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1949 Fulbright US Graduate Student Beverley Cooper, one of Fulbright New Zealand's earliest grantees, studies a Māori waka during her exchange to New Zealand

## Celebrating 65 years of Fulbright exchange

Fulbright New Zealand this year celebrates 65 years of educational and cultural exchange between New Zealand and the United States of America. Since the founding of New Zealand's Fulbright commission by bilateral treaty on 14 September 1948, more than 3,000 New Zealanders and Americans have benefited from exchange grants to each other's countries, and have contributed to the success of the two partner nations and mutual understanding between them.

Planning is underway for a programme of activities and events throughout the anniversary year which will be designed to celebrate the auspicious occasion, to raise the profile of Fulbright New Zealand, and to fundraise for additional awards.

Alumni and supporters will be invited to attend expanded annual events in Washington, DC (the reception at the New Zealand Embassy in May) and Wellington (the parliamentary awards ceremony in June). Additional celebrations will be programmed around the anniversary date in September, including black tie gala dinners with art auctions in Auckland and Wellington. Alumni will be invited to contribute works for auction, and all alumni welcomed to attend these grand events and bid for artworks. Proceeds from all events will go towards fundraising efforts for future Fulbright awards.

A significant feature of the 65th anniversary year will be the launch a major fundraising drive with the target of raising NZ\$1.1 million which will be endowed to the Fulbright New Zealand Trust. The interest from such an endowment would fund one additional graduate award per year in perpetuity, and as more funds are added to the trust over time, more awards can be offered. Fulbright alumni, who have themselves experienced the lifechanging benefits of an exchange abroad, are

asked to donate or bequest to the endowment as a gesture of their gratitude to the Fulbright programme, allowing additional deserving candidates to follow in their footsteps in future. Fulbright New Zealand's Board of Directors have committed to seeding the endowment with half of the required funds, meaning that NZ\$550,000 will be sought from donors and fundraising events. A fundraising letter and form are included with this newsletter. Secure online donations can be made on the Fulbright New Zealand website, at [www.fulbright.org.nz/donate](http://www.fulbright.org.nz/donate). Please donate to help us provide more amazing opportunities.

Throughout the year, Fulbright alumni will be invited to share their stories with Fulbright New Zealand and the wider public. Written reminiscences are sought for publication and/or online use (see Page 7 of this newsletter for details), and alumni will be engaged in media campaigns to share their stories with the general public through mainstream and specialist media.

The Fulbright New Zealand Alumni Association will hold its own events to mark the anniversary, including a nationwide Alumni Week from 8 to 15 September during which events will be held in each of six New Zealand regions. Alumni speakers and audiences will be engaged in events throughout the year including Fulbright Reflections panel discussions, Thought Leaders salons and Fulbright Lectures.

The Board and staff of Fulbright New Zealand hope that grantees, alumni, stakeholders and supporters can join us in marking this milestone, celebrating the remarkable achievements of the programme to date, and contributing to its healthy future. Volunteers are welcomed to assist with the planning and execution of anniversary events and campaigns. ►

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## Editorial



Mele Wendt, Executive Director

## From the desk of the Executive Director

Tēnā koutou, talofa lava and warm Fulbright greetings.

Happy New Year! We hope you had enjoyable holidays and are getting into the swing of things for 2013. We certainly are, especially with it being our 65th Anniversary!

We look forward to celebrating our 65th anniversary in a variety of ways throughout the year and to use the auspicious occasion to galvanise the support of our alumni and friends. We sincerely hope that you attend events and donate money (and artworks) to help grow the endowment to fund additional awards in perpetuity. It really is time that more alumni started giving back to the programme that provided them with many positive experiences and benefits.

There were a number of things that have occurred in the period since our November newsletter. The six public Fulbright lectures featuring alumni were successfully executed in October-November with good attendance numbers, especially Jim McCormick's full capacity lecture at Victoria University of Wellington on 20 November. The US Ambassador and Dr McWaine hosted a special reception at their residence for newly-selected New Zealand graduate students who start their Fulbright awards this August, and Wellington members of the Fulbright New Zealand Alumni Association. A week later they hosted Thanksgiving dinner for the Fulbright family. Both events were wonderful occasions and enjoyed by all. The annual Harkness alumni dinner at the Wellington Club saw an increase in attendees and was a success.

