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WELCOME TO THE 44TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE FULBRIGHT ASSOCIATION!

For 75 years, the Fulbright Program has enabled students, scholars, teachers, professionals and artists to exchange knowledge, share cultures, and become better world citizens. Even the pandemic has not stopped our natural inclination to connect and build lasting friendships.

The program this year exemplifies the boundless energy and innovation of our Fulbrighters who have continued to pursue their art, their research, and engagement with other cultures well beyond their grant. You will be treated to an eclectic mix of presentations, panels and interactive discussions on climate change, education, health, human rights, immigration and the arts. Please take the time to review the bios of our speakers, each with a unique background and story.

I am pleased to point out a couple of special highlights during the conference. We are most fortunate to have our opening plenary session: presented by three very special friends of the Association, Lonnie Johnson, Terhi Mölsa and Jay Wang. You will not want to miss their examination of the past, present and future of the Fulbright Program. Secondly, we are so excited to be able to present an outstanding virtual Art Exhibit, put together especially for this 75th anniversary year which has been so thoughtfully championed by Joe Vitone and highlights the work of 52 talented Fulbrighters.

Special thanks must be extended to the conference program’s proposal review committee, ably led by our good friend and dedicated volunteer, Robert Lively, along with Réka Szemerkényi, Mary Stanton, Jay Nathan, Trey Guinn, Mike Dorsher and Jim Oberly.

Finally, I want to recognize the exceptional work of our executive director and his very talented team. In particular, Munir Sayegh has dedicated countless hours to making this program fall into place. He will be behinds the scenes during the entire conference making sure our technology works and keeping us on track. We are forever grateful.

We hope this conference energizes you.

Thank you for your support of the Fulbright Association.

Most sincerely,

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Chair, Board of Directors

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

10:15 am - 11:30 am | Session #1 - Fulbrighters Reaching Out Across the World
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm | Opening Plenary - The Fulbright Program at 75: Past, Present and Future
1:30 pm - 2:00 pm | Networking Coffee Break
2:15 pm - 3:30 pm | Session #2 - Climate Change
4:00 pm - 5:15 pm | Session #3 - Global Citizenship
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm | 1946 Society Members - Susan Brownell - Boycott of the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics – Could one occur, and what would be its impact on China?

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

9:30 am - 10:45 am | Session #4 - Health, Housing, and Social Value
11:00 am - 12:15 pm | Session #5 - Fulbrighters in Action
12:15 pm - 12:45 pm | Networking Coffee Break
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm | Virtual Art Exhibit Panel
3:30 pm - 4:45 pm | Poster Fair #1 - Immigration, Culture Wars, and Human Rights
5:00 pm - 6:15 pm | Session #6 - African Americans and Innovative Fulbrights on Five Continents

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

9:30 am - 10:45 am | Poster Fair #2 - Education, COVID-19, and Mental Health
11:00 pm - 12:15 pm | Session #7 - Storytelling and Social Consciousness
12:45 pm - 1:45 pm | Plenary: Selma Jeanne Cohen Dance Lecture - Dana Tai Soon Burgess
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm | Poster Fair #3 - International Networks, International Health, and Cultures
3:45 pm - 5:00 pm | Panel Session #8 - Education
5:15 pm - 6:30 pm | Panel Session #9 - The Fulbright Award: Impact, Benefits, and Ethical Implications
PLENARY SPEAKERS

Opening Plenary
(Wednesday, October 20th – 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm)

The Fulbright Program at 75: Past, Present and Future

Our keynote plenary will be shared by three distinguished speakers who will lead a discussion on the past, present and future of the Fulbright Program. Lonnie Johnson, the premier historian of the Program and former director of the commission in Austria, will open with a reflection on the founding and development of the Program. CEO of the Fulbright Finland Foundation, Terhi Mõlsä will discuss the challenges and opportunities facing the Program today. And Jay Wang, director of the USC Center for Public Diplomacy, will share his thoughts on the future of public diplomacy. We invite you to participate with your questions, ideas and suggestions about the Fulbright Program.

Lonnie R. Johnson
Fulbright Austria

Lonnie R. Johnson, a native of Minnesota, has lived and worked in Vienna, Austria in international education for over forty years and served as the executive director of the Austrian Fulbright Commission from 1997 until his retirement in 2019. The author of numerous books and articles on Central European history, his work in recent years has focused on the history of the Fulbright Program for a book with the working title Remembering and Forgetting Fulbright: The Remarkable History of the Fulbright Program, 1946-1971 (University of Arkansas Press). He has done research numerous times in the University of Arkansas Library’s special collections.

