taught at the University of Southern California's Gould School of Law.

When presenting his credentials to the Governor-General, Mr Huebner said: "I can imagine no higher privilege than to serve my country as its Ambassador. I am particularly honoured to serve in New Zealand – a nation of great natural beauty, generosity of spirit, and strength of character – at this time when our ties are stronger than they have been in decades, and when the partnership between our two great democracies continues to broaden and deepen ... As Ambassador, I will do all I can to strengthen our already close relationship, and to find additional ways to collaborate in making a positive difference together in our world." ►

Fulbright News



David Huebner

Outreach Tour reformatted for 2010

Fulbright New Zealand's annual promotional Outreach Tour of universities, polytechnics and wānanga around New Zealand will be reformatted in 2010 to allow for separate visits promoting student and scholar awards at times best suited to their respective application closing dates. This coincides with several changes in Scholar Award closing dates.

In March/April, Fulbright New Zealand's Scholar Awards programme manager Martin Boswell will visit various tertiary institutions around the country to conduct information sessions promoting the range of awards available to academics, artists and professionals. This precedes a consolidated application closing date of 1 July for five such awards – the majority of Fulbright exchange opportunities for New Zealand scholars.

In a second wave of Outreach activities in May, Student Awards programme manager Kara Wood will visit institutions to promote the range of Fulbright graduate awards available to students. Her visits will include

attendance at several larger universities' careers fairs, as in recent years, and dedicated information sessions elsewhere. ►

Fulbright New Zealand Outreach Tour 2010 Scholar Awards presentation dates for faculty/staff

Wednesday 10 March:

Victoria University of Wellington

Thursday 18 March:

University of Canterbury, CPIT and Lincoln University

Friday 19 March:

Otago Polytechnic and University of Otago

Thursday 25 March:

University of Auckland and AUT University

Friday 26 March:

Massey University Albany and Unitec

Tuesday 27 April:

Manukau Institute of Technology

See www.fulbright.org.nz for full details

In Brief



Paul Samuelson

Photo: MIT News Office/Donna Coveney

Alumni News

Fulbright alumnus **Brian Opie** (1984 NZ Research Scholar) was recognised for his distinguished service to the humanities with Te Whāinga Aronui The Council for the Humanities' Pou Aronui Award in November. Brian helped found the Council and several other similar organisations and was instrumental in gaining access for the humanities to the government's Marsden Fund for research.

Two alumni were honoured at the Royal Society of New Zealand's Science Honours Dinner in November. **Ken McNatty** (1977 Harkness Fellowship) was awarded the Pickering Medal for excellence and innovation in the practical application in technology, for his outstanding contribution to the field of reproductive biology. He received a cash prize of \$15,000 to further his research. **John Barrington** (1982 NZ Research Scholar) was awarded the New Zealand Association of Research in Education's McKenzie Award for education research. Earlier in November, Fulbright alumni **Philippa Gander** (1980 NZ Graduate Student) and **Hamish Spencer** (1983 NZ Graduate Student) were among ten top New Zealand scientists elected as Fellows of the Royal Society, and **Wendy Larner** (2003 NZ Research Scholar) was one of four researchers working overseas who were elected as Honorary Fellows.

Fulbright alumna **Rebecca Reider** (2005 US Graduate Student) has published an account of the infamous Biosphere 2 project – one of the largest ecology experiments ever undertaken, in which eight people lived in a gigantic glass terrarium for two years from 1991. Rebecca, who visited the facility as a student researcher in 1999, has undertaken several years of investigation, archival research, interviews and dialogue with the project's creators. The resulting book, *Dreaming The Biosphere*, is available now from the University of New Mexico Press.

Fulbright alumnus **Roger Horrocks** (1963 NZ Graduate Student) has curated an exhibition and written an accompanying book on the life and art of his friend Len Lye, one of New Zealand's most original artists. The exhibition, *Art That Moves: The Work of Len Lye*, focuses on Lye's exploration of "the mystery of movement" in his films and kinetic sculptures, and includes the debut of new a sculpture. The book of the same name, published by Auckland University Press in November, includes a DVD featuring four of Lye's films, footage of his kinetic sculptures and an 18 minute film directed by Roger which portrays the artist's early years. The *Art That Moves* exhibition is on at the University of Auckland's Gus Fisher Gallery until 6 February.

