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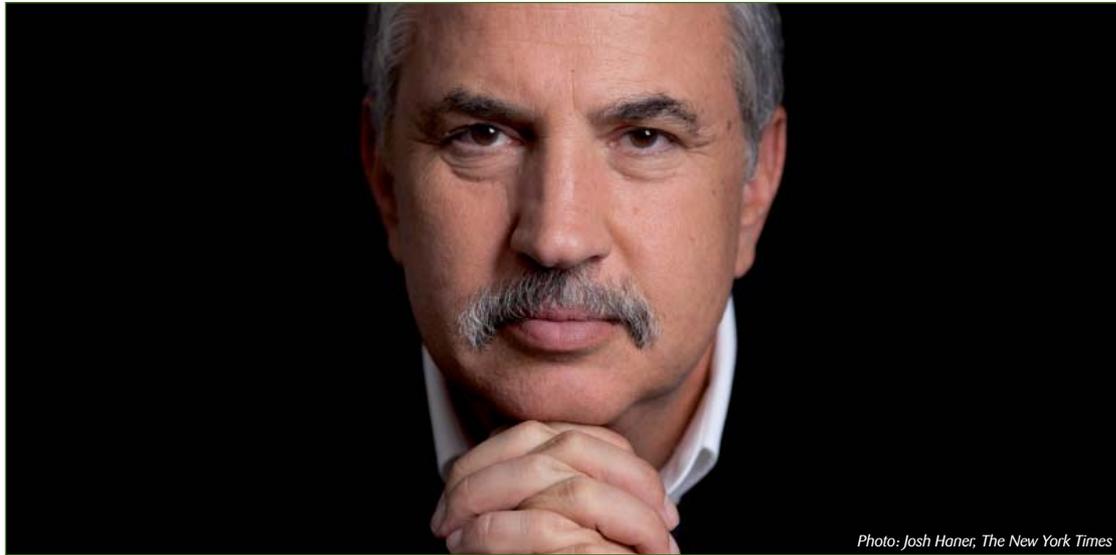


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Author, reporter, and columnist **Thomas Friedman** will participate in the 2012 New Zealand International Arts Festival's Writers and Readers Week in March, as a John F Kennedy Memorial Fellow

## Renowned US writer to visit as Kennedy Fellow

**Internationally renowned American author, reporter, and columnist Thomas Friedman will lead a top-shelf literary line-up at the 2012 New Zealand International Arts Festival's Writers and Readers Week in March, as a John F Kennedy Memorial Fellow.**

One of the planet's most influential public intellectuals, Thomas Friedman is a foreign affairs columnist for *The New York Times*, the recipient of three Pulitzer Prizes and the author of six bestselling books. In being recognised by Fulbright New Zealand with a John F Kennedy Fellowship, he joins a list of eighteen eminent American thinkers including Thurgood Marshall, Harlan Cleveland, Paul Volcker and Joseph Stiglitz, who have visited New Zealand for speaking and teaching engagements in honour of President Kennedy since a memorial fund was established in his name following his death in 1963.

An international exchange alumnus who obtained his PhD from the University of Oxford on a Marshall Scholarship, Thomas Friedman has written for *The New York Times* since 1981. He earned his first Pulitzer Prize for International Reporting two years later as the paper's Beirut Bureau Chief, for his reporting of the Israeli invasion of Beirut and its tragic aftermath. His second Pulitzer Prize, also for International Reporting, was in 1988 for balanced and informed coverage of events in Israel. After a decade in the Middle East he was granted a Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship to write his first book, *From Beirut to Jerusalem* (1989). The award-winning book was on the *New York Times* bestseller list for nearly twelve months, has been published in more than 25 languages, and is still used today as a basic textbook on the Middle East in many high schools and universities.

Having returned to the US, Friedman held a number of positions at *The New York Times* in the early 1990s, as Chief Diplomatic Correspondent, Chief White House Correspondent and International Economics Correspondent, before settling into his current position as Foreign Affairs Columnist in 1995. His columns have taken a broad view of foreign affairs, exploring the impacts on international relations of finance, globalisation, environmentalism, biodiversity and technology, as well as covering conventional issues like conflict, traditional diplomacy, and arms control. His third Pulitzer Prize, in 2002, was for post-9/11 columns about war, terrorism, and the clash of democratic Western societies with fundamentalist Muslim ones.

