Fulbright Association Celebrates 30th Anniversary at National Conference

The Fulbright Association 30th Anniversary Conference: People & the Planet is bringing together approximately 300 Fulbright alumni and current Fulbright grantees from around the world in early November in Washington, D.C., for panel presentations, roundtable discussions, task force meetings, and a poster session on topics related to climate change and the environment.

The conference theme was adapted from a post to the official 30th Anniversary Conference blog (http://30.fulbright.org) by Bhekile S. Gule, a visiting Fulbrighter from Swaziland based at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. More than 300 Fulbright Association members, visiting Fulbrighters, and representatives from Fulbright alumni organizations worldwide contributed their ideas on potential conference themes and panel topics.

Bhekile wrote, in part, “The seminar should discuss how best to ensure that every global citizen can make decisions that will ensure the planet’s survival, as well as be good for all people concerned or affected.”

The conference schedule includes four panel discussions on issues surrounding the environment and sustainability. Panelists, all Fulbright alumni, are exploring climate change, successful adaptations to environmental changes, international conflict and climate change, and writers and the environment. The Fulbright Association introduced roundtable discussions and a poster session this year to facilitate increased interaction among conference participants.

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University College Office of Worldwide Faculty Recruitment is serving as conference co-sponsor as part of its initiative to recruit innovative and committed faculty to teach its diverse student body of professional and adult students. The college offers classes online as well as on-site in the greater Washington, D.C.-Maryland metro area and on U.S. military bases overseas.

Joy T. Williams (Colombia 2005) is the featured performer at the opening reception at the historic residence of the ambassador of Colombia, Carolina Barco Isakson. Ms. Williams is a 2003 graduate of Wheaton College in Norton, Mass., where she majored in Hispanic studies. During her time in Colombia, she studied Afro-Colombian identity through dance. The 2007 Selma Jeanne Cohen Fund presentation, an endowed lecture on international dance scholarship, is also a highlight of the schedule. Please see the article on page two for more information.

Miranda Schreurs (Japan 1991, Germany 1999) is also a featured speaker. Dr. Schreurs, a specialist in environmental politics and policy, is director of the Environmental Policy Research Center and professor of comparative politics at the Free University of Berlin.

For more information on the conference, please visit the Fulbright Association web site at http://www.fulbright.org/conference/.

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Ron Jenkins (Indonesia 2007), professor of theater at Wesleyan University, will present the 2007 Selma Jeanne Cohen Lecture in International Dance Scholarship on Saturday, Nov. 3, as part of the Fulbright Association's 30th anniversary conference program. Dr. Jenkins will speak on "Sacred Dance & Secular Law in Bali."

The lecture will explore the significance of Balinese sacred dance by examining a landmark 2007 court case involving renowned painter Nyoman Gunarsa who alleged that several of his paintings of dancers had been counterfeited. He attempted to demonstrate the illegitimacy of the forgeries by dancing in the courtroom. Dr. Jenkins conducted primary research for the paper during his time in Bali as a Fulbright scholar when he attended courtroom sessions regularly and personally interviewed the trial's participants.

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Inaugural Fulbright-mtvU Scholarships Awarded

The U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and mtvU, MTV’s 24-hour college network, have announced the first four winners of Fulbright-mtvU Fellowships, inaugurated this year to promote “the power of music” as a global force for mutual understanding. Through this fellowship, the Department of State and mtvU seek to promote the role of music in mutual understanding, to invigorate interest in international education among U.S. college and university students, and to further the positive impact of public-private partnerships.

The merit-based selection process involved panels of academic leaders and area experts. Musicians Fiona Apple, James Mercer of The Shins, Common, and Perry Farrell of Satellite Party then reviewed and nominated the top qualified candidates. The presidentially-appointed J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board made the final selection.

The first four Fulbright-mtvU Fellowship winners will conduct research abroad for one academic year on projects of their own design involving an aspect of international musical culture. Winners will share their experiences with peers during their Fulbright year via video reports, blogs, and podcasts to be showcased on mtvU and mtvU.com.

Larnies Bowen, a graduate of New York University, went to Panama to study Spanish reggae music as a vehicle for understanding West Indian-Panamanian identity, culture, and collective experience. She will cap her academic year by producing an audio-visual history of Panamanian reggae music to be used as an educational supplement in Panamanian and American schools.

Phally Chroy, who is pursuing a master’s of fine arts at Temple University, traveled to Cambodia to make a documentary examining the reclamation of Cambodia’s lost musical heritage of the 1950s and 60s—music outlawed during the reign of the Khmer Rouge regime. The film will also consider how the post-Khmer generation has used this music to reconstruct their identity and rediscover their cultural roots.

James Collins, a 2007 graduate of Harvard University, is spending his year in South Africa creating a documentary film exploring the impact and influence of marching band music on underprivileged South African youth.

Aaron Shneyer, a Georgetown University alumnus, traveled to Jerusalem to develop a year-long music program bringing together Israeli and Palestinian high school students to write and play music together, culminating in performances in their own communities.

Fulbright ASEAN Visiting Scholars Program

As part of an enhanced partnership marking the 30th anniversary of the relationship between the United States and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), the U.S. Department of State announced the inaugural competition for the Fulbright ASEAN Visiting Scholars Program.

The new program is designed to provide opportunities for travel to the United States for scholarly and professional research on issues central to the ASEAN-U.S. relationship. Grants are available for citizens of Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand.

