

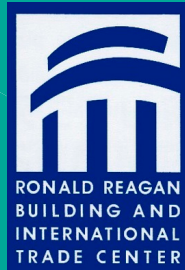


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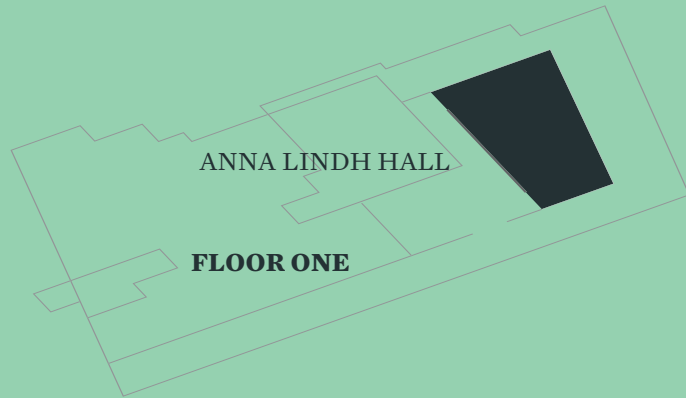
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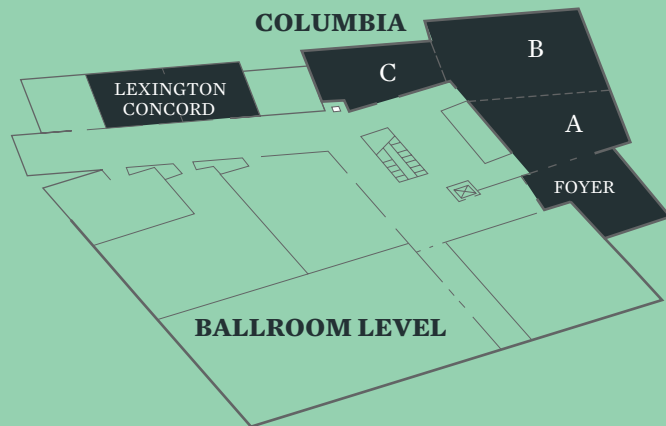
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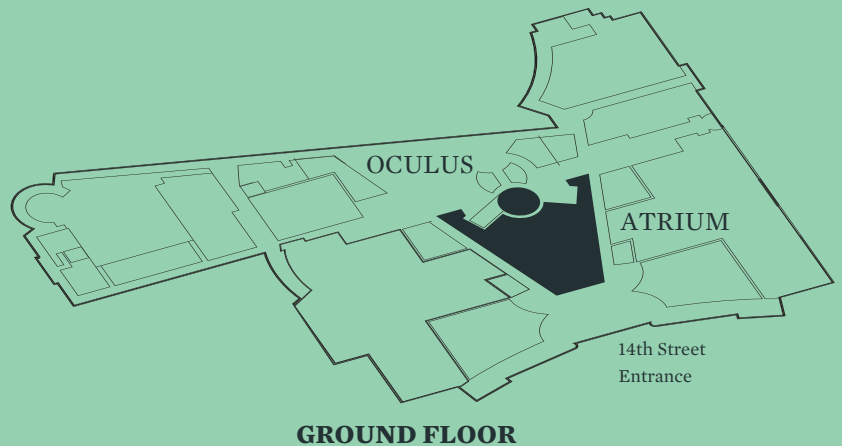
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# WELCOME

**A**s the Executive Director of the Fulbright Association, and on behalf of the Board of Directors and our staff, it a pleasure to welcome you to Washington, DC for our 38th annual conference and Fulbright Prize ceremony and gala, which we have brought together again for the first time in more than a decade for one amazing Fulbright weekend. This year's "Dare to Act!" theme, carried forward from our April TEDxFulbright event "Facets of Fulbright", intends to showcase the power of Fulbright and how Senator Fulbright's vision and passion for the program is alive and well since its inception 68 years ago.

As a Fulbright alumnus (Sweden 1998–1999) I am a direct beneficiary of this life-changing program and have witnessed its power to transform perspectives, building mutual understanding between people of all ages and cultures across the globe. With over 325,000 alumni of the program from 155 countries, the Fulbright program lives up to its status as the Department of State's flagship academic exchange program.

Fulbright alumni are thought leaders across all academic disciplines and professional fields, many of whom have risen to the top of their field of study or vocation. As alumni we are part of a community unlike any other the world has known, including more than 50 Nobel Prize winners, 80 Pulitzers, 30 heads of State, university professors, entrepreneurs, artists, and many other visionary agents of change. I am in awe of the

accomplishments and ambition of our fellow alumni. Fulbrighters continue to make significant contributions to improving our world and inspiring future generations to action.