Subsequent books have included *Longitudes and Attitudes: Exploring the World After September 11* published in 2002, *The World Is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-first Century* (2005) which has sold more than four million copies in 37 languages, and *Hot, Flat, and Crowded: Why We Need a Green Revolution – And How it Can Renew America* (2008).

In New Zealand, Thomas Friedman will speak on the current state of America and challenges facing the nation today, themes of his newest book *That Used To Be Us: How America Fell Behind in the World It Invented and How We Can Come Back*, which was co-authored by Michael Mandelbaum and published in September 2011. He will give the closing address of Writers and Readers Week at the Wellington Town Hall on 14 March 2012. Tickets for the event go on sale to the general public from 14 November, but will be available earlier to season ticket holders and Friends of the Festival. See the New Zealand International Arts Festival website at [www.nzfestival.co.nz](http://www.nzfestival.co.nz) for further details. ➤

## Editorial



Helen Anderson, Chairperson

## From the desk of the Chairperson

Kia ora and warm Fulbright greetings to you.

In July I took up the role of Chairperson of Fulbright New Zealand, a position I am delighted to hold. My own Fulbright award took me to the University of California, Santa Cruz in 1990 so it is truly an honour to be able to play a part in enabling others to have a such a life-changing Fulbright experience.

At our most recent board meeting Professor Harlene Hayne was elected Deputy Chair. She is also busy in her new role of Vice Chancellor at the University of Otago, and her experience and commitment to academic excellence fit well with our Fulbright goals. It is great to work with such a committed Board and staff at Fulbright New Zealand, and to enjoy the tremendous support of both governments and other stakeholders who I have already met with in my time as Chair. The Board recently welcomed as a member the US Embassy's new Public Affairs Officer, David Edginton, and farewelled Adrian Pratt who made an excellent contribution on the Board over the past year as Deputy Public Affairs Officer.

The Board recently held a very productive session to review our five year strategic plan. Our emphasis has changed most significantly in consolidating and strengthening existing awards rather than on growth and initiating new schemes. We are also very keen to engage with our alumni better and in doing so reinforce the importance of the Fulbright 'brand' in nurturing and celebrating thought leadership.

Our core mission will remain as it has always been – that is, we want to recruit the best and brightest who go on to have a great Fulbright experience. We want Fulbright to be central to the NZ-US relationship and we must also be a financially sustainable organisation.

Some immediate priorities for us are to consolidate

our core business, strengthen alumni engagement and activities, and develop a broader suite of business awards, expanding on the Fulbright-Platinum Triangle Scholarship programme established by former US Ambassador Charles Swindells and alumna Suzanne Snively. 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 sustainable long-term.

I continue to draw great satisfaction from my various involvements with Fulbright activities. It was a pleasure to again serve alongside other alumni subject experts and partner agency representatives on selection panels for next year's New Zealand graduate awards. The calibre of the young people we interview is humbling, and panel members often nervously joke that they doubt whether they would have made the cut. I am confident that we really are attracting New Zealand's future leaders so I really encourage anyone who is asked to jump at the chance of being on a selection interview panel.

Lastly I want to thank the Fulbright New Zealand Alumni Association for inviting me to speak in Christchurch recently, where it was inspiring to see the resilience and determination among our alumni base in the earthquake-struck region. They are clearly keen to get their alumni programme strengthened and they have now made a great start after two initial attempts were thwarted by earthquakes. I am also delighted to see active and enthusiastic membership of the Alumni Association and it is impressive to see the younger alumni taking things in new directions.

Warm regards,

Helen.

## Fulbright News

## Office entrance relocated

Anyone planning to visit Fulbright New Zealand's office in Wellington in future should note that as part of recent renovations to the ground floor of the building we occupy, the entrance has been shifted from the

Featherston Street side of the building to Waring Taylor Street, around the corner. Our street address remains 120 Featherston Street, but the building entrance is signposted on Waring Taylor Street. ►

## Join our social networks!

Fulbright New Zealand is active on social networking services Facebook, Twitter, Flickr and YouTube, and we encourage you to join us there so we can keep you up-to-date with the latest news and information about our awards, events, grantees and alumni.

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## Axford Fellows report their findings

This year's four Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellows in Public Policy concluded their seven month research projects in August by launching policy reports at a series of public seminars in Wellington. The four American fellows had each been based for the duration of their exchange at government agencies relevant to their topic of research.