University faculty, foreign ministry and government officials, and professionals in think tanks and other NGOs whose work focuses on ASEAN-U.S. issues are eligible to apply. Fields of interest may include economics, political economy, foreign policy, international relations, and history. Relevant sub-specialties include security, trade, and cultural issues directly related to the ASEAN-U.S. relationship.

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Make Nominations for Public Diplomacy Award

The new Benjamin Franklin award recognizes outstanding contributions in public diplomacy made by U.S. citizens and private sector organizations, both at home and abroad, and acknowledges that all sectors of U.S. society—individuals, schools, foundations, associations, and corporations—actively contribute to advancing America’s ideals through public diplomacy.

Of particular interest are activities that provide hope and opportunity in education, culture, and information; empower, educate and inspire key audiences such as women, students, and educators; and engage undererved communities and grassroots organizations. The four award categories are individuals, corporations, academic institutions, and not-for-profit organizations (foundations, associations, and labor unions).

Any individual or group may make a nomination. Nominators need not be U.S. citizens, but all nominees must be. The nominated activity must have taken place during the 2007 calendar year. Nominations will be considered only for activities that do not involve U.S. government funding.

The deadline for submitting nominations is Dec. 15. Detailed nomination criteria are posted at http://www.state.gov/rd/publications. Information is also available by email request to diplomacyupdate@state.gov.

The first Benjamin Franklin awards will be presented by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice in early spring of 2008, and annually thereafter. The Benjamin Franklin awards program was first announced by Secretary Rice at the Private Sector Summit on Public Diplomacy in January.

U.S.-Chile Scholarship Agreement Expands U.S. Higher Education Opportunities for Chileans

Alejandro Foxley, minister of foreign affairs of the Republic of Chile, and Condoleezza Rice, U.S. secretary of state, at the signing ceremony for the U.S.-Chile Educational Scholarship Agreement.

U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and the Republic of Chile’s Minister of Foreign Affairs Alejandro Foxley signed the U.S.-Chile Educational Scholarship Agreement at a ceremony at the Department of State in August.

The new agreement expands the scope of the existing U.S.-Chile Educational Exchange Agreement, which established the binational Fulbright Program between the two countries. It also increases access and equal opportunity for Chileans to pursue advanced degree study at U.S. universities with high quality academic programs in their fields of interest. As outlined in the agreement, the new scholarship program will target a diverse group of Chileans by providing pre-academic English language training, if needed, to reach talented students who would otherwise not be in a position to pursue graduate study in the United States.

The 50th anniversary of the Fulbright Program exchanges between Chile and the United States was celebrated in 2005. In her remarks, Secretary Rice noted the success of the Fulbright Program in Chile.

“Hundreds and hundreds of Fulbright alumni have returned to Chile to make a difference in their country and in this hemisphere, to contribute to the advancement of the betterment of mankind, to contribute to strengthening Chilean democratic institutions and to strengthening the sense of social justice and upward mobility, the belief that it really doesn’t matter where you come from, it only matters where you are going.” Secretary Rice said. “That is at the core of any democracy.”

“The main point of this program, as Secretary Rice was saying, is that no one should be excluded from expanding his or her possibilities to the top level of quality in higher education knowledge. No one should be excluded because of insufficient language skills,” said Foreign Minister Foxley.
International Education Week to be Observed Nov. 12-16

The 2007 International Education Week (IEW) theme is "International Education: Fostering Global Citizenship and Respect." The event, an annual joint initiative of the U.S. Departments of State and Education, promotes international understanding and builds support for international educational exchange.

It is also aimed at encouraging the development of programs that prepare Americans to live and work in a global environment and at attracting future leaders from abroad to study in the United States. First held in 2000, IEW is now celebrated in more than 100 countries.

The U.S. Department of State has launched its IEW 2007 web site at http://iew.state.gov. The site includes promotional materials for downloading, an interactive quiz, and opportunities to post and view planned events around the world.

Tips for planning events are available on the web site, as are resources for requesting speakers, a list of suggested activities, and guidelines for making presentations. Institutions and organizations can submit information on their programs and interested individuals can subscribe to an e-mail list for the latest news on IEW activities.

Fulbright Association institutional member Michigan State University (MSU) will celebrate an extended version of IEW beginning on Nov. 10 and continuing through Nov. 18. Planned events include film screenings, lectures, and the 22nd annual Global Festival. Winners of the 2007 International Student Essay Contest will also be announced at a special reception. The essay contest offers international students at MSU the opportunity to reflect on their experiences at the university and to share their stories.

The University of California-Santa Cruz (UCSC) will hold a fair on opportunities to study overseas at an international night and fashion show, and an international photo contest. Members of the International Students Organization, a newly formed group at UCSC, will be upstate New York in late November.

The Fulbright Interfaith Program, a new Fulbright initiative designed to promote the importance of interfaith cooperation and to facilitate community action among diverse religious groups worldwide, will be introduced. The Fulbright Interfaith Community Action Program provides a multinational group of religious leaders, scholars of religion, nongovernmental organizations, and/or community leaders from diverse religious backgrounds who are actively engaged in interfaith dialogue and cooperation programs in their home countries with a semester-long U.S. experience that includes discussion, debate, and collaborative learning centered on interfaith dialogue and cooperation.

