connect.

We connect alumni, grantees, friends and supporters of the U.S. Fulbright Program through local and national events, volunteer and service opportunities and innovative programs to continue a lifetime of experiences, collaboration, networking and meaningful connections. Through these interactions, we connect alumni to likeminded individuals and organizations who share a passion for cultural exchange and mutual understanding between nations and people around the globe.

engage.

We engage Fulbright alumni to connect in meaningful ways through 60 chapters and national programs, hosting visiting scholars, mentoring fellow Fulbrighters, collaborating at dinners and lectures and giving back through service programs in other countries for a continued role in cultural diplomacy. Fulbrighters share a transformational experience and our alumni enjoy continuing to foster these shared experiences over a lifetime.

support.

We support and actively advocate for the Fulbright Program and related international exchanges to ensure future generations of Fulbright grantees will continue to carry out our mission of advancing international understanding among all peoples.

We make proactive contributions to world societies and help catalyze progress on select challenges for multi-year initiatives that promote the Fulbright ideals globally. We are a visible, vocal champion of the Fulbright program and represent the ideals of the Fulbright legacy and vision of using international educational exchange to foster peace through cross-cultural understanding, capacity building and action.

inspire.

We inspire future generations of Fulbrighters and alumni to continue in their lifelong quest for mutual understanding, people-to-people dialogue and action on national and global issues.

Our vision is to:

- Advance Senator Fulbright’s goal of promoting mutual understanding and peace globally through international exchanges
- Serve the international Fulbright alumni community, one of the most impactful groups of international exchange participants in the world
- Focus our U.S. Fulbright community on core initiatives of global significance that advance the Fulbright ethos
TEDxFulbright Washington D.C., themed, “Dare to Think,” featured 16 inspiring speakers presenting to the largest audience ever assembled at a Fulbright Association event.
Dear Fulbrighters and Friends,

It was a dynamic year! Our Executive Director, Steve Reilly, continued to expand the Association’s innovative ideas and partnerships, and turned over the reins in late 2014. While we’ll miss him and thank him for his service, the transition has in no way slowed us down. We’re fortunate to have as our Executive Director, Jennifer Gennaro Oxley, who joined us in 2014 as Director, Development & Outreach. She continues to do an excellent job and we’re pleased that she decided to serve us in this capacity.

We continue to benefit from the 2013 merger with the Fulbright Academy. Our expanded, incredibly dedicated board contributes immeasurably to the Association, its events and programs. In 2014, we strengthened our chapter network by reactivating chapters, increasing chapter engagement in advocacy and forming a Chapter Advisory Board for more collaboration on regional events, input into national programs and best practices training.

It was the first year we organized and sponsored a TEDxFulbright event. This dynamic event with thought-provoking TEDx talks, themed Dare to Think, attracted 430 attendees from 83 countries. We also launched our first-ever Social Innovation Challenge, where amazing Fulbrighters presented social innovation ideas. EnvisionFulbright, one of the finalists raised $8,000 via crowdfunding to distribute reading glasses to South America and Africa and has since partnered with the Fulbright Association, Restoring Vision and Timmy Global Health to engage alumni in this program.

A highlight was our 37th Annual Conference and Fulbright Prize, with record attendance of alums and friends who participated in 57 sessions, with 87 speakers on inspiring Dare to Act topics. We presented Dr. Hans Blix with the Fulbright Prize for International Understanding for his tireless efforts to reduce international conflict. Later that month, the Fulbright Program was honored with the Prince of Asturias Award for International Cooperation presented by King Felipe VI in Oviedo, Spain. Evan Ryan, Asst. Secretary of State, Bureau of Educational & Cultural Affairs, accepted the award on behalf of the Program. Both Harriet Fulbright and Stephen Reilly were also invited to attend.

We also participated in the SaveFulbright advocacy campaign that engaged Fulbrighters around the globe, resulting in bipartisan U.S. Congressional support to reinstate full program funding. It was a grassroots effort that rallied alumni, friends, media and public attention – a testament to the power of the Fulbright voice to sustain Fulbright scholarships.

I extend my gratitude to our talented team of smart, connected and valued national and chapter boards, members, supporters and staff. We’re also appreciative of the continued support of the U.S. State Department, our international community and the Alliance for International Education.

The Fulbright Association is committed to advancing the legacy of the Fulbright Program. This year, we will enhance and expand our mission-driven initiatives. We depend on you to help us advocate for sustainable funding, and to expand our service programs. To reach our potential, we need your help. Please give as generously as possible.

Thank you with best wishes,

John H. Vogel
President & Chairman, Board of Directors
Dear Members and Friends,

I’d like to introduce myself, Jennifer Gennaro Oxley, as I’ve recently assumed the role of Executive Director of the Fulbright Association. I’ve had the pleasure of meeting many of you and I look forward to meeting many more of you in the future. I’d like to assure you, our devoted members, volunteers and supporters that the organization’s vision, strategy and plan are being executed in 2015 and we will continue our momentum of growth, innovation and greater global visibility.

In a time of great change and conflict in the world, the Fulbright program stands as an inspiring platform through its goals of mutual understanding and a global community dedicated to citizen diplomacy. In collaboration with our Board of Directors, chapter network, global partners and staff, I look forward to increasing the Fulbright Association’s efforts to secure the future of the Fulbright Program by increasing awareness of the alumni impact across the globe.

