Who we are.

The Fulbright Association is a private, nonprofit membership organization that engages current and former Fulbright exchange participants in lifelong experiences that advance international understanding through volunteer service to communities, people-to-people diplomacy and dialogue on global issues.
Annual Report

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Dear Fulbrighters and Friends,

2012 was an exciting year for our organization on many fronts. We held our 35th Annual Conference in London, with participants from around the world. We awarded the J.W. Fulbright Prize to Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders, the first organization to receive that Award. A conference of chapter leaders took place over the course of three days in Washington D.C. In addition to those events, which took extensive planning and hard work by many, the national board oversaw transition of executive leadership.

With the departure of our long-standing Executive Director Jane Anderson, who served so well for over two decades, we formed a committee that conducted an extensive search over the course of several months, culminating in the selection by the board of Stephen Reilly as Executive Director. During that transition phase, board member Mary Ellen Schmider stepped off the board and served as Executive Director.

The board worked through committees and task forces to further strengthen the Association on several fronts. Those included amending our national and chapter Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws to conform to changes in the laws governing non-profit organizations.

Committed to supporting diversity in all aspects, the Diversity Task Force took on organizing diversity presentations at the Annual Conference and coordinated efforts to further promote diversity. On the financial front, every member of the national board contributed to the Annual Appeal.

I extend my true appreciation to the 2012 Executive Committee, board members, Executive Director and staff who all worked selflessly and tirelessly. It was my pleasure and honor to work with you all. To our new President John Vogel, Executive Director Stephen Reilly and his staff, and the 2013 board members, I extend my best wishes for a wonderful year. I know you will lead the Fulbright Association excellently in all respects.

Sincerely,

Patricia Krebs
President
The Fulbright Association is pleased to present its first Annual Report in many years. This report represents the transformation of the Association to a consciously member-responsive and chapter-oriented organization. Following are some of major initiatives undertaken in 2012:

- A new **Constituent Relationship Management** (CRM) was implemented, merging membership data into a new, user-friendly web site and database. This new web site is the basis of our ability to serve chapters, alumni members, and institutions.

- A major grant from the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs Division of the Department of State supported the development of strong Chapter relationships. The culmination of the first year of the grant was the first chapter Leadership Conference held in Washington, D.C. in September 2012.

- The **Chapter Leadership Development Conference**, in conjunction with the J. William Fulbright Prize for International Understanding ceremony and reception.

- The **J. William Fulbright Prize for International Understanding**, co-sponsored by The Library of Congress, was awarded to Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders (MSF). This is the first time the prize was awarded to an organization rather than an individual since the Prize event was instituted in 1993 with Nelson Mandela.

- The **2012 35th Annual Conference** was held following the Summer Olympics in London, UK. Active coordination with colleagues at the British Fulbright Commission made this conference a significant success with attendees from over seventeen nations and a range of international topics, beginning with the plenary, “Fulbrighters Minding the Gaps and Bridging Them in Financial and Economic Realities”, with presenters addressing the US, UK, Euro-Zone, and Asian perspectives. The plenary lunch and extended session focused on Fulbrighters’ research and action to advance diversity in global settings.

- A **pre-conference day** was held with representatives from Fulbright commissions, State Alumni Officers from US. Embassies and leadership from Fulbright alumni organizations across Europe. Their shared commitment to further development of a vibrant global Fulbright alumni presence and the organizing efforts of our British Fulbright Commission partners and international alumni made this event possible.

- **Fulbright tourism** was at its best at the culmination of the conference: a day at Oxford University where Senator Fulbright, who had the original vision for the program and the Association, studied as a Rhodes Scholar in 1924-25.

- Acknowledging that programs must be based on solid fiscal and governance practices, the Board of Directors undertake the **revision of its By-laws** to reflect current legal requirements, and the acquisition of an experienced CPA consultant brought the annual audit and other financial practices into stronger alignment with the Association’s goals.

- The Association launched first issue of **e-newsletter** in December 2012.