Jay Wang
University of Southern California

Jay Wang is Director of the Center on Public Diplomacy and Associate Professor at the Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism, University of Southern California. A scholar and consultant in the fields of strategic communication and public diplomacy, he has published widely on the role of communication in the contemporary process of globalization, including the latest edited volume Debating Public Diplomacy: New and Next. He serves on the editorial board of the International Journal of Communication. He has previously worked for the international consulting firm McKinsey & Company.

Terhi Mõlsä
Fulbright Finland Foundation

Terhi Mõlsä is the CEO of the Fulbright Finland Foundation in Helsinki. A native of Finland, she has studied or conducted research in Estonia, Russia, and the United States, acquiring knowledge in eight languages, and has a Bachelor’s in Russian and a Master’s in International Relations from the University of Tampere. With a life-long passion for diplomacy through education, science, and the arts, she draws on 35 years of professional experience in higher education internationalization and exchanges. In addition, she has served as a consultant, trainer, and curriculum developer in international education leadership, and in volunteer leadership roles for international organizations such as NAFSA: Association of International Educators, and is currently a Board Member of ISEP Study Abroad. Mr. Guha also chaired the New York Fed’s policy speech-writing process, co-chaired its housing policy working group and managed a department of about 60 officials. As a Member of the Management Committee, he shared responsibility for charting the overall strategy of the New York Fed, developing its capabilities and evaluating and managing risks faced by the institution.

1946 Society Member Session
(Wednesday, October 20th – 5:30 pm -6:30 pm)

Susan Brownell

Susan Brownell is Professor of Anthropology at the University of Missouri-St. Louis and an internationally-recognized expert on Chinese sports and Olympic Games. She spent 2007 to 2008 in Beijing on a Fulbright Senior Research Award, conducting research on China’s first Olympic Games in 2008, when she wrote a blog for the U.S. embassy in Beijing and gave interviews to over 100 journalists from 23 countries. She is the author of Beijing’s Games: What the Olympics Mean to China (2008) and co-author of The Anthropology of Sport: Bodies, Borders, Biopolitics (2018), and multiple other works.

He has received three honorary doctorates and one Chancellor’s Award for Excellence. His three sons have followed in his footsteps. He lives with his wife, Kathy, a former special education teacher and children’s book author, in Upstate New York.

Selma Jeanne Cohen Lecture Awardee

(Day of Conference, October 22nd)

Dana Tai Soon Burgess

Dana Tai Soon Burgess is a leading American choreographer and cultural figure. The Washington Post Pulitzer Prize winning dance critic Sarah Kaufman writes of Burgess, “Not only a Washington prize, but a national dance treasure.” The Smithsonian named Burgess its first ever choreographer-in-residence in 2016. He is based at the National Portrait Gallery where he explores the confluence of dance and portraiture. Burgess has performed, taught, and choreographed around the world. He founded the Dana Tai Soon Burgess Dance Company (DTSBDC.org) in 1992. It is the preeminent modern dance company in the Washington, D.C. region. He is the host of slantpodcast.com which explores the lives and creative processes of prominent Asian American artists. Three portraits of Burgess reside in the permanent collection of the Smithsonian.
Session #1 - Fulbrighters Reaching Out Across The World  
(Wednesday, October 20th — 10:15 am - 11:45 am)
Fulbright Alumni as Conduit for Creating Sustainable International Education and Exchanges at K-12 Schools  
Dr. Alex Akulli, Fulbright Association - SC Chapter
Public Diplomacy Online: People-to-People Exchange in the Age of the Internet  
Jesse Appell, US-China Comedy Center
Celebrating a Legacy of Global Friendships: The Experience of an Ethiopian Cohort  
Dr. Angela Ford, Old Dominion University  
Co-presenters: Dr. Tara WilFong, Dr. Daniel Alemneh, Dr. Addis A. Kidane
Inspiring “Changemakers”: International Exchange and the Emergence of Youth Volunteerism in Lao PDR  
Julia Roberts, University of Cambridge

Session #2 - Climate Change  
(Wednesday, October 20th — 2:15 pm - 3:30 pm)
Building Global Inclusion with Common Interests: Art and Science Diplomacy in the Arctic  
Dr. Paul Arthur Berkman, United Nations Institute for Training and Research  
Co-presenter: Prof. Beili Liu, Dr. Dalee Sambor Dorough
Combatting Climate Change and Global Poverty: Harnessing the Power of Indigenous Peoples  
Dr. Gillette Hall, Former Professor of the Practice, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service  
Co-presenter: Germán Huanca
Socio-economic and Environmental Changes Leading to Chilgoza Pine Nut Decline in Kinnaur, Western Himalaya  
Dr. Aghaghia Rahimzadeh, The Ronin Institute, The National Coalition of Independent Scholars, Institute for Globally Distributed Open Research and Education
Climate resilience in coastal India and limits to adaptation in the face of globalization  
Krti Tallam, Stanford University