This conference is in part a tribute to those who dare to act and who motivate others to do the same. You will be inspired by the content and speakers while also having the opportunity to engage directly on issues relating to advocacy and helping to shape our alumni community moving into the future.

Our FA staff, Board of Directors, and a host of volunteers have worked hard to put on a great conference and Prize gala. We are trying some new and exciting formats and sessions for this year's conference and hope you will enjoy the experience.

It is my great honor to be here and spend time with all of you. All my best for a great weekend,

**Steve Reilly**  
*Executive Director*

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# WELCOME

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2015

1:30 - 3:00P	Registration & FA store	<i>Columbia Wall - Hyatt</i>
6:30 - 8:30P	Embassy Welcome Reception	<i>House of Sweden</i>

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2015

7:30A - 2:00P	Registration & FA store	<i>Columbia Wall - Hyatt</i>
8:00 - 8:15A	State of FA (all are welcome)	<i>Columbia A/B</i>
8:15 - 8:30A	Welcome & Opening Remarks	<i>Columbia A/B</i>
8:30 - 9:45A	Opening Plenary Session The Power of Soft Power	<i>Columbia A/B</i>
9:45 - 10:10A	Networking Break, Poster Fair	<i>Col. Foyer &amp; Col. C</i>
10:10A. - 12:15P	Spearheading World Change & Social Innovation!	<i>Columbia A/B</i>
12:20 - 2:00P	Luncheon: Diverse Perspectives Driving a Truly Innovative Workforce	<i>Columbia A/ Columbia A/B</i>
2:10 - 2:45P	Election Roundup & Millennial Insight	<i>Col. Foyer &amp; Col. C</i>
2:45 - 3:10P	Networking Break, Poster Fair	<i>Columbia A/B</i>
3:15 - 4:15P	Future of Fulbright	<i>Columbia A/B</i>
4:20 - 5:00P	Selma Jeanne Cohen Dance Performance & Lecture	<i>Columbia A/B</i>
6:30 - 10:00P	Fulbright Prize Ceremony & Gala	<i>Ronald Reagan Bldg</i>

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2015

8:00A - 12:00P	Registration & FA Store	<i>Columbia Wall - Hyatt</i>
8:00 - 9:00A	Networking, Poster Sessions	<i>Columbia C</i>
9:00 - 10:45A	Dare to Advocate, I am Fulbright and FA Your Way	<i>Columbia A/B</i>
11:00A - 12:00P	Plenary Session with MacArthur Fellows!	<i>Columbia A/B</i>
12:30 - 1:10P	Luncheon: Power of Music to Transform Conflict	<i>Columbia A</i>
	Luncheon: Daring to Act in Central America	<i>Columbia B</i>



# THURSDAY

**1:30 - 3:00P**

## **REGISTRATION & FA STORE**

**FA Merchandise & Books**

*Hyatt Columbia Wall*

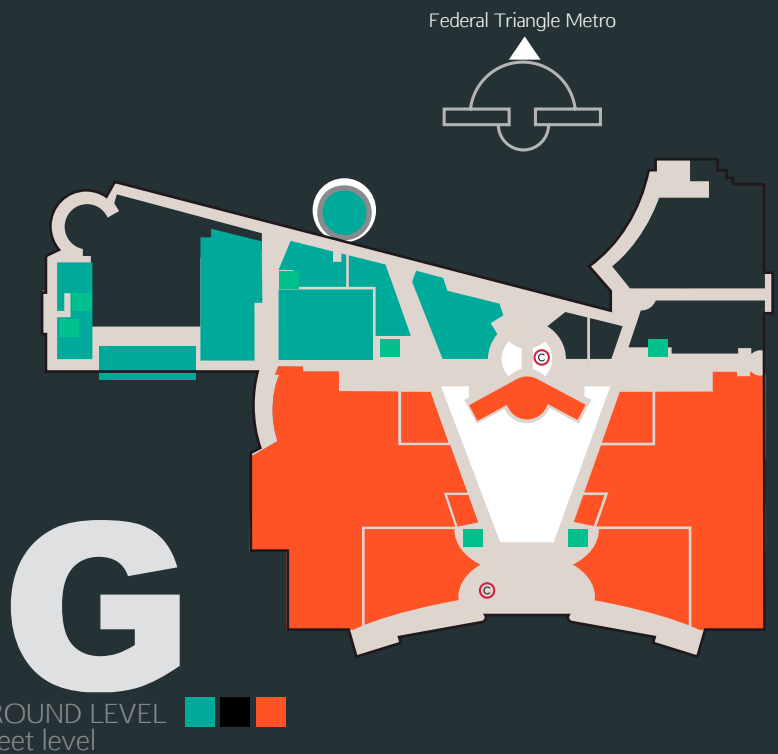
**6:30 - 8:30P**

## **WELCOME RECEPTION**

*House of Sweden*

Co-hosted by the Ambassador of Sweden Björn Lyrvall, SACC-USA, & the National Capital Area Chapter Entertainment & Libations