The 60 year career in architecture of Fulbright alumnus **Bill Toomath** (1952 NZ Graduate Student) will be celebrated with an exhibition at the Hirschfeld Gallery in Wellington (part of the newly-renovated City Gallery) from 29 January-14 March. *Bill Toomath: Liberating Everyday Life* will focus on three major projects demonstrating his personal articulation of the modernist concept of open planning, including a house designed for his parents and a studio extension to his own home in Roseneath.

Filmmaking Fulbright alumni **Corrie Francis** (2004 US Graduate Student) and **Dawson Dunning** (2009 US Graduate Student) will have their work screened at the Fulbright Academy of Science and Technology's (FAST) first International Fulbright Film Festival in March. The film festival will be held in San Francisco from 11-14 March, coinciding with FAST's fifth annual conference, which is on the theme of 'Sustainability: Fulbright Scholars Shaping Tomorrow's Future Today'. See www.fulbrightacademy.org for details. ►

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

In Memoriam

Fulbright alumnus **Sir Don Beaven** (1958 NZ Research Scholar) died tragically in a house fire in November, aged 85. A renowned diabetes researcher and campaigner, Sir Don received many awards and honours during his distinguished career including appointment as a Distinguished Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 2005. His Fulbright exchange in 1958 was to conduct diabetes research for 15 months at Harvard Medical School.

Nobel Prize-winning American economist and Fulbright New Zealand alumnus **Paul Samuelson** (1973 US Distinguished Lecturer) died in December, aged 94. Professor Samuelson won the Nobel Prize in Economics in 1970 for his development of dynamic theory and stability analysis, and his active contribution to raising the level of methodological analysis in economic science. He visited New Zealand in 1973 as a Fulbright Distinguished Lecturer to give seminars at the Universities of Auckland and Canterbury. Professor Samuelson was the author of the best-selling economics textbook of all time and advised several American presidents during a seven decade career at MIT.

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

Dame Patricia Bergquist, 1989 NZ Research Scholar
David Exley, 1950 NZ Graduate Student
John Weadon, 1951 NZ Graduate Student ►

Important Dates

March

- 1 Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowships in Public Policy applications close
- 15 Fulbright-Harkness New Zealand Fellowship applications close

April

- 1 Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Pacific Writer's Residency applications close
- Fulbright New Zealand Travel Awards applications close
- Fulbright Specialist Awards applications close

May

- 1 International Fulbright Science and Technology Awards applications close

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

Alumni Association update

The energy and enthusiasm of the team that established the Fulbright New Zealand Alumni Association Incorporated is now spreading through the growing number of alumni joining as members. It is a pleasure to see the response to membership invitations and to be welcoming new members including some who have taken out lifetime, ten-year and five-year memberships. It is particularly satisfying to observe the feedback and conversations between members and coordinators as the network and relationships develop.

We are pleased that the Association's Board is now complete with Ben Gerritsen accepting the role of Treasurer. We also welcome Graeme Wake as the Auckland Regional Coordinator, working with a small coordination team to continue the good work of Chris Loh who has transferred to Wellington.

The Association's Coordinator, Jacqui Simpson, has been busy sending membership invitations to all alumni who are on email. We are aware that many alumni are not able to be contacted by email and we

will now be contacting those without email addresses. You are invited to join the Association by completing the membership application form enclosed with this newsletter or contacting Jacqui by phone or email – (04) 974 4119 / admin@fnzaa.org

The Association's Board will be meeting in late February to plan a full programme for 2010. We expect at least three alumni events will be held in each region over the year. In the meantime, we are preparing to welcome the 2010 US grantees to New Zealand and expect an opportunity will be provided for alumni to join us in doing so at regional events in February-March.

Keep checking the Association's website at www.fnzaa.org for the latest news. A members' newsletter will be issued in February to keep you up to date. Thank you for your interest, encouragement and support.