Ian Boisvert, a renewable energy attorney from San Francisco, California was based at the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA), researching policy for the management of New Zealand's abundant ocean renewable energy resources – wave power, tidal currents and offshore wind. In his report Ian recommends a new system of Tradable Occupation Rights for the various users of marine space, in order to reduce the likelihood of conflict between users and allow New Zealand to more easily recognise its offshore energy potential.

Victoria Johnson, formerly of the National Commission on Children and Disasters in Washington, DC was based at the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management, where she researched the school disaster preparedness programme *What's the Plan, Stan?* She identified varying levels of uptake, but that those using the programme were very positive about the resource and its benefits. Her recommendations include

integration with other safety education programmes and a national day for disaster drills in schools.

Jonathan Karp from the US Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, DC was based at the Securities Commission and the Companies Office. He researched the New Zealand government's model for corporate financial disclosure, including registration of public corporations and regulation of the publication of corporate financial reports. He identified organisational and operational changes from the New Zealand model which could improve transparency and accountability if adopted into the US financial regulatory regime.

David Wiley from the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary in Scituate, Massachusetts was based at the Department of Conservation, where he researched how scientists can improve the "social power" of their research (ie. its influence on decision making) for the management of marine protected areas. He found that inclusive multi-stakeholder research involving a "team of rivals" is most likely to be accepted by all parties and enacted into policy. ►

All four 2011 Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowships in Public Policy reports are available to download from the Fulbright New Zealand website – [www.fulbright.org.nz](http://www.fulbright.org.nz)

### Axford News



Ian Boisvert

## Alumni lectures mark anniversary of 9/11

The Fulbright New Zealand Alumni Association marked the tenth anniversary of the devastating September 11th terrorist attacks on New York's World Trade Center and the Pentagon by hosting two free public lectures by Fulbright alumnus and University of Otago academic, Professor Robert Patman, in Wellington and Palmerston North.

At both lectures Robert spoke on the topic of his latest book – *Strategic Shortfall: The Somali Syndrome and the March to 9/11* – which challenges the conventional wisdom that the 9/11 terrorist attacks transformed the international security environment overnight.

Taking a longer view of radical changes to the global security environment following the end of the cold war, Robert sought to illuminate the linkage between a disastrous US/UN military operation in Mogadishu, Somalia in 1993 (portrayed in the Hollywood movie *Black Hawk Down*) and the emergence of a permissive security environment which made the events of 11

September 2001 possible. He argued that the US government suffered from a debilitating "Somalia Syndrome" which led to a risk averse approach to intervening in civil wars in failed states.

Robert explained that the Somali conflict also had a significant impact on the evolution of the international terrorist organisation al-Qaeda, which was emboldened by its own role in the conflict and began a series of more direct and dangerous offensives against the United States of America which culminated in the 9/11 attacks. He also reflected briefly on the Bush administration's war on terror following the attacks, and how this military response largely missed the mark. US foreign policy post-9/11 will be the topic of Robert's next book.

Around 125 people attended the Wellington lecture at Victoria University of Wellington on Tuesday 13th September, and 60 attended the Palmerston North lecture at Massey University the following evening. ►

### Fulbright News



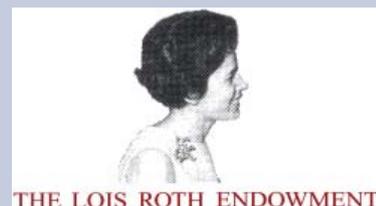
## Supplementary award funds extra study costs

The supplementary Robin W. and Avril Flockton Winks Award will again help one of this year's Fulbright New Zealand Graduate Award recipients with the additional expense of book purchases. Auckland student Divya Dhar received the US\$1,500 award shortly after arriving in the US in August to commence studying towards a Master of Public Policy degree at Harvard University.

Launched in 2006, the Robin W. and Avril Flockton Winks Award is sponsored by the Lois Roth Endowment in honour of one of its founding trustees and a Fulbright alumnus to New Zealand, Robin W. Winks, and his wife Avril Flockton Winks. Robin Winks was a 1952 Fulbright

US Graduate Student in history at the then-Victoria University College in Wellington, and married New Zealander Avril during his exchange. Robin returned to New Zealand to speak at Fulbright New Zealand's 40th anniversary conference in 1988.

