Fulbright in Action! Alumni Meet at Annual Conference

Gary Fair, Chair of the BFSA shares his experience of attending the 36th Fulbright Association Annual Conference in Washington D.C. earlier in October.

Thanks to the generosity of the US Embassy in London, I had the pleasure of attending the Fulbright Association Conference in Washington from 3-6 October. This was a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow alumni from all over the world.

The conference theme was “Fulbright in Action”, with a variety of inspiring presentations and short films illustrating what Fulbright opportunities can achieve in building long-lasting relationships between peoples of different cultures and backgrounds and the practical reality of the Fulbright legacy in so many different environments. We were given some insight into the government shutdown at the time by a member of the US Committee on Appropriations. We also had the delightful pleasure of some opening remarks from the late Senator Fulbright’s wife, Harriet Fulbright. What an inspiring lady.

I felt there was a particular focus on future generations and the importance of enabling young people across the world to achieve their educational and personal best. American civil rights movement icon and political advisor James Meredith spoke about the responsibilities of educating our children to enable them to have hope and a sense of purpose, so that they can succeed in an increasingly global society. Senator Fulbright’s ultimate goal in setting up the global Fulbright programme was to build a peaceful and prosperous world through enhanced mutual cultural understanding, choosing academic exchange as his vehicle. With the US as the hub, he envisioned creating a group of emerging leaders in diverse fields, who would spend a significant amount of time in each other’s countries, acquiring a deep understanding and forging life-long friendships. Once in positions of power, they would then use their influence to further peace between nations. What was so inspiring about the conference was the real-life evidence of Fulbright awards being the start of such life-long commitments to the cause.

Steve Reilly, the Executive Director of the Fulbright Association, conveyed his vision of bringing the Fulbright programme to building a globally connected world, working together to achieve it. We must do all we can to ensure that the Fulbright brand remains strong and that the Fulbright legacy continues to be experienced by future generations. I will certainly be seeking to do this in my role as Chair, not least by seeking to strengthen the already excellent relationship between the BFSA and the US-UK Fulbright Commission.

A full list of the sessions and speakers can be found on the Fulbright Association Website. Next year’s conference will also be held in Washington D.C, with details to be confirmed.

ON TWITTER...

What Fulbrighters around the world have been saying...

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International research finds that 72% of UK students would consider studying abroad http://ow.ly/yldFmdq

@USATudyAdvice
Register for the Hobsons Asia Virtual Student fair (15 Sept) & you could win a $3,000 scholarship. Chat live with US unis...

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TALKING POLICE AT TULLIALLAN

The second annual Fulbright-Tulliallan Awareness Event took place on Friday 4th October 2013 at the Scottish Police College, Tulliallan Castle in Kincardine, Fife. This event aimed to raise awareness of the Police Research Awards, to encourage potential applicants, and to disseminate the research outputs of our past Police Scholars.

This year’s event featured presentations from John Paterson (Fulbright Police Alumnus 2012-13), Richard Heslop (Fulbright Police Alumnus 2012-13), and Kenny McKechnie (Fulbright Police Scholar 2013-14).

The Fulbright Police Exchange award offers grants for up to five active UK Police Officers and staff from all ranks to conduct research, pursue professional development and/or assess best practice affiliated with any US institution for a period of three to five months. Research undertaken by Fulbright Police scholars has made a significant contribution to a range of current policy debates.

The event kicked off with a warm welcome from Andy Brown (Police Alumnus 2011-12, and Deputy Head of Leadership & Professional Development at the College). John Paterson then took to the floor to speak about his experiences working with the Kennedy School of Law Enforcement at Harvard, the Boston Police Department, and other city agencies and partners. A comparative study, John’s research focuses upon tackling youth offending and violence.

The emphasis, here, is on partnership and cooperation between the various interested agencies. John was inspired by several of the schemes and initiatives aimed at tackling youth offending in Boston, and dealing with its effects. Yet, as well as demonstrating clear research outcomes (John’s paper, ‘Tackling Youth Crime, Violence and Disorder: A Partnership Approach’, is available via the Kennedy School and Scottish Institute for Policing Research websites, as well as the Bramshill, Tulliallan and Jackton libraries), John also spoke of the impact of his Fulbright experience in personal terms. He stressed the opportunity for both professional and personal development, advising prospective applicants that, whilst it may not be easy to participate in one of the most prestigious international exchange programmes in the world, it is an extremely rewarding experience.

