27th Annual Conference Scheduled for Oct. 7 & 8 in Athens
Association to Hold Conference Abroad for First Time

At its Nov. 2, 2003, meeting, the Fulbright Association’s Board of Directors voted unanimously to hold the Association’s 27th annual conference in Athens in conjunction with the conference “Olympism and the Fulbright Spirit: Humanism in Action,” organized by the Hellenic Association of Fulbright Scholars and an international alumni committee. Rita Panourgia, president of the Hellenic Association of Fulbright Scholars, and Anastasia Papaconstantinou, immediate past president, invited the collaboration by the two Associations in order to strengthen the global Fulbright network.

“Celebrating the Fulbright Ethos,” the U.S. Fulbright Association annual conference, will feature new programs as well as sessions that occur annually, including the Selma Jeanne Cohen Fund lecture, meetings of the Association’s task forces, and the annual business meeting. Please see www.fulbright.org/conference for registration information and the U.S. conference schedule, which will flow into the Hellenic Association’s conference to be held from Oct. 8 through 10. For information on that conference, please visit www.cc.uoa.gr/english/HIA/HIAWell.htm.

Planning is being coordinated by the two Associations with the assistance of the U.S. Educational Foundation in Greece, which administers Fulbright exchanges between Greece and the United States. The 2004 Fulbright Prize will be awarded at a separate ceremony at a date to be determined.

“What was once only wishful thinking on our part has reached the point of being realized. It started with a pilot international conference in Delphi in 2000,” said Dr. Papaconstantinou. “On that occasion, we expressed the wish to continue with the idea of a gathering of Fulbrighters every four years at an international, interdisciplinary conference. At the U.S. Fulbright Association’s 25th and 26th annual conferences, we advanced the initial idea to hold an international conference every four years in the country or region hosting the Olympic Games.”

“The Fulbright Association is particularly pleased to have the opportunity to hold its 27th annual conference in conjunction with the Athens conference of the Hellenic Association of Fulbright Scholars,” said Jane L. Anderson, executive director of the Association. “All partners hope alumni from throughout the world will attend the events in Athens to highlight the important role Fulbright alumni play worldwide in supporting Fulbright exchanges and to set the stage for future international Fulbright alumni programs.”

For updates on the conferences, visit www.fulbright.org/conference.

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Members Reconstitute Science & Environment Task Force

The Fulbright Association’s Science and Environment Task Force (SETF), inactive for the past few years, was recently reorganized by a group of members interested in its potential. The effort to revitalize the SETF, led by Patricia Freeland (Turkey 1992), began at the Fulbright Association’s 26th Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., in October 2003. Ms. Freeland worked with the Association’s national office to contact former members of the task force and solicit their ideas. There were many positive comments and interesting ideas offered, which were then considered by an ad hoc committee established by Ms. Freeland. The ad hoc committee also consulted reports of earlier task force members to set an agenda for the SETF.

Some of the areas in which the committee expressed interest are the exploration of issues regarding clinical medicine and research in international contexts; genetically modified plants (social and ethical aspects); sustainable development and technologies; marine biodiversity and the impact of the environment on human health and the impact of human behavior on the environment’s health; the links among the environment, economic development, and quality of life; arid geomorphology and desertification; ground water availability and use; energy; computer and society; and engineering (applied aspects of science and environment).

The SETF will publish a periodic newsletter to serve as a forum whereby task force members can publicize work they are doing, either with colleagues in other countries or in the U.S. The newsletter will also be used to list announcements for meetings and conferences related to science and the environment. The SETF is also in the process of establishing a speaker bank for task force members who are interested in speaking to local Fulbright Association chapters on environmental and science-related topics.

The SETF held its inaugural meeting in Arlington, Va., on May 7 to discuss future task force activities. Plans are also being made to hold several online chat sessions throughout the summer to give those outside of the Washington, D.C., area the opportunity to share their ideas and get involved with the task force. More information on the chat sessions will be posted on the SETF web site at www.fulbright.org/TF/SETF. The SETF has established an e-mail list to communicate with its members. To subscribe, please send an e-mail to SETF-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

The SETF encourages all Fulbright Association members with an interest in the sciences or environmental issues to join. Task Force members are asked to contribute a nominal $5 annual fee to help cover basic operating costs. The annual fee can be paid online with a credit card through the SETF’s web site or can be included with your Fulbright Association membership dues when you renew your membership.