One Winks Award valued at US\$1,500 is offered each year to a Fulbright New Zealand Graduate Award recipient in a field of humanities and/or social sciences, and is in addition to their Fulbright award funding. Eight awards have been granted since the award began in 2006. Our thanks to Richard Arndt and the Lois Roth Endowment for their generous support of our New Zealand grantees with this extra award. ►



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## Alumni Association

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**TE WHAKAWHITINGA  
AOTEAROA-AMERIKA**

## Alumni Association update

The past few months have been very busy for the FNZAA as it continues to grow and develop. It is particularly pleasing to report that the Canterbury region is active again and has held an alumni gathering and presentation to re-invigorate activity in the region.

New ground was broken through the first gathering of International Visitor Leadership Programme (IVLP) alumni at the US Embassy in August.

An alumni-initiated and arranged series of 'Fulbright Reflections' in partnership with Te Papa recently had its inaugural presentation. This involved several alumni sharing their remarkable stories with the public in ways that were interesting, inspiring and moving. The series is an example of alumni-initiated and driven activities that the Association wishes to promote.

The Fulbright alumni lectures initiated last year have been presented again in Wellington and Palmerston North with Professor Robert Patman's lecture to mark the tenth anniversary of 9/11. There are plans to extend these to a coordinated series of lectures throughout the regions next year.

The FNZAA Board met in August and set the goals for the next year. These are outlined in the latest newsletter that can be found on our website – [www.fnzaa.org](http://www.fnzaa.org). The support and hard work of the Board members is valued and highly appreciated. All are volunteers who willingly give their time and energy to the work of the Association.

Requests will soon be made for alumni hosts for next year's incoming US grantees. Experience is showing that hosting can be a very satisfying experience for both the hosts and guests with continuing contact and some long-term friendships made. The hosting is of immense value to the incoming US grantees when settling into New Zealand.

Thanks again to Association members for your continuing support, especially to those who have renewed and extended their memberships.

*Graham Cochrane*

Graham Cochrane, FNZAA Chairperson

## In Brief



above: Ian Wedde (photo: Mark Beatty, National Library of New Zealand);  
below: Marcia Bjørnerud



## Alumni News

Fulbright alumni **Leonie Pihama** (2011 NZ Senior Scholar) and **Karina Walters** (2008 US Senior Scholar) will continue their ongoing collaboration as part of the research team for a \$4.27 million Māori health research programme funded by the Health Research Council of New Zealand. The five year research programme will investigate how people recover from the trauma of sexual abuse, imprisonment and cultural disconnection.

Fulbright alumnus **Glyn Harper** (2010 NZ Senior Scholar) will lead the production of a definitive history of New Zealand's involvement in the First World War, to be published in time for the centenary of the Gallipoli campaign in 2015. The nine volume work will be researched and written by Glyn and other top New Zealand military historians, and is a joint project between Massey University (where Glyn is based), the New Zealand Defence Force and the Royal New Zealand Returned and Services' Association.

Fulbright alumnus **Ian Wedde** (2006 NZ Travel Award) was named in August as New Zealand's Poet Laureate for 2011-2013. The Poet Laureate is an accomplished and highly regarded poet who is appointed to, and supported in, the position by the National Library of New Zealand. The Laureate receives \$80,000 over their two-year tenure to be an advocate and public presence for poetry, to be involved in events which promote the reading and writing of poetry, and to create a published work. Ian takes over the reins from fellow Fulbright alum **Cilla McQueen** (1984 NZ Visiting Writer's Fellowship). Work from both poets can be read on the Poet Laureate blog – <http://nzpoetlaureate.natlib.govt.nz>

Two Fulbright alumni have been awarded prestigious post-doctoral science fellowships to further develop their research careers. **Ben Mackey** (2004 NZ Graduate Student) was awarded one of two 2011 Rutherford Foundation Post-Doctoral Fellowships valued at NZ\$186,000, to return to New Zealand and work at the University of Canterbury for two years on developing a new technique for dating the exposure age of basalt

rocks for seismic hazard assessment. **Justin Hodgkiss** (2001 NZ Graduate Student) from Victoria University of Wellington was awarded one of ten 2011 Rutherford Discovery Fellowships, valued at up to NZ\$1 million over five years, to support his research into the photophysics and photochemistry of materials for organic solar cells.

Fulbright alumnus **Jack Body** (2005 NZ Travel Award) was appointed in September as the Auckland Philharmonic Orchestra's Composer-in-Residence for 2012-2013. Jack, who recently retired from his position as Associate Professor of Composition at the New Zealand School of Music, will play an integral part in the orchestra's educational programme as well as composing new music for the orchestra to perform.