The program recognizes the importance of promoting an interfaith and intercultural exchange of ideas and the development of collaborative relationships across faith communities. It seeks to challenge participants to find solutions that move beyond professions of tolerance to implementing active cooperation among faiths in order to create more peaceful and productive communities across religious boundaries within and among nations.

Applications were received from 18 countries. The first Fulbright interfaith scholars represent India, Indonesia, Israel, Lebanon, Nigeria, Pakistan, the Philippines, Russia, Turkey, and the United Kingdom. Participants began by taking part in a three- and a half-week program beginning in August at the University of California, Santa Barbara. They then left for individual ten-week placements at host institutions throughout the United States.

Following the placements, the group will reconvene in Washington, D.C., to share their experiences and to reflect on ways to encourage and facilitate interfaith cooperation within their own communities.
The Hansen Summer Institute on Leadership and International Cooperation created by San Diego State University welcomed its first group of 22 students to a three-week leadership and conflict resolution program in July. Participating students from Bosnia, Cambodia, China, the Congo, Cyprus, India, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Morocco, Nepal, and Romania were making their first visit to the United States. The program, created through a $1.7 million donation from the Fred J. Hansen Foundation, offers a university-based leadership experience in international cooperation.

We are bringing together a group of students from diverse backgrounds, but with one critical thing in common: they want to help their country overcome its current political, social or violent conflict,” said Ron Bee, professor of political science at the Florida State University.

This program will provide the tools the students from Bosnia, Cambodia, China, the Congo, Cyprus, India, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Morocco, Nepal, and Romania will need to develop the skills of leadership and conflict resolution, he said.

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SDSU’s Hansen Summer Institute participants with San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders.

**FLORIDA**

Four Florida State University (FSU) faculty members received Fulbright grants for 2007-2008. Turek Abichou, associate professor of civil and environmental engineering, is in Tunisia exploring environmental solutions for soil, ground water, and air pollution caused by waste disposal practices in the northern Africa region. Jeffrey Brooks, assistant professor of educational leadership and policy studies, is examining leadership for social justice in the Philippines. Professor of Economics James Cobbe is teaching at the University of Darang in Vietnam. Patricia Yancey Martin, the Daisy Parker Flory professor of sociology, is based at Gothenburg University in Sweden.

I am very pleased that these faculty members have been selected as Fulbright Scholars,” said Dean of the Faculties Anne Rowe. “Not only will their contributions have global impact, but their students will also benefit significantly from this experience upon their return to FSU.”

**INDIANA**

The University of Notre Dame is hosting Briona Nicole Dhiarmada, recipient of the Visiting Fulbright Scholar Award in the Irish Language. Dr. Dhiarmada, a junior lecturer in the department of languages and cultural studies at the University of Limerick, is teaching courses in modern and contemporary Irish language and literature. She will also complete her research project, a bilingual annotated anthology of modern and contemporary poetry in Irish, at the university.

**MICHIGAN**

The Eastern Michigan University (EMU) College of Business has signed an agreement with Kangsong National University (KNU) in Korea to enroll more graduate students at EMU. This is the second agreement that the college has signed with a Korean university and the first U.S. joint program for KNU.

The agreement provides additional potential as the partners discussed the possibility of a program designed for Korean business managers. The connection between the two universities developed as a result of a second agreement between Korea and EMU. Five KNU students enrolled in that program, which eventually led to the agreement. The first 10 graduate students from Korea are expected to enroll at the U.S. university in fall 2008.

**MISSISSIPPI**

University of Mississippi history professor Joshua Howard received a Fulbright grant to research the life and times of Chinese composer Nie Er. Dr. Howard is spending a year based at the Central Conservatory of Music in Beijing. His work involves researching and writing a biography of the radical composer, who was active in Shanghai’s burgeoning film industry and leftist art circles during the 1930s.

“I have the good fortune of teaching his niece in 1988 at Yunnan University,” said Dr. Howard. “I’m hoping to interview other relatives and music historians. I also plan to film footage of musicians performing his works to make a film documentary.”

**NEW YORK**

A record-breaking eight Fordham University students have received Fulbright grants for 2007-2008. The Fulbright recipients are Sarah E. Fetterhoff (Germany), Christina M. Gonzalez (New Zealand), Margaret M. Haugrave (Bolivia), Kevin A. Komorosi (China), Ken Mondschein (France), Matthew S. Pavone (Italy), Anna Polanski (Germany), and William Verzani (Indonesia).

Ms. Fetterhoff said she hopes to present a positive image of Americans while she is in Europe and to broaden her understanding of world cultures.

“I owe my fellowship in large part to my experiences at Fordham and living in the Bronx. Both have inspired me to bring an open mind and heart to my time in Germany,” Ms. Fetterhoff said.

Three students from Stony Brook University have been awarded Fulbright scholarships to pursue research projects. Konstantine Rountos, a graduate student in oceanography, will travel to Greece where he will research destructiveurchin grazing in coastal Greek seagrasses. Andrea Baden, a graduate student in anthropology, will go to Madagascar to study reproductive tactics of black-and-white ruffed lemurs. Carly Kenkel, a recent graduate who majored in marine science, will travel to Thailand to conduct research on secondary effects of tsunamis, especially on coral disease.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

The Rassias Foundation of Dartmouth College and Worldfund, a nonprofit organization working to improve education for Latin America’s poor, hosted 20 professors from Mexico’s national university for teacher training for a 12-day, all-expenses-paid teaching workshop in Hanover, N.H. The professors were from Universidad Pedagógica Nacional, which is based in Mexico City and has 50 satellite campuses throughout Mexico. The Dartmouth College-Worldfund partnership is expected to result in an annual event to help Latin American educators improve their instruction of English.

