MISSION
To continue and extend the Fulbright tradition of education, advocacy and service

VISION
To be a catalyst for a peaceful and interconnected world inspired by international educational exchange

VALUES
We respect all peoples and cultures, value diversity and are committed to international education and mutual understanding
Dear Fellow Fulbrighters and Friends,

If 2020 taught us how to pivot in new and creative ways, the second year of the pandemic challenged our resolve to sustain and grow. The Fulbright Association stands strong today for only one reason – all of you. We dedicate this report to each of you. We thank you for believing that the path toward peace and international understanding is building community.

To our individual members…. whether you joined the Association last year or have been a sustaining life member for decades, each of you contribute to the whole. We hope you enjoy our newsletter. Many of you have attended our Forums; you have shared your Fulbright experience through our Fulbright in the Classroom project; you have presented at our annual conference; you have advocated for the program to Congress. You have volunteered your time and energy. Thank you.

To our chapters… your organizational efforts have succeeded in building community at the local level, by bringing together alumni and friends who share the vision. The lives of our visiting Fulbright students and scholars are enriched by your support and hospitality. Our campuses communities benefit from your collective international knowledge and experience. Thank you to all the leaders.

To our institutional members… the higher education community celebrates the vision and mission of the Fulbright program by supporting the Association, which in turns offers extended opportunities for returning students and scholars. Your partnership in programming, chapters, community outreach, and advocacy are daily reminders that we share a core mission to educate and serve. Thank you.

To our donors…you are the lifeblood of this organization, enabling us to keep membership fees low and providing the resources we need for advocacy, programming, and outreach. We are fortunate to have the sustaining loyalty of many donors who helped us build so many strong traditions, such as the Fulbright Prize, the Jean Cohen Dance Lecture, and especially the 1946 Society. We are grateful.

To our external partners… we so value our collaboration with program administrators at the Institute of International Education (IIE), World Learning, and Fulbright Commissions. The generous support of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) within the U.S. Department of State provides us with ways of continually improving our technology, reaching new alumni, and supporting our chapters.

To our board of directors….we are so fortunate to be able to attract talent, passionate and strong leadership to our governing board. We are deeply indebted to Nada Click and Donald Sparks who completed their terms in December, and we welcome the new energy and perspective of David Maxwell.

To our staff… simply put, we have an outstanding group of individuals, whom you will see highlighted in this report. As we were struggling through the second year of the pandemic, the team brought fresh talent, passion, and joy to the work of this Association. You will see this so clearly in 2022 and beyond.

Thank you again for extending the Fulbright experience throughout your lifetime.

Most sincerely,

DeDe Long  
Fulbright IEA Germany, 2006  
Chair of the Board

John B. Bader  
Fulbright to India, 1985-86  
Executive Director
We had a successful “Advocacy Month” in April 2021 with 64 meetings, connecting 144 Fulbright constituents to 26 Senate offices and 38 House offices. Unable to meet in person, we pivoted to a digital campaign focused on “appropriators” in both chambers—those members that sit on the respective Appropriations committees that determine spending levels for federal programs.

Thanks to our virtual meetings, this was the first time Association members from Alaska could participate in advocacy for the Fulbright Program. Alaska is too far from Washington to have made the trip prior to COVID, but the wonders of digital connections made it possible and normal.

One of those Alaskans, Elizabeth Dick, had completed her Fulbright in Germany and was teaching the language at South High School in Anchorage. One of the three staff members to Senator Lisa Murkowski had attended South High, and she let out a gasp of joy when Elizabeth turned her laptop camera to show her classroom.

Once another Murkowski staffer learned of Elizabeth’s fluency in German, the two of them chatted in German for several minutes. That staffer had grown up in Vienna, Austria, the daughter of a diplomat.

After these amazing moments of connection, Canada’s commission director, Michael Hawes, who led this team, helped drive home our message—that Fulbright is a high-impact and cost-effective tool of American diplomacy—and our ask to increase funding to $300 million for Fiscal Year 2022.