Next, Richard Heslop spoke of his study into police pre-employment training in the USA, based at the University of Cincinnati. Traditionally, initial training for police in England and Wales has been delivered in-house, under a post-employment model. However, in the last five years, an emerging interest in pre-employment training, driven by economic factors, as well as the police professionalization agenda, has gained momentum. Richard’s research has made a significant contribution to this agenda (his blog, is a fantastic resource for potential applicants, as well as those interested in finding out more about his research).

However, like John, Richard also underlined the fact that his Fulbright experience extends beyond the research itself. He also had the opportunity to teach students at the University of Cincinnati and to work with local police in the city. Joined by his wife Laura (also an Officer with West Yorkshire Police), she too benefited from the Fulbright experience. As Richard noted, in this case, ‘Fulbright got two Police Officers for the price of one’. Indeed the couple were surprised and delighted when they found themselves helping to police a talk given by President Barack Obama on the campaign trail!

Last, but by no means least, we heard from current Fulbright Police Scholar, Kenny McKechnie, prior to his departure to the US. Kenny talked about the research he is to undertake in cooperation with a spectrum of law enforcement agencies across the US. Kenny’s research will explore how these agencies deal with road deaths. In doing so, he particularly hopes to showcase the role of the Family Liaison Officer (FLO) model utilised in dealing with victims’ families, and to explore the role that Digital Photogrammetry can play in crime scene data collection and improved road clearance times. Kenny will be based in various locations including Chicago, Pittsburgh, Arizona, Montana and New York State.

Inspiring and informative, the presentations demonstrated the variety of possible research topics, and hopefully encouraged members of the audience to apply. The formal part of the evening concluded with a Q&A session, and was followed by a wine reception attended by speakers and guests. We are extremely proud of our Police Scholars, who continue to be extremely valuable amongst our most enthusiastic and outstanding ambassadors.
Pallavi Gulati (University of Denver, 2011-12) writes about her Fulbright research in the field of security studies.

Security represents a critical challenge for Governments, private organisations, and civic society across the world. The United States is a leading political, economic and military power and one of the world’s most influential actors on matters of global security, naturally providing both context and resource for intellectual engagement and practical policy development.

Growing up in India provided me with an early introduction to questions of conflict, and an opportunity to understand the complexities of security first hand. From an early age, I became aware of security issues around nuclear testing, terrorism, religious and ethnic strains, and tensions with neighbouring States. This awareness developed into a keen interest in security studies, a US-UK Fulbright Scholarship, and a Masters degree in International Security from the Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver.

My two years as a Fulbright Scholar and a Sié Fellow in Denver were exciting and memorable to say the least. I witnessed the University of Denver make history on October 3, 2012, when it hosted the first presidential debate of the election season. The much anticipated event marked the Rocky Mountain region’s first role in select countries, including the United Kingdom.

As a student at Korbel, I learnt from, and worked with world-class academics in the field of international affairs and had the opportunity to meet with decision-makers, including Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Chief of Staff of the U.S Army, General George Casey. I attended classes with members of the military, development, and security community and formed strong friendships and bonds with fellow students and colleagues. At the core of my academic research was the ‘security-development’ nexus, including the relevance of state and non-state actors in preventing violence and promoting peaceful transformation; the impact that conflict has on the political, economic and social development of a country; and the effectiveness and adequacy of post-war reconstruction efforts.

In my second year, I worked as a Programme Associate at the Sié Chéou-Kang Center for International Security and Diplomacy. I contributed to two projects that are at the forefront of international security research – the Private Security Monitor (PSM) and the Government Actions in Terror Environments (GATE) Data Project. The PSM promotes access to information concerning the worldwide use and regulation of private military and security services. Given that this industry has come under increased scrutiny in recent years, and that publicly available information is crucial to the success of regulatory efforts, this project serves an important monitoring function. The GATE Data Project is a multi-institutional effort to collect and code data on state action toward terrorist organisations or their constituents in select countries, including the United Kingdom.