The Fulbright Association plays a key role in advocating for the Fulbright Program and connecting alumni in ways that matter and I am honored to be a part of this community. It is through you, our alumni and supporters, that we ensure future Fulbrighters continue to experience this transformative program that embodies cultural understanding, respect and diplomacy.

Together, we’re focused on these goals:

• Advancing our global alumni community’s advocacy efforts;
• Increasing the public awareness of the Fulbright effect by highlighting the thought leadership, impact and profiles of our alumni and their causes;
• Connecting, inspiring and supporting our community in ways that matter such as service, events & programs;
• Strengthening our local chapter network.

Every alumnus/alumna, institutional supporter and international partner has a vital role to play in our future and the success our global Fulbright community. We’ll make every effort to be a visible, vocal champion of the Fulbright program. We’ll strive to listen, engage, champion and inspire you for an environment where we can collectively secure the future of the Fulbright program and you can achieve your aspirations.

We appreciate your continued support, volunteerism and guidance – what a talented and valued community. You make the difference in ensuring a great future for the Fulbright Program!

Feel free to reach out to me, our committed board or capable staff at any time.

We’re here for you!

Warm Regards,

Jennifer Gennaro Oxley
Executive Director

our five core impact areas

guide our future programs & strategic initiatives

1. International Education
2. Peacemaking & Conflict Resolution
3. Global Health
4. Economic Development & Entrepreneurship
5. Sustainability
The Fulbright Association extends the international exchange experience of the Fulbright Program by promoting opportunities for lifelong learning, collaborative networking and service at home and abroad for Fulbright alumni, supporters and friends.

Fulbright Association members form the active constituency that helps us promote and preserve Fulbright exchanges to ensure that they continue to benefit future generations. Members are U.S. Fulbright Program alumni and friends of international education, plus hundreds of institutional and corporate supporters.

In 2014 our outreach focused on membership growth and engagement through our 60-chapter network, resulting in 230 events, higher engagement at the local level and 571 new members. We have seen continued growth in senior membership since it was reintroduced, with 163 new senior members in 2014.

We conducted five campaigns to expand our institutional members, including collaboration with the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges & Universities and outreach to community colleges and Minority- and Hispanic-Serving Institutions, resulting in a 30% increase in institutional members.