In December, the fourth and final Fulbright New Zealand Board meeting occurred, wrapping things up for 2012. Auditors KPMG met with the Board, having given a clean audit of the FY2012 annual accounts. We then finalised the FY2012 Annual Report publication, which is now

available in hard copy (feel free to contact us to request one) and downloadable from our website.

We were very saddened by the passing of Hon. Rob Talbot in mid-December. Rob was a longtime friend of Fulbright New Zealand, having served as Chair of the New Zealand American Association based in Wellington. Our condolences go to his partner, Wilhelmina, and their families.

Looking ahead, we are preparing to host the incoming American grantees and their families at orientation in early February. This year is a transitional one for our New Zealand scholar award programmes as we move the closing dates for many of our awards to a new cycle. We encourage even those of you who are familiar with our awards schedule to review this year's closing dates on page 8 of the newsletter – some scholar awards will be offered on two dates in this transitional year.

In March our outreach to New Zealand tertiary education institutions begins with drop-in sessions hosted by Campus Advisors, a new addition to the traditional Outreach Tour which begins in May. We will also trial online outreach in 2013. In April I will attend the Fulbright East Asia and Pacific Regional Meeting in Taipei, Taiwan where we will discuss Fulbright priorities and common challenges, and share best practices.

We are also planning ahead for various award selections, board meetings and of course the 65th anniversary activities! We look forward to seeing you sometime in 2013.

Hei konei rā, ia manuia and warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mele".

## Important Dates

## February

## 22 Monthly Alumni Seminar Series: Michael Elmes – A New Center for International Collaboration

Fulbright alumnus Michael Elmes from Worcester Polytechnic Institute discusses his return to Wellington as co-leader of WPI's new New Zealand Project Center, at which undergraduate exchange students are working with New Zealand government organizations and NGOs on issues related to science, technology and society. Students from the Center's first cohort will report on their work in New Zealand.

12:30-1:30pm, Fulbright New Zealand boardroom, Level 8, 120 Featherston Street, Wellington. RSVP to [info@fulbright.org.nz](mailto:info@fulbright.org.nz) / (04) 472 2065

## March

## 1 Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Pacific Writer's Residency applications close

Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowships in Public Policy applications close

## 22 Monthly Alumni Seminar Series Speaker TBC. 12:30-1:30pm, Fulbright New Zealand boardroom, Level 8, 120 Featherston Street, Wellington

## April

## 1 Fulbright-Harkness New Zealand Fellowship applications close

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

## 26 Monthly Alumni Seminar Series Speaker TBC. 12:30-1:30pm, Fulbright New Zealand boardroom, Level 8, 120 Featherston Street, Wellington

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# US Ambassador hosts grantees and alumni

The US Ambassador to New Zealand, Hon David Huebner, and his spouse Dr Duane McWaine, generously hosted Fulbright grantees, alumni, staff and Board members for two functions at their Lower Hutt residence Camperdown in November.

On 13 November a cocktail function was held for 44 guests including New Zealand graduate students selected for Fulbright exchanges in 2013 and local members of the Fulbright New Zealand Alumni Association. It is hoped that this opportunity for newly-selected grantees to meet one another, Fulbright alumni and the US Ambassador will be repeated annually.

On 22 November, Ambassador Huebner and Dr McWaine hosted a party of 19 Fulbright guests for Thanksgiving dinner, including 2012 Fulbright US Graduate Students, staff and Board members. As is customary, the Fulbright group shared a delightful meal with the Ambassador's extended family, US Embassy staff and locally-serving US Marines. Earlier in the

day, the year's seven remaining Fulbright US Graduate Students gave final end-of-year reports to each other and the Fulbright New Zealand staff. ➤



*Fulbright New Zealand's Thanksgiving party at the US Ambassador's residence, Camperdown*

## Survey provides valuable alumni feedback

Fulbright New Zealand's comprehensive survey of alumni in October-November 2012 has provided valuable and encouraging feedback on the impacts and benefits of Fulbright exchanges, and helpful direction for the ongoing engagement of grantees and alumni. 330 Fulbright alumni completed the online survey in the month-long period it was open, and initial analysis indicates strong benefits from the programme and willingness among alumni to remain engaged and give back in various ways.