**OHIO**

Blessing Igboeli, a third-year medical student at the School of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University, is a Fulbright fellow in Nigeria. Mr. Igboeli is working to educate young couples on the causes of infertility with a focus on the preventable and treatable aspects of infertility.

“Senator William Fulbright was a visionary humanitarian and this scholarship signifies to me and to those who keep his dream alive through the foreign scholarship that we have an obligation to make this a better world by doing what we can to improve the human condition. I look forward to personal and professional growth that will enable me to contribute my best to the healthcare profession. I intend to embrace the experience wholly,” Mr. Igboeli said.

**OREGON**

Robin Young, a 2007 graduate of Lewis & Clark College, is working on a new approach to the problem of domestic violence. With the help of a Fulbright grant, Ms. Young is spending her first year out of college in the Dominican Republic, where she will study ways for mothers to communicate with their daughters in order to help women stop the cycle of domestic abuse. Ms. Young will interview female survivors of domestic violence, attend lectures at the Technological Institute of Santo Domingo, and participate in programs led by local domestic violence-related organizations.

**TEXAS**

The University of Texas at Austin hosted 13 students from 13 countries at the University of Texas at Austin, the University of Texas at San Antonio, and four other universities as part of a Fulbright program. The students received Fulbright grants for the 2007-2008 academic year.

Rice University alumna Mary Elizabeth “Mamie” Air received a Fulbright grant to research dancers’ health care issues at the Hospital for
Fulbright Association Institutional Member Presidents Participate in Western Hemisphere International Education Delegation

U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings and U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Thomas Farrell led a delegation of U.S. college and university presidents to Chile and Brazil in August. Representatives of Fulbright Association institutional members traveling in the delegation were Susan C. Aldridge, president, University of Wyoming; Gregory Geoffroy, president, Iowa State University; John Henrynessy, president, Stanford University; James B. Milliken, president, University of Nebraska; and Sean O’Keefe, chancellor, Louisiana State University.

Through meetings with students and leaders in higher education, government, and business, the group promoted U.S.-related education, as well as a desire to expand educational partnerships in the western hemisphere. Members of the delegation communicated to various audiences that the United States welcomes and values international education. They also highlighted the importance of international education in strengthening U.S.-Latin American ties and preparing globally competitive American students.

The pairing of government and higher education leaders is the third in a series of delegations growing out of a commitment to greater partnership in the national interest made at the 2005 U.S. Presidents Summit on International Education co-hosted by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Spellings in January 2006.

Fulbright Association Institutional Member Presidents Succeed at Sending Students Abroad for Longer Tenures

A new analysis by the Institute of International Education of its Open Doors study abroad data now ranks institutions in three categories: short-term duration of study abroad; mid-term duration of study abroad; and long-term duration of study abroad. Two Fulbright Association institutional members—New York University and University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign—rank in the top 20 in all three categories.

Other institutional members in the top 20 for long-term duration of study abroad are Smith College, the University of California-Berkeley, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, University of California-Santa Cruz, Tufts University, University of California-Los Angeles, Middlebury College, University of Notre Dame, and University of California-Irvine.

The previously unpublished data tables are now available exclusively on the Open Doors website at: http://opendoors.iienetwork.org/?p=StudyAbroadData

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The Fulbright Association greatly appreciates the following donors for their special event and operating support gifts between May 1, 2005 and May 1, 2006:
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Pianos: Rachel Quinn; Flute, Rioma O'Duinnea; and Violoncello, Gerald Peregrine.

The Ireland-United States Commission for Educational Exchange and the U.S. Embassy in Ireland hosted "inter-changes: Fulbright at 50 Concert," part of a yearlong celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Fulbright Program in Ireland. The evening showcased the musical talents of former Fulbright recipients in a program devised by Fulbrighter Thérèse Fahy of the Royal Irish Academy of Music. Ms. Fahy is also president of the Irish Fulbright Alumni Association. The evening also highlighted recent developments at the Fulbright Commission and recognized U.S. Fulbright students and scholars in Ireland for 2007-2008.

In a ceremony held at the residence of Gene Kretz, deputy chief of mission of the Embassy of the United States in Israel, Fulbright alumna Ruth Halperin-Kaddari received the Secretary of State's Woman of Courage Award. The award honors the courage of extraordinary women worldwide who have played transformative roles in their societies. Dr. Halperin-Kaddari is an internationally renowned scholar in family law and a leading expert in the field of women’s rights. Her award citation states, “Dr. Halperin-Kaddari has tirelessly worked to protect women’s rights in Israel. Through her expertise in feminist jurisprudence, she has changed attitudes, shaped policies, and is enabling women to achieve genuine equality in the workplace. This award is to honor her courage and leadership in advocating for women’s rights and advancement.”

Ms. Fahy is also president of the Irish Fulbright Alumni Association. The evening also featured a contemporary dance performance by Ramli and his dancers at Sutra’s outdoor amphitheater, followed by an alfresco buffet dinner during which the evening was an exhibition of works by Malaysian Fulbright artists and a book display by local Fulbright authors.