Overall, we reached 72% of all appropriators, 87% of senators and 64% of House members. We had good partisan balance, meeting 13/15 Democrats and 13/15
Republicans on Senate Appropriations, and 21/33 Democrats and 17/26 Republicans in the House. Three teams were excited to meet with the “principals,” the members themselves: Sen. John Boozman (R-AR), Sen. Jon Tester (D-MT) and Rep. Grace Meng (D-NY-6).

Meeting Senator Tester was only possible because Fulbrighters from Montana joined to tell their stories of impact. Thanks to digital connections, we had strong representation from states far from DC: Hawaii, Washington state, California, Arizona, and Oregon—among others.

Most importantly, these meetings had impact, as offices from both chambers and both parties responded very positively to our stories, message and ask. Liberal and conservative leaders alike called the increase to $300 million “reasonable,” and one leader called our rationale “justified.” They agreed that Fulbright is a powerful tool of goodwill and a strategic investment in post-pandemic American leadership.

We monitored the appropriations and budget process as it unfolded in the following months, hopeful that this extraordinary “Advocacy Month” would help commemorate the Program’s 75th Anniversary with strong bipartisan support. We also responded strongly to the regime change and refugee crisis in Afghanistan. We enlisted Fulbrighters to ask Congress to support efforts by Rep. John Garamendi (CA-3rd) to help Afghan Fulbrighters relocate to the United States.

We hope this both assures you that the Fulbright Association continues to help Fulbrighters raise their voices to Congress and inspires you to get involved. Become a member or donor to fund our efforts. Join your local chapter, which connects Fulbright to Congress on the local level. And answer the call next time to tell your stories, either in-person or digitally. Advocacy is easy, energizing, fun, and important.

Many thanks to all our advocates and team leaders for taking the time for training, planning, and meeting with Congress. And a special thanks to our Government Affairs Intern, Savannah Williams, who did so much work (much of it while based in Spain!) to schedule (and often reschedule) all our meetings and support our teams.
Fulbright in the Classroom (FIC)

Fulbrighters are mission-driven, believing that there is a real need in the United States for deeper international understanding to fight xenophobia and prejudice and to promote peace. That is why dozens of Fulbright Association members participated in “Fulbright in the Classroom” in 2021, giving 110 presentations to over 2,000 students nationwide, sharing their experiences, love, and knowledge of other countries. The Fulbright Association community thanks the Van Otterloo Family Foundation, which provided the FIC grant that made many presentations possible.

Caterina Zischke-Rincon, a Fulbrighter to Colombia and a museum educator, described her experience at three elementary schools in Denver, all serving under-represented communities, this way:

I began my presentation with community building to allow students the chance to share a bit more about themselves. As a class, we then explored Colombia’s unique geography and culture. We also talked about the country’s incredible biodiversity, from vibrant tropical plants to interesting animals and much more. Students then paired up with a fellow classmate to discuss what most interested them about the presentation thus far and why. The final section of the presentation focused on Colombia’s rich artistic traditions, including paintings by Pedro Ruiz and music by Totó La Momposina. It was beautiful to observe the class reflecting on and engaging with the presentation.

Fulbright in the Classroom has had a powerful effect in rural areas, too. Susan Barfield, a Fulbrighter to Chile, Slovakia and Lithuania, tells this story:

I presented in a two-room school in rural Montana; one room was kindergarten to third grade and the other fourth to eighth grade with a total of 12 students. I brought many authentic Mapuche materials from southern Chile such as Mapuche musical instruments; videos of traditional dress, dancing, and music; jewelry; weaving examples of traditional clothing, and Chilean candy.

![Images of students and educators during Fulbright in the Classroom presentations]
This year, the program expanded to include college audiences, like those at Texas State University. There, Fulbrighter Grace Mukupa, connected virtually to more than sixty students in two classes. Like Susan, she focused on cultural understanding, especially the power of food to build community:

My presentation was more like storytelling; I incorporated my cultural experiences in Tajikistan, including food. Then I divided each class into two breakout rooms and asked the professor to lead the other room. The students shared cultural foods ideas that they would share at their Fulbright host countries. Finally, we came back together in a bigger room and shared why they chose those dishes and what they wanted their host family to learn about them and their culture through the choice of food.