- Finally, an intensive search resulted in the selection of **Stephen Reilly as the new Executive Director**. A committed Fulbright alumnus, he holds the promise of a dynamic future utilizing the enhanced tools of social media and traditional practices to reach alumni audiences.

- As a Fulbright Scholar in Northwest China in 1997, and in the Republic of Macedonia in 2005-6, I have been deeply glad of the opportunity to serve the alumni of the Fulbright Program in 2012, and I wish to thank the Board of Directors for their confidence and support in an extraordinary year of change and development for the Association.
2012 was a transitional year for Fulbright Association membership. The Association moved to a new Constituent Relationship Management (CRM) system, fresh membership campaigns were launched, and a renewed focus on membership value was instituted.

The technology upgrades enabled the Association to undertake new and more focused membership campaigns. The Association will continue to take advantage of the opportunities afforded by the new CRM system to increase the membership of the Association, thereby ensuring a strong and vibrant Fulbright community.

Membership Data Management
After years of working with membership databases that could not perform the tasks of current day membership management, the Fulbright Association began a search for a new CRM system. After an exhaustive search, YourMembership.com was selected as it provided both the backend (membership database) and front-facing (the FA website) components in a user-friendly manner. The construction of the new website and migration of member data from the two previous database systems took place over five months and was launched on September 19, 2012. The new CRM system has provided the most reliable, searchable, and thorough member information ever available to the Association.

Membership Services
Throughout the process of the construction and migration of the old CRM systems to the new, the Fulbright Association put careful processes in place to attend to the everyday functions of membership renewals and member customer service. Since these instituted processes and reforms, errors and inefficiencies have been on the decline. The membership staff continues to evaluate and improve processes within the Association to make the member experience as enjoyable and meaningful as possible.

Membership Categories
In February 2012, the Fulbright Association Board of Directors voted to eliminate the retired and couples membership categories. These eliminations were due to low enrollment in both categories in comparison to the cost of servicing these particular memberships. Unfortunately, the elimination of these categories was not properly communicated and much confusion within the membership community was experienced. The Fulbright Association continues to establish better communication policies with its members and has and will continue to carefully monitor member feedback regarding these and other membership changes.

Membership Growth in the Chapters
In the fall of 2012, the Fulbright Association introduced a Membership Drive within its chapters to help spur new membership growth. Participating chapters had the opportunity to be recognized in the Association newsletter, spotlighted on the Fulbright Association website, and win two free registrations to the 2013 Annual Conference. The Iowa Chapter emerged as the victor, with 20% new membership growth in the fall campaign.
Chapter Network

The Fulbright Association through its affiliated chapters works to engage and enrich the lifelong experiences of both Fulbright Alumni and visiting grantees at a local level. Chapters play a vital role in the Fulbright Association. They offer local programs, which make the goals of the national organization more directly accessible to members and enables their active participation. Chapters serve as the Association’s primary source of cultural programming for visiting Fulbrighters from abroad. Chapters are also communication links through their elected officers to the national office. Each chapter has an independent board and officers that manage the planning and implementation of events through its alumni base. They follow governance based on the bylaws set by the National Office. Approximately 20% of member dues are returned to the chapters as an annual rebate to help in meeting local programming needs.

In 2012, 54 chapters sponsored events, programs, and networking opportunities to connect current and former Fulbright Program participants with their peers.

Enhancement and Capacity Building Grant

In 2011, the U.S. State Department’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) awarded the Fulbright Association a special Enhancement and Capacity Building Grant to create, grow, and revitalize chapters. The grant also provided the Association funds to assist in the growth of membership by engaging young alumni, and promoting the Fulbright Program to diverse populations within underserved areas of the United States.

In September 2012, through this grant, the Fulbright Association held its first Leadership Development Conference for chapter leaders in Washington, DC. Over 48 chapter leaders attended the two-day meeting. Plans for chapter membership drive competition, the development of the Young Professional Network, Diversity initiatives, and new programs were announced and discussed to the chapter leadership. The next conference is scheduled for April 2013 in Chicago, Illinois.