For its fourth general conference in October, the Moroccan Fulbright Alumni Association organized "Business Education in Morocco: Management Training in a Globalized Context." The one-day conference brought together representatives of public and private business schools and managers of companies doing business in Morocco to discuss recent developments in management training and the adaptation of programs and curricula to the present and anticipated needs of the economy.

The Commission for Educational Exchange between the United States of America and Peru is organizing a Fulbright alumni association. The commission is recruiting alumni interested in organizing the association in the U.S. and in Peru. If you would like to help, please email the commission with your updated contact information in order to be included on its mailing list. The commission can be reached at info@fulbrightperu.info. More information is available on the web at http://www.fulbrightperu.info/.

The Fulbright Philippine Agriculture Alumni Association (FPAAA) held its national convention and second general assembly in August. The meeting explored an "Agenda for Strategic Action for the Philippine Agricultural Sector." The national convention sought to share and disseminate information relevant to agriculture and fisheries, identify issues and concerns requiring policy intervention, and introduce Fulbright agriculture scholars to Department of Agriculture officials. The Fulbright-Philippine Agriculture Program was established in 1999 to provide awards to Filipinos from the agriculture, forestry, and fisheries sectors for study, research, and consulting in the United States and to Americans to lecture, research, and consult in the Philippines.

The Board of Directors of the Luso-American Educational Commission (the Fulbright Commission) in Portugal appointed Ottilia Macedo Reis as the commission’s new executive director in May. Ms. Macedo Reis received her undergraduate degree in international relations from the School of Social and Political Sciences of the Technical University of Lisbon and completed a non-degree program in International Cooperation and Development at the School of Economics and Management of the Technical University of Lisbon. She began her career at the Fulbright Commission in 2001 as communication assistant and later worked as the administrative officer. She twice served as acting executive director before being selected to fill the position permanently.

The Thailand-U.S. Educational Foundation (TUSEF), in collaboration with the Office of the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education, and Kasetsart University, organized a special workshop on "Knotting Your Network" to explore networking and share best practices. Following the program, Kevin Quigley (2007), president and CEO of the National Peace Corps Association, helped participants explore their existing networks and identify possible actions to help improve the quality and diversity of, as well as speed of access to, those networks.

The new foreign minister of Turkey, Ali Babacan, is a Fulbright alumnus. Foreign Minister Babacan was a student grantee to Northwestern University, where he received his graduate degree in business management from the Kellogg School of Management. A former economics minister, he continues to be chief negotiator for Turkey’s European Union talks. He is a founding member of the Justice and Development Party (AK Parti).

More than 100 Fulbright alumni attended "15 Years of Fulbright in Vietnam," a daylong anniversary celebration of the Fulbright Program, held in August in the Vietnamese city of Hue. The conference included alumni presentations, panel discussions, and opening remarks by the new U.S. Ambassador to Vietnam, Michael Michailakis, who announced his goal of doubling the number of students sent from Vietnam to the United States.
Fulbright Association Members, Staff Contribute to First Central American and Caribbean Fulbright Alumni Meeting

The Panamanian Fulbright Alumni Association welcomed representative from 10 Fulbright alumni organizations to the Central American and Caribbean Fulbright Alumni Meeting in August. Organized with support from the Public Affairs Office of the United States Embassy in Panama, the conference theme focused on “Fulbright Alumni Working for Regional Wellness.”

Special guest speakers included Ambassador William A. Eaton, U.S. ambassador to Panama, and Fabio Narango, senior research associate at the Center for Urban and Environmental Studies, Florida Atlantic University. Mr. Narango spoke about organizational capacity building for nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations and directed a workshop for Fulbright alumni association representatives on assessing their own organizational capacity.

Presentations also focused on economic and social reality in the region, problems and possibilities in higher education, knowledge transfer in Central America and the Caribbean, partnership and collaboration between the U.S. Fulbright Association and other Fulbright associations in the region, the impact of the Panama Canal expansion, and natural resources, technology, and environmental conservation.

Fulbright Alumni Collaboration. Participants were eager to make such gatherings a regular occurrence, and tentative plans are being made to determine the site for the Second Central American and Caribbean Fulbright Alumni Meeting to take place in 2008 or 2009.

Kenya Alumni Association Reports on First National Conference

By Ken Wakia
Chairman, Kenya Fulbright-Humphrey Alumni Association

July 2007 marked a turning point for the Kenya Fulbright-Humphrey Alumni Association (KEFHAA). As a culmination of a nationwide essay competition funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of State, KEFHAA held its first national conference. It was a forum that brought together alumni, friends, and college and high school students to discuss the theme, “Nurturing the Youth for Good Leadership.”

Approximately 200 people attended the two-day event in Nairobi. High school students from all over Kenya had written essays on the topic, “My Ideal Leader.” The winners were given the opportunity to share an abstract of their essays with the conference participants.

Kristjen Lundberg, director, chapter relations, Fulbright Association; Lelia Lombardo, program coordinator, conference organizing committee; First Central American and Caribbean Fulbright Alumni Meeting; and Xentia E. Garcia Bardos, president, conference organizing committee.

It was astounding to hear how much the students had internalized the concepts of good leadership and democratic principles. It was amazing to see young Kenyans giving clear descriptions of their preferences for good leadership styles and qualities. They had obviously understood the gist of the essay topic.

Besides being given a platform to express themselves, the winning students also took home cash prizes of up to $430 each while their schools received a computer and printer.