2014 Institutional Members

Alabama State Univ.  
Albany State Univ.  
Alfred State College  
American Univ.  
Amerherst College  
Ana G. Mendez Univ.  
Arizona State Univ.  
Assumption College  
Auburn Univ.  
Auburn Univ. at Montgomery  
Augsburg College  
Austin Peay State Univ.  
Azusa Pacific Univ.  
Barbados Community College  
Bard College at Simon’s Rock  
Barbados Community College  
Bennett College  
Bethune-Cookman Univ.  
Birmingham-Southern College  
Bowdoin College  
Bowling Green State Univ.  
Bradley Univ.  
Bronx Community College  
Broward College  
Bucknell Univ.  
Calabriilo College  
California State Polytechnic Univ. Pomona  
California State Univ., East Bay  
California State Univ., Long Beach  
California State Univ., Fresno  
California State Univ., Monterey Bay  
California State Univ., Sacramento  
Carnegie Mellon Univ.  
Case Western Reserve Univ.  
Cental State Univ.  
Chahsin University  
Chicago State Univ.  
City Univ. of New York  
Claffin Univ.  
Claremont McKenna College  
Coe College  
College of William & Mary  
College of Wooster  
Colorado College  
Columbia Univ.  
Columbus State Univ.  
Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science & Art  
Creighton Univ.  
Dartmouth College  
DePaul Univ.  
DePauw Univ.  
Drake Univ.  
Drexel Univ.  
East Carolina Univ.  
Eastern Michigan Univ.  
Emory Univ.  
Fairfield Univ.  
Ferris State Univ.  
Flagler College  
Florida State Univ.  
Fordham Univ.  
Fresno Pacific Univ.  
Frostburg State Univ.  
Furman Univ.  
George Fox Univ.  
George Washington Univ.  
Georgetown Univ.  
Georgia Regents Univ.  
Georgia State Univ.  
Gonzaga Univ.  
Gordon College  
Grinnell College  
Harris-Stowe State Univ.  
Hendrix College  
Higher Education Teaching & Learning Assn.  
Hobart & William Smith Colleges  
Hope College  
Howard Univ.  
Idaho State Univ.  
Illinois State Univ.  
Illinois Wesleyan Univ.  
Indiana Univ. of Pennsylvania Institute of International Education  
Iowa State Univ.  
James Madison Univ.  
Jarvis Christian College  
John Carroll Univ.  
Kent State Univ.  
Lake Forest College  
Lewis and Clark College  
Lewis Duncan/Rollins College  
Longwood Univ.  
Louisiana State Univ.  
Loyola Marymount Univ.  
Lynn Univ.  
Macalester College  
Manhattan College  
Marywood Univ.  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
McKendree Univ.  
Metcropolitan Community College  
Oklahoma City Univ.  
Miami Dade College  
Michigan State Univ.  
Middlebury College  
Mills College  
Mississippi State Univ.  
Missouri State Univ.  
Montclair State Univ.  
Montgomery County Community Colleges  
Morehouse College  
Morgan State Univ.  
New York Univ.  
Nicholls State Univ.  
North Carolina State Univ.  
Northeastern Univ.  
Oakland Univ.  
Oakton Community College  
Ohio State Univ.  
Ohio State Univ.  
Ohio State Univ.  
Oswego State Univ. of New York  
Pennsylvania State Univ.  
Pitzer College  
Purdue Univ.  
Radford Univ.  
Regis Univ.  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Rhode Island School of Design  
Rider Univ.  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Roger Williams Univ.  
Rollins College  
Rutgers Univ.  
Saint Leo Univ.  
Saint Louis Univ.  
Salisbury Univ.  
Samford Univ.  
Samuel Merritt Univ.  
Santa Clara Univ.  
Scripps College  
Seattle Univ.  
Smith College  
Southeastern Louisiana Univ.  
Southern Illinois Univ.  
Carbondale  
Southern Methodist Univ.  
St. John’s Univ.  
St. Olaf College  
St. Philip’s College  
St. Edward’s Univ.  
Stanford Univ.  
State Univ. of New York at Oswego  
State Univ. of New York at Potsdam  
Stephens College  
Stetson Univ.  
Swarthmore College  
Syracuse Univ.  
Taylor Univ.  
Texas A&M Univ.  
Texas Christian Univ.  
Texas Tech Univ.  
Trinity Univ.  
Tufts Univ.  
Tufts Univ.  
Universidad Autonoma de Yucatan  
Univ. of Alabama, Birmingham  
Univ. of Arizona  
Univ. of Arkansas, Fayetteville  
Univ. of California, Berkeley  
Univ. of California, Riverside  
Univ. of Central Florida  
Univ. of Central Oklahoma  
Univ. of Cincinnati  
Univ. of Connecticut  
Univ. of Florida  
Univ. of Georgia  
Univ. of Guam  
Univ. of Houston  
Univ. of Idaho  
Univ. of Kansas  
Univ. of Kentucky  
Univ. of Maine, Orono  
Univ. of Massachusetts, Boston  
Univ. of Miami  
Univ. of Michigan, Dearborn  
Univ. of Michigan, Flint  
Univ. of Mississippi  
Univ. of Nebraska, Lincoln  
Univ. of New Hampshire  
Univ. of North Carolina, Charlotte  
Univ. of North Carolina, Pembroke  
Univ. of North Carolina, Wilmington  
Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
Univ. of North Florida  
Univ. of Notre Dame  
Univ. of Pittsburgh  
Univ. of Portland  
Univ. of Puget Sound  
Univ. of Redlands  
Univ. of Richmond  
Univ. of Scranton  
Univ. of South Carolina  
Univ. of South Florida  
Univ. of Southern California  
Univ. of Tennessee  
Univ. of Texas, Arlington  
Univ. of the South, Sewanee  
Univ. of Tulsa  
Univ. of Wisconsin, Platteville  
Univ. of Wisconsin, Milwaukee  
Univ. of Wisconsin, La Crosse  
Univ. of Wisconsin, Whitewater  
Univ. of Wyoming  
Utah Valley Univ.  
Valdosta State Univ.  
Valparaíso Univ.  
Vanderbilt Univ.  
Vassar College  
Virginia Commonwealth Univ.  
Virginia Military Institute  
Virginia State Univ.  
Wagner College  
Washington & Jefferson College  
Washington State Univ.  
Wayne State Univ.  
Webster Univ.  
Wellesley College  
West Virginia Univ.  
Western Michigan Univ.  
Western Washington Univ.  
Westminster College  
Wheaton College  
Widener Univ.  
William Paterson Univ.  
Williams College  
Woodbury Univ.
Chapter Network: Supporting Alumni

The Fulbright Association chapter network continues to be the backbone of the U.S. alumni organization with 60 chapters nationwide, all led and managed by volunteer members who reside locally. We continue to expand into new areas. The Oregon chapter was successfully revitalized in 2014 and discussions are underway for North Dakota and Montana chapters. Chapters provide opportunities for fellow alumni and visiting Fulbrighters to connect through cultural exchange in many meaningful ways and play a vital role in our communities advocating for the Fulbright Program and providing enrichment activities to visiting fulbrighters. Our chapters hosted over 230 programs for visiting Fulbrighters and alumni in 2014.

Julianne McCall

Julianne McCall is a neuroscientist developing regenerative therapies for brain and spinal cord injury using gene therapy techniques. In parallel, she directs the International Neuroscience Competition for high school students, engaging tens of thousands of students across 30 nations every year to learn about the brain. She was also the curator and co-founder of TEDxFulbright.
San Antonio Chapter: Southwest Symposium
The San Antonio chapter hosted a regional Southwest Symposium, including a keynote reception by San Antonio Mayor Ivy Taylor, presentations by a former CIA operative and former HUD Secretary Henry Cisneros and a closing barge ride event on the San Antonio River sponsored by the Mayor’s office. Fulbright alumni, graduate students, Peace Corps representatives and a variety of organizations led fascinating discussions on their international experiences and ongoing research. This event was made possible by the Fulbright Association, Department of State, Bureau of Education & Cultural Affairs and the Office of the San Antonio Mayor. Scholarships were awarded to attendees based on need.