Of those who responded, 99.4% thought their Fulbright exchange was a worthwhile experience, with 86.5% describing the experience as *life-changing*. 97.2% reported that their Fulbright exchange gave them a greater understanding of their host country and its people, and a similar number agreed that their Fulbright exchange had contributed to the programme's aim of promoting mutual understanding. 95.4% thought their Fulbright exchange has improved their knowledge and skills, and 77.6% thought their exchange had improved

leadership qualities and skills.

In terms of ongoing engagement, 90.6% of the surveyed alumni said they are kept up-to-date with the Fulbright programme, and 78.2% are committed to remaining engaged and giving back. There is high awareness of the Fulbright New Zealand Alumni Association (86.5%), and the 50.5% of alumni saying they are likely to join indicates there is plenty of room for further growth in membership. Awareness of fundraising for further awards is low (as has been the level of activity in recent years), but the high number of alumni indicating a willingness to donate bodes well for this year's major fundraising drive.

Results will be examined in greater detail over coming months. In order to build a more comprehensive data set for further analysis, the online survey has been re-opened for Fulbright alumni who were not able to complete it before last year's deadline. Please complete the survey at: [www.surveymonkey.com/s/6G3PXN6](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6G3PXN6) ➤

## New look Annual Report published

Fulbright New Zealand's 2012 Annual Report is published this month, with a new look and enhanced content. For the first time the 20 page Annual Report has been produced in full colour, bringing this publication in line with our quarterly newsletter and allowing readers to appreciate the many vibrant photographs included in the report.

Content in the Annual Report is now organised by, and reports against, the four current strategic goals of Fulbright New Zealand: to facilitate an outstanding Fulbright experience for applicants, grantees and alumni; to strengthen the Fulbright network and brand; to consolidate the opportunities of educational exchange; and to demonstrate strong governance and management. Significant progress is reported in the first year working under a new five year strategic plan, which was developed by Fulbright New Zealand's Board of Directors during the year under review.

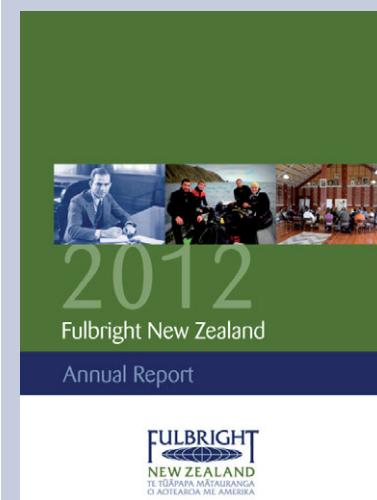
New to the Annual Report are graphical representations

of grantee diversity, income sources and grant expenditure, and a dedicated page acknowledging our various funders, sponsors and donors.

As always, readers can find out about the year's various award selections, grantees, events and activities. In the year under review (FY2012: 1 October 2011 - 30 September 2012), 78 grantees commenced Fulbright exchanges and 79 new grantees were selected for future exchanges. Reports written by nine of the year's Fulbright grantees about their exchange experiences are included in the Annual Report, and some of the many other grantee reports which were submitted but could not be included due to space limitations include are printed in this newsletter – see Page 7.

The 2012 Fulbright New Zealand Annual Report is available to download in full from our website – [www.fulbright.org.nz/annualreport](http://www.fulbright.org.nz/annualreport) Printed copies may be obtained from our office. ➤

## Fulbright News



## Alumni Association

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## In Brief



above: James Russell with Prime Minister John Key; below: Christina Hulbe



## Alumni Association update

Welcome to another busy year for the Fulbright New Zealand Alumni Association. We hope that you can join us at Association events this year as we mark the 65th anniversary of New Zealand's Fulbright programme.