SETF Chair Patti Freeland encourages you to contact her at SETF@fulbright.org if you have any comments, questions, or suggestions.

FY05 Federal Budget Update

As Congress adjourned for district and state work periods before the Memorial Day holiday, leaders had not yet come to agreement on a joint resolution on the Fiscal Year 2005 federal budget. The Senate leadership delayed consideration of the 2005 joint resolution, which was narrowly passed by the House of Representatives, in order to work on an impasse on a provision that would allow Congress to cut taxes without making offsetting cuts in spending.

In the budget resolution passed by the House, the figure for international exchanges, was $29.3 billion, $2.2 billion below President Bush’s budget request and slightly less than the 2004 level of $29.4 billion.

As Congress turns to the appropriations process, the Fulbright Association expects that Fulbright alumni and friends will need to contact their members of Congress to express their support for international education and for Fulbright exchanges to help bolster funding for these important programs. For more information and updates, please visit www.fulbright.org/advocacy.

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Barbara A. Block, the Charles and Elizabeth Prothro professor of marine sciences at Stanford University who also directs the Tuna Research and Conservation Center, has pioneered the use of electronic tags to study the behavior of large migratory fishes, including tunas, sharks, and billfishes. She and her team of doctoral students, postdoctoral associates, and aquarium personnel have tagged highly migratory fishes throughout the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

This work has helped determine that Atlantic and Pacific bluefin tunas undertake extensive migrations, traveling back and forth across entire ocean basins. Her findings have been critical in helping to craft international management schemes for tuna fisheries. Giant bluefins are the most valuable fish in the ocean, worth tens of thousands of dollars each in places like the Tokyo fish market, where they are sliced into the highest quality sashimi. Increasing pressure on the natural resource has led to controversy on how to allocate the bluefin quotas worldwide. Dr. Block's lecture "Hot Tuna: Electronic Tracking of Giant Bluefin Across the Open Sea" presented at a symposium on new approaches to marine conservation at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Seattle is based on her paper "New Approaches to Conserving Marine Animals in a Dynamic Ocean." For more information, please visit www.stanford.edu/dept/news/pr/2004/4/aasblock218.html.

Doctors and medical students from the David Geffen School of Medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles, accompanied by physicians, nurse practitioners, and acupuncturists from Kaiser Permanente, spent ten days in April volunteering their time and expertise in Jamaica at a clinic, health fair, orphanage, and girl's shelter. The group donated 20 boxes of medicine and supplies to the clinic, enabling it to continue providing free medicine to its patients. The trip, an annual event for the group, is an academic exploration and practice of international medicine which helps the people of Jamaica and gives members of the group firsthand experience in working together. According to Sanjeev Sriram, a fourth-year medical student, "The culture of medicine in [the U.S.] is that you get trained separately and then you get thrown into the work environment together, and everybody just assumes that you'll work together just fine. I think one of the most eye-opening things about this experience...was just getting to know nurse practitioners and knowing how to better coordinate our skill levels."

For more information, please see www.dgsmed.ucla.edu/news/article.asp?id=28914.

Mary Robinson delivers keynote address at Emory University's 2004 commencement ceremonies.

Former President of Ireland Mary Robinson, the 1999 J. William Fulbright Prize for International Understanding laureate, delivered the keynote address at the 159th commencement of Emory University on May 10. Mrs. Robinson was also awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree. Her selection by the university highlights the deep ties between Emory and Ireland, including a newly launched Irish studies program and the university's extensive Irish literary collections, including a major portion of the archives of Nobel Prize-winning poet Seamus Heaney, who delivered last year's commencement address. A lifelong advocate of universal respect for fundamental rights and freedoms, Mrs. Robinson was the first woman to be elected as president in Ireland and served as president from 1990 to 1997, when she was named United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights from 1997 to 2002. She was a senator in Ireland for 20 years prior to becoming president. Currently Mrs. Robinson is the director of the Ethical Globalization Initiative, an organization that promotes human rights accountability in governance and in solving global challenges, like the Carter Center at Emory.

For more information, please visit www.emory.edu/central/NEWS/Release/2004/04/commencement041078860442.html. Mrs. Robinson's Fulbright Prize address is available online at www.fulbright.org/prize.