Through the grant, many inactive chapters were revitalized in 2012, including Louisiana, Indiana, Oregon, Humboldt, Arkansas and Kentucky. Four new chapters were chartered in 2012: Mississippi, Idaho, Eastern Washington/North Idaho, and San Antonio.

Outreach, Mentoring and Enrichment (OME) Grant

In September 2011, Fulbright Association was awarded a $100,000 grant from the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The funds are distributed completely to our chapters in conjunction with the administration of the Fulbright Outreach, Mentoring, and Enrichment (OME) competition that the Association has been implementing annually for several decades.

The goal of the competition is to enhance Fulbright Association chapter projects that:

- Creatively utilize chapter and national Fulbright Association resources to inform targeted constituencies about the Fulbright Program;
- Strengthen the Fulbright network of alumni and visiting Fulbright scholars and students in support of the Fulbright Program; and
- Enrich the exchange experiences of visiting Fulbright scholars and students.
**2012 J. William Fulbright Prize for International Understanding**

This was held on September 8, 2012 at the Library of Congress. The Fulbright Prize was presented to Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders (MSF), an international medical humanitarian organization that promotes global understanding and humanitarian principles. The organization provides assistance to people affected by war, epidemics and man-made disasters. President Patricia Krebs presented the award of $50,000 to Unni Karunakara, international president of MSF. A further highlight of the ceremony was the testimonial to the work of MSF by Francis Gatluak, one of the first patients ever treated by MSF in South Sudan for the deadly neglected disease visceral leishmaniasis (VL). He subsequently joined MSF as a nurse to treat the disease that nearly took his own life and has now spent over two decades working with VL and tuberculosis patients in his home country.

The second award is a sculpture portrait of Senator Fulbright by Gretta Bader. This is the first time the sculpture has been given to the winner of the J. William Fulbright Prize for International Understanding and is made possible by the gift of Maureen and John Ausura. Mr. Ausura was a Fulbright-Hayes Scholar to Germany.

**The Fulbright Prize Sculpture: The Artist and a Family History**

The Fulbright Association is pleased to inaugurate the awarding of a portrait of Senator J. William Fulbright by Gretta L. Bader as the Fulbright Prize. Gretta (pictured above) served as the senator’s portrait artist. The bust was on display at the Kennedy Center and then moved to the National Portrait Gallery in Washington, DC. “One of the things I learned while doing the portrait bust,” she says, “is that Fulbright was a very intense listener and conversationalist. Talking to him gave his face an animation I wouldn’t have seen otherwise.” The figure stands before the J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. President Bill Clinton, a Fulbright Prize laureate, dedicated the figure in 2002.
The Bader Family has a long history with Fulbright, both the senator and the scholarship. Dr. William Bader was in the first class of Fulbright Scholars to Germany in 1953, where he married his Pomona College classmate Gretta. She studied art at the Akademie der Bildenden Künste in Munich, and enjoyed a successful career as a teacher and artist, producing over 30 major portraits. Dr. Bader served on the staff of the Foreign Relations Committee with Senator Fulbright, and later became Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs, overseeing the scholarship. Their son John was a Fulbright Scholar to India, coached over 100 scholarship winners while at Johns Hopkins University, and now serves on the Board of Directors of the Association.

The sculpture award was made possible by the gift of Maureen and John Ausura. Mr. Ausura was a Fulbright-Hayes Scholar to Germany.

**Fulbright Association 35th Annual Conference**

This was held in London, UK, October 18 – 21. With a theme of “Fulbrighters Minding the Gaps (and Bridging Them)!”, the conference hosted over 180 attendees from all around the world. With speakers from Baroness Kishwer Falkner (Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for the Ministry of Justice in the House of Lords) to John Nagl (author of “Learning to Eat Soup with a Knife: Counterinsurgency Lessons from Malaya and Vietnam”), the conference offered a wide range of topics for Fulbrighters to discuss.