It is the most comprehensive source of information on how governments respond on a day-to-day basis to terrorist violence. Both research projects have enabled me to develop the practical skills and knowledge necessary to pursue a global career in international security and to positively contribute to efforts in conflict management and post-conflict transformation.

A highlight of my two years was the opportunity to work with former US Ambassador to Iraq, Ambassador Christopher Hill and a team of six to mobilise a substantial Crisis Engagement & Negotiation Exercise (CENEX) at the University of Denver. CENEX is a day-long professional simulation aimed at providing students with the opportunity to engage in a real-time crisis that must be negotiated in a high stakes, rapidly changing environment. Over a period of nine months, we developed a hypothetical scenario that required immediate diplomatic action from 7 teams of students and Air Force cadets. The 2013 CENEX simulation was conducted in April, and focused on the rapid consequences of a security crisis. We had the opportunity to present this scenario and to gain practical and policy feedback from Ambassador Patricia M. Haslach, the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary in the US Department of State’s Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations.

In addition to my academic and professional experiences, I travelled throughout the country and met people from all walks of life. I have returned to London, I am looking to draw upon my skills, experiences, and competencies to support the critically important security and development work that is being conducted by the government, by private organisations, and the voluntary sector in the UK.
This edition’s alumni spotlight is on Penny Holloway, the 2012-13 recipient of the Fulbright-Northern Ireland Public Affairs Scholar Award.

The Research
The Fulbright-Northern Ireland Public Affairs Award is offered to senior management level officers in the public sector in Northern Ireland to pursue research issues and assess best practice with any US institution for three to five months.

With extensive experience in dispute resolution in the workplace and mediation skills, as a Fulbright scholar, Penny conducted a study into the organisational Ombudsman Role in the workplace as a method of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). Her aim was to investigate a more cost efficient, time effective and satisfactory in-house alternative to the current legislative processes for the resolution of employment disputes. An organisational ombudsman role would add to the options for the resolution of employment disputes. An organisational ombudsman role would add to the options for the resolution of employment disputes.

Dispute resolution such as the Employment Tribunal system.

The American Experience
From February till May 2013 Penny was at Harvard University Law School where she was able to interact with seasoned ombudsmen and arbitrators. She conducted interviews with organisational Ombudsmen who were employed by federal agencies and multinational companies. These included United Technologies, American Express, Mars Inc. and NIH.

Interviews were also conducted with representatives of organised labour. In addition, she was able to use the Harvard Negotiation & Mediation Clinical Program and attended numerous lectures and seminars related to resolution disputes.

Penny’s experience in the US was enhanced by cultural experiences and travel. She took part in Fulbright Enrichment Program Events which included Ice Hockey games at Boston College, whale watching receptions and recitals, just to name a few. She also visited Museums, Public Gardens, Art First Festival Harvard, the Sam Adams Brewery tour, went to a Red Sox baseball game at Fenway Stadium and walked the Freedom Trail. Penny also travelled to New York, Maine and Washington D.C. where she had the opportunity to meet Mrs Harriet Mayor Fulbright (pictured above) at the Reception in the British Ambassador’s residence.

What next?
Penny is currently working on a paper for the Board of the Labour Relations Agency to highlight the result of her research. She plans to share her findings with leading academics and industry leaders in the UK and Ireland in hopes to influence public policy on employment dispute resolution. In Penny’s own words: “The Fulbright programme provided me with an opportunity to research the role of the organisational ombudsman in dispute resolution which has been used effectively in the USA for many years. I am confident that my research will inform the debate on the future direction of dispute resolution in employment. On a personal level I benefited from the opportunity to immerse myself in a different culture by living in another country for a few months and to learn from professionals in my field who were most generous with their knowledge and time. I thoroughly recommend the Fulbright experience.”

NOBEL PRIZE WIN FOR ALUMNUS
Fulbright alumnus Professor Peter Higgs was awarded the 2013 Nobel Prize in Physics on 8th October 2013 “for the theoretical discovery of a mechanism that contributes to our understanding of the origin of mass of subatomic particles, and which recently was confirmed through the discovery of the predicted fundamental particle, by the ATLAS and CMS experiments at CERN’s Large Hadron Collider.”