Fulbright alumnus **Peter Barrett** (1985 NZ Research Scholar) was elected in September as an Honorary Fellow of the Geological Society of London, the oldest geological society in the world. Honorary Fellows are recognised for their achievements, not only in science, but in acting as ambassadors for geological science and promoting its aims to the wider public. There are currently 71 Honorary Fellows, elected from the Society's more than 10,000 members. Peter is a Professor of Geology at Victoria University of Wellington and has had a long and distinguished career in unravelling Antarctic geological history.

Fulbright alumna **Marcia Bjørnerud** (2009 Fulbright US Senior Scholar) from Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin was recognised in October as the Association of Women Geoscientists' 2011 Outstanding Educator. Marcia was presented with the award, which honours a well-established college or university teacher who has played a significant role in the education and support of women geoscientists both within and outside the classroom, at the Geological Society of America's Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

See the Fulbright New Zealand website for more alumni news – [www.fulbright.org.nz/alumni](http://www.fulbright.org.nz/alumni)

Alumni, please keep us up-to-date with your news and achievements, by email to [andy@fulbright.org.nz](mailto:andy@fulbright.org.nz)

## Golden anniversary of a Fulbright exchange

**Fulbright alumnus Bob Norris was an Assistant Professor of Geology at the University of California, Santa Barbara when he received a 1961 Fulbright US Research Scholar award to research the mineralogy of deep sea marine sediments of the Chatham Rise, east of New Zealand's South Island. 50 years later, he reflects fondly on the Fulbright exchange that fulfilled a childhood dream to visit New Zealand.**

A few weeks ago, I realized that it was fifty years ago that my family and I arrived in Wellington to start a year as a Fulbright Senior Research Scholar at the New Zealand Oceanographic Institute, part of the DSIR. This led to a lifetime of rewards, friendships and even an Australian daughter-in-law! As 90-year-olds are prone to do, I got to thinking of the chain of events that led to my arrival in Wellington on the P&O's *Canberra* in the midst of a wild southerly storm.

It all began about 1937 or 1938 when I was a high school student in California's San Fernando Valley near Los Angeles. One of my teachers had visited New Zealand when M. J. Savage was Prime Minister and much social security legislation was being enacted. She used every opportunity to extol the country's government as well as the beauty of the landscape. I mentally filed her advice away, but as this was in the Great Depression, it was pretty much an idle dream. As a practical matter, I knew that foreign travel might be limited to Mexico and with some luck, Canada.

Fast forward to 1960 when I was a junior Assistant Professor of Geology at the University of California, Santa Barbara. That year we were inaugurating a new Chancellor and the Administration decided to make a real ceremony out of the occasion with a full scale academic procession. Leading American and foreign universities and "learned societies" were invited to send representatives who were expected to come in full academic dress. For reasons never clear to me, the Sigma Xi, a science Honorary Society of which I was a very junior member, asked me to be their representative.

Participants in the procession, all in colorful academic gowns, were arranged in order of their institution or society's date of founding. Sigma Xi was founded in 1886, just about the time the University of New Zealand was established. As a result, I found myself next to Professor Gordon Williams of the Otago School of Mines, representing the then University of New Zealand as he was currently on a sabbatical leave at Stanford University in California. In making small talk, I told him that I had always wanted to visit New Zealand after hearing what my enthusiastic teacher had said many years ago. "Well, why don't you go?" said Professor Williams, not one to mince words. "Because I have a wife and three little kids and a modest Assistant Professor's salary," I replied. "That shouldn't stop you. There are many agencies that support study leave and provide travel costs. Look into it," he responded.

A couple of months after this encounter, my mail included an announcement seeking applications for Fulbright Senior Research Scholarships open for 1961-1962. One of these was at the New Zealand Oceanographic Institute in Wellington. Although I didn't feel I was any sort of a "Senior", I did have degrees in geology and oceanography and had served in the navy in World War II, so I sent in an application. In due course, to my astonishment, I received word that I was now a Fulbright Senior Research Scholar and had funds for travel, housing and general living expenses.

During the six months prior to coming to New Zealand, I subscribed to the two Wellington daily newspapers in succession. I found this was a good way to get a preview of the city and its daily life. One particularly helpful thing the Fulbright program did was to put me in touch with two New Zealand scientists in southern California on Fulbright grants, R. Morrison Cassie and John Yaldwyn, both from Wellington as it turned out. My wife and I invited them to come to Santa Barbara for a weekend and we had two delightful and informative visits with them and their wives.