The Annual Conference hosted 12 breakout sessions over 2 days with 35 speakers with topics ranging from Intellectual Property Rights to Youth Mentoring to the challenges being faced in a new Egypt. Speakers submitted proposals to present in the breakout sessions through a competitive process.

The Fulbright Association enjoyed the support and assistance of the US – UK Fulbright Commission and the British Fulbright Scholars Association throughout the conference planning and hosting. With their assistance, conference attendees were able to enjoy a musical program “The Four Nations of the British Isles: Celebrating Distinct Heritages and Common Allegiances,” performed on the closing night of the Conference. The US Embassy in London graciously hosted conference attendees on Friday night for a reception.
A special “Day Trip to Oxford” was offered to conference attendees after the close of the Conference. Participants enjoyed a lecture at Kellogg College from Sir John Holmes of the Ditchley Foundation, former UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, British Ambassador to Portugal and subsequently Ambassador to France. Attendees also had tea at Pembroke College, a walking tour of Oxford with alums John and Susie Nagl, and a stop at the famous Turf Tavern.

The 2013 Annual Conference will be held in Washington, DC, October 3 – 6, 2013 at the L’Enfant Plaza Hotel.

2012 Selma Jeanne Cohen Fund Lecture
This was presented during the Fulbright Association Annual Conference in London, UK, October 18 – 21, 2012. This program is funded by a generous endowment gift from the late dance historian Dr. Selma Jeanne Cohen. The Selma Jeanne Cohen Fund for International Scholarship on Dance, administered by the Fulbright Association, supports presentation of a lecture on dance scholarship at the Fulbright Association’s annual conference.

Josephine Dorado, a Fulbright Scholar, social entrepreneur, strategist, producer, performer and educator, presented her lecture on “Instant Online Collaboration: Just Add Dance!” Her lecture explored the interaction among dance, movement, and mixed reality as it evolves through technology and the ever-expanding awareness of the global community as transcending national boundaries especially for artists and the arts.
The Fulbright Association continued its focus on diversity in 2012. Through the Diversity Task Force, the Association held discussions on recruitment of diverse Fulbright alumni to join the Association and to actively engage in chapter activities, including governance. The goal of the task force is to identify and inform underserved U.S. populations (racial and ethnic minorities) and people in underserved geographic areas (particularly in Appalachia, the deep South, the Great Plains and the Southwest) about the value and purpose of the Fulbright Program and its opportunities and benefits. The task force aims to create training materials for chapter leadership to reach diverse audiences including students, faculty and staff of minority serving institutions and community colleges in all Fulbright Association chapter jurisdictions. Chapter leaders will promote these opportunities for potential applicants through presentations, workshops, advertising, other publicity efforts, working with Fulbright advisors on campuses, education abroad offices, diversity-related offices and student/faculty organizations and other academic organizations.

The Fulbright Association joined other international education organizations to request Congress to continue funding exchanges, as well as to build relationships with countries of importance. The Association’s staff and volunteers actively participate in strategy meetings of the Alliance for International Educational and Cultural Exchange. In February 2012, staff and volunteers attended the advocacy training for two days, and then visited Senatorial offices on Capitol Hill to make the case to fund exchange programs.

The Fulbright program is the flagship US government exchange program. According to State Department figures, the Fulbright program has 315,000+ alumni. The current level of funding for the Fulbright program is roughly 602.5 million.
The Certified Public Accounting firm, Gelman, Rosenberg, and Freedman, annually conducts an independent audit of the Association in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

### Fulbright Association Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets
For the Year Ended December 31, 2012 with Summarized Financial Information for 2011

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2012 Revenue

- Membership: 21%
- Investment: 36%
- Contributions: 18%
- Conference: 6%
- Grants: 18%
- Other: 1%

2012 Expenditures

- Programs: 77%
- General & Administrative: 21%
- Fundraising: 2%
As the Fulbright Association celebrates the accomplishments made over the past year, we also know there is much more work to be done. As we embark upon another year of the 21st century, we envision:

Enhanced and Consistent Communications
In an effort to enhance dialogue with our members and the broader global Fulbright community, we are committed to bringing forward a strong and consistent communications plan, which will allow all stakeholders the opportunity to keep pace with what is happening here at the Association and in the world of Fulbright generally.