Professor Higgs was awarded the prize along with François Englert for the theoretical discovery of what is known as the Higgs Boson particle. His work has been called a monumental and pivotal theory within particle physics. He joins many fellow Fulbrighters in his recent award, with 45 Fulbright alumni from 12 countries having been awarded the Nobel Prize, including Dr Muhammad Yunus, founder of Grameen Bank, and 2006 Nobel Peace Prize winner, Professor Peter Higgs, founder of Grameen Bank, and 2006 Nobel Peace Prize recipient.

Fulbright alumni have achieved distinction in government, science, the arts, business, philanthropy, education, and athletics. 28 alumni are MacArthur Foundation Fellows, 80 alumni have received Pulitzer Prizes, and 29 Fulbright alumni have served as heads of state or government. Prominent Fulbright alumni include Gary Conille, Former Prime Minister of Haiti; John Hope Franklin, noted American historian and Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient; Juan Manuel Santos, president of Colombia; Riccardo Giacconi, physi- cist and 2002 Nobel Laureate; Amar Gopal Bose, founder, Bose Corporation; Renée Fleming, soprano; and Daniel Libeskind, architect.

Professor Higgs participated in the Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program to the University of North Carolina in 1965.
JOHN ADAMS SOCIETY LECTURE


The John Adams Society, the association for alumni of Embassy-sponsored exchange programs, will be hosting their Annual Lecture 2013 on the theme of Law Enforcement Cooperation in the lecture theatre at New Scotland Yard. This is the Society’s plenary autumn event and it will bring together law enforcement practitioners from the U.S. and the UK to examine how our nations work together in the interests of public safety. The panel discussion and Q&A will take place.

The panel features two American speakers: Matt Etre, Attaché, ICE Homeland Security Investigations, and John Kuchta, Assistant Legal Attaché for Criminal Investigations. They will be joined by a colleague from the Met, Damian Allain, Head of Intelligence, Gang Crime Command. The event will be followed by a drinks reception at the Abbey.

This event is free to John Adams Society members, who can also bring a guest but must RSVP directly to the John Adams Society.

DOUBLE AWARD FOR FULBRIGHTER!

Congratulations to Denise Ferran, twice awarded the prestigious Fulbright Scholarship at Boston College and at the University of Minnesota. Denise has been elected as Academician at a recent General Meeting of the prestigious Royal Ulster Academy of visual arts (RUA). The total number of Academicians is limited to thirty, as decreed in the RUA constitution. Denise’s work features in the RUA exhibition running until the New Year at the Ulster Museum, Belfast and is included in many important contemporary public collections - she recently exhibited at Castlecoole, one of Northern Ireland’s finest National Trust properties.

Exciting news for BFSA members – Denise and her husband, internationally-acclaimed artist Brian Ferran, have invited us all to visit their wonderful home and Denise’s studio in Donegal in spring/summer 2014. Watch this space for date and further details!

Holograms light up New York City

Holographic artwork by British Fulbright scholar, Andrew Pepper, has recently been included in an international exhibition held at The Clocktower, Long Island City.

Andy was one of 26 artists from around the world who contributed to the survey exhibition “Interference - Coexistence”, curated by Dr. Martina Mrongovius, director of the Center for the Holographic Arts in New York.

The exhibition offered visitors an overview of how artists are using holography as an expressive medium and not only included work from the early 1980’s but also more contemporary pieces produced especially for the exhibition.

Andy showed “Vertical Liquid”, a reflection hologram on glass which incorporates ‘drawn’ holographic marks (the shadows of water) which appear to hover in front of the object. Installed in the show as a sculptural piece, the holographic marks are not immediately visible. A state which Andy has been increasingly exploring in his most recent work.

This small sculptural work was most recently seen in another international exhibition held in Korea. Andy has been working with holography, and projected light, since his Fulbright Scholarship at the Museum of Holography in New York during the early 1980’s and is considered one of the leading experts in this field, having spoken about his work and the use of holography in fine art at MIT’s Media Lab and, closer to home, the Drawing Research Network Conference and Nottingham Contemporary. He received a PhD, from the University of Reading, for his work in the field - the first of its type for fine art holography.