Conference moderator Allan Winkler (Finland 1978, Netherlands 1984, Kenya 1995), professor of history at Miami (Ohio) University, gave a fantastic lecture about the historical development of leadership styles since the medieval period. He then facilitated a discussion of what the audience thought was the right leadership style.

Of course, there could be no agreement on this.

Dr. Winkler was assisted by Kenyan alumni Leah Marangu, president of Africa Nazarene University, who is a mentor to Kenyan women with her successful leadership in the academic sector. Larry Ande, political affairs officer from the U.S. embassy, gave the closing remarks. Also in attendance were representatives from the Kenyan government who stated the government policy on youth and leadership. The officials were from the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Youth Affairs, the two ministries which KEFHAA cooperated with throughout the competition. Kenyan alumni interest in Fulbright activities was rejuvenated, and KEFHAA hopes to make this an annual event.

Fulbright Association Staff News

Naomi A. Parekh joined the Fulbright Association staff on Sept. 4 as director, membership development. Ms. Parekh was a Fulbright fellow to Jamaica in 2005. She conducted independent research at a group home for HIV positive children there and developed guidelines for hurricane disaster relief.

Ms. Parekh received her associate in arts degree from Simon’s Rock College of Bard and her bachelor’s degree from Smith College, where she majored in anthropology and cultural health. During her senior year, Ms. Parekh enrolled in a program on traditional Chinese medicine and culture at the Yunnan Traditional Chinese Medical Hospital in Kunming, Yunnan, People’s Republic of China.

“We are delighted to have Naomi Parekh leading the Fulbright Association’s initiatives to recruit, retain, and engage members,” said Jane L. Anderson, the Association’s executive director. “Ms. Parekh has been an active volunteer for more than 18 years for a charity in her hometown of Lowell, Mass., that raises funds to support abandoned children in the Caribbean, Latin America, and Africa. She has attracted and motivated hundreds of volunteers united by their belief in a worthwhile cause.”

Ms. Anderson also announced the promotion of Melissa A. Miller to director, support services from program assistant. Ms. Miller has assumed increased administrative and technical responsibilities.

Kristjen Lundberg, the Association’s director, chapter relations, has been accepted into the George Washington University’s Organizational Management Fellows Program, a master’s level program designed for working professionals.

“IT is my privilege to work with this fine team of professionals whose worldwide support for Fulbright exchanges, enriching the Fulbright experience, and facilitating lifelong interaction among alumni and current participants.”

Melissa A. Miller, Fulbright Association director, support services; Kristjen Lundberg, director, chapter relations; Naomi Parekh, director, membership development; and Jane L. Anderson, executive director.

How Do I Get Involved?

Chapters are organized locally by Fulbright Association members to provide opportunities, through volunteer service, for continued support of, and involvement with, the Fulbright Program and with other alumni and visiting Fulbright students, teachers, and scholars currently in the United States. National and chapter projects also provide Fulbrighters with an opportunity to build on their Fulbright experience through public service and to support the Fulbright Program so it will be available for future generations of students, teachers, and scholars. There are currently 47 Fulbright Association chapters active in 34 states and the District of Columbia.

Visit www.fulbright.org/chapters to:

• Learn about forming a chapter if your area is not currently served by one
• Find chapter contact information
• Search for upcoming chapter events

Fulbrighters in the following areas have expressed particular interest in forming chapters: Iowa (statewide); Kentucky (statewide); Puerto Rico; and Austin and San Antonio, Texas. Or, you can contact Kristjen Lundberg, director, chapter relations at kristjen.lundberg@fulbright.org or call (202) 347-5543 for more information.
Chapter Outreach, Mentoring, and Enrichment Programs

Arizona Chapter President Carol Bender

Nearly 60 people attended the welcome dinner for Arizona visiting Fulbrighters hosted by the Arizona Chapter at the University of Arizona in September. The chapter was also highlighted in a university news article entitled, "Arizona Fulbright Chapter Improving Statewide Ties." The article cited the chapter's $5,900 Outreach, Mentoring, and Enrichment (OME) grant funded by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State. The grant, the largest in the chapter's history, will fund the 2007-2008 calendar of enrichment activities.

Following the success of "Fulbright Day" in April, during which Iraqi Visiting Fulbright Scholar Fatmia Al-Joumany spoke, a group of U.S. alumni at Humboldt State University in Arcata, Calif., submitted application materials to become an affiliated chapter of the Fulbright Association. The national Board of Directors approved the affiliation agreement and welcomed the Humboldt (Calif.) Chapter in June.

Members of the Northern California Chapter toured the exhibition “Ancient Roots/Urban Journeys: Expressions for Días de los Muertos” at the Oakland Museum of California in October. The event included a breakfast reception, a curator’s tour of the exhibit, and a community celebration in the museum gardens.

Spanish Fulbright alumni José-Luis Nuevo (United States 1998) conducted the season premiere performance of the Annapolis Symphony. The Annapolis Area Fulbrighters of the National Capital Area Chapter hosted a pre-concert lecture for Fulbright attendees and a reception with Maestro Nuevo following the concert.