Session #3 - Global Citizenship  
(Wednesday, October 20th — 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm)
Work That Changes Minds: Women’s Travel Writing and International Projects  
Kathleen Balgley  
Co-presenters: Dr. Sherry L. Rosenthal, Marla Raucher Osborn, J.D.
An introduction to the Golden Circle of Public Diplomacy  
Carla Cabrera Cuadrado
Moving from Inspiring Conversation to Collaborative Action  
Andreas Dewald, German Fulbright Alumni Association
A Fulbright Global Garden: Cultivating “Home in Stockholm” and In The World  
Trangdai Glassey-Tranguyen, Vietnamese Diasporas Projects
Belonging on the Frontier - A Photographic Study of the Creation of Place in Cristalândia, Brazil  
Joseph Reynolds

Session #4 - Health, Housing, and Social Value  
(Thursday, October 21st — 9:30 am - 10:45 am)
Two surveys on the symbiotic relationship between humanism and finance  
Ana Batista, ISE Business School  
Co-presenters: Lais Tiba Sone Endo, Pedro Henrique Silva Belisario
Factors Associated with Opioid-Related Overdose Among Previously Incarcerated Persons in the U.S.: A Community Engaged Narrative Review  
Juliet Flam-Ross, Boston Medical Center
There is an Economic and Social Return on Investment in Housing All Mature Residents - Not Just the Oldest Old  
Greta Garniss
Significance of Equity and Diversity in a Multicultural World: Understanding the Psychodynamics of Acculturation and Acculturative Stress  
Daya Sandhu, Lindsey Wilson College
Session #5 - Fulbrighters in Action
(Thursday, October 21st — 11:00 am - 12:15 pm)

Fulbright Alumni, Global Friendships & Action: Teacher Training in Yemen
Dr. Jasmin Cowin, Touro College, GSE
Co-presenter: Abdullah Al Ghurbani, Future Horizons Foundation for Translation, Training, and Development

i ni ce, thank you, merci: An Ongoing Dialogue about Art, Life and Building Bridges
Janet Goldner

Fulbright Chronicles: An On-Line, Peer-Reviewed Journal on Fulbright's Impact
Kevin F. Quigley, Marlboro College (past president)
Co-presenters: Dr. Bruce Svare

Studying the people in India’s Partition
Parul Srivastava, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Session #6 - African Americans and Innovative Fulbrights on Five Continents
(Thursday, October 21st — 5:00 pm - 6:15 pm)

Jacqueline Leonard, University of Wyoming
Beverly Lindsay, University of California
Claude Louishomme, University of Nebraska-Kearney
Yolanda Moses, University of California, Riverside
Jeanne Maddox Toungara, Howard University
Session #7 - Storytelling and Social Consciousness
(Friday, October 22nd — 11:00 am - 12:15 pm)

Global friendships & social change through film (Working title)
Jonathan Goodman Levitt, Changeworx

"Stories Are Important!" Navigating Narratives, Reclaiming Stories, and Humanizing Writing Through a Translingual Story Studio
Sharon Smith, University of Miami

Successful Strategies using the arts and puppetry in working with host institutions in Global Education
Carol Sterling

Arts-Based Resilience Building with Young Women in the Global South
Karin Waidley, University of Redlands & Dr. Michelle Cude, James Madison University

Viewing syncretism in India's border states through folk music and folk tales
Mrinalini Watson

Session #8 - Education
(Friday, October 22nd — 3:45 pm - 5:00 pm)

A Tale of Three Countries: Bilingual/Dual Language Education Policies in California, Costa Rica and Colombia
Dr. Clara Amador-Lankster, National University

Double Dutch: A language-focused case study on the bridges and barriers to newcomer student integration in the Netherlands
Sarah Cullip, University of Edinburgh

Global to Local: Creating an Online Community of Professional Development for English Teachers in Colombia
Santiago López, Nariño TESOL Network

The efficacy of Jordanian speech teletherapy practice during the outbreak of COVID-19
Dr. Yaser Natour, University of Jordan
Co-presenters: Rand Obeidat, Jihad Al-naimat, Toqa Abuwaeeleh German Huanca

Building the Second Tier of African University Faculty
Christopher Thron, Texas A&M University-Central Texas

Session #9 - The Fulbright Award: Impact, Benefits, and Ethical Implications
(Friday, October 22nd — 5:15 pm - 6:30 pm)

The Fulbright Oaxaca Cluster: Synergy and Multiplier Effects
Dr. Jack Corbett, Portland State University
Co-presenters: Dr. Ramona Perez, Ms. Mandy Elder, Ms. Nydia Mata Sanchez, Dr. Anabel Lopez Salinas

The Ingredients of A Lifelong Fulbright Friendship and Its Implications For the Program
Jeff Lowenstein, Grand Valley State University, Center for Collaborative Investigative Journalism
Co-presenters: Vukani Cele