Graham Cochrane

Graham Cochrane, FNZAA Chairperson ►

Alumni Association

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**TE WHAKAWHITINGA
AOTEAROA-AMERIKA**

Dedicated alumna repays Fulbright support

Scientist, scholar and award-winning author Lynley Hood from Dunedin received a Fulbright New Zealand Travel Award in 1985 to research her biography of New Zealand writer and educational pioneer Sylvia Ashton-Warner. She now serves as the Otago-Southland Regional Coordinator for the Fulbright New Zealand Alumni Association, and has been busy organising unique events for the region's alumni.

Your first Fulbright exchange to the US was in 1982 with your husband Jim, who was a Fulbrighter then. What impact did that have on you and your family?

Jim's time at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry was an enriching experience for our whole family (Jim, me and our three young children). In the course of living, learning, working and touring in the US over a whole year we made lasting friendships and gained unforgettable insights into the society, history and culture of the United States. While living in Ann Arbor I read internationally acclaimed New Zealand writer and educationalist Sylvia Ashton-Warner's autobiography. The book haunted me. Ashton-Warner's own story of her life was full of gaps and contradictions and unanswered questions. I became fired with a single-minded ambition: I wanted to write her biography.

What was your own Fulbright exchange in 1985 in aid of, and what did you achieve?

My Fulbright grant enabled me to spend six hectic weeks in the US researching my biography of Sylvia Ashton-Warner, which was my first book. I conducted face-to-face interviews with Ashton-Warner's friends, enemies and colleagues, and studied documents related to her life and work, in Aspen, Atlanta, New York, Boston, Orlando, Phoenix and Olive Hill (Kentucky). I conducted further phone interviews with contacts all over the US. *Sylvia! A Biography of Sylvia Ashton-Warner* was published in 1988 and won several awards including the Goodman Fielder Wattie Book Award (New Zealand's premier book award at that time).

How important was your Fulbright award at the time?

At the time of my Fulbright grant, I was a scientist by

training and a freelance writer by occupation. I had no background in journalism, teaching or literary studies. Unsurprisingly, my initial applications to New Zealand funding bodies were declined. But Fulbright New Zealand took a punt on this unknown upstart. The financial support was vital, but that wasn't all. "Someone out there believes in my work enough to help finance my future," I wrote excitedly in my diary. It was a huge morale boost.

What are you currently working on?

I returned to my scientific roots following my husband's death two years ago from leukaemia. In his final weeks, Jim suffered the excruciating pain of shingles. I was dismayed to learn that this relatively common disorder has received almost no attention from New Zealand's research community. I am now researching the incidence and health burden of shingles in New Zealand as an honorary research fellow at the Webster Centre for Infectious Diseases at the University of Otago Medical School (shingles is classified as an infectious disease because it is caused by the chickenpox virus). My ultimate aim is to improve the outcome for people at risk of shingles. I'm also planning to write a popular science book on the disorder.

What kind of activities has your Fulbright New Zealand Alumni Association group been holding, and what have been some of the most positive experiences for you so far?

Because water goes down the plughole the other way and our seasons are reversed in the Southern Hemisphere, the Otago-Southland FNZAA group has put a New Zealand spin on our favourite US holidays. We held our inaugural "Thanksgiving on the Fourth of July" dinner on 4 July, and a Fourth of July-style BBQ for Thanksgiving. These events will be the focus of our ongoing activities. For me the FNZAA has provided a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the stimulating company of interesting people – New Zealanders and Americans – from a wide range of disciplines, and to return the hospitality afforded to our family during our terms as recipients of Fulbright grants. ►

Alumni Voice



Lynley Hood

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Grantee Voice



Barry Fischer

All roads lead to the Botanic Garden

Barry Fischer from Moraga, California was awarded a 2009 Fulbright US Graduate Award to research opportunities for New Zealand stakeholders to help develop renewable energy projects in Pacific Island nations, at Massey University Wellington. Barry recently completed his Fulbright exchange and headed home by way of the Copenhagen, where he attended the United Nations Climate Change Conference alongside a contingent of young New Zealanders.