Fortunately, however, there is no substitute for experience and we still found many little surprises once we arrived in Wellington. For one thing, the weather was *better* than any source of information including the newspapers had led us to believe! The pleasure of discovering these sorts of things should not be denied to anyone.

A few months after we had settled in Wellington, we decided to do a camping tour of the South Island and I was determined to find Professor Williams to thank him for his advice and encouragement to organize a trip to New Zealand. I contacted Otago University and found he was evaluating an oil shale deposit in the Nevis River Valley in Central Otago. They gave me directions to his probable location. Off we went in our little Morris Minor station wagon, all five of us crammed inside, with camping gear on the roof rack. At Cromwell, we were directed to take a rather hair-raising steep gravel road over the Carrick Range and down into the Nevis River Valley. Otago University's directions turned out to be spot-on and we had an enjoyable picnic lunch on the banks of the Nevis River with Professor and Mrs. Williams, a fine setting to thank him for the inspiration he gave me to seek what turned out to be a Fulbright award.

The dividends from the Fulbright year cannot be exaggerated. I have spent three more productive sabbatical years in Wellington, our kids have profited from their New Zealand school experience, and we now have friends from Dunedin to the Bay of Islands, many of whom have visited us when they were on our side of the Pacific. Finally, we have had a chance to explore New Zealand from North Cape to Stewart Island and out to the Chathams. How could you beat that? ►

### Alumni Voice



Bob Norris

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## Important Dates

### 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](http://www.fulbright.org.nz) or contact the Fulbright New Zealand office for more details

## Awarded

### Fulbright New Zealand Senior Scholar Awards

Fiona Cowles (see Departures)

Paul Cullen from AUT University will research collaborative and non-gallery public art practises as part of a sculpture/design intervention for the ArtWeb Alabama project, at Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama.

Jennifer Curtin from the University of Auckland will research career pathways of women politicians in Westminster countries and the US, at Georgetown University in Washington, DC.

Andrew Geddis from the University of Otago will research the socio-legal history of freedom of expression in New Zealand, at Arizona State University in Tempe and the University of California, Los Angeles.

Frances Hughes from Porirua will research the preparation of health professionals for psychosocial response to natural disasters, at Rutgers University in Piscataway, New Jersey.

Shane Telfer from Massey University will research carbon dioxide capture by metal-organic frameworks, at the University of California, Berkeley.

### Fulbright Visiting Scholar Awards in New Zealand Studies

John Hopkins (see Departures)

Holly Thorpe from the University of Waikato will research children and young persons' involvement in extreme sports, and teach a course on sport in New Zealand society, at Georgetown University in Washington, DC for their Fall 2012 semester.

### Fulbright-Ngā Pae o Te Māramatanga Senior Scholar Award

Jacinta Ruru from the University of Otago will research indigenous challenges to Western property law, at Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon.

### Fulbright-Cognition Scholar Award in Education Research

Kate Thornton from Victoria University of Wellington will research mentoring and coaching of teachers and educational leaders, at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

### Fulbright-Wallace Arts Trust Award

Brydee Rood from Auckland will complete a three month residency at Headlands Center for the Arts in Sausalito, California.

### Fulbright New Zealand Travel Awards

Steve Cosgrove from Whitireia New Zealand presented a paper entitled *Bringing together a low-cost networking learning environment* at the Association for Computing Machinery Special Interest Group for Information Technology Education's 12th Annual Conference in West Point, New York.

Catherine Fowler (see Departures)

Laura Revell (see Departures)

Colleen Young (see Departures)

### Fulbright-Ngā Pae o Te Māramatanga Travel Awards

Pefi Kingi from Auckland presented a paper entitled "*Mitaki*" *A Pacific dialogue: Towards indigenous quality, quality assurance and quality assurance activities* at the 2nd Cross Cultural Health Care Conference in Honolulu, Hawai'i.

### Fulbright US Graduate Awards

Megan Couture from South Hadley, Massachusetts will complete a Master of Planning Practice degree, specialising in sustainable urban design in New Zealand, at the University of Auckland.

Nadine Dodge from Salem, Massachusetts will complete a Master of Development Studies degree, specialising in dairy industry development in New Zealand and the US, at Victoria University of Wellington.

Dana Morton from Tracy, California will research patterns of fish recruitment in kelp forests, at Victoria University of Wellington.

Brinkley Warren from Athens, Georgia will create an art exhibition of telematic wishing wells for spontaneous intercultural exchange, at Massey University Palmerston North.