Chicago Chapter: Service Award
The Dee Sarelas Service Award honors the memory of this founding member of the Chicago chapter. Dee is remembered for her ability to bring people together across cultures, including her contributions working for the American Red Cross, Salvation Army Training College and as a liaison at White House conferences. Each year, this annual celebration brings alumni together to see old friends, make new connections and recognize one alumni for “above and beyond” service.

Congratulations to the 2014 Dee Sarelas Service Award Recipient: Dr. Ron Harvey, Chicago chapter president and psychology researcher at DePaul University. Nominees included: Cristina Sisson (chapter treasurer, Consular Corps liaison) and Don Garner (past president).

Grant Programs for Enrichment & Engagement
The Fulbright Association administers an annual grant from the Department of State’s Bureau of Educational & Cultural Affairs for chapters to provide enrichment and alumni engagement activities for visiting Fulbright scholars and alumni. The grant is 100% pass-through revenue to chapters with all funds going directly to chapter activities. The Association matches the grant by covering all administrative costs, and chapters dedicate volunteer hours. Chapters apply for one of two grant programs: 1) enriching exchange experiences of visiting Fulbrighters or 2) creating and building connections that support U.S. alumni engagement, through a call for proposals. During the 2013-2014 grant year, a total of $85,000 was distributed to 27 chapters.

Chapter Leadership Workshop
The Bureau of Educational & Cultural Affairs grant also assisted some chapter leaders in traveling to the Fulbright Association Annual Conference in October 2014 for a Chapter Leadership Workshop. This three-hour workshop proved to be an invaluable session for chapter leaders to share best practices in strengthening chapter management and alumni engagement. We thank the Bureau of Educational & Cultural Affairs staff and chapter leaders for presenting sessions that help our chapters continue to create value for alumni and provide a lifetime of connections through shared common experiences.
Minnesota chapter alumni & students enjoy a beautiful Fulbright Fall Outing.

Minnesota Fulbrighters host a “Fulbright Wild Night” to watch the NHL Minnesota Wild hockey game in downtown St. Paul. (Photographer: Tobias Gulden, chapter webmaster, second from the left).

Fulbright students & alumni on the trail at Interstate Park, Minnesota.
New Chapter Advisory Board in 2014
In 2014 we marked an exciting evolution for chapters with the launch of our Chapter Advisory Board, providing a platform for chapter leaders to share best practices for a richer alumni experience, voice input on new initiatives and expand collaboration on regional and national events and programs.

Two co-chairs were selected to lead the Chapter Advisory Board: Pat LeMay Burr (San Antonio chapter) and Phil Lyon (Greater New York chapter). Eight chapter leaders representing a cross-section of chapters with innovative programming and membership initiatives from different U.S. regions were also selected to serve on the Chapter Advisory Board.

2014 Chapter Advisory Board Initiatives

Survey to Assess Chapter Needs
The Chapter Advisory Board implemented a needs assessment survey in 2014. They received a high response rate with one-third of all chapter leaders completing the survey. Results showed that chapter leaders care about grant funding, membership and visiting Fulbrighters lists, and more regional collaboration.

New Funding Structure for Chapters
The Fulbright Association implemented a new funding structure for chapters in 2014, that provides incentives to increase individual and institutional memberships, alternate revenue streams, and also established a semi-annual schedule for distributing funding to chapters.

Best Practices for Chapters
A key goal for the Chapter Advisory Board is to capture and share best practices, especially in the areas of innovative programming and membership engagement. These board members will create an online Chapter Best Practices Toolkit that will be updated each year for all chapters to reference. In 2015 they will introduce the Balanced Scorecard for chapters to measure achievements by chapter size and alumni numbers.

Chapter Advisory Board members William Pjura (Massachusetts chapter president) and Charlotte McDaniel (Central Virginia chapter board)
The Chapter Advisory Board (CAB) will expand in 2015 to 11 regions of 5-6 chapters headed by an overall chair presenting annual reports to the National Board. Each CAB member chairs a chapter subcommittee. Chapters are encouraged to nominate a candidate to serve. This advisory board is a key step towards more engagement, collaboration and greater chapter involvement in national events and programs.

Right to left: William Pjura (Massachusetts chapter president), Dale Masi (Harvard University), Deborah Addis (Massachusetts chapter board) & Stephen Reilly at The Harvard Club Fulbright event.

William Pjura (Massachusetts chapter president) talks to guests at the Harvard Club event.
Chapter Events & Networking

Partnering with the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges & Universities

In August 2014, the Fulbright Association announced a first-time collaboration with the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, to expand visibility of the Fulbright Program to minorities. Over a 100 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) were invited to join the Fulbright Association’s institutional network. We conducted outreach through targeted emails and calls, resulting in 25 schools joining the Fulbright Association as institutional members in 2014.

Investing in Diversity

The Fulbright Association is dedicated to supporting diversity and encouraging students, educators and professionals from diverse cultures and ethnicities to participate in the Fulbright Program. We also encourage a variety of institutional environments to engage in Fulbright activities.