We are working to provide another extensive schedule of events allowing alumni to share their experience and expertise, to work together on common goals and to learn from one another. This includes extending our Fulbright Reflections and Thought Leaders programmes, and again holding Fulbright Lectures in the six New Zealand regions. In the meantime, we begin the year by providing homestays and welcome functions for incoming US grantees, allowing them to begin their exchange by meeting and networking with local alumni.

I will be working abroad for the first part of this year so alumna Toni Moyes, who has been involved in the Association's Wellington regional coordination team,

has volunteered to stand in as Acting Chairperson during this period. My thanks to Toni for covering this vital position in the organisation. You can contact her with any ideas or feedback at chair@fnzaa.org

In addition, Auckland regional coordinator Siobhan O'Kane has recently been appointed as Deputy Chairperson. It is great to have the Association's leadership roles shared between our biggest alumni centres.

If you are not yet a member but would like to join us in this exciting year, please see [www.fnzaa.org](http://www.fnzaa.org) or contact alumni coordinator Vicky Beckett by email to [admin@fnzaa.org](mailto:admin@fnzaa.org) or phone at +64 4 974 4119

*Brian Walters*.

Brian Walters, FNZAA Chairperson

emerging scientist who is working towards a PhD or has completed their PhD within the past five years.

Fulbright alumnus **Vince Neall** (1979 NZ Research Scholar) from Massey University was recognised in the 2013 New Years Honours List. One of New Zealand's leading experts on volcanoes, Vince was appointed a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to Earth science.

Fulbright alumna **Christina Hulbe** (2009 US Senior Scholar) will return to her host institution the University of Otago in February, having been appointed as the university's new Professor and Dean of Surveying. A leading American glaciologist, Christina researches the physical processes underlying observed changes in glaciers and polar ice sheets. She looks forward to advancing her own research and taking part in New Zealand's growing Antarctic research endeavour.

Fulbright alumna **Lesley Wheeler** (2011 US Scholar Award) from Washington and Lee University has co-edited a portfolio of New Zealand poetry for the next issue of the university's literary journal *Shenandoah*. Lesley and two student co-editors have chosen 25 poems from among about 500 works by 103 New Zealand poets. The journal will be published online by the end of February at [www.shenandoahliterary.org](http://www.shenandoahliterary.org)

A number of Fulbright alumni have published books recently:

*Compassionate Justice: An Interdisciplinary Dialogue with Two Gospel Parables of Law, Crime and Restorative Justice* by Christopher Marshall (2004 NZ Travel Award) is available now from Wipf and Stock Publishers;

*A Common Strangeness: Contemporary Poetry, Cross-Cultural Encounter, Comparative Literature* by Jacob Edmond (2003 NZ Graduate Student) is available now from Fordham University Press;

*Trans-Indigenous: Methodologies for Global Native Literary Studies* by Chadwick Allen (2004 US Research Scholar) was published in October by the University of Minnesota Press; and

*Dogfight: The Battle of Britain* by Adam Claesen (2005 Visiting Scholar in NZ Studies) was published in November by Exisle Publishing. ►

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

# Taking chemistry out of the laboratory

Katy Orr from Reno, Nevada, was one of ten American graduate students who received Fulbright awards to study or research in New Zealand last year. Alongside her research into the deposition of polycyclic hydrocarbons in Arthur's Pass National Park, conducted at the University of Otago, Katy involved herself in some rewarding local science outreach initiatives.

My Fulbright research began on a warm March day in the Waimakariri valley, fervently (but oh so carefully!) collecting bunches of lichen off matagouri bushes as rain clouds approached. An adventure in a pristine national park of New Zealand was a great way to start my environmental chemistry research project. My research parameters are simple; I am looking at the long-range transport of the contaminants produced by car emissions up valleys near a highway. Arthur's Pass National Park has three valleys that extend perpendicularly off of State Highway 73. Knowing that lichen acts as a sponge for contaminants, my advisor Dr Kim Hageman suggested that I collect samples at 1km intervals up each valley for analysis in her lab at the University of Otago. The months that followed those few awesome days of tramping with Kim and my lab-mate, Cleo Davie-Martin, were occupied with extracting contaminants from the lichen samples.