This communications plan includes a range of media intended to reach the broadest base of our constituents, which includes but is not limited to:

- Monthly E-newsletters
- Annual Reports
- Legislative and Advocacy Updates
- Social Networking
- Programming Information
- Chapter News
- Global Fulbright News
- Blogs, Photos, Video & More

Greater Transparency and Accountability
As a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, we are held to a high level of accountability and transparency in our financial reporting, programming, and administrative costs. We believe we can and shall be more proactive with our accountability to our members through more regular reporting and updates. In our effort to continue to ‘open our doors’ at the Fulbright Association, our members can expect to see more data and correspondence about our activities and finances. The Association belongs to all of us so we believe our commitment to accountability to our members will be reflected in the members accountability to the Association. We are in this together and it is an exciting time for the Fulbright Program and the Association.

Strong Relationships with ALL Stakeholders
With thousands of Fulbright Association members, approximately 60 local chapters, over 300,000 alumni since the inception of the program, 70 international Fulbright alumni associations, 50 Fulbright commissions, Department of State, Institute of International Education, Council for International Exchange of Scholars, and many other individuals and organizations which somehow touch the Fulbright program, it is more important than ever to establish and maintain meaningful and proactive relationships across this broad spectrum of stakeholders. Our close working relationships with our chapters and their leaders are paramount to our success. We have made considerable strides to strengthen these ties, and we expect that trend to continue. 2012 brought a renewed sense of optimism and cooperation to the Association and we expect 2013 and beyond to strengthen those bonds, providing greater collaboration and continued success for everyone.

Advocacy, Advocacy, Advocacy
In the current political and economic climate, it is more important than ever that we voice our support for the Fulbright Program and academic exchanges generally. In this day of sequester and a virtual stand-still in Congress, funding for programs like Fulbright is never certain. To ensure the long-term sustainability of the program, we have plans to ‘turn up the heat’ on the appropriators through a much greater commitment to advocacy at the national and local level. We will enhance our current efforts through our affiliation with the Alliance by launching our own Fulbright Association led efforts to
mobilize our members at the ‘grass roots’ local level and get more alumni and friends of Fulbright involved. As part of this focus, we also plan to ask for MORE funding rather than hoping to avoid cuts in the program. In 2013, we hope to define and launch a campaign with specific goals and a plan for mobilizing our community to achieve them.

**Young Professionals Network**

Working with a committed group of members, which includes the young and young at heart, from San Francisco to Germany and Holland to Chicago, we are developing a focused program of activities, events, education, and related content aimed at providing support to our young alumni. With toolkits and examples of local events for our chapters to deliver at a ‘grass roots’ level, online webinars, live, pre-recorded and streaming career development and emerging leaders presentations, forging strategic partnerships with other young alumni organizations, networking opportunities, and a myriad of other programming initiatives, we are excited to provide some invaluable resources to our younger alumni. As part of this initiative, we intend to help connect our members, young and old, through onsite and online activities, mentor connections, and more so stay on the lookout for these events through 2013 and beyond.

**Commitment to Diversity**

Senator J. William Fulbright once said that “the rapprochement of peoples is only possible when differences of culture and outlook are respected and appreciated.” His statement reflects the realization that the work of global understanding and peace requires contributions from individuals of diverse backgrounds, cultures, and perspectives. The Fulbright Association is launching a diversity initiative to support diversity within its membership and increase diversity within communities through chapter networks and alumni outreach.