University of Nevada, Reno, President John Lilley traveled to Tokyo to celebrate the university's 17-year partnership with the Nevada-California International Consortium, of which it is a founding member. The university has significantly increased the number of international students on campus and has added Japanese studies to its curriculum. Japan is the leading country of origin for foreign students in Nevada, and Japanese students represented 39 percent of the international population at the university last year, according to Dr. Susan Bender, director of the office of international students and scholars. "It is a privilege to celebrate the long and fruitful friendship Nevada has had with this consortium," said President Lilley during the consortium's opening ceremonies in Tokyo. "The collaboration is a prime example of the commitment this university has made to international education and exchange."

Shannon Ellis, vice president of student services, added, "Nevada's long history with this program has left a lasting mark on the university, and created important awareness for Nevada in Tokyo and beyond."

There are more than 1,000 University of Nevada alumni in Japan, and many are distinguished business and political leaders in their communities. The consortium was originally established as the Tokyo branch campus of the University of Nevada in 1988, and today it has expanded to a multinational program including numerous colleges and universities in Nevada, California, and other parts of the world.

During the celebration, Kazuko Hirota, managing director of the consortium, observed, "The University of Nevada will forever retain its status at the consortium as a recognized leader for global citizenship and as a provider of excellence in American education." For more information, please visit www.unr.edu/news/detail.asp?id=849.

Fuel-cell experts from around the world will converge at Rochester Institute of Technology May 20-22 for the annual conference on fuel-cell technology. The second International Conference on Fuel Cell Science, Engineering, and Technology from June 14 to 16 will highlight advances in fuel-cell systems and components for stationary, mobile, and portable power-generation applications. About 350 experts are expected for the conference, which will detail advances in design, analysis, optimization and manufacturing of macro, micro and novel fuel-cell systems and components. In conjunction with the conference on fuel cells, the second International Conference on Microchannels and Minichannels will be held June 17 to 21.

"Microchannels are used in many diverse applications including fuel cells, electronics cooling, bioengineering and MEMS — microelectromechanical — devices," says Satish Kandlikar, RIT professor of mechanical engineering and conference chair. "This emerging area will enable microminiaturization of many devices, from computers to space-bound systems. This will be a truly international conference." For more information, please visit www.rit.edu/~930ww/webnews/viewstory.php3?id=1213.
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Growth New York Chapter Helps High School Students
Embrace the World through Writing

Four years ago, the Greater
New York Chapter of the Fulbright
Association joined Sarah Lawrence
College and the Yonkers Public
Schools District in a project to
promote international understanding through writing and
to help high school students
improve writing skills. Now there
are twice as many students
participating in the chapter’s Youth Mentorship Initiative, for
International Understanding and the 2004-2005 program will expand
to include student participation in
Saturday Writing Workshops and a
new component designed for
teachers.

Rosario Del Vecchio (Italy 1980), who initiated the program,
takes great pleasure in the success
of the project and is quick to credit
the New York Chapter of the Fulbright
Association, and Chapter President
Elise Van Os (Japan 1977), among
others, and her colleagues in the
Yonkers Public Schools and the
faculty and administration of
Sarah Lawrence.

"I think these documents speak for themselves," Ms. Del
Vecchio said, referring to a letter from a teacher who wrote,
"It is with great pride that I can send these
typical writings to you.
Our children grow by leaps and
bounds in the skill of writing.
Thank you for being a part of an
organization that does encourage
writing, respect writing, and
bring such goodness out of young
minds."

In 2004, from 20 to 25 students
will be selected for full scholarships
to the Sarah Lawrence College
Summer Writers Workshop for
High School Students upon
completion of a writing competition
that place in each school between
March 1 and May 10. Each school submits writing
(essays, short stories, poems, etc.) from 10 to 15 students on
themes of diversity, conflict,
resolution, or issues of global
concern.

Members of the Board of Directors of the
Greater New York Chapter
read and evaluate the writing submitted.
This year, they will select four
scholarship award recipients from
each Yonkers high school to
participate in the workshop, which
takes place on the Sarah Lawrence
College Campus in Bronxville,
N.Y., from July 5 through 9. The
College has been made possible
through a partnership grant to
the Yonkers Public School district
which will total $20,000 for this
year's program.

"The New York Chapter's
in partnership with
Sarah Lawrence
College, through its business
outreach, is providing additional
financial support to increase the
total number of students mentored
by Fulbright alumni and Sarah
Lawrence College faculty.