He will be showing work, early next year in a large exhibition of over 90 artists held to celebrate 170 years of Nottingham Trent University’s School of Art and Design, where he studied Fine Art before heading off to the States.
Scholarship Empowered By Legacy

Current US grantee, Andrea Joseph shares her thoughts on commencing her Fulbright journey.

Several times during our Fulbright orientation I attempted to pinch myself or rub my eyes for better clarity. Am I really sitting here? No seriously, I was selected to receive a Fulbright award? I’ve known for months now that I would be coming to London to begin an incredible year, but the sheer honor of it all has kept me in amazement. I knew that many of my fellow Fulbrighter’s felt the same way too when I heard random and mid-sentence expressions of “Oh my gosh, we’re in London!” or “Hey, did you realize we were in London?”

It has almost been two months since orientation and the newness of it all hasn’t worn out yet. There is just no early morning motivation like knowing you’ve been selected to be a part of something great.

For me, the reality is that this is more than just receiving funding to study and live. I have been given access to expand my life’s purview on people, culture, politics and much more. All the more exciting is that it’s my newly acquired British term). Oh I can’t wait to answer! (Cheeky someone to get cheeky with me and Not too shabby right? Now I just need related for every place in the world.

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cool part is that it’s not. Daily, tourists
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one mile away from what was once
the beginning of universal time. That
may sound a bit overdone, but the
cool part is that it’s not. Daily, tourists
flock to the Prime Meridian line in
Greenwich to take photos at longi-
tude zero. This particular line marks
the baseline by which time is calcu-
lated for every place in the world.
Not too shabby right? Now I just need
someone to get cheeky with me and as I think time revolves around me.
Oh I can’t wait to answer! (Cheeky
is my newly acquired British term).

This park is also the home of the
Royal Observatory which holds the
only planetarium in London and holds the largest refracting telescope in the
UK. After my visit to the Prime Meridian Line and the planetarium, I
found that the Queen’s House was
just a short walk away. This royal
mansion, now museum, was built in
the 17th century. My tour guide
whisked the group away in facts and
stories about royal life and the archi-
tectural inspiration for the Queen’s
House. We were even informed of
the tales of a ghost belonging to a
former servant. My mind was filled
with images of what life would have
been like as a Queen during this era.
Despite the ghost, I was simply tickled
to be walking and breathing in a space
I would have once never been
allowed.

My journey through London has
also included a series of Black History
month events. These events have
been enlightening for me personally
and academically. On an academic
level, the events I attended on Afro-
Caribbean history in Britain have
given me a chance to learn about my
own history as my grandparents were
migrants to this country. The most
recent session I attended honored
Mrs. Mavis Stewart MBE who mi-
granted to London over 50 years ago
to become a nurse. Her stories de-
tailed her transition from Jamaica to
London as a teenager on her own.
As she described times of loneliness,
triump and opportunity, I envisaged
the life of three of four of my grand-
parents and past Fulbrighter’s
grandparents and past Fulbrighter’s
hopes, dreams and visions. I am glad
to be able to join the ranks of my
grandparents and past Fulbrighter’s
who were brave enough to put their
dreams into action. I am especially
excited to hear stories from my only
living grandparent about his journey
wards his future as I journey
towards mine.

Learn more about my Fulbright
experience at my new blog as a
University of London US student
Ambassador.
A FULBRIGHT SUMMER OF HISTORY

Katelyn Sullivan, participant on the 2013 University of Exeter Summer Institute gives an insight into her time in the UK.

Scholarships, in a way, are one of the many keys to freedom. In this case, that means freedom from debt, freedom to choose, and freedom to live right up to the limits of your potential. This past summer, the Fulbright UK Summer Institute (UKSI) scholarship gave me that freedom and changed my life forever.

I am an undergraduate college student at Rowan University in Glassboro, NJ. I have never been west of Chicago and, before this past July, I had never been abroad, not because of lack of interest – there was plenty of that to go around, but rather lack of funding. I had always dreamed of visiting the UK. Growing up I had eagerly devoured the writings of many British authors and had been enchanted by their descriptions of idyllic country sides, ancient monuments, and charming cities.