The objectives of the initiative are to increase Fulbright awareness within post-secondary educational environments that have at times been neglected including community colleges, historically black colleges and universities, and other minority serving institutions. By raising awareness, we hope to increase the Association individual and institutional membership and engagement. The initiative seeks to assist faculty and administrators in their global education efforts by leveraging the resources, membership, and reputation of the Fulbright Association. Specific outcomes from the effort will include developing a toolkit for members, chapters and institutions, establishing a network of underserved institutions promoting Fulbright, and providing opportunities for training and education for Fulbright Association members in their efforts at promoting diversity. Through national and local programming, we hope to build upon diversity-focused events that have proven successful while introducing new initiatives to serve a broader community. We also aim to support the Department of State’s commitment to increasing the diversity of the applicant pool for the Fulbright program.

**Getting our Fiscal House in Order**

In the interest of transparency, it is important our members understand that our financial position has not been strong over the past several years. With new leadership, an active Board of Directors, and a focus on shifting to a more action-oriented association, we are confident the organization will emerge much stronger on all fronts. We made huge strides in 2012 to stabilize our foundation, put a solid budget in place for 2013, and to hire the right people in the right places to help us stay on track. We have introduced new systems, technologies, and resources to better manage operations and to introduce efficiencies that will benefit us for years to come. Of course we cannot do this without the support of all of you.
NEW LEADERSHIP & YOUR SUPPORT

Incoming President of the Board
A partner at Patton Boggs LLP in Washington, DC, **John H. Vogel** is a principal in the firm’s business group and specializes in international corporate finance. Mr. Vogel has spoken and written on a variety of international financial issues and trends, including the increasing utilization throughout the world of Islamic financing for infrastructure projects.

Mr. Vogel received his Bachelor’s degree in history from Princeton University and earned his law degree from the University of Michigan Law School. Mr. Vogel was a Fulbright Scholar in Brussels, Belgium in 1968, where he was a stagiaire at the European Union and served as an assistant to the EU’s chief legal counsel. While serving at the European Union, Mr. Vogel worked closely with economists and lawyers in the area of harmonization of corporate and tax laws within the European Community. Mr. Vogel served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Fulbright Association’s National Capital Area Chapter. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Fulbright Association since 2009, and was previously Treasurer of the Association and a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors.

New Executive Director
**Stephen “Steve” Reilly** began his role as Executive Director of the Fulbright Association on January 2, 2013. He came to the Association from Global Experiences, an international education company he founded in 2001 that provides internships, foreign language training, and English language training abroad. Steve has been an active member and leader of the National Capital Area Chapter of the Fulbright Association for the last four years.

Steve brings a strong background in international business, as well as a genuine passion for the Fulbright Program, and cultural and educational exchange. After receiving his bachelor’s degree from Salisbury University, Steve traveled extensively throughout the world, has lived on four continents and visited over 50 countries. He received a Fulbright scholarship to Sweden, where he earned a master’s degree in Peace and Conflict Studies at Uppsala University.

Steve not only earned his master’s degree while on his Fulbright but also met his Australian wife of 13 years, Emily, while in Sweden and they now live in the Annapolis, Maryland area with their 3 children.

How Your Support Moves Us Forward
As a private, nonprofit organization, we cannot survive without the support of our community. Our membership dues do not cover our operational expenses, much less our programming, so we rely on the generous contributions of our members to help support the work of the Association. Your donations help fund our outreach and advocacy efforts, local chapter programming, support for visiting Fulbrighters, conferences, the Fulbright Prize and other events, our communications, and everything we do here. Our plans to shift to a more action-oriented community doing more in the name of Fulbright will enhance the need for ongoing support from our community so that we may continue to serve the alumni community and preserve the Fulbright experience for generations to come.
The Fulbright Association is happy to announce its 36th Annual Conference in Washington DC on October 3-6, 2013. With the theme of Fulbright in Action, we are bringing more interesting speakers, exciting formats, relevant content, and actionable outcomes. Register today to be a part of the new, more engaged Fulbright Association.

- fulbrightevents.org/registration