We conducted targeted outreach to not only attract Historically Black Colleges and Universities, but also Minority- (MSIs) and Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) as well as tribal and community colleges, resulting in significant expansion of institutional members in 2014.

From the origin of the Fulbright Program, it has always been envisioned as a program in which educators, students and practitioners from all backgrounds could participate. We continue to support the Department of State’s diversity initiatives through alumni mentorship, chapter engagement and speaker’s bureau series.

Connecting Young Professionals

Our chapters have created a Young Professionals Network to engage and support young Fulbright alumni in career development and mentorship. The mission is to engage and inspire all generations of Fulbright alumni to support the next generation of Fulbright leaders. Our chapters continue to engage young alumni through programs, such as the Young Emerging Leader lecture series and speaker bureaus.

The Young Professional Network aims to connect Fulbright alumni to: 1) job opportunities, 2) professional development, 3) internship opportunities and 4) career advice and networking.

Expanding Communications

We continue to expand our communications with our alumni. Our electronic newsletter is well-read by alumni members, featuring engaging Fulbrighter stories, legislative and partner updates, distinguished alumni spotlights, grant opportunities, highlights from chapter events and national programs and a wealth of news from our global community.

In 2014 we launched an improved website for the Fulbright Association (www.fulbright.org). It has received great feedback from alumni and partners who enjoy the hundreds of Fulbrighters’ stories, institutional profiles, chapter map, online store to purchase official Fulbright apparel and advocacy section for legislative updates. We also expanded our connections with alumni on social media.

Do you have an inspiring Fulbright story to share? Looking to highlight an upcoming Fulbright event? Want to share exciting news or innovative chapter programs? Share your stories and news at info@fulbright.org
In November 2014, the Northern California chapter celebrated Native American History Month. Fulbright alumni, scholars and students were invited for a special docent-guided viewing of *Lines on the Horizon: Native American Art* at the de Young Fine Arts Museum of San Francisco.

Spanning more than 1,000 years of artistic creativity, the exhibition focused on the indigenous arts of the American Southwest, singular pieces from the Northwest Coast and the first Plains ledger drawings to enter the permanent collection.
TEDxFulbright: Dare to Think

The Fulbright Association organized and sponsored its first TEDxFulbright event in April, 2014, held in Washington, DC. Partnering with dedicated alumni, including lead curators Julianne McCall and Roselin Van Der Torren, we staged a dynamic event with thought-provoking TEDx talks. The line up of amazing Fulbrighters inspired the audience to Dare to Think, with talks ranging from the lives of people in Chernobyl, International slave trade to nutrition classes in rural China. Presenters also spoke on education in the Middle East, democracy in the Age of Data, empowerment of women entrepreneurs in Africa and Latin America and the use of drones for social change.

We could not have imagined a more perfect union between Fulbright and TEDx. The event attracted 430 attendees from 83 countries and received global attention. TEDxFulbright continues to be a powerful platform for our alumni to share ideas that benefit societies around the globe and inspire others to do the same.

Social Innovation Challenge

Our first-ever Social Innovation Challenge was held concurrently with TEDxFulbright. Five finalists, all inspiring Fulbrighters, presented social innovation ideas to a panel of judges and a receptive crowd who voted live for the winner and finalists. Acumen Fellow Adnan Khawaja won for his creative app, Odd Jobber, a mobile tool connecting low-income workers rickshaw drivers with guaranteed rides. One of the finalists, EnvisionFulbright, raised $8,000 via crowdfunding before the event to distribute reading eyeglasses in South America and Africa, and partnered with the Fulbright Association, RestoringVision, and Timmy Global Health and rolled out a new service program for alumni to participate in.

Berlin Conference

The Fulbright Association co-sponsored a entrepreneurship conference, ‘Entrepreneurs in a Borderless World,’ with the German and French Alumni Associations in Berlin in May 2014. Over 150 Fulbrighters and friends attended from more than 20 countries, including entrepreneurs, graduate students, representatives from Department of State and missions from around the world.

Alina Luk, Stanford University undergraduate studying abroad in Berlin, was an attendee who had already co-founded two startups by age 20. As part of the conference, a contingent of U.S. alumni served as mentors and mentees in a dynamic “mentor speed-dating” experience.

37th Annual Conference: Dare to Act

250 alumni and friends gathered for the annual conference, held in Washington, DC in October. The event boasted 80 speakers, including an impressive group of international dignitaries, political and intellectual leaders and innovative alumni whose work embodied this year’s Dare to Act theme. During the opening reception at the House of Sweden, Dr. Hans Blix, 2014 Fulbright Prize laureate, discussed his fascinating work in leading the International Atomic Energy Agency and United Nations Monitoring, Verification & Inspection Commission.