In virtually every city I traveled to across New Zealand, I always seemed to find myself in the botanic garden! I have no choice but to find deeper meaning in these gardens' strong pull on me: my Fulbright exchange to New Zealand was an experience through which my professional and creative interests truly bloomed.

From an academic and professional perspective, my Fulbright scholarship enabled me to gain valuable hands-on experience in the area of sustainable energy development. With the support of Massey University's Centre for Energy Research, I set out on a research project to answer the following question: What opportunities exist for New Zealand stakeholders to help achieve clean energy development in the Pacific Islands? Motivated by New Zealand and the United States of America's new International Partnership for Energy Development in Island Nations, I conducted an extensive series of interviews with New Zealand Government officials, energy companies, and academics to gauge their views and interest in Pacific Islands' energy development. Then, as a specific case study, I worked to assess options for delivering electricity to villages in Vanuatu – a Pacific archipelago nation wherein more than 70% of the population (of 230,000) does not have access to reliable electricity.

Based in Wellington, I quickly came to appreciate my adopted city's compactness, fusion of quirkiness and sophistication, and fantastic views. I think my favorite now-defunct Kiwi band, The Mutton Birds, aptly praised Wellington (in a song named after the city) for its convenient layout: "And you can walk everywhere 'cause nowhere's very far." Indeed, my policy-related research efforts were strongly aided by my flat's close proximity to New Zealand's Government Ministries – all of them less than a fifteen-minute downhill walk through the Botanic Garden (or three-minute cable car ride if necessary!). I greatly benefited from, and am profoundly grateful for, my interviews with New Zealand's public servants: a program manager at NZAid helped me to think through the role of energy in Vanuatu society; a Director at the Ministry of Economic Development provided insights about the strengths of the New Zealand energy sector; and experts at the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority connected me with Kiwi companies and consultants who have worked on small-scale renewable energy systems.

In pursuing my Fulbright project, I had the wonderful opportunity to travel around New Zealand to conduct interviews and also to enjoy New Zealand's world famous outdoors (unlike L&P soda, world famous even beyond New Zealand!). My project work took me as far north as Waimauku near Muriwai Beach – where I spent a day learning about a wood-to-electricity technology that might be applicable to Vanuatu – and as far south as Dunedin, where I presented my research at the University of Otago's Energy Research Symposium.

Because I'm always keen on world records, I took the time in Dunedin to stroll up the world's officially steepest street, Baldwin Street. However, a local gentleman I spoke with was adamant that Baldwin is not even the steepest street in Dunedin! My other adventures on the South Island included cruising through Milford and Doubtful Sounds, hiking on Fox Glacier, and conquering the Abel Tasman Coastal Track with friends from the Wellington Tramping Club. I also developed some culinary favorites while in Fiordland and Westland: venison pies and whitebait fritters – Kiwi comfort food at its best!

In between my research obligations and travels, I also found time to explore my creative interests. Perhaps most interesting was my foray into Wellington's comedy community: I became a practicing member of the Wellington Improvisation Troupe, through which I was encouraged to try out stand-up comedy. It turned out that doing stand-up comedy was great fun and was also a terrific platform for me to comment on my cultural observations about being an American living in New Zealand. I think one of my most original jokes involved pointing out that, even though the All Whites (New Zealand men's national soccer team) defeated Bahrain to qualify for the 2010 World Cup, the two countries have some key similarities: "Baa, Rain... you know, because New Zealand has a lot of sheep, and a lot of precipitation." Well, maybe it was not one of my best jokes, but it was definitely original!