The new Writing Across the
Curriculum Project, a teachers' program
to be guided by the
New York State Education
Department Professional
Development Plan, will involve
faculty from various disciplines
at designated Yonkers schools
who will work with faculty
from Sarah Lawrence College,
for a minimum of ten sessions,
to develop a writing plan and a
set of activities/strategies
designed to emphasize writing
across the curriculum."
Global Fulbright Alumni Association has initiated the Fulbright Buddy System. Buddies are Finnish Fulbright alumni and U.S. alumni living in Finland who want to offer hospitality and friendship to current U.S. Fulbrighters in Finland. All incoming Fulbright students, teachers, and lecturers were matched with a volunteer buddy based on region, common interest, or shared experience.

The ASLA-Fulbright Alumni Association featured coverage of Fulbright alumni Masatoshii Koshiba (University of Rochester 1953), who was one of three 2002 Nobel Prize laureates in physics. The issue also reprinted the address of the Fulbright Alumni c.v., please visit www.fulbright-alumni.de.

The Fulbright Alumni Association (MF AA) of Morocco, having completed a year of activities, reports on the work of the organization and welcomes contributions for a publication. It has established a special fund to support Norwegian students in the U.S., and association membership fees are in part used to support this fund. For more information, please visit www.fulbright.no.

The Fulbright Alumni Association of Nepal currently reports more than 700 members. Any person who has completed a period of study assisted by a Fulbright grant may become a member of the Association, which organizes social events, such as Thanksgiving dinners and family picnics, as well as lectures and other programs. The Association publishes a newsletter and welcomes contributions for publication. It has established a special fund to support Norwegian students in the U.S., and association membership fees are in part used to support this fund. For information, please visit www.fulbright.no.

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A former Fulbright Association president highlighted the importance of planned giving and provided bequest for Association. Ronald J. Ross, M.D., a pioneering Fulbright Association leader, was one of the first Fulbright alumni to include the Fulbright Association in his will and to educate the Association’s board and staff about the growing importance of planned giving.

Dr. Ross, who was elected to the Association’s Board of Directors in 1994, serves as the Association president in 1998 and in 1999 and as treasurer in 1995. He was among a small group of Fulbright alumni who inspired the Association to undertake the fund for the 21st Century Campaign to create a $2 million endowment to provide more stable funding for Association’s activities. After his term as president and director ended in 1999, he continued his service as chair of the 21st Century Fund drive and initiated the first Fulbright Lifetime Achievement Medal Dinner in October 2000.

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A Bequest Through Your Will

The simplest and most common way to make a planned gift to the Fulbright Association is through your will. You may choose to leave a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, or specific assets, such as stocks or real estate. You can also make a gift of all or part of your property remaining after all other bequests have been paid, or a gift that takes effect only if your beneficiaries do not survive you. Any charitable bequest to the Fulbright Association is automatically excluded from your taxable estate and thus is not subject to estate taxes. In short, 100 percent of the amount you designate in your charitable bequest goes to the Fulbright Association rather than a substantial portion going to pay estate taxes.

Your Retirement Plan

The assets in your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) or other qualified retirement plan can be the basis for a gift to the Fulbright Association. If you or your family do not need all of the funds in this retirement account, you may effect this type of gift by naming the Fulbright Association as a beneficiary of all designated percentage of your IRA or other qualified retirement plan. This gift has the unusual advantage of avoiding potential future income taxes as well as estate tax.

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Chapter Enrichment,

Arizona Chapter President Carol Bender (Japan 1997) in front of ruins at the Casa Grande National Monument.

Members of the Arizona Chapter and visiting Fulbrighters met at Casa Grande National Monument and toured "backcountry" to ruins and to parts of the monument that are not open to the public. Following lunch, the group attended a special lecture by Dr. Matthew Whitaker, a history professor at Arizona State University who spoke on "World Events and the Media."

The Colorado Chapter organized a visit to the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Following a social meeting, members and visiting Fulbrighters viewed the IMAX film on Lewis and Clark and then toured the Machu Picchu exhibit. Before this tour, the chapter arranged for alumni and visiting Fulbrighters to attend the National Western Stock Show and Wild West Show.

The Embassy of Ghana hosted the National Capital Area Chapter's annual embassy event for visiting Fulbrighters and alumni coordinated by past chapter president and national board member Jenny Johnson (Nigeria 1977, Hungary 2003, and Brazil 2003) and by Doreen Ackom, the embassy’s public affairs officer. At the door, guests were greeted by drumming which lasted the entire evening and by the colorful display of Ghanaian arts and crafts in the embassy atrium. According to Chapter President Rosemary Hoffmann (Australia 1965), the embassy staff outdid itself in creating a festive atmosphere and offering an exhilarating evening of cultural stimulation. Ambassadors Isaac Aggrey welcomed guests and invited them to the elaborate dinner buffet of Ghanaian dishes. After dinner, a small troupe of Ghanaian dancers and musicians entertained the audience.

The DC Metro Area Young Alumni Group of the National Capital Area Chapter met socially and shared experiences with visiting Fulbrighters and compared notes on their experiences.

Recent Fulbright Program alumni Stephen Althouse (Belgium 2003, and Brazil 2003) and by Anneloes Hesen, Netherlands; Miguel Carballo, Costa Rica; Panos Terzakis, Greece; and Lefteris Kordis, Greece, who coordinated the program of traditional, popular, and classical music from various cultures. The performance was held at the library of Harvard University’s Eliot House. This event was supported by an enrichment grant from the Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

The Chicago Chapter in conjunction with the National Visitors Center of Chicago held a Spring Luncheon for Fulbrighters at the Chicago Historical Society. After lunch, an Abraham Lincoln impersonator, deemed by participants to be “a dead ringer,” delivered one of Lincoln’s speeches and took questions from the audience. After the performance, attendees toured the Historical Society, which features exhibits about Lincoln and local history.

German Fulbrighters Sebastian Leibold, Christoph Elbert, Nader Razbo, and Florian Zickfeld on the ferry to Cumberland Island.

The Georgia Chapter organized a visit to Savannah and Cumberland Island for alumni and visiting Fulbrighters with support from an enrichment grant from the Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The first day in Savannah included an aquarium tour at the University of Georgia’s Marine Life Extension on Skidaway Island. After dinner there was a presentation on coastal Georgia with local musical entertainment. The following day, members of the group took a ferry to Cumberland Island where they were met by tour guides. While walking in the marine forest and on the seashore, the Fulbrighters learned about the Georgia coastal island ecosystem, marine and wildlife, local history, and earlier Native American culture. They also toured the ruins of the Old Carnegie estate plantation. The trip concluded with tours of Savannah’s historical district and homes and a presentation at the Savannah College of Art and Design by Gene Friedman (United Kingdom 1991), director of security.

The annual Tour of Detroit organized by the Southeast Michigan Chapter included a guided bus tour to various landmarks, monuments, and neighborhoods led by Al Saperstein (Norwegian 1987) and his wife Harriet, both of whom are experts on the Motor City. At lunch at the Detroit Institute of Arts, two Wayne State professors, Bob Sinclar (Austria 1963, 1976, 1993, Germany 1972) and Mike Smith, spoke of Detroit’s past, present, and future. Following lunch, the group viewed exhibits at the Institute and at the African American Museum nearby. This event was supported by an enrichment grant from the Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.
Chapter Enrichment, Programs & Outreach (cont'd.)

William J. Connell (Italy 1985), La Motta through Italian Studies and director of the Alberto Italian Studies Institute at Seton Hall University, spoke about his Fulbright experience to members of the New Jersey Chapter and visiting Fulbrighters. The Honorable Dr. Mauro Lorenzini, Vice Consul of Italy, Newark, was the guest of honor.

Members of the New Mexico Chapter attended a concert by the Santa Fe Pro Musica featuring the virtuoso recorder artist Marion Verbruggen with accompaniment by Joel Becktell on cello. Joel, son of chapter vice president Phoebe Becktell (India 1991), shared with members a discussion of baroque instruments, especially the cello, as compared to modern instruments.

The newly formed Eastern New York Chapter organized a reception, dinner, and panel program designed to present information about the Fulbright Programs in general and specific information about applying for a K-12 Fulbright Teacher Exchange. The event was co-sponsored by the College of Rose whose president, Mark Sullivan, welcomed guests. This event was organized by chapter members Penny Storch (Slovenia 1998) and Jeanne Losi (Czech Republic 1999).

At the request of visiting Fulbrighters, the Central New York Chapter arranged a reception at the home of Paula Bobrowski (Japan 1995), who lives near Syracuse University. The informal gathering featured a strolling minstrel and opportunities to share Fulbright experiences and forge new friendships.

The Western New York and Northwestern Pennsylvania Chapter organized "International Exchanges and Their Impact" at Gannon University in Erie, Pa. The program sought to inform faculty, administrators, students, and professionals of the various Fulbright programs and to encourage applications. Several recent Fulbright program alumni shared their experiences and displayed items from the countries where they had had their grants.

Guthrie, Oklahoma's territorial capital, was the destination for visiting Fulbrighters and members of the North Central Oklahoma Chapter. The group toured the Scottish Rite Masonic Temple, lunched at the Blue Bell Saloon, toured the Oklahoma Territorial Museum, took a trolley ride through Guthrie, had dinner at Granny Had One, and attended "Fiddle Fest" at the Double-Stop Music Hall. The program was funded by a grant from the Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Oregon/SW Washington Chapter members hosted a luncheon at Portland State University in January for visiting Fulbright scholars, students, and teachers and their families. Barbara Tint (India 2008), a visiting Fulbright teacher from Gujarat, shared her Fulbright experience to India, Indian viewpoints on several global issues, and her work with conflict resolution. Several other chapter members and visitors shared information on their Fulbright experiences.

The Central Pennsylvania Chapter arranged for visiting Fulbrighters and members a day trip to Altoona, a bustling community, located in the heart of the Southern Allegheny Mountains, which played an integral role in the development of the American railroad system. The trip featured a visit to the Altoona Railroad Museum; lunch at the historic US Hotel in the adjoining community of Holidaysburg; located on the canal that predated the railroad as the primary transportation route across the state; a stop at the Penn State Altoona campus; and an evening at the Blair County Baseball Park to watch a game of the Altoona Curve minor league baseball team. The event was funded by an enrichment grant from the Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Members and visiting Fulbrighters listened to live American jazz at Zanzibar Blue in Philadelphia over brunch organized by the Philadelphia/Delaware Valley Chapter. Following brunch, the group toured the Barnes Collection in Merion, Pa. The Barnes Foundation collection includes Impressionist and Post-Impressionist art; Greek, Roman, and Egyptian antiquities; Chinese painting; African sculpture; and objects from New Mexico; Native American works; and American decorative arts. It juxtaposes objects from different cultures, periods, and media to encourage viewing art from different perspectives. The event was funded by an enrichment grant from the Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Robin Le Blanc (Japan 1991, 2002), who teaches in the Politics Department at Washington and Lee University, served as keynote speaker at a dinner meeting of the Blue Ridge Virginia Chapter. She spoke on "Sadat and Cigarettes for Breakfast: The Challenges and Rewards of Seeing Japan through Participant-Observer Research." Among the guests were Washington and Lee undergraduates who had been selected to receive Fulbright grants upon graduation. One student is headed for Australia to work on the mathematical modeling of volcanic plant populations and the other to Iceland to study ice cores to gain understanding of global climate change.

The Wisconsin Chapter members at the International Education Conference. The Wisconsin Chapter adopted the theme of storytelling for its 2003-04 academic year programs which began last fall with a reception for visiting Fulbrighters and alumni that featured a Wisconsin storyteller. A group of visiting Fulbright scholars and students were then invited to spend a day at the Wisconsin Heights Public School District to exchange stories with students in the middle and high schools. The year of events ended with an invitation to the same group to participate in "Storytelling as Universal Curriculum: Fulbright Scholars Share their Stories" as part of the second annual International Education Conference held at the Pyle Center on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus in March. This event was supported by an enrichment grant from the Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

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East Coast Chapter

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Life Member Organizes Outreach at Ohio Community Fair

Fulbright Association life member Susan L. English (Cote d'Ivoire 1987) organized the first Fulbright booth at the Wooster (Ohio) Ethnic Fair, part of a community effort that promotes opportunities for learning and understanding of racial, ethnic, and cultural diversities.

She and fellow Fulbright alumnae Donald L. Palmsquist (Denmark 1990), also an Association life member, and Paul Gostason (Malaysia 1971) discussed the impact of the Fulbright program with young people and with researchers, professors, teachers, artists and professionals and encouraged them to look into Fulbright opportunities.

The alumna also informed community members about visiting Fulbrighters in their area. Peter Sventik, a visiting Fulbright teacher from Hungary, shared his family's experiences in Ohio.

"I met people who had never heard of the Fulbright program, and people with misconceptions about it. I discovered people who would like to apply for a Fulbright grant, and researchers who frequently host visiting Fulbright graduate students," Dr. English said. "Many took Fulbright literature. The remaining brochures are now available at the public library, public school districts across three counties, and colleges and universities in our area."

"I would recommend this kind of activity to other chapters of the Fulbright Association," Dr. English said. "It was a great way for Fulbright to get its word out to the public in general. My wish is for the eight-year-old girl I met to someday go through college, remember our conversation, and apply for a Fulbright grant."

Marshall Ellis, the Fulbright Association's director of membership development, collected Council for International Exchange of Scholars, Institute of International Education, and Department of State materials and identified area Fulbright alumni and visiting Fulbrighters for Dr. English. •
Fulbright Alumni

Ron du Bois (South Korea 1973, India 1979, Nigeria 1987) about the making of a documentary film on African ceramics. The article draws on Dr. du Bois’s Fulbright experience in Nigeria.

Claudia Gitelman (Brazil 1988) has compiled and edited a new book entitled Liebes Hauns: Mary Wigman’s Letters to Hanya Holm. The book was published by the University of Wisconsin Press.

Christopher Harper (Poland 2003) has published in the Internet a series of short movies he made while in Poland on a Fulbright scholar grant. The videos can be accessed at www.thetaea.edu/faculty/charper/movies.htm.


Anzis Press has recently published two choral settings by Elizabeth Laufer (Germany 1955). Sigh No More, Ladies, set for three-voice unaccompanied capella treble chorus, and Fear No More..., set for a six-part mixed capella chorus, drawn on works of Shakespeare. They were composed by Mrs. Laufer while on her Fulbright student grant in Hamburg. These works for chorus have also been released on a Capstone CD, recorded by the Kent Singers and conducted by Marguerite Muller.

Robert Lima (Peru 1976), president of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the Fulbright Association, has had two books published recently. Tracking the Minotaur: Poems, his fifth poetry collection, was issued by 1st Books Library in Bloomington, Ind. The Dramatic World of Valle-Inclán, a critical study and the ninth book he has written on the Spanish author, was released by Boydell & Brewer, Ltd., in the United Kingdom.

Fulbright Association life member John Logue (Denmark 1962) and Eric S. Einhorn (Denmark 1968, 1977) have written Modern Welfare States: Scandinavian Politics and Policy in the Global Age (Praeger, 2003). This new edition of their 1989 classic focuses on how economic globalization and European Union membership have affected the “Scandinavian model” of providing inclusive and universal welfare programs based on carefully managed capitalist market economies.

AuthorHouse has published Transylvania and Hungary, a novel by Daniel Marder (Yugoslavia 1967, 1988). The novel tells the story of two visiting professors, a young Englishman and a retired American, as they travel through Transylvania and highlights the intermingling of peoples from the forests and towns of the area.

June McDaniel has completed two books based on research undertaken while on a Fulbright scholar grant to West Bengal, India, in 1993-94. Making Virtuous Daughters and Wives: An Introduction to Women’s Brata Rituals in Bengal Folk Religion was published by the State University of New York Press in 2003. Offering Flowers, Feeding Shaitals: Popular Goddess Worship in

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West Bengal was published by Oxford University Press this year.

Fulbright Association life member Douglas J. McMillan (Germany 1954), emeritus professor of English at East Carolina University, has had the second edition of his book Regular Life: Monastic, Canonical, and Mendiant Rules published by Medieval Institute Publications, Kalamazoo, Mich. This revised and considerably expanded edition of his 1997 book has already been noted in editorial reviews, and three others are in press.

“Sketches of Spain,” an article by Gemma Nieto Nieto, a 2002 visiting Fulbright student from Spain, was published in the February 2004 issue of The Manhattan School of Music News Bulletin.

The Soviets, the Munich Crisis, and the Coming of World War II is a new book by Hugh Ragdale, a Fulbright scholar in 1981 at the Soviet Academy of Sciences (now known as the Russian Academy of Sciences) in Moscow.


Seven Stories Press of New York has published Information War: American Propaganda, Free Speech and Opinion Control Since 9/11 by Nancy Snow (Germany 1984), a new book on American public relations and propaganda and its role in shaping public perception and opinion.

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Fulbright Association (Mexico 1999), was released in May by ProDisc as part of its Clásicos Mexicanos series. The disc, which is her second CD, features music of seven Mexican composers and represents two generations of Mexican music. The idea for the disc took shape while Ms. Cervantes was on her Fulbright grant.

In June, Centaur Records will release J.S. Bach’s Concertos for One, Three, and Four Harpsichords, a CD by Con Gioia Early Music Ensemble directed by Preethi de Silva (Germany 1995). Prof. de Silva, who teaches music at Scripps College, is the soloist in two concertos with one harpsichord and the lead soloist in the others. Con Gioia Early Music Ensemble, founded by Prof. de Silva in 1982, performs on period instruments to audiences throughout southern California.

Fullbright Association life member Leslie Friedman (USA 1964, Germany 1985), director of International Student Affairs for Buffalo State College, has been named by French Republic President Jacques Chirac to receive recognition for distinguished merit as a chevalier (knight) in the National Order of Merit, one of two French national orders. Dr. Friedman is past president of the Western New York and Northwestern Pennsylvania Chapter of the Fulbright Association.

Honors & Appointments

Fulbright Association life member Raj Aggarwal (Singapore 1983) received a 2004 Distinguished Scholar Award as part of the University Research Council’s 10th annual Celebration of Scholarship at Kent State University. Dr. Aggarwal, Firestone chair in finance at Kent State University, is a fellow of the Academy of International Business and has written 12 books and more than 50 scholarly papers in leading journals.

Jean Gounard (USA 1964, Germany 1985), director of International Student Affairs for Buffalo State College, has been named by French Republic President Jacques Chirac to receive recognition for distinguished merit as a chevalier (knight) in the National Order of Merit, one of two French national orders. Dr. Gounard is past president of the Western New York and Northwestern Pennsylvania Chapter of the Fulbright Association.

The Pond God and Other Stories (Front Street, 2003), the first book of children’s poetry by Samuel Keyser (United Kingdom 1956, 1971), received a 2004 Lee Bennett Hopkins honor award and was selected as a Brodart GEM for Winter 2004. The Lee Bennett Hopkins Award is jointly administered by Penn State University’s College of Education, University Libraries, and the Pennsylvania Center for the Book.

Fulbright Association life member Thomas Oakland (Brazil 1988) received the 2003 American Psychological Association Award for Distinguished Contributions to the Advancement of Psychology Internationally. He also received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Indiana University’s College of Education. Dr. Oakland is professor of educational psychology at the University of Florida and holds honorary faculty appointments in the departments of psychology at the Iberoamerican University of Costa Rica and the University of Hong Kong.

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Kong. Dr. Oakland created and serves as president of the International Foundation for Children’s Education.

The Vermont State College Board of Trustees recently named Margaret Ottum (Iceland 1996) professor emeritus. Prof. Ottum retired as a full professor from Johnson State College in 2002 after 20 years of service. She continues to be involved in the college and recently assisted with the development of the Professor Margaret G. Ottum Environmental Scholarship, a $500 award for an upper class environmental major. A life member of the Fulbright Association, Prof. Ottum is past president of the Vermont Chapter.

Veronika Soul is profiled in the 58th Edition of Marquis Who’s Who in America, 2004. Ms. Soul was a Fulbright senior scholar to the West Bank and Israel in 1997 where she worked on a video project on Palestinian writers.

Job Changes

Fulbright Association life member Charles H. Miller (Israel 1979, Germany 1994) has returned to St. Mary’s University, San Antonio, as professor of theology following a two-year term as rector at Ratisbonne Pontifical Institute, Jerusalem, where he addressed academic and financial problems facing that institution.

Renaissance Learning has named Arthur Stellar (Argentina 2000) chief education officer, a newly created position. Dr. Stellar will lead the development of two of the company’s products designed to enable educators to personalize instruction and to ensure student success in new ways.

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Global Fulbright Network

The Third All-Russian Fulbright Alumni Conference was held in St. Petersburg in October 2003. Participants explored the theme, “30 Years of the Fulbright Program in Russia: The Impact of International Exchanges on National Histories.” Among other topics, the conference explored ways of promoting responsibility and openness in a changing cultural and social context. For more information on the St. Petersburg conference and the first and second all-Russian Fulbright alumni conferences in Moscow and Yaroslavl, please visit www.prof.msu.ru/Fulbright/index.html.

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