Caterina, Susan, and Grace received Fulbright in the Classroom grants as individuals, but Association chapters also participated, such as the Louisiana Chapter, led by Patrice Moulton. Patrice gave a presentation to first-generation students at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana, and reflected on the impact:

Watching and feeling a group of first-generation college students engage interactively in a discussion about the lessons and possibilities of global exchange was exhilarating! The students really connected when I told them of my experience in Nepal and then shared that, I, too, am a first-generation college graduate. I know how it feels to think that travel is for other people. I remember what it felt like to believe that “a girl like me” didn’t have those kinds of opportunities. When I shared this the room changed, there was eye contact and looks of interest, curiosity, and possibly hope.

Sharing hope and understanding is a powerful experience for these Fulbright alumni, reconnecting them to the central mission of the Fulbright Program and introducing students to both the Program and cultures from around the world. The added focus of Fulbright on the Classroom to inspire more diversity in international life generally, and among future Fulbrighters, is timely, powerful, and important.
When we concluded our 42nd Annual Conference in 2019, we were unaware that it was the last time our community would gather in person for the next two years. At that time, the idea of a virtual conference seemed unthinkable. However, when the world shut down in March 2020, it soon became not only plausible, but imperative to move to the digital world in order to keep our community safe. Therefore, we decided to hold our 43rd and first virtual conference in October of 2020.

One year later, we found ourselves faced with the same dilemma: should we hold a virtual conference? After all, 2021 celebrated a significant milestone: the 75th Anniversary of the Fulbright Program. Although we hoped to celebrate in person, the Fulbright community reacted with enthusiasm and support when we announced that the 44th Annual Conference would be held virtually. In fact, the digital nature of the conference allowed us to celebrate the 75th with presenters and attendees from all corners of the globe. This year’s theme, “Fulbright at 75: Celebrating a Legacy of Global Friendships,” paid homage to this worldwide network and highlighted the role of relationships in the Fulbright Program’s history.

After an exciting session about “Fulbrighters Reaching Out Across the World,” the Opening Plenary took a deep dive into the Fulbright Program’s Past, Present, and Future. Cynthia Baldwin, FA’s Vice Chair and plenary moderator, opened the program by noting that we are “celebrating not only the past, but where we are going.” Lonnie Johnson, who previously served as the Executive Director of the Austrian Fulbright Commission, provided historical context for the Fulbright Program. Tehri Mölsä, CEO of the Fulbright Finland Foundation in Helsinki, shared several observations about the present-day program. Lastly, Jay Wang, Director of the Center on Public Diplomacy and Associate Professor at USC, looked to the future of Fulbright, addressing the impact of issues such as digitalization on the experiences of Fulbrighters.

The conference sessions and posters allowed the Fulbright community to showcase the incredible work they are doing throughout the world, in
addition to addressing current global issues. Several themes were explored over the three days, including: “Climate Change,” “Global Citizenship,” “Health, Housing and Social Value,” “Immigration, Culture Wars, and Human Rights,” “Education, Covid-19, and Mental Health,” “Storytelling,” “African Americans and Innovative Fulbrights on Five Continents,” and “International Networks, International Health, and Cultures.”

One new aspect of this year’s conference was the Virtual Art Exhibition. The exhibition presented work made by past Fulbright recipients with some pieces for sale. An Artist Panel on Day 3 of the conference gave attendees an opportunity to hear from some of the featured artists about their inspirations, backgrounds, and techniques.

The Selma Jean Cohen Dance Lecture Award session, an annual conference favorite, featured the 2021 award recipient Dana Tai Soon Burgess, a “leading American choreographer and cultural figure.” Conference attendees learned about Michio Itō, an early twentieth-century modern dancer whose legacy inspired Burgess to create spaces for Asian-American dancers in a field that often neglects them. A member of Burgess’ dance company performed a rendition of one of Ito’s seminal pieces.

As always, the 44th Annual Conference would not have been possible without our donors and sponsors. Sponsors included: Rice University, Penn Arts and Sciences – Cinema and Media Studies, The University of Alabama, National Peace Corps Association, Auburn University, and the Bureau of Educational Affairs and Cultural Affairs. Additionally, many young professionals were able to attend the conference through the 2021 scholarship, funded by Manfred Philipp.