As a history major, I was fascinated by British history. So when two of my professors suggested that I apply for the Fulbright UKSI and I saw that one of the institutes, the University of Exeter, was offering a Global & Environmental History pathway course, I was hooked immediately.

I filled out my application and though I knew the odds were tough, I kept telling myself that there was a 100% chance that I would not get accepted if I did not apply at all. After going through the interview process and receiving the acceptance email that opened with, “Congratulations!” I couldn’t have been happier.

The Fulbright UKSI scholarship enabled me to realize my dream. I was hosted by the University of Exeter in Devon, England where three other Fulbright participants and I completed a one week programme themed around the issues of leadership, environmental sustainability, and the Southwest of England before joining a larger group of 150 students who had signed up for the University of Exeter International Summer School (ISS), which ran three weeks. Both parts of the programme changed my life. During the first week, we trekked through the mysterious, yet beautiful Dartmoor on our way to the European Center for Environmental and Human Health and splashed through the waves in Falmouth Bay en route to see a wave energy device. We visited Embercombe, part environmental leadership training facility, part experiment in sustainable living, an energy device. We visited Embercombe, part environmental leadership training facility, part experiment in sustainable living, an experiment that opened both our hearts and our minds. We attended lectures on both environmental sustainability and leadership and we learned to navigate the city of Exeter. And of course, that was just the first week.

During the next three weeks, I met people from all over the world. We taught each other about our countries, languages, and customs. We also learned a bit about life too. We shared the joys of sightseeing in London, admiring Stonehenge, following in the steps of the Romans in Bath, spotting seals off the coast of St. Ives, and roaming the leafy indoor rainforests of the Eden Project in Cornwall during the Summer School’s social programme.

As thrilling as all the sightseeing was, it was the quieter moments that I remember most and that I miss most. Talking with friends in darkened pubs, staring out my dorm window at the rolling hills on the other side of the Exe valley. Eating honeycomb ice cream and sharing a flapjack with friends. Listening to the stories that our programme coordinators had to tell about living in London. Stargazing with my friends.

No matter who you are or where you’re from, it’s those quiet moments that you cherish – conversations with friends, a hearty meal, a stroll by the lake. I learned to appreciate those moments because I was forced to confront how fleeting they were – I had only a few weeks before I had to say goodbye to the UK and all my newfound friends. I learned more than I could ever imagined from my time in the UK, from my professors, from the coordinators, from the student ambassadors, from my fellow Fulbright and ISS students, and from the UK itself. I learned that thing that you can only truly start to grasp after you leave your home country – that the world is bigger, more humbling, and more exciting than you can imagine and the best way to learn about yourself and about life is to see as much of it as you can.

Thank you Fulbright, for giving me the best opportunity that I have ever had in my life.

If you are interested in reading more about my UK experiences, you can read my blog at: http://kmarysullivan.blogspot.com

The University of Exeter Summer Institute Participants
NEW LEADERSHIP FOR AWARDS

The BFSA is pleased to extend a warm welcome to Nick Hugh who took on the role of Director of the Fulbright Awards Programme in September 2013.

Prior to joining US-UK Fulbright Commission, Nick founded and directed NSH Arts, a small not for profit that works with young people to develop project management experience in the arts and based in a purpose designed space in the East end of London. Previous experience includes European Programmes Director for Olin Business School, Washington University in St Louis and Deputy Director of the University of London Careers Service where he was responsible for relationship management and commercial activities.

Before that Nick was Managing Director of a small Healthcare Consulting business in northern England offering bespoke technology solutions to a wide variety of international healthcare and professional service businesses. Nick has been a visiting faculty member at both Imperial College London and Cass Business School, City University. He is actively involved in mentoring for the Institute of Directors and coaching young people in the development of skills enabling the successful transition from education into the working world.

Based in London, Nick has managed internship programmes in the UK, France and Germany for Washington University in St Louis, Olin Business School. This involved organising high-quality internships, supervising research dissertations and managing the relationships with Olin’s international academic partners. He also ran programmes looking at fashion in Europe, economic issues in the EU and a range of courses covering many aspects of international financial markets.

Nick graduated from Cambridge University with a MA in Natural Sciences (Chemistry), received his MSc from Imperial College London in Management Science and holds three patents in organic and organo-metallic chemistry.