To break up the lab work I became involved in the university's Chemistry Outreach Programme directed by Dr Dave Warren, which supports the science curriculum of nearby schools. Over the four years that the programme has been running, more and more interest has been generated in the community. It was serendipitous timing that Waitahuna Primary School was looking for a few chemists to set up regular visits to their school and my lab-mate, Trudy Geoghegan, who had participated in outreach for three years, was ready to take the lead in such a partnership. It was an ideal collaboration: we are environmental chemists whose primary focus is environmental monitoring, and the participating students were 11 children who all lived on nearby farms. The children were all keen to explore the world around them and were thrilled to take on projects that revolved around environmental testing.

On visits to the school every two weeks for a period of four months, we would make small steps towards teaching kids the fundamentals of scientific investigation. The plan was to guide these kids, who ranged in age from 8 to 11 years, to think up an original project, devise a way to test their hypothesis, plan a trip and learn methods for gathering their samples, extract and analyze their data and finally present their results to their parents and the larger Waitahuna community.

Having never done this kind of thing before, we were all a little curious as to whether we would be asking too much of the kids. The university lent a water testing kit to Waitahuna School, with which we could test the temperature, pH, nitrate and phosphate content of water. After a few lessons about scientific method and fair testing, we were blown away by the kids' ability to take on the challenge of testing the parameters of water. They definitely exceeded our expectations.

The key to this whole concept was getting the children to come up with their own ideas of what they wanted to measure in the pastures around their communities. Their imaginations ran wild with possibilities, and during brainstorming sessions we helped each group

formulate a testable hypothesis. One group in particular, lead by Cleo, named themselves "The Cow Pat Group" and were interested in the nitrate content of soil underneath, beside and near a cow patty.

The students completed sampling, extraction, measurement and analysis (including graphing and statistics!) of the nitrogen content, pH level and temperature of samples. They did a great job with each of the steps and always greeted us enthusiastically, with "the scientists are here!", when we arrived at the school for a lesson. Though only a few of these kids will pursue a career in science, they benefited from learning the scientific process as it should be experienced: a self-directed investigation of the natural world where the results are important and your work is taken seriously. Of course we had a little fun while we were at it.

I have found in my time here in New Zealand that these types of programmes are easily instigated and enthusiastically accepted by the community. The Fulbright US Graduate Students in Otago spent four weeks teaching mini science lessons at Ravensbourne Primary School, a project conceived by Laura Bergner, who has a passion for science communication.

I've been offered support from the university here to complete a PhD in Chemistry, and I feel like I have landed on my feet here in New Zealand. I have never felt so embraced by a community as I have in this short year. Just as my small role in the outreach programme has had a significant impact on the lives of the kids at Waitahuna, the people I have met here through my Fulbright scholarship have had a huge impact on my life's direction. I would like to thank Fulbright New Zealand for their support and for giving me this incredible opportunity. ➤



*Katy Orr collecting lichen samples in Arthur's Pass National Park (above) and with enthusiastic science students Rebecca, Dotty and Abby at Waituhuna School (below)*



## Grantee Voice



**Katy Orr**

*"I have never felt so embraced by a community as I have in this short year ... the people I have met here through my Fulbright scholarship have had a huge impact on my life's direction."*

## Awarded

### Fulbright New Zealand Travel Awards

Mel Galbraith (see Departures)

Megan Grainger from the University of Waikato will give a seminar on forensic use of laser ablation inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (LA-ICP-MS), at the University of Montana in Missoula.

Douglas Rosendale from Plant & Food Research will present his research into food-microbe-host interactions in human digestive health at conferences in West Lafayette, Indiana and New York, and at several universities and research institutions in the US.

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

Nick Roskruger (see Departures)

Lynne Russell (see Departures)

Melinda Webber (see Departures)

### Fulbright-Meg Everton Professional Enhancement Awards in Education

Toni Christie from Childspace will attend and present at early childhood leadership and professional development conferences in Chicago, Illinois and San Francisco, California, and visit several other early childhood sites in the US.