We are grateful to each and every person who made 2021’s virtual conference a success. In October 2022, we will reunite in person in Bethesda, Maryland, for our 45th Annual Conference and look forward to another year of celebrating the Fulbright community.
Fulbright Alumni chapters provide alumni and visiting Fulbrighters with diverse opportunities for networking, professional development, mentoring, cultural enrichment, and community service. Members often find that local chapters offer a supportive community and a tangible way to extend the Fulbright experience. Throughout 2021, the chapters continued to show amazing resilience in planning safe and engaging programming despite the pandemic’s disruptions.

The following are a few examples of the many ways our chapters engaged members in our network:

**Colorado Chapter**

The Colorado Chapter held a 75th Fulbright Anniversary luncheon in conjunction with their annual meeting on the MSU Denver, Auraria campus. The luncheon was provided by the MSU Denver Hospitality students who run the Marriott Springhill Suites. The new officers for 2021-2022 were introduced and three previous presidents of Colorado Fulbright Chapter shared brief comments about the significance of Fulbright to them. The Chapter hosted a guest speaker – Dr. William M. Timpson – who gave a power point presentation of his latest book, “Learning Life’s Lessons.” The luncheon was held in the “International Room” that includes a full wall map of the world. Everyone put post-it notes on the map to signify where they completed their Fulbrights.

**Central Virginia Chapter**

On Veterans Day, the Central Virginia Fulbright Chapter joined with the Charlottesville Committee on Foreign Relations to sponsor a dinner and talk delivered by a former Fulbighter. Professor Brantly Womack, who was a Fulbright Scholar to Munich, Germany (1969-1970), talked about “China – Beyond Engagement.” Brilliantly delivered, it prompted many questions from the audience – including the Fulbrighters in the Central Virginia Chapter in this photograph taken at the event. Left to right are: Doojin Ryu (South Korea), Bernardo Menezes (Portugal), Catarina Caria (Portugal), Fred Borch (Chapter President), and Fritz Kainz (Austria).
New Hampshire Chapter
The New Hampshire Chapter toured Mariposa Museum in Peterborough, New Hampshire. The main exhibit was “Americans Who Tell the Truth,” a series of portraits by Rob Shetterly. The exhibit featured portraits of brave Americans who stood up for truth and justice in the face of opposition. Following the tour, the chapter was invited to Professor Hoffman’s home which was situated with an incredible view of the Southern New Hampshire mountains in their full fall foliage splendour.

Central New York and Western New York Chapters
The Central New York Chapter and the Western New York Chapter took a field trip to Buffalo, New York, to attend a performance of the Tony Award winning musical *The Band’s Visit* at Shea Buffalo Theatre. David Studwell, a chapter board member, was among the cast, which made the event even more special. The Chapters attended a lovely catered lunch at the Bijou Grille before heading across the street for the performance. After the performance, members of the cast met with the chapters for an exclusive conversation about the production moderated by David Studwell.

Minnesota Chapter
The Minnesota Chapter held a one-hour guided tour at the Sculpture Garden of the Walker Arts Center. The chapter split into two smaller tour groups to adhere to Covid guidelines. The guides highlighted six to ten of the major sculptures and engaged the group with questions and some humor. After the tour, one of the groups went inside briefly to look at the Arts Center, an opportunity offered without charge. Eventually all who were interested joined the cafe group, and they took their beverages across the street to Lowry Park for an hour or more of socializing.
The Fulbright Association Travel Program, after being “on hold” for over a year because of the pandemic (Covid-19), resumed with a second journey to Iceland, created in cooperation with the Fulbright Commission in Iceland (Fulbright Stofnun), through its Executive Director, Belinda Theriault, and Fulbright Association Representative (FAR) Mary Ellen Heian Schmider.

As it turned out, the trip was both highly successful and fortunate in that the resurgence of Covid-19 was building in the few days before the trip began and the listing of Iceland on the “do not travel list” occurred just as the journey ended. Further, even with the “masking requirement” in Iceland, the ten people on the small van traveling together into territory not so populated nor touristy as the area around Reykjavik could relax without masks most of the time: we were our own small “pod.”