He is an active musician and holds an ARCM diploma from the Royal College of Music. Nick is chair of Tallis Chamber Orchestra – a registered charity that performs largely in Suffolk, and across the UK, and is also concert master of Midsummer Opera.

The BFSA would like to wish Nick all the very best in his new role, and to once again thank Monique Aronsohn and Michael Scott-Kline, the preceding Acting Director and Director of the Fulbright Awards Programme in their new endeavours.

USA COLLEGE DAY SUCCESS!

Thank you for helping to spread the word about USA College Day. It was such a success with almost 4,500 attendees!

USA College Day 2013, the largest American university fair in the UK, took place on 27 & 28 September in Kensington Town Hall in central London. Attracting a record 195 exhibitors this year, this free event was not to be missed by students, parents and advisors interested in undergraduate study in the USA. In its 36th year, College Day was held in partnership with the University of South Florida, i Newspaper and The Independent. The event had considerable news coverage, including a piece in the New York Times.
THANKSGIVING CELEBRATIONS!

An overview of Fulbright Festivities all across the country!

London
Local alumni are delighted to welcome Dr Sarah Ingle, Irish Fulbright Alumni Association President, among their guests for the informal Thanksgiving dinner at Janet Armstrong’s home in Bangor on Thursday 28 November 2013. Thanksgiving in Bangor is becoming something of a local tradition, with Janet hosting the event for the second successive year.

For information on Thanksgiving events in Scotland, Wales and the Midlands & North, please email the BFSA Office for details.

Northern Ireland

Please note that spaces are very limited so it’s a first-come, first served basis!

BFSA CHRISTMAS RECEPTION

The BFSA Christmas Drinks Reception will be held on Friday 13th December 2013, 6pm - 8.30pm, in at the University of Chicago, London Campus.

We will also be screening the UK preview of ‘Zuluhoops’, a feature-length documentary about Ken Mukai, an ambitious young science teacher who leaves a comfortable teaching job at an elite LA high school to embark on a one-year Fulbright teaching exchange to South Africa. Like so many do-gooders from the West, Ken arrives full of hope, energy and good intentions. But he soon finds that his assignment is more than he bargained for. Frustrated by the many barriers that thwart him in the classroom, Ken vows to get through to his students using an entirely new approach: basketball. Before long, he has miraculously succeeded in building the first modern basketball court in the entire region. But can he teach his students to play a sport they’ve never seen before and coach them to victory in a few short months?

Attendance is free but all MUST register. Guests welcome. To RSVP email the BFSA office.

University of Chicago Booth School of Business | Europe Campus | Woolgate Exchange | 25 Basinghall Street | London | EC2V 5HA

Film: 6.15pm - 7.00pm
Drinks: 7.00pm - 8.15pm

FULBRIGHT LONDON RECITAL

Distinguished Fulbright Alumni give London Recital.

Violinist Madeleine Mitchell and pianist Ian Pace both have international performing careers and have previously teamed up for the BFSA American Embassy concerts. They give a recital featuring two early 20C classic violin sonatas by Ravel and Janacek, together with short pieces by Berio and Cerha from 1951 and Schoenberg Phantasy.

19 November 2013, 7-8.30pm
Free admission.
City University Performance Space St John Street, London, EC1V 4PB

For more information click here.

NORTHERN IRELAND NEW YEAR!

NEW YEAR RECEPTION - all Fulbright alumni are invited to meet and socialise at (and after) an afternoon ‘welcome’ reception for incoming Fulbright scholars in the Canada Room, Queen’s University, Belfast on Wednesday 22nd January 2014 from 4-6pm. Your hosts will be Professor McElnay, Pro-Vice Chancellor for Research and Post-graduates and acting President and Vice Chancellor of QUB, with Professor Adair, the Provost of the Belfast and Jordanstown campuses at UU. ASQ String Quartet will perform new arrangements by Irish composer June Armstrong.

Other forthcoming local Members’ meetings will include a possible leadership seminar, and a spring/summer visit to Derry/Londonderry and the Donegal studios of acclaimed artists Brian and Denise Ferran.

If you have any queries or suggestions, please contact Eileen Sung, Regional Convenor