Brylee Gibson from King's School will attend and present at the International Boys' Schools Coalition's 20th Annual Conference in Richmond, Virginia, and visit boys' schools in several US cities.

Janet McCarroll from St Mary's Catholic School will attend and present at the 2013 ASCD Conference on Teaching Excellence in National Harbor, Maryland and attend professional development courses at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. ➤

## Arrivals and Departures

### Arrivals:

#### Fulbright US Graduate Awards

Alyssa Braciszewski from Huntingdon Valley, Pennsylvania will research the effects of nitrogen pollution and bleaching on sea anemones, at Victoria University of Wellington. Alyssa arrived in January.

Anton Chiono from Berkeley, California will research the inclusion of forests in cap-and-trade climate policy, at Victoria University of Wellington. Anton arrived in January.

Andrew Cole from Appleton, Wisconsin will compose music based on field recordings of natural, rural and urban areas of New Zealand, at the New Zealand School of Music, towards a PhD from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Andrew arrived in January.

Talya Horowitz from New York will research the role of professional development in creating culturally responsive schools, at Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi. Talya arrived in January.

Camille McCallister from Washington, DC will research health communication to Māori across different socioeconomic statuses, at the University of Auckland. Camille arrived in January.

Terri Motraghi from West Sunbury, Pennsylvania will research post-earthquake health and educational outcomes of young children in Christchurch, at the University of Canterbury. Terri arrived in January.

Theresa Scroggin from Ashland, Oregon will complete a PhD in Māori and Indigenous Studies, specialising in the cultural concepts and strategies used to advance Māori education, at the University of Canterbury. Theresa arrived in January.

Jennifer Whisler from Peru, Nebraska will research the development of Greenstone digital library software, at the University of Waikato. Jennifer arrived in January.

David Zweig from Athens, Georgia will research the effect of temperature on the efficiency of denitrification bioreactors for agricultural effluent, at the University of Waikato. David arrived in January.

#### Fulbright-ANZA US Graduate Award

Matt Hanson from Sandy, Utah will complete a Master of Science degree in Geology, specialising in 3D geochemical mapping of the Rotokawa geothermal zone, at the University of Canterbury. Matt arrived in January.

#### Fulbright US Scholar Awards

Jon Bray from the University of California, Berkeley will research the impact of liquefaction on critical infrastructure in Christchurch, and teach geotechnical earthquake engineering, at the University of Canterbury. Jon arrives in February.

Terrie Epstein from Hunter College will research young people's perspectives of the Treaty of Waitangi, at Victoria University of Wellington. Terrie arrived in January.

Kathy Fox from the University of Vermont will research restorative re-entry of offenders to the community, at Victoria University of Wellington. Kathy arrived in January.

Cath Kleier from Regis University will research plant conservation in New Zealand, and teach global plant conservation, at the University of Otago. Cath arrived in December.

Katie O'Reilly from the University of Portland will research hormonal influence on activity and movement patterns of Little Blue Penguins, and teach conservation biology, at the University of Auckland. Katie arrived in October.

Larisa Warhol from Arizona State University will research digital multimedia resources for indigenous language revitalisation, and teach language revitalisation, at AUT University. Larisa arrives in February.

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

April Ferrino from the Texas Legislative Budget Board will research regulatory support for the promotion of person-centered care in rest homes, at the Ministry of Health. April arrived in January.

Eileen Harrity from Chicago Public Schools will research the development of educational pathways to improve youth employment prospects, at the Ministry of Education. Eileen arrived in January.

Mary Jo Kaplan from Kaplan Consulting will research social enterprise and innovative approaches to addressing social needs and engaging youth, at the Ministry of Social Development. Mary Jo arrived in January.

#### Fulbright Specialist Awards

Massey University Wellington will host Pamela Bush from the University of Central Florida, who will give lectures on information technology in emergency management, and collaborate on research into response and recovery efforts following the Canterbury earthquakes. Pamela arrives in March.