Approximately 100 participants joined the Chicago Chapter for its annual Hispanic Heritage Luncheon, celebrating the many contributions that the Hispanic community has made to the city of Chicago. This year’s event featured a distinguished panel of experts, including Jose Miguel Cruz, consul general of Chile; Miguel Leaman, Mexican trade commissioner; and Dain Borges, director of the Center for Latin American Studies at the University of Chicago. The panelists discussed “the Latin American influence on the social and economic development of the United States.” Emceed for the event was Telemundo Anchor Nelly Carreno. Participants also saw the Instituto Cervantes’ exhibition “On Men and Women,” a selection of the work of leading contributors to contemporary Spanish art from the 1950s to the present day. The program was funded by a Fulbright Outreach, Mentoring, and Enrichment (OME) grant from the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State.

The Hawaii Chapter held its annual “Welcome Gathering” at the Korean Studies Center at the University of Hawaii. Nineteen visiting Fulbrighters attended. Chapter officers Bill Chapman, president, Ronacole Whittingdon, vice-president, Carlos Juarez, treasurer, and Theo Gonzalves, secretary, hosted the meeting. Past President Paul Hooper and Dean Edward Shultz of the School of Asian and Pacific Studies also greeted the visiting Fulbrighters, who received an introduction to events scheduled for the coming academic year. The welcome program was funded by a Fulbright Outreach, Mentoring, and Enrichment (OME) grant from the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State.

Chapter members also reviewed the new “Welcome Handbook” which chapter member Silvian Cóisito prepared.

Colby College President William Adams (France 1978) hosted the inaugural event of the Maine Chapter in June. The following day, a delegation of Maine Fulbright alumni visited the offices of Senators Susan Collins and Olympia Snowe and Rep. Tom Allen to communicate the importance of a robust Fulbright Program to long-term U.S. national interests. The legislative visits were followed by a dinner gathering of Portland-area Fulbrighters.

The New Mexico Chapter kicked off a full slate of activities for the 2007-2008 academic year with a visit to Santa Fe’s Museum of International Folk Art to view a traveling exhibit entitled “A Saint in the City: Sufi Arts of Urban Senegal.” Preceding the museum visit, attendees gathered for lunch at the Museum Café and heard U.S. Fulbright alumnus Jennifer Anderson discuss her recently completed Fulbright experience in South Korea.

The Greater New York Chapter, with partial support from the Fulbright Outreach, Mentoring and Enrichment Grant Program funded by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State, hosted Fulbright Welcome Weeks NYC! Featured were a series of events designed to offer visiting Fulbrighters and U.S. alumni the opportunity to get to know each other socially while also promoting mentoring relationships that will last throughout the grant experience. The Welcome Weeks schedule included an introduction to salsa dancing, a session teaching the basics of self-defense and jujitsu, a night of improv comedy training, and “Fulbrighters on the Town” dinners.

In September, the Brazos Valley (Texas) Chapter organized an enrichment program for visiting Fulbrighters and alumni to attend the annual Kolache Festival. The group also toured the Barcelo Ranch, an alumnus of the Cultural Heritage Museum, where Clint Machann, a Fulbright alumnus of Czech descent, spoke on the Czech cultural heritage in the Brazos Valley. Dr. Machann is professor of English at Texas A&M University. The event was funded by a Fulbright Outreach, Mentoring, and Enrichment grant from the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State.

Through the generosity of the Oregon Humanities Foundation and the American Studies Program at Portland State University, the Portland Oregon Chapter also hosted a series of exciting events in September. The main event was the annual Kolache Festival. The group also toured the Barcelo Ranch, an alumnus of the Barcelo Ranch, an alumnus of the Cultural Heritage Museum, where Clint Machann, a Fulbright alumnus of Czech descent, spoke on the Czech cultural heritage in the Brazos Valley. Dr. Machann is professor of English at Texas A&M University. The event was funded by a Fulbright Outreach, Mentoring, and Enrichment grant from the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State.
**Fulbright Alumni**

Fulbright Association life member and founding president of the Association’s Hawaii Chapter Barbara Bennett Peterson (Japan 1967, China 1988) is author of Notable Women of China, published by M.E. Sharpe, and George Washington, America’s Moral Exemplar and Franklin Delano Roosevelt: Preserver of Spirit and Hope, both published by Nova Science Publishers. Dr. Peterson is the account of a quartet from Western Kentucky University whose members made it big on the music scene in the 1950s. Dr. Jackson is university distinguished professor of history emeritus at Western Kentucky University.

Fulbright Association life member and Central Virginia Chapter President Charlotte McDaniel (Finland 2002) used the results of a study based on research conducted during her time in Finland for the article, “Ethical Environment, Healthcare Work, and Patient Outcomes,” with co-authors Stephen LeConte, Agata Maciuba, Scott Peltier, and Emir Veleda. The article was published in The American Journal of Bioethics. The research linked organizational ethics with the health care work of physicians and registered nurses as care givers and the outcomes of their care as evidenced in patients in hospitals. Dr. McDaniel is professor of business ethics at Emory University’s Center for the Study of Law and Religion.

Central Virginia Chapter President Charlotte MacDaniel and Georgetown University Dean Robert Gallagher, who spoke at a chapter event.

Just Child’s Play: Emerging Traditions and the Lost Boys of Sudan by Fulbright Association life member Felicia McMahon (Germany 1995) has been published by the University Press of Mississippi. Dr. McMahon is distinguished research associate professor in the department of anthropology at Syracuse University.

Joseph F. Patrouch (Austria 1988, 1999), Heinz Fassmann, and Gerhard Hatz are co-authors of Understanding Vienna: Pathways into the City, published by JLT Verlag. The academic guidebook introduces Vienna’s history and current development through excursions organized around various themes. Dr. Patrouch is associate professor of history at Florida International University.