Even after concluding my Fulbright scholarship in New Zealand, I have actively kept in touch with Kiwi friends, and I have also formed new friendships with Kiwis on the other side of the world. In particular, just a few days after departing Wellington, I landed in Copenhagen where I would serve as a non-governmental observer at the United Nations Climate Change Negotiations from 7-18 December. Upon arriving at the conference, I quickly spotted and connected with the New Zealand Youth Delegation – a group of approximately fifteen young Kiwis who had traveled to Copenhagen to encourage New Zealand and other countries to sign a binding and ambitious agreement to curb global climate change. The New Zealand Youth Delegation generously took me under their wing and even invited me to attend a reception at the New Zealand Consulate in Denmark. Although I was the only American at the reception, I did not feel out of place – surely an indicator of how my Fulbright experience, in a life-changing way, had decisively opened my eyes and mind to New Zealand's people, culture, and ideas. ➤



Barry Fischer pictured during a research trip to Vanuatu

Awarded

International Fulbright Science and Technology Awards

Jonathan Squire from Dunedin will complete a PhD in Physics, specialising in energy production by nuclear fusion, at a US university.

Fulbright New Zealand Travel Awards

Anne-Marie Brady (see Departures)

Kathy Dudding (see Departures)

Gareth Farr (see Departures)

Audrey McKinlay (see Departures)

John Prebble (see Departures)

Fulbright Specialist Awards

Wayne Miyamoto (see Arrivals)

Charles Schewe (see Arrivals) ►

Arrivals and Departures

Arrivals:

Fulbright US Graduate Awards

Elizabeth Beall from Penfield, New York will research the economic potential of sustainable forestry management on Māori land, at Victoria University of Wellington. Elizabeth arrives in February.

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

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

Hannah Frank from Pasadena, California will research genetic and immunological evidence of inbreeding in North Brother Island Tuatara, at Victoria University of Wellington. Hannah arrives in February.

Lauren Long from Stuart, Florida will complete a Master of Philosophy degree in Ecology, specialising in the longterm effectiveness of denitrification walls for nitrate removal from groundwater systems, at the University of Waikato. Lauren arrives in February.

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

Kyle Meyer from Wayzata, Minnesota will research the ecology of symbiotic microorganisms in New Zealand sponges, at the University of Auckland. Kyle arrived in January.

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

Michael Roman from Mason, Ohio will research I-Kiribati migrants' assimilation to new environments and development of transnational identity, at the University of Waikato, towards a PhD in Anthropology from the University of Pittsburgh. Michael arrived in January.

Amanda Wood from Newburgh, Indiana will complete a Bachelor of Health Sciences (Honours) degree in Public Health, specialising in determinants of obesity among Pacific Island children in New Zealand, at the University of Auckland. Amanda arrives in February.

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

Min Wu from Olney, Maryland will research the effect of health care on development in children with prenatal exposure to methamphetamine, at the University of Auckland. Min arrives in February.

Fulbright US Senior Scholar Awards

Tomasz Baumiller from the University of Michigan will research Oligocene fossil evidence for the role of predation as an evolutionary force, at the University of Otago. Tomasz arrives in February.

Dee Boersma from the University of Washington is making a documentary film about Yellow-eyed Penguins and will teach classes in natural history filmmaking, at the University of Otago. Dee arrived in January.

Daniel McNeil from West Virginia University is researching the psychological and social impact of a proposed exchange programme for Native American students to visit New Zealand, at the University of Waikato. Daniel arrived in January.

Tom Preston from Washington State University will teach a course on American foreign policy, at Victoria University of Wellington. Tom arrives in February.

Howard Schiffman from New York University will research the development of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation, at the University of Waikato. Howard arrives in February.

Halaevalu Vakalahi from George Mason University will research grandparenting among Pacific peoples in New Zealand, at Massey University Palmerston North. Halaevalu arrives in February.

Fulbright Specialist Awards

The University of Canterbury will host **Wayne Miyamoto** from the University of Hawai'i, who will give lectures and workshops on printmaking. Wayne arrives in February.

Massey University Albany will host **Charles Schewe** from the University of Massachusetts, who will collaborate on research into demographic generational cohort analysis and give lectures on consumer behaviour. Charles arrives in February.

Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowships in Public Policy

Laura Benedict from Self-Help will research strengthening New Zealand's non-profit sector through social lending and investment, at the Ministry of Social Development. Laura arrived in January.

Terri Dunahay from the US Department of Agriculture will research factors influencing the environmental release and commercial adoption of genetically modified plants in New Zealand, at the Ministry of Research, Science and Technology. Terri arrived in January.