Unitec Institute of Technology will host Carol Plummer from the University of Hawai'i, who will give lectures and assist with curriculum development in the field of family violence and sexual abuse prevention. Carol arrives in March.

The University of Waikato and the University of Otago will host former judge Kirk Samelson from Colorado Springs, Colorado, who will give lectures and seminars in the field of business law. Kirk arrives in March. ➤

### Departures:

#### Fulbright New Zealand Scholar Awards

Stephen Jacobi from the New Zealand United States Council will research stakeholder consultation processes in the US government's negotiation of trade and economic agreements, at Georgetown University in Washington, DC. Stephen departs in March.

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

Eruera Tarena from Te Tapuae o Rēhua will research the features and mechanisms of contemporary indigenous organisation design, at Arizona State University Tempe in Tempe, Arizona and the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in Honolulu. Eruera departs in March.

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

Jennifer Langrish from Wanganui High School will research the implementation of school-wide positive behaviour support plans in the US, at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Jennifer departs in March.

#### Fulbright-Wallace Arts Trust Award

Steve Carr from Auckland will complete a three month residency at Headlands Center for the Arts in Sausalito, California. Steve departs in March.

#### Fulbright New Zealand Travel Awards

Mel Galbraith from Unitec Institute of Technology will give lectures about the ecological restoration of Tiritiri Matangi Island, at several US universities,

community colleges and conservation organisations. Mel departs in April.

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

Nick Roskruge from Massey University Manawatu will give a lecture on the origin, distribution and genomics of traditional food crops of Māori, at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. Nick departs in April.

Lynne Russell from Victoria University of Wellington will present her research into indigenous understandings of wellbeing, at Penn State Brandywine in Media, Pennsylvania. Lynne departs in March.

Melinda Webber from the University of Auckland will give presentations on indigenous and minority student achievement, adolescent social psychology and Māori health, at University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. Melinda departs in February. ➤

## Alumni Voices

The following reports were submitted for the 2012 Fulbright New Zealand Annual Report by some of our newest alumni, but were unable to be included due to space restrictions. You can, however, read similar reports by a number of other current grantees and recent in the Annual Report, which is available to download from our website – [www.fulbright.org.nz/annualreport](http://www.fulbright.org.nz/annualreport)

**Amanda Lee from Christchurch received a 2012 Fulbright-Ministry of Science and Innovation Graduate Award to research conversational language and verbal avoidance behaviours in adults who stutter, at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, towards a PhD from the University of Canterbury.**

I went to the University of Iowa on a Fulbright exchange to develop my understanding of stuttering theories, and enhance my clinical skills in stuttering treatment. Iowa is the birthplace of stuttering research, and I loved being able to experience firsthand the rich historical influence of the pioneering thinkers in my field, and to work and learn alongside the leading experts of today! I was struck both by the depth and breadth of the knowledge I have encountered – knowledge that is based on sound research evidence, has clear clinical relevance, and is paired with a very real consideration for the overall good of the person who stutters.

My Fulbright experience was also amazing for the opportunities it gave me to meet people, travel and explore the US. I saw fireworks from under the St. Louis Gateway Arch, visited the famous Mall of America in Minneapolis, took a hot air balloon flight over Seattle, and sampled a large number of sugary drinks at Atlanta's World of Coca-Cola! Most importantly, I formed many beautiful friendships. Having recently returned home to continue my doctoral studies at the University of Canterbury, I look forward to welcoming visitors to New Zealand in the near future! ➤



Amanda Lee (right) and friend at a University of Iowa Hawkeyes game

**Jennifer Curtin from the University of Auckland received a 2012 Fulbright New Zealand Scholar Award to research career pathways of women politicians in Westminster countries and the US, at Georgetown University in Washington, DC.**

My Fulbright project focused on women's pathways to political power in the Anglo-American world. While at Georgetown University in Washington, DC I built a data set of women's political careers in Congress since 1992. I reviewed the various leadership pathways existent in the US House of Representatives and Senate and examined how women negotiate their roles as committee members and with their constituents. I met experts from universities and non-government agencies, who were extremely generous with their knowledge and time. I gave talks to students at Georgetown and Rutgers and at a University of Auckland Alumni function in New York. My time in the US overlapped with the presidential election – nirvana for anyone interested in politics – so I wrote seven articles on that topic for New Zealand's Sunday Star-Times newspaper. And the election result had a direct bearing on my project, with a record number of women (20) now in the Senate.