What should be acknowledged formally is that the two significant “adventures” that were added to the 2021 journey were especially praised: one was a “walk” 500 meters into the second largest glacier in the country. The other was a morning on a small boat to experience whale watching from the “Whaling Capital of the World, Husavik.” The group enjoyed 72 degree Fahrenheit sunny weather, the opportunity to observe Puffins on their island and flying close to the boat, and a Minke whale who seemed to want to become friends with the boat—it stayed around, checking out the vessel and us for about an hour. It was an unusual enough encounter that one of the two guides took a “selfie” with the whale on one of its turns around the boat.

The trip began with an afternoon at Thingvellir, the first National Park in the country, and the site of the world’s oldest Parliament. Founded in 930 CE, the democratic basis of Icelandic life began with a “law speaker” at the annual gathering of the entire country. It was the place where the law speaker decided the country should convert to Christianity, but people were allowed to continue to practice their pagan religion in private. Of course, the physical landscape also lies on one of the earth’s major fault lines, one that is still moving; the tectonic plates separating the Americas from the Eur/Asian land masses.

The trip concluded with the focus on democratic institutions in Iceland through a talk with the public representative of the Athingi, the current Parliament of the country. Covid concerns made it impossible to visit inside the iconic building, but the
young woman who met with the group was knowledgeable and willing to respond to the typical variety of questions a Fulbright group would ask!

Rounding out the religious/cultural journey into Iceland’s history were two other events: one was an hour with an historian at the Snorri Sturlson Center at Reykholt—the research site for study of Icelandic literature and language, centered in the ancient Sagas. The other was in Holar, the oldest ecclesiastical center in the country. Here we had the opportunity to attend a full Lutheran (the Icelandic State Church) service in Icelandic, a summer event for local citizens and visitors, followed by a concert by four young musicians recently returned from major studies in Europe. Between the rector at the university, who hosted us once more, and one of three Bishops in the country, both women, we learned a lot about the emerging leadership of educated women in the country. In fact, one of our travel group was so struck by the work being done to revitalize the educational and religious culture in this historic place in the North of the country that she is working to have a Specialist Award to return to Holar.

As a way to summarize the group cohesion and pleasure in one another’s company, a word about “food.” Everyone arrived a day early to be ready for the week together. With WhatsApp, we all found our way to Caruso, a fine restaurant in the heart of “old” Reykjavik. We had a private room and glorious versions of every sort of fish we ordered. It was so good that everyone chose to return there after our tour ended for our last night in the country. The tour days themselves featured exceptional food every time. One of the Icelanders who is working on revitalization of the small seaside towns in the North had traveled to Morocco where he so enjoyed the work of the chef that he invited him to come North to cook. The result: a restaurant worth traveling to the top of the country just to eat!

In summary, the trip “exceeded expectations” in every way!