### Fulbright US Senior Scholar Awards

Claudine Bigelow from Brigham Young University will record, perform and teach viola music, at the New Zealand School of Music.

Ted Catton from the University of Montana will research and write a

comparative history of national park protection in the US and New Zealand, at the University of Canterbury.

Jason Julian from the University of Oklahoma will research how land use change and other landscape characteristics affect optical water quality in New Zealand at NIWA (the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research).

Tema Milstein from the University of New Mexico will research cultural and communication practices in marine ecotourism, at AUT University.

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

Craig Lebamoff from the US Department of Homeland Security will research the implications of privacy and sovereignty concerns on NZ-US security cooperation, at the New Zealand Customs Service.

Caroline Park from the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration will research US and New Zealand approaches to sustainable fisheries, at the Ministry of Fisheries.

Christian Stearns from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development will research the use of a sustainability model to aid in implementing recommendations from the Housing Shareholders Advisory Group's report *Home and Housed: A Vision for Social Housing in New Zealand*, at the Department of Building and Housing.

David Vannier from the National Institutes of Health will research primary and secondary school science education practices and policy, at the Ministry of Education.

Bruce Vaughn from the Congressional Research Service will research shared NZ-US interests in promoting stability in the South Pacific, at the Ministry of Defence and Victoria University of Wellington.

Cornelia Weiss from the United States Air Force Reserves will research the impact of military justice, human rights and the rule of law on New Zealand Defence Force operations, at the New Zealand Defence Force.

### Fulbright Specialist Awards

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.

Graydon Lord (see Arrivals) ►

## Arrivals and Departures

### Arrivals:

#### Fulbright Specialist Awards

Massey University Wellington will host Graydon Lord from George Washington University, who will give lectures and assist with curriculum development in the field of emergency management. Graydon arrives in November.

### Departures:

#### Fulbright New Zealand Senior Scholar Awards

Fiona Cowles from the University of Otago will research the cellular function of the COMMD10 protein, at the University of Texas Southwestern in Dallas. Fiona departs in January.

Chellie Spiller from the University of Auckland will research indigenous business models for creating relational well-being in addition to wealth, at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Chellie departs in November.

#### Fulbright Visiting Scholar Awards in New Zealand Studies

John Hopkins from the University of Canterbury will research the Administrative Procedure Act and the US system of federalism, and teach a course on comparative global constitutionalism from a Pacific viewpoint, at Georgetown University in Washington, DC for their Spring 2012 semester. John departs in January.

#### Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Awards

Ghazaleh Golbakhsh from Auckland will complete a Master of Fine Arts degree in Film Production, specialising in directing, at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. Ghazaleh departs in January.

#### Fulbright New Zealand Travel Awards

Catherine Fowler from the University of Otago will give presentations on

video art at the University of California, Los Angeles, Harvard University and Yale University. Catherine departs in November.

Laura Revell from the University of Canterbury is presenting a paper entitled *The chemical effects of nitrous oxide and methane on stratospheric ozone over the next 100 years* at the World Climate Research Program's Open Science Conference in Denver, Colorado. Laura departed in October.

Colleen Young from Manukau Institute of Technology will present a paper entitled *Challenging the 'status quo': Evaluating student success in a new blended senior secondary/tertiary institution – does it work?* at the Association for the Study of Higher Education's Annual Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina. Colleen departs in November.

## Engineering a fruitful Fulbright exchange

**Rahul Mehta received a 2008 Fulbright-Ministry of Research, Science and Technology Award to complete a Masters degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering, specialising in wireless communication technology, at the University of Texas at Austin. During his studies he completed a summer internship at America's largest telecommunications company, AT&T. Now back in New Zealand, Rahul reflects on his time as a Fulbright grantee.**

I began my Fulbright experience in January 2009, heading to the University of Texas at Austin (UT Austin) to pursue my Masters in engineering. It was a dream come true for me to pursue postgraduate study in the US and learn from the best in the field. I was excited to dive in to engineering study again and learn from the leading experts in wireless communications, which was my specialization. This was my first visit ever to the US and I remember my first impression being of the sheer large scale of everything, from the highways to the pick-up trucks to the university football stadium! Coming from New Zealand, it was a big change in scale.

UT Austin has one of the leading wireless communications programs in the US. The Wireless Networking and Communications Group at the university draws students from all over the world and carries out research on wide-ranging topics in wireless communications. During my postgraduate degree, I worked on a number of projects on different wireless communication technologies and had the opportunity to assist in a new book co-authored by my supervisor on the next generation of cellular communications technology called LTE (Long Term Evolution).