Louritha Green from US Customs and Border Protection will research establishment of a New Zealand-United States joint action plan for recovery from serious trade disruptions, at the New Zealand Customs Service. Louritha arrived in January.

Hillery Harvey from the US National Institutes of Health will research partnerships between human and animal health communities in New Zealand, at the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. Hillery arrived in January.

Arnelle Hinkle from CANFIT will research implementation of the Healthy Eating – Healthy Action strategy in Māori and Pacific adolescent populations, at the Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs. Arnelle arrived in January.

Departures:

Fulbright New Zealand Travel Awards

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

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

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

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

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

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Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowships in Public Policy

For outstanding mid-career US professionals to research and gain first-hand experience of public policy in New Zealand for seven months. A small number of fellowships valued at up to NZ\$45,500 (plus travel expenses) are offered each year. **Applications close 1 March 2010**

Fulbright-Harkness New Zealand Fellowship

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. One fellowship valued at NZ\$15,000 is offered each year. **Applications close 15 March 2010**

Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Pacific Writer's Residency

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Fulbright New Zealand Travel Awards

For New Zealand academics, artists or professionals to visit the US for 12 to 90 days in order to present their work to American audiences. 10 to 15 awards valued at up to NZ\$5,000 are offered each year. **Applications close 1 April, 1 July and 1 November 2010**

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International Fulbright Science and Technology Awards

For promising graduate students from around the world to undertake fully-funded PhD study at top US universities in fields of science, technology or engineering. Approximately 40 awards with an estimated value over NZ\$350,000 are offered internationally each year. **Applications close 1 May 2010**

Fulbright New Zealand Senior Scholar Awards

For New Zealand academics, artists or professionals to lecture and/or conduct research in the US for three to five months. A small number of awards valued at up to US\$32,500 (plus travel expenses) are offered each year. **Applications close 1 July 2010**

Fulbright Visiting Scholar Awards in New Zealand Studies

For New Zealand academics to conduct research and teach New Zealand Studies at Georgetown University in Washington, DC for one or two semesters. Two awards – one per semester – valued at up to US\$32,500 (plus travel expenses) are offered each year. **Applications close 1 July 2010**

Fulbright-Cognition Scholar Award in Education Research

For a New Zealand educator or scholar to pursue research in the US designed to have an impact on New Zealand schooling and student achievement, for three to five months. One award valued at up to US\$32,500 (plus travel expenses) is offered each year. **Applications close 1 July 2010**

Fulbright-Ministry of Research, Science & Technology Graduate Awards

For promising New Zealand graduate students to undertake postgraduate study or research at US institutions in fields targeted to support growth and innovation in New Zealand. Approximately 10 awards valued at up to US\$25,000 (plus travel expenses) are offered each year. **Applications close 1 August 2010**

Fulbright-EQC Graduate Award in Natural Disaster Research

For a promising New Zealand graduate student to undertake postgraduate study or research at a US institution in the field of natural disaster research. One award valued at up to US\$25,000 (plus travel expenses) is offered each year. **Applications close 1 August 2010**

Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Awards

For promising New Zealand graduate students to undertake postgraduate study or research at US institutions in any field. Approximately eight awards valued at up to US\$25,000 (plus travel expenses) are offered each year. **Applications close 1 August 2010**

Fulbright US Senior Scholar Awards

For US academics, artists or professionals to lecture and/or conduct research in New Zealand for three to five months. A small number of awards valued at up to NZ\$32,500 (plus travel expenses) are offered each year. **Applications close 1 August 2010**

Fulbright-Wallace Arts Trust Award

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. One award valued at over US\$30,000 is offered each year. **Applications close 13 August 2010**

Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy and Practice

For promising New Zealand health policy researchers and practitioners to conduct a policy-orientated research project and work with leading health policy experts in the US for up to 12 months. One or two fellowships valued at up to US\$107,000 are offered each year. **Applications close 13 September 2010**

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For promising US graduate students to undertake postgraduate study or research in any field at New Zealand institutions. Approximately 10 awards valued at up to NZ\$30,000 (plus travel expenses) are offered each year. **Applications close 20 October 2010**

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