Mathematical Computing in J by Howard A. Pellec (Malaysia 2003) has been published by Research Studies Press. The book introduces J software as an executable notation for secondary school math students and teachers. Dr. Pellec teaches mathematics and computer science education at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.


Globalization, Democratization and Asian Leadership: Power Sharing, Foreign Policy and Society in the Philippines and Japan, a book by Vincent K. Pollard (Philippines 1995), is being reprinted. The book utilizes interviews conducted during Mr. Pollard’s Fulbright year. He is lecturer in Asian studies at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Race and the Nation in Liberal Italy, 1861-1911: Meridionalism, Empire, and Diaspora by Aliza S. Wong (Italy 1999, 2006) was published by Palgrave. The book is based in part on her Fulbright research at the University of Milan. Dr. Wong, assistant professor of history at Texas Tech University, also received the President’s Excellence in Teaching Award from the university in May.

The University of California Press has published The Legend of Mar Qardagh: Narrative and Christian Hermitry in Late Antique Iraq by Fulbright Association life member Joel Thomas Walker (Macedonia 2002). The book uses the legend of an early seventh-century Christian martyr to elucidate the culture and society of late antique Iraq. Dr. Walker is associate professor of history at the University of Washington.

East 40 Degrees, An Interpretive Atlas by Jack Williams (Portugal 2001) is available from the University of Virginia Press. The work explores urban form in small towns along the east coast of North America. Mr. Williams is professor of landscape architecture and urban design at the School of Architecture at Auburn University.

Pianist and composer Alan Mandel (Austria 1961) will perform the world premiere of his “Philips Phantasia,” a work commissioned by the Fulbright Association’s Hawaii Chapter for the Phillips Collection in Washington, D.C. Dr. Mandel will also play works by Robert Schumann and Elie Siegmeister in the Nov. 4 program. Dr. Mandel is professor emeritus of music at American University.

Fulbright Association life member Nedra Newby (United Kingdom 1978) presented her drawings of New York City at The New Art Center in July. Ms. Newby is a member of the Contemporary Art Network in Manhattan.

**Achievements**

Tings Day Happen, written and performed by Dan Hoyle (Nigeria 2004), tells the comic and profound story of Nigeria’s oil madness and is based on his time in Nigeria as a Fulbrighter. In the piece, media-savvy warlords, populist militants, Africanized Texas oilmen, and prostitutes turned anti-Chevron activists confront the audience with their stories of survival on the West African oil frontier. Tings Day Happen played for three months at New York City’s Culture Project after a sold-out, six-month run at The Marsh in San Francisco.

Gregory Jones (Greece 1995), professor of music at Truman State University, was a featured performer at the first-ever China Trumpet Guild Conference held in Beijing. Dr. Jones presented master classes and performances in several other Chinese cities as well. In July, he traveled to the Greek island of Corfu to perform and teach as part of the Fifth Ionian Academy of Music. He joined principal brass players from the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra of Amsterdam, the M Mozell Brass, and other professionals from Europe to help students from around the world improve their musical skills.

View of Central Park by Nedra Newby

Fulbright Association life member Michael Haltz (Germany 1963) (continued on page 20)
was recently awarded the Grand Decoration of Honor in Silver by the Government of Austria and the Order of Three Stars by the Government of Latvia for his achievements in furthering European-American relations. Dr. Haltzel, a senior fellow at Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies, served for many years as staff director of the Subcommittee for European Affairs of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He has previously been honored by the governments of Lithuania, Romania, Sweden, and Hungary.

Karyn Kenny (Lithuania 2006) was selected as a Supreme Court Fellow for 2007-2008. Founded in 1973 by Chief Justice Warren Burger, the program selects four fellows nationwide to study firsthand both the administrative machinery of the federal judiciary and the dynamics of interbranch relations. Ms. Kenny is assistant United States attorney in the criminal division of the United States Attorney's Office in Nevada and adjunct law professor at William S. Boyd Law School, University of Nevada Las Vegas. During her fellowship, she is based at the U.S. Sentencing Commission in Washington, D.C.

Fulbright Association life member Arthur Stellar (Argentina 2000) received the 2007 Dr. Effie H. Jones Humanitarian Award at the 2007 National Conference on Education of the American Association of School Administrators (AASA). The award recognizes AASA members who exemplify the professional qualities modeled by the late Effie Hall Jones, a champion of women and minorities in educational leadership. Dr. Stellar is superintendent of the Taunton Public Schools in Massachusetts.

Lectures & Workshops
Gordon Bronitsky (Germany 1984) served as a panelist at the 2007 New Mexico Native American Economic Summit in Albuquerque, sponsored by the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of New Mexico. He participated in the panel, “Best Practices in Native American Tourism,” and spoke about creating annual events to showcase contemporary Native talent for local, national, and international audiences as well as venues and booking agents. Dr. Bronitsky is founder and president of Bronitsky and Associates, a firm that works with indigenous talent around the world in international cultural marketing of traditional and contemporary arts.

AYUDA! The U.S.-Spain Fulbright Commission will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2008. The commission is eagerly searching for past U.S. grantees so as to update its data base and invite you to participate in Stateside commemorative activities. If you are a former grantee, please respond by e-mail to postmaster@comision-fulbright.org and include your current mailing address. The commission will acknowledge receipt immediately.

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