There were a large number of Fulbright students from all over the world at UT Austin who I had the opportunity to meet through university-organised events for Fulbright scholars and the Austin chapter of the Fulbright Association, a local group of Fulbright alumni and students which provided a strong sense of community and helped new Fulbright students get settled in the city and on campus.

UT Austin had one of the most popular college football programs in the US and Austinites were very passionate about their local college football team, the Texas Longhorns. It would have been impossible not to get into Longhorn spirit on game day. Fans used to turn up in huge numbers for a home game, with many students having to stay away from campus due to the large amount of traffic and unavailability of car parks. The football stadium on campus was gigantic, with a capacity of 100,000 – double that of Auckland's Eden Park!

Austin is often referred to as the 'Silicon Hills' for its vibrant technology sector which includes many communications technology companies. During my time in Austin, I joined the local chapter of the Communications Society of the IEEE, the largest

technical professional organisation in the world. We organised talks and presentations by communications technology professionals from academia and industry. This enabled me to become more active in the local technology community as well as to learn about new trends in the communications industry. Through my involvement in this group, I also had the opportunity to meet some of the leading experts in the communications field.

In the summer of 2010, I moved to Atlanta to work in the Network Planning & Engineering division of AT&T. There, I had the opportunity to investigate new wireless transmission techniques for AT&T's next generation cellular communications network. This was an ideal opportunity for me to apply my new learnings in wireless communications to a real-world network deployment. As part of the work at AT&T, I also had the opportunity to attend weekly presentations on leadership by members of the company's senior executive team. In retrospect, the experience that I gained from my work at AT&T has greatly benefited me in my current work in radio spectrum planning.

Shortly after completing my Masters in December 2010, I returned to New Zealand and started working in my current role on radio spectrum planning for the Ministry of Economic Development. My work here involves planning of radio spectrum usage for wireless communication services. Due to the fixed amount of radio spectrum and the ever-growing use of wireless communications, the radio spectrum has become an increasingly scarce resource. Hence, careful planning and use of efficient wireless technologies is important to make the best use of the radio spectrum. The technical knowledge and skills that I gained from my Fulbright exchange have given me a solid foundation for my work in wireless communications.

Since returning to New Zealand, I have joined the Fulbright New Zealand Alumni Association and volunteer with its Wellington group of coordinators. We organize a number of events to connect members and celebrate the exchange programme. I have found it to be one of the best ways of giving back to the programme from which I have so greatly benefited, and would encourage Fulbright alumni that have recently returned to New Zealand to join and get involved in the Alumni Association.

Finally, the experience that I gained from my Fulbright exchange has not just made me a better engineer, but has also given me an appreciation of cultures and a network of close friends that are simply invaluable. I am sure other Fulbrighters share my sentiment in feeling very fortunate to have been given this amazing opportunity and to be able to bring back my experiences to make a positive contribution to New Zealand society. ►

## Grantee Voice



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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. Valued at NZ\$15,000. **Applications close 1 April 2012**

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For New Zealand academics, artists or professionals to lecture and/or conduct research in the US for three to five months. Valued at up to US\$32,500 plus travel. **Applications close 1 July 2012**

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For New Zealand academics to conduct research and teach New Zealand Studies at Georgetown University in Washington, DC for one or two semesters. Valued at up to US\$32,500 plus travel. **Applications close 1 July 2012**

#### Fulbright-Ngā Pae o Te Māramatanga Senior Scholar Award

For a New Zealand academic, artist or professional to conduct research and/or lecture in the US for three to five months in a field of indigenous development. Valued at up to US\$32,500 plus travel. **Applications close 1 July 2012**

#### Fulbright-Cognition Scholar Award in Education Research

For a New Zealand academic or educator 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. Valued at up to US\$32,500 plus travel. **Applications close 1 July 2012**

#### Fulbright-Ministry of Science and Innovation 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. Valued at up to US\$25,000 plus travel. **Applications close 1 August 2012**

#### 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. Valued at up to US\$25,000 plus travel. **Applications close 1 August 2012**

#### Fulbright-Ngā Pae o Te Māramatanga Graduate Award

For a promising New Zealand graduate student to undertake postgraduate study or research at a US institution in a field of indigenous development. Valued at up to US\$25,000 plus travel. **Applications close 1 August 2012**

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