The conference kicked off with Alejandro Toledo, Fulbright alumnus and former President of Peru; Rita Bruun Akhtar, Executive Director, U.S. Educational Foundation in Pakistan; and Tom Healy, former FFSB Chairman discussing government programs that build human capital in developing countries and promote global equality through mutual understanding.
Left to right: John Vogel (National board president), Hans Blix (2014 Fulbright Prize Laureate), Kelly Keiderling (Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary) & Thomas Pickering (former United Nations ambassador)

Jeremy Pesner & Josephine Dorado present at the 2014 Social Innovation Challenge
Annual Conference (con’t)
Cecilia Conrad, VP, MacArthur Fellows Program, moderated an exciting panel with Janine Jagger (2002 fellow) and Corey Harris (2007 fellow). Our lunch panel presented diversity best practices from Lowes, Morgan Stanley, Howard University and Deloitte, and the poster session gave 40 exhibitors from multiple generations the opportunity to share their work. Emily Sendin, Director of Human Rights, FNE International, Miami Dade College professor, and Meghan Lazier, MFA candidate, School of Visual Arts, concluded the program inspiring alumni to use innovation to promote change in our communities.

Fulbright Prize for International Understanding
The Fulbright Association Prize for Peace and Understanding recognizes outstanding contributions in bringing peoples, cultures or nations to greater understanding of others. For the past twenty years, this significant honor has been bestowed on Nelson Mandela, Corazon Aquino, Desmond TuTu, Bill Clinton, Bill and Melinda Gates, Doctors Without Borders, among others.

The 2014 Fulbright Prize Ceremony & Gala was an elegant affair, held at the Ronald Reagan Building & International Trade Center in Washington, DC in October. The 2014 Prize honored Dr. Hans Blix, Fulbright alumnus, Swedish diplomat and lifelong opponent of the spread of nuclear weapons. Dr. Blix has served the international community for over six decades. During a period of great tension in the Middle East, he was chair of the International Atomic Energy Agency and has been credited with reducing the threat of war in the Middle East. He currently serves as honorary president of the World Federation of United Nations Association.

The program also showcased stories from young alumni and Fulbright recipients presenting on how the Fulbright Program changed their lives. These testimonials segued to a far-reaching tribute to Nelson Mandela, invoking his efforts to “create a better, more just world.” The ceremony also honored the memory of Gretta Bader who created a well-known bronze sculpture of former Senator Fulbright. Former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Thomas Pickering, closed the ceremony by presenting Dr. Blix with the 2014 Fulbright Prize. As Dr. Blix spoke about the importance of multilateralism, his insight into international affairs and sense of humor served as an inspiration for all attendees.

Selma Jeanne Cohen Lecture Award
The Selma Jeanne Cohen Fund for International Scholarship on Dance celebrates the influential and visionary contributions of dance historian Selma Jeanne Cohen. The fund was created with a generous gift from Dr. Cohen in 2000 recognizing the importance of her Fulbright exchange in Russia and perpetuating her interests in dance as an international enterprise. Cohen dedicated her life to dance, as not only an art form capable of expressing ideas, but also as a means of bridging the gap between international cultures.

Dr. Patrick Alcedo, Professor at York University’s Department of Fine Arts, was the 2014 Selma Jeanne Cohen Awardee. He demonstrated how the folk dances of the Philippine diaspora in Canada reflected the nation under various colonial powers, the difficulties of its post-colonial experience and its immigrants, whose remittances serve as one of the Philippines’ largest sources of income. Through Dr. Alcedo’s analysis and performance, audiences experienced how cross-cultural understanding serves as a liberating experience for all.

Fulbright Alumni Photo Exhibit
In October the first photography exhibit, featuring 30 documentary photographs by Fulbright alumni, opened at the Ronald Reagan Building Studio in Washington, DC. Timed to coincide with FotoWeekDC, the exhibit was made possible by support from the Fulbright Association and National Capital Area chapter, Bureau of Educational & Cultural Affairs and the Ronald Reagan Building’s Office for Trade Promotion.

The exhibit demonstrated the immersion of these alumni in their host countries, portraying personal friendships and the joy of human connections across cultures not likely to be experienced by the casual traveler. It served as a reminder of the transformative aspects of the Fulbright Program.

2014 Fulbright Prize honored Dr. Hans Blix

Fulbright Alumni Photo Exhibit featured photographer Collete Fu
Selma Jeanne Cohen Lecture Award

2014 Cohen Lecturer: Patrick Alcedo

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Patrick Alcedo performs Filipino Stick Dance
The Association is committed to education and advocacy efforts to make sure Fulbright alumni voices are heard and we keep Fulbright scholarships for future generations.

The global Fulbright community was shocked by a proposed $30M reduction to the Fulbright scholarship budget during the U.S. Congressional appropriations cycle in 2014. As a result, SaveFulbright, spearheaded by Fulbright alumnus Yussi Pick and the European Fulbright Commissions, launched in March 2014 to rally support for the Fulbright Program from Fulbright alumni around the globe and heighten awareness for the critical impact of the Fulbright Program.

An extensive advocacy campaign brought together passionate supporters from 70 sister international associations and commissions, the Alliance for International Education, International Institute of Education and the Fulbright Association. Participants secured over 27,000 signatures from 130 countries for the SaveFulbright petition, and collected 500 stories about the significant impact Fulbrighters have made in their local communities and abroad. Our alumni, chapter leaders and partners stepped in with personalized letters, calls and meetings with local legislators to secure support.