But equally valuable was the opportunity to absorb American culture and expand my networks. My family and I travelled to other states, attended local sporting events and festivals, and shared Halloween and Thanksgiving with American families. As a result, I now have a deeper understanding of how US politics and society intersect and this knowledge will serve to enhance my future research and teaching on comparative politics and political leadership. ➤



Jennifer Curtin in front of a Washington, DC mural

## Alumni reminiscences wanted!

Fulbright New Zealand is collecting written alumni reminiscences for use in profiling the Fulbright programme during our 65th anniversary year.

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Examples of alumni reminiscences can be found in the grantee and alumni profiles section of our website – [www.fulbright.org.nz/grantees-alumni/profiles](http://www.fulbright.org.nz/grantees-alumni/profiles)



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For outstanding mid-career US professionals to research and gain firsthand experience of public policy in New Zealand for seven months. Valued at up to NZ\$58,500. **Applications close 1 March 2013**

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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 2013**

### 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. Valued at up to NZ\$5,000. **Applications close 1 April and 1 August 2013**

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

For New Zealand academics, artists or professionals to visit the US for 12 to 90 days in order to present their work on a theme of indigenous development to American audiences. Valued at up to NZ\$5,000. **Applications close 1 April and 1 August 2013**

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For New Zealand academic institutions to host US academics, artists or professionals for two to six week programmes of lectures, seminars, workshops, conferences or symposiums. Valued at up to US\$11,700. **Applications close 1 April and 1 August 2013**

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For an emerging New Zealand business leader to complete an MBA degree at a US institution and gain professional work experience in the US and New Zealand. Valued at up to US\$75,000 plus a paid internship. **Applications close 1 June 2013**

### Fulbright New Zealand Scholar Awards

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\$37,500. **Applications close 1 July and 1 October 2013**

### Fulbright-Ngā Pae o Te Māramatanga 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\$37,500. **Applications close 1 July and 1 October 2013**

### Fulbright-Cognition Scholar Award in Education Research

For a New Zealand educator or researcher to pursue research in the US designed to have an impact on New Zealand early childhood, primary or secondary education and student achievement, for three to five months. Valued at up to US\$37,500. **Applications close 1 July and 1 October 2013**

### Fulbright 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\$33,000. **Applications close 1 August 2013**

### 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\$33,000. **Applications close 1 August 2013**

### 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\$33,000. **Applications close 1 August 2013**

### Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Awards

For promising New Zealand graduate students to undertake postgraduate study or research at US institutions in any field. Valued at up to US\$33,000. **Applications close 1 August 2013**

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For an outstanding mid-career or senior New Zealand visual artist to undertake a ten week residency at Headlands Center for the Arts in Sausalito, California. Valued at up to US\$24,000. **Applications close 1 August 2013**

### Fulbright US Scholar Awards

For US academics, artists or professionals to lecture and/or conduct research in New Zealand for three to five months. Valued at up to NZ\$41,000. **Applications close 1 August 2013**

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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. Valued at up to US\$107,000. **Applications close 16 September 2013**

### Fulbright-Meg Everton Professional Enhancement Awards in Education

For New Zealand teachers, principals and educational researchers in early childhood, primary or secondary education to undertake a professional development activity in the US for 12 to 90 days. Valued at up to NZ\$5,000. **Applications close 1 October 2013**

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#### (including Fulbright-ANZA US Graduate Award)

For promising US graduate students to undertake postgraduate study or research in any field at New Zealand institutions. The Fulbright-ANZA US Graduate Award is awarded for study or research related to earthquakes and their repercussions in the fields of environmental studies, public health, geology and engineering. Valued at up to NZ\$33,000. **Applications close 21 October 2013**

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