*\* Registration opens at 6pm*





# FRIDAY AM

**7:30A – 2:00P**

**REGISTRATION  
& FA STORE**

*Hyatt Columbia Wall*

**8:00 – 8:15A**

**STATE OF FA  
MEMBER MEETING**

*Hyatt Columbia A/B*

All are welcome

Presenter: **John Vogel**,  
*Fulbright Association Board  
President*

**8:15 – 8:30A**

**WELCOME & OPENING  
REMARKS**

*Columbia A/B*

Speaker: **Stephen Reilly**  
*Executive Director,  
Fulbright Association*

**8:30 – 9:45A**

**POWER To Lead!  
Opening Plenary Session  
The Power of Soft Power**  
*Columbia A/B*

Join these prominent leaders in a first-time meeting to discuss the increased need for nuclear, east-west interdependence, the role of regulators and the increased need for effective soft power diplomacy programs such as Fulbright.

Panel: **Dr. Hans Blix**, *2014 Fulbright Prize Laureate & Former Head of the International Atomic Energy Agency*

- **Rose E. Gottemoeller**, *Undersecretary for Arms Control & International Security*
- **Dr. Allison Macfarlane**, *Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission*

Moderator: **Tom Nides**  
*Vice Chairman at Morgan Stanley, Chairman at the Woodrow Wilson Center*

**9:45 – 10:10A**

**Networking Break,  
Poster Fair**

*Col. Foyer & Col. C*

**10:10 – 12:15P**

**Power To Impact!  
Spearheading World  
Change through Social  
Innovation!**  
*Columbia A/B*

Join a packed panel of speakers who are daring to impact the world through social innovations.

Panel: **Adnan Khawaja**, *Founder & CEO of IdeaCentricity & ODD-Jobber, Economic Growth Engine for Low Income Workers, 2014 Fulbright Social Innovation Winner*

• **Jeremy Xido**, *Filmmaker and Performer, Creator of Death Metal Angola (a film)*

• **Patrick Dowd**, *CEO at Millennial Trains Project & Editor-at-Large for National Geographic, The Millennial Trains Project*

• **Rush Doshi**, *Ph.D. Student at Harvard University, The Role of Inspired Leadership in Asia*

• **Danielle Cho, Tiffany Richardson, Rebecca Jackson** *Founders of Sound Impact, Empowerment through the Universal Language*

• **Erwin Cho**  
*Executive Consultant/Chief of Staff at Kaiser Permanente*

• **Mark Sachs**  
*Founder & Director of Restoring Vision.org, Envision the World*

Moderator :

**Kei Nakagawa**  
*Medical Student*



**12:20 – 2:00P**

**Power to Diversify and Include — Luncheon: Diverse Perspectives Driving a Truly Innovative Workforce**

*Columbia A/B*

Join leaders with diverse perspectives as they share best practices that illuminate diversity and inclusion as a tool for innovation.

Panel:

• **Dr. Wayne Frederick**

*Howard University President*

• **Clarissa Felts**

*VP Collaboration, Diversity and Inclusion Lowe's Companies*

• **Troy Mooyoung**

*SVP Wealth Management Morgan Stanley*

• **Jay Doeden**

*Director in Deloitte's Enterprise Risk Services*

Moderator: **Dr. Gwendolyn**

*Willis-Darpoh Senior Researcher at the American Institutes for Research*

**2:10 – 2:45P**

**Political Trends and Fulbright Funding Election Roundup and America's First Globals: The Well-Traveled, Tech-Savvy, Right-Brained & Highly Networked Twenty-Somethings**

*Columbia A/B*

John will lead the audience through a general election roundup including hints overall and an overview of congressional races that could influence Fulbright funding. He will then shift the discussion towards our youngest voters and research supporting their political tendencies.

Speaker: **John Zogby**

*Founder of Zogby Polls*

**2:45 – 3:10P**

**Networking Break, Poster Fair**

*Col. Foyer & Col. C*

**3:15 – 4:15P**

**Dare to Advocate, Collaborate and Act! Imagine a World without Fulbright – Effective Collaboration to Secure the Future of a Government Program that Works!**

*Columbia A/B*

Fulbright's power rests in the impact and global influence of our alumni. Get involved and join this panel of experts as they discuss the current state of the program and the collaborations necessary to sustain its bright future.