The overwhelming wave of alumni support was widely publicized in mainstream media, including “Save Fulbright” articles in the Chronicle of Higher Education, New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Huffington Post and numerous others. This grassroots effort resulted in bipartisan U.S. Congressional support to reinstate full program funding, a testament to the power of the Fulbright voice to sustain a program so critical to global diplomacy, national security and economic impact on local communities.

The Fulbright Association continues to strengthen its advocacy through frequent visits with legislators on Capitol Hill and chapter advocacy initiatives that emphasize local impact in our communities. The Brazos Valley Chapter hosted Congressman Bill Flores (R-TX) and his wife Gina at its May alumni dinner to discuss the Fulbright Program, and the Oregon chapter held a Fall Welcome Reception hosting a representative from Senator Ron Wyden’s office.

Former Executive Director Stephen Reilly met with Congressman Tom Cole (R-OK), a Deputy Majority Whip and Fulbright alumnus, to discuss the program’s future and alumni concerns. Congressman Cole expressed the need to continuously advocate for the Fulbright Program so Americans always remember the important role of Fulbrighters and our deep-seated commitment to cultural diplomacy.
Fulbright Spotlight: Frank Folwell

Frank Folwell is a photojournalist in Washington, DC, helping media improve visual communications. His experience includes 20 years at USA Today as a photo and graphics editor. He has worked as a media trainer in a dozen countries from Yemen and Pakistan to Armenia and Colombia. Recently, he led boot camps for journalists from seven Arab countries held in Egypt and Jordan and has conducted workshops at Zagreb University and Dubrovnik University in Croatia and American University of Kyrgyzstan.

In 2013, Frank spent six weeks teaching at Fujian Normal University in Fuzhou, China, as a Fulbright Specialist. At USA Today, he covered conflicts in Somalia and the Balkans, the Soviet collapse and U.S. presidential campaigns. He directed photo coverage of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, and coverage for the Summer Olympics for USA Today in China. In 2011 he was a visiting professor at China’s Shantou University and served as a judge for the prestigious China International Press Photographers’ Contest.
Vision for 2015 and Beyond

The Fulbright Association is committed to being a visible, vocal champion of the Fulbright Program – connecting, supporting, engaging and inspiring alumni in ways that matter. Largely a volunteer-supported nonprofit, we are inspired by the marked increase in volunteerism, donations and support. Our vision is to understand alumni needs, improve valued programs and create new ones and embrace our culture of volunteerism and generosity to better support our chapters and global community.

We have seen the power of our community as we united to secure funding in 2014. Imagine what is possible if each of us commits to champion Fulbright? What action will you take to advance Fulbright? Will you share our impact with your Congressman? Take an action to advance cultural understanding? Tell your life-changing story? Support us with active membership, volunteerism and contributions?

Below are initiatives in motion for 2015 & beyond:

**Advocating as a Visible, Vocal Champion**
The Fulbright Association national board, chapter leaders and staff have a renewed focus on advocacy to be a visible, vocal champion of the Fulbright Program for our vital role in cultural understanding, diplomacy and peace-keeping.

We have stepped up advocacy and outreach with a frequent presence on Capitol Hill with legislators, more chapter involvement in advocacy to show our local impact in our communities and deeper relationships with our international Fulbright partners to grow our legislative voice and impact.

Every Fulbrighter and supporter has a vital role in increasing awareness and securing Fulbright scholarship programs for generations to come.

**Launching New Service Programs**
Service and cultural understanding is innate in Fulbrighters, and alumni continue to pursue opportunities where they can give back and continue to impact the world. In 2015 the Fulbright Association will launch its Alumni Service Corps, a new initiative to connect and engage Fulbrighters through a series of service-oriented programs. Members of our national board have been instrumental in developing this program, in collaboration with our staff and partners.

**Alumni Service Corps Trip to Albania**
In September 2015 the Fulbright Association’s first Alumni Service Corps project will launch, when a group of 15-20 alumni will join the conservation effort to restore buildings in the city of Gjirokastra, a World Heritage Site in southern Albania. Be on the lookout for new service projects in 2016 with opportunities to make an impact in other parts of the world.

**EnvisionFulbright**
Our Northern California chapter is helping us pilot this program, which came out of the Social Innovation Challenge in April 2014. EnvisionFulbright is a mission-oriented program, operated in collaboration with RestoringVision and Timmy Global Health. Individual alumni have the opportunity to serve as a volunteer distributing reading glasses as they accompany Timmy Global Health’s medical team in its efforts to provide healthcare to underserved communities in developing countries.

**Insight Tours to Cuba**
In late 2014 the Fulbright Association announced this new program of people-to-people cultural tours, beginning with a contingent of Fulbrighters visiting Cuba. Our first Insight Tour to Cuba was publicized just days before President Obama’s announcement to improve US-Cuba relations, building high interest from our alumni to join in this April 2015 trip.

**Collaborating with Chapters & Partners**
The Fulbright Association collaborates with chapters and through partnerships to deliver new experiences, programs and service initiatives to its alumni, donors and supporters, expanding the ways alumni can connect in ways that matter.
Above: Georgia chapter takes visiting Fulbrighters to the Chattahoochee River Basin for whitewater rafting.