–Mary Ellen Heian Schmider
Institutional Members

American Hungarian Heritage House
American University
Ana G. Mendez University
Arizona State University
Assumption University
Auburn University
Augsburg University
Austin Community College
Ball State University
Bard College at Simon’s Rock
Barnard College
Bates College
Baylor University
Bellarmine University
Bowdoin College
Bradley University
Brown University
California State University - East Bay
California State University - San Bernardino
California State University - Los Angeles
California State University - Fresno
California State University - Northridge
California State University - Dominguez Hills
California State University - Long Beach
Carlow University
Carnegie Mellon University
Carroll University
Case Western Reserve University
Central College
Christopher Newport University
Claflin University
Claremont McKenna College
Coastal Carolina University
Colby College
College of the Atlantic
Colorado College
Columbia University
Creighton University
Dallas County Community College District
Dartmouth College
Davidson-Davie Community College
DePauw University
Drake University
Drexel University
Duke University
Duquesne University
Eastern Michigan University
Elizabethtown College
Elon University
Fashion Institute of Technology
Ferris State University
Florida A & M University
Florida Global University
Florida Southern College
Fordham University
Foundation for Scholarly Exchange (Fulbright Taiwan)
Franklin and Marshall College
Fulbright Austria
Furman University
Gallaudet University
Georgetown University
Georgia State University
Gonzaga University
Grambling State University
Grinnell College
Harris-Stowe State University
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Hofstra University
Hope College
Houston Community College
Hungarian-American Fulbright Commission
Illinois State University
Indiana University
Institute of International Education
Iowa State University
IREX
Ithaca College
James Madison University
Jarvis Christian College
Kean University
Lafayette College
Lewis & Clark College
Limestone University
Lincoln University
Longwood University
Luther College
Lynn University
Macalester College
Manhattan College
Marywood University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Mercer University
Metropolitan State University of Denver
Michigan State University
Middlebury College
Millersville University
Minnesota State University Moorhead
Mississippi State University
Mississippi University for Women
Missouri State University
Montclair State University
Morehouse College
Morgan State University
Mount Holyoke College
Mount St. Mary’s University
Nazareth College of Rochester
New College of Florida
New Jersey City University
New York University
North Carolina A&T State University
North Carolina Central University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Northern Arizona University
Northwestern University
Oakland University
Oberlin College
Ohio Dominican University
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Oklahoma State University
Pennsylvania State University
Pitzer College
Prairie View A&M University
Princeton University
Providence College
Purdue University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Rice University
Ringling College of Art and Design
Rutgers University at New Brunswick
Saint Louis University
Salisbury University
San Francisco State University
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
School of Visual Arts
Scripps College
Seattle Colleges
Seattle University
Seton Hall University, School of Diplomacy and International Relations
Smith College
Sonoma State University
Southeastern Louisiana University
Southern Adventist University
Southern New Hampshire University
Southern University at Shreveport
St. John’s University
St. Lawrence University
St. Olaf College
St. Philip’s College
Stanford University
State University of New York at Fredonia
State University of New York at Oswego
Swarthmore College
Taylor University
Texas A&M University-College Station
Texas Christian University
Texas Southern University
Texas State University
Texas Tech University
The Citadel - The Military College of South Carolina
The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art
The Ohio State University
The University of Alabama
The University of Rhode Island
The University of Tennessee
The University of Utah
The University of Wisconsin-Madison
Tufts University
Tulane University
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University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
University of California-Santa Cruz
University of California Los Angeles
University of California San Diego
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University of Southern California
University of Southern Maine
University of Tampa
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin Eau Claire
University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
University of Wyoming
UT Southwestern
Utah Valley University
UWM Center for International Education
Vassar College
Virginia Military Institute
Virginia State University
Walden University
Washington & Jefferson College
Washington University in St. Louis
Wayne State University
Wesleyan University
West Chester University
Western Carolina University
Western Washington University
Willamette University
William and Mary
Williams College
World Learning
Xavier University of Louisiana
Yale University

Is your institution interested in joining as a member? Contact us for more information at 202.775.0725.
**Fulbright Association Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets**  
**For the Year Ending December 31, 2021 with Summarized Financial Information for 2020.**  
A complete copy of the audited financial statements is available upon request from the Fulbright Association.

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| OTHER ITEM                      |            |            |
| Realized & Unrealized Gain on Investments | $549,783.00| $496,589.00|
| Change in Net Assets Before Other Items | $659,395.00| $584,570.00|
| Net Assets at Beginning of Year   | $5,197,823.00| $4,613,253.00|
| **NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR**     | $5,857,218.00| $5,197,823.00|
Leadership

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John served in several deanships for a decade at Johns Hopkins, including Associate Dean for Undergraduate Academic Affairs. He coached 114 Fulbright recipients during his tenure. John earned his BA in History from Yale University, and his MA and Ph.D. in political science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. John’s Fulbright was to India in 1985-86, the most intensely educational and memorable year of his life.

Munir Sayegh  
Director for Communications & Data
Munir has traveled to over 42 countries, mostly during his five years as an international recruiter. He completed his BA in Graphic Design from St. Ambrose University and his MS in Economics from Purdue University. Munir researched Arabic calligraphy on his Fulbright to Egypt in 2011.