• **Dr. Alejandro Toledo**

*Professor Stanford University and Former President, Peru*

• **Dr. Francesco Cesareo**

*President of Assumption College*

• **Rita Bruun Akhtar**

*Executive Director, the United States Educational Foundation in Pakistan*

• **Dr. Lonnie Johnson**

*Executive Director of the Austrian-American Educational Commission*

Moderator:

**Tom Healy**

*Chairman of the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board*



# FRIDAY PM

**4:20 – 5:00P**

**DARE TO CREATE! SELMA JEANNE COHEN DANCE PERFORMANCE & LECTURE AN EMPIRE STAGES BACK: NATIONALISM, POST-COLONIALITY, & THE CANADIAN DIASPORA IN PHILIPPINE DANCE**

*Columbia A/B*

Join our winner for an original cultural understanding of the lives of immigrant Filipinos through the lens of Philippine folk dance as practiced in Canada. This session will use visuals and live demonstrations of selected dance elements to show how dance is a powerful form in coming to terms with a people's colonial past, ongoing post-colonial realities, and immigration experiences.

Speaker: **Dr. Patrick Alcedo**  
*2014 Selma Jeanne Cohen Lecturer & professor at the York University Department Fine Arts*

**6:30 – 10:30P**

**CEREMONY & GALA OPENING RECEPTION & FULBRIGHT PHOTO ART EXHIBIT "INTERSECTIONS: 23 FULBRIGHT PHOTOGRAPHERS EXPLORE THEIR WORLDS"**

*Ronald Reagan building Atrium  
14th Street Entrance Ground Level*

Join us for a night full of the power to Inspire! Fulbright Prize Ceremony & Dinner Gala

## FULBRIGHT PRIZE FOR INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING AWARD CEREMONY

- **Dr. Hans Blix** *2014 Prize Laureate and Former Head of the International Atomic Energy Agency*
- **Ambassador Tom Pickering** *Distinguished Fellow, Brookings*
- **Harriet Mayor Fulbright** *Former Executive Director – President's Committee on the Arts & Humanities*
- **John Vogel** *Fulbright Association (FA) Board President*
- **Kelly Keiderling** *Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for ECA, US Department of State*
- **Voices of Global Fulbrighters: Darlene DeMarie, Leland Lazarus, Raúl G. Saraiva, Priyali Sur**



# INTERSECTIONS: 23 FULBRIGHT PHOTOGRAPHERS EXPLORE THEIR WORLDS

**INTERSECTIONS**, a photography exhibit by U.S. Fulbright Program alumni – many of them professional photographers – will be shown in Washington, D.C. from Oct. 13 to Nov. 10, 2014. The exhibit in the Atrium Gallery of the Ronald Reagan Building (1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW) includes 32 documentary and fine art photographs shot in 20 different countries.

The Fulbright Program is often transformative. Cultures intersect, and Fulbright grantees return home seeing the world – and themselves – with new eyes. Fulbrighters get deeply immersed in their host countries. As a result, these photos reveal elements of local cultures invisible to the casual traveler.

## EXHIBIT EVENTS:

- **OCT 13:** 8am: Exhibit opens. *M–F 8am–6 pm, Sat 12–6pm, Sun closed.*
- **OCT 17:** 5:30pm: Exhibit opening reception and Fulbright Gala
- **NOV 8:** Fotoweeek DC photo festival begins.
- **NOV 8:** 1–4:30pm: Panel discussion, then small group conversations w/ exhibit photographers, exhibit curator Michael Forster Rothbart & judge Stephen Frailey.
- **NOV 8:** 5–7pm: Gallery talks. *Five Fulbright photographers discuss & show their work, followed by Q&A.*
- **NOV 8:** 7:30–9:30pm: Informal reception with exhibit photographers. *All past & current Fulbrighters welcome.*
- **NOV 9:** 1pm: Photo DC Scavenger Hunt. *Join Fulbright photographers for a fun afternoon exploring & making photos. Meet at the exhibit, which is open 12–6pm.*
- **NOV 10:** 12pm: Exhibit closes.

## FEATURED PHOTOGRAPHERS:

The photographers featured in the exhibit (and the country where they did their Fulbright) are:

**Jennifer Boles** *Mexico,*

**Elizabeth Brooks** *Tanzania*

**Claudio Cambon** *Bangladesh*

**Francois Deschamps** *Mali*

**Dennis Drenner** *Cambodia*

**Michael Forster Rothbart** *Ukraine*

**Colette Fu** *China*

**Andrew Garn** *Russia*

**Nancy Goldring** *Sri Lanka*

**Muriel Hasbun** *El