Left: The raft trip was a fun enrichment activity discussing sustainability, water uses and demands and the evolution of cities.
Vision for 2015 and Beyond

TEDxFulbright, Los Angeles, September 2015
The Fulbright Association will partner with the Greater Los Angeles chapter to host our second annual TEDxFulbright event. Themed, *Fights Worth Fighting*, audiences will listen to inspirational TEDx Talks. Our international community and partners will be able to set up viewing parties as the event will be live-streamed globally.

38th Annual Conference
In November 2015 our annual conference will be held in Atlanta, showcasing another of our great cities. Five chapters are collaborating on the planning to bring together Fulbrighters and global leaders who will share inspiring presentations and spark conversations on “Creating Pathways to Peace through Global Health and Education.”

Alumni Service Corps
Our Alumni Service Corps is built on successful partnerships making these in-country experiences a success. Global Exchange will partner with us on the Insight Tours handling logistics and tours. For the Albania Trip, Cultural Heritage Without Borders is our partner managing on the ground accommodations and the Albanian Fulbright Association will co-host a reception and dinner. And EnvisionFulbright kicks off our exciting collaboration with RestoringVision and Timmy Global Health.

Looking ahead, we desire to build a global community of fellows, exploring partnerships with Kellogg and MacArthur Fellows, collaborating to improve cultural understanding and impacting social good in global health, education, peace-keeping, sustainability and more.

Advancing Donor Stewardship
This year marked significant advances in donor stewardship and our potential to engage and support Fulbrighters will increase moving forward with a series of new initiatives:

Fullbright Council
This Council is being established to celebrate donors who make a commitment of at least $30,000. We have many longtime funders who have never had the opportunity to meet and share their Fulbright story. As the Council grows, we’ll have special events throughout the country and an experiential Fulbright Council event. Each exclusive event will be a special time to honor those in the Council and share thoughts on the power of Fulbright.

Fulbright Lecture Series
This Lecture Series will be an intimate experience in the home of a Fulbrighter. In 2015, we have one event planned on the topic of international peace. A prominent Fulbrighter in Atlanta is opening his home for this opportunity to honor and connect with leaders doing great work in international peace. This series deepens connections with local chapters and helps us raise needed funds. Each year, we’ll expand the topics and locations.

1946 Society
Named to commemorate the founding year of the Fulbright Program, the 1946 Society is a multi-year commitment to ensure consistent and sustained giving. Become a member of this exclusive society with an initial gift of $1,946 and annual gift of $1,000 per year to remain a society member.

Incredible Life Planned Giving
The Fulbright exchange is a life-changing experience. The Fulbright Association makes it a lifelong experience. A planned gift advances our mission. It includes bequest intentions, life insurance policies, life estates, charitable remainder trusts and lead trusts. Planned giving donors are critical to our long-term sustainability. We will honor donors sharing information about their incredible lives.

The Fulbright Association is committed to securing the legacy of the Fulbright Program – strengthening advocacy, membership, service and impact. We challenge you to become a champion – meet with your Congressman, invite Fulbrighters to a program, share your story and support us with a contribution. Today, the need for cultural understanding is vast. And the Fulbright voice is vitally important. Together, we continue to change the world.
250 Fulbright alumni and friends gathered to attend the 37th Annual Conference: Dare to Act at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, DC in October 2014.
The CPA firm of Gelman, Rosenberg, and Freedman annually conducts an independent audit of the Association's financial statements in accordance with the generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). We are continually focused on improving the financial position of the organization. In 2014 we were pleased to report an expanding institutional membership base, greater operational efficiencies and increased donations from our generous supporters who help us accomplish more and advance the legacy of Fulbright. This year also marked another year where administrative costs were kept low at only 17%.

**Fulbright Association Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets**
For the Year Ending December 31, 2014 with Summarized Financial Information for 2013.
A complete copy of the audited financial statements is available upon request from the Fulbright Association.

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The Fulbright Association reaches out to our alumni and supporters throughout the year for donor stewardship. We thank you for your generosity as your donations help our 501c3 nonprofit to become a more visible, vocal champion to sustain the Fulbright Program, introduce mission-oriented programs and launch new initiatives to connect alumni in ways that matter.

In 2014 we raised over $70,000 from two donor appeals, including $40,418 from our Mid-Year Appeal and $31,135 from our Year-end Appeal.

We raised $283,693 in philanthropic contributions for the year, a significant increase over 2013, and worked hard to improve efficiencies with 83 cents of every $1 donated going directly to programs.

Thank you to our valued members and donors who help us build capacity and advance the Fulbright legacy!

Visiting Fulbrighters enjoy a movie night hosted by the National Capital Area chapter.

National Capital Area chapter alumni and visiting Fulbrighters enjoy breakfast and a day at the Annapolis Yacht Club.
The Fulbright Association is fortunate to have such a dedicated National Board of Directors, all committed to connecting, engaging, supporting and inspiring Fulbright ideals around the world. We strive to maintain a diverse board bringing multiple perspectives reflective of our alumni and supporters. Our board members have done their Fulbright Programs in many regions of the world, including Europe, Asia, Middle East, Africa, North America, South America and Australia. They come from a variety of industries reflective of our membership, including education, healthcare, science/engineering, legal, fundraising, energy, architecture/arts and communications.
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— Senator Fulbright in the foreword of The Fulbright Program: A History (1965)