Alicia Montague  
Director for National Events
Alicia is a certified Digital Events Strategist with over 12 years of experience executing events in higher education, most recently as the assistant director of meetings & events at NASPA, the primary association for the advancement of the student affairs profession. Alicia holds a Master of Business Administration degree and a Bachelor of Science in Social Science degree from the University of Maryland Global Campus. Alicia lived in Haiti for a year volunteering with the Peter-Hesse-Foundation to establish Montessori schools in the country.

Christine Oswald  
Assistant Director for Chapters and Institutions
Christine has her TEFL certification and has taught English in China, Poland, and Belgium for a variety of programs. She holds a Master’s Degree in Political Strategy and Communication with Foreign Policy from the University of Kent's Brussels School of International Studies. Prior to that, she earned her Bachelor’s Degree in International Relations and Diplomacy from The Ohio State University.

Claire Jagla  
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Claire is a Fulbright alumna and served as an English Teaching Assistant to 900 students during her Fulbright to Korea in 2014-15. Prior to joining the Fulbright Association team, Claire worked as a development manager at Teach for America and as a program manager at an arts education nonprofit in Ohio. Claire holds an MBA and MA in arts administration from the University of Cincinnati, and she also earned a Bachelor of Music in vocal performance from DePauw University.

Fiona Breslin  
Membership and Office Manager
Fiona recently graduated Georgetown University with a Bachelor’s Degree in Foreign Service, where she studied International Politics with a concentration in Foreign Policy Processes. As a lover of languages, passionate supporter of the arts, and the child of immigrants, she knows first-hand the power of cross-cultural exchange and is proud to advocate for that effort through Fulbright.

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1946 Society

The 1946 Society is a giving program that honors the founding year of the Fulbright Program, 1946.

Founded in 2015 to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Fulbright Program, the 1946 Society offers a reliable base of financial support for our national programming. In addition to 2021 returning members, we honor all donors who gave $1,946 or more during the 2021 calendar year as 1946 Society members for the calendar year and upcoming calendar year.

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Paris was also where I began my life-long fascination with photography: student demonstrations, Parisian workers, children in the Luxembourg Gardens, and daily life in the city....

For me, Paris is both a museum, filled with intense memories, and an old friend, helping you to discover parts of the city you had not explored before.

Michael DeLucia, Fulbright to France, 1968-69

My experience in Turkey was so transformative that I wanted to do something to help Turkey that would have a long-lasting impact. Hence, I set up an informal program for bidirectional exchange of students and faculty. I helped arrange admission and financial support for many Turkish students to pursue Ph.D. studies at the University of Colorado and other U.S. universities. I have returned to Turkey several times to offer workshops and to collaborate on research in which capacity I have co-authored two peer-reviewed technical papers and served as co-inventor on two patents with my Turkish colleagues. These patents address a national need in Turkey to reduce the boron concentration in water obtained via desalination from the Mediterranean Sea...

Our way of saying, “Thank you” to the Fulbright Program is to promote the mission of the Fulbright Alumni Association, “To continue and extend the Fulbright tradition of education, advocacy and service,” by being a member of the Fulbright Association’s 1946 Society.

William Krantz, Fulbright to Turkey, 1974-75

After a classroom lecture, I was surprised by my host/professor, who said, “I am driving you to an interesting place in a mountain.” He did not say much, until we got near to a man, who happens to be an eagle-trainer. We saw him just let go of his eagle.

Then, I saw the eagle chasing a fox running for its life, and it is no match for the eagle; it finally succumbed to the agility of its prey.

What a sight! After that, my colleague suggested that I take a photo with the same eagle and I could not keep the eagle too long in my hand, since it weighed at least sixty pounds.

Jay Nathan, Fulbright to Mongolia, 2008
In 2021, with the support of a generous and expansive donor base, the Fulbright Association community worked to fulfill our mission of continuing and extending the Fulbright tradition of education, advocacy, and service. With these contributions from over 600 donors, we invested in programming that connected Fulbright alumni during a time of social distance, taught new generations of future Fulbrighters about Fulbright Program opportunities, and advocated for the future of the Fulbright Program.

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