Ethics & Documentary Work: Fulbright Appointments
Dr. Charlotte McDaniel, Ctr. Study Law & Religion, Emory University

The Paradox of Scant: Taking the Proactive Leap as a Fulbrighter
Dr. Daphne Ntiri, Wayne State University

Fulbright Global-Local Impact: From Fulbright Experience to Local Community Lectures
Dr. Juanita Villena-Alvarez, University of South Carolina Beaufort

Virtual Art Exhibit Panel
(Thursday, October 21st — 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm)

Adam de Boer, painter
Julie Denesha, documentary photographer
Anya Farion, sculptor
Aparna Keshaviah, dancer/choreographer
Eva Polizzi, fiber & ceramic artist
Joe Vitone, documentary photographer
POSTER PRESENTERS

Global Partnership: Secondary School Debate and Language Acquisition
Mr. Al Schleicher, San Diego State University

Come for the Songs, Stay for the Moms: Community-Based Post-Partum Support in Libraries Across Sydney
Ms. Emily Tan, Massachusetts General Hospital

Poster Fair #3 - International Networks, International Health, and Cultures
(Friday, October 22nd — 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm)
Cataloging Ghanian Children's Play Iore
Dr. Akessa Addo, University of Minnesota
Exploring Cultural Values and Building Friendships through Photo Elicitation
Ms. Rachel Hicks, University of California, San Diego
Highlighting Cultural Practices that Support Maternal Well-being Across the Globe
Dr. Neil Huben, University of Mississippi Medical Center
Co-presenters: Alesh Alejandro, Amanda Boudreaux, Dr. Elizabeth Lutz
Call to Glory: Ghanians Celebrating the Life of a Deceased Loved One Pre-Covid-19
Dr. Brenda Maganlty, Retired Professor
Developing Neurology Care and Training in Zambia
Dr. Deanna Saylor, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
Three Fulbrights, Three Continents, Nearly Three Decades: One Scholar's Photographic Journal of Relationships in Estonia, Kenya, and India
Dr. Jay Wenger, HACC: Central Pennsylvania's Communitv College

FOR THE WEEKEND

Core Listening: A Case Study of Miscommunication
Ms. Madeline Willoughby (Germany)

Poster Fair #1 - Immigration, Culture Wars, and Human Rights
(Thursday, October 21st — 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm)
Fashion Advocacy for Human Rights
Ms. Ellen Anders, Freemont Union High School District
Advocacy: Supporting Equity - A Global Context
Dr. Nadia Delany, University of Calgary
Co-presenter: Dr. Tom Butkiewicz, Walden University

Researching disinformation and its implications for democracy in the Global South: The case of Mexico
Dr. Rosita Caballero Espinosa, Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León

Missing in Brooks County
Ms. Lisa Molomat, University of Arizona in Tucson

Fulbright's Legacy: Caught in Culture Wars on Campus
Dr. Margaret Scantoni, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Poster Fair #2 - Education, COVID-19, and Mental Health
(Friday, October 22nd — 9:30 am - 10:45 am)
Combating COVID's Isolative Challenges through the Renaissance of School Soundscapes
Dr. Majda Atieh, Sultan Qaboos University - Oman
Tele-Healthcare Then and Now: Development of Virtual Service Delivery in the COVID-Era
Dr. William Hills, Coastal Carolina University
Co-presenter: Matthew Murphy, Karen Tison Hills

International Engineering Design Challenge: Innovations to address the COVID-19 Pandemic
Dr. Teresa Kennedy, University of Texas at Tyler

Building Partnerships to Build Resiliency: Using the International Exchange Alumni Network to Address Mental Health Needs within the Refugee Community
Ms. Heather Ridge, Boulder Valley School District
Co-presenter: Dr. Deborah Young, Empowering Communities Globally

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Libraries Across Sydney
Ms. Emily Tan, Massachusetts General Hospital

For the fourth time in five years, The University of Alabama was nationally recognized as a Top Producing Institution for Fulbright U.S. Student Awards.

We congratulate our Fulbright Award winners who served in 2019–2020: Tomme P. Braze (Germany), Amanda Filardo (Kazakhstan), Courtney Geary (Jordan), Clara Malaga (Romania), Larry Moncello (South Korea), Amica Rapadas (Taiwan), Pamela Grace Turner (Colombia), Sophia Warner (Germany), Samantha Wetzel (Germany), Ellery Wiemer (Germany), and Madeline Willoughby (Malaysia).
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Colt Bradley calls North Carolina home now. He took this photo of the school in Missanansana, Guinea, where he was serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer until he was evacuated in March. As tough as the journey sometimes is, beauty and wonder are part of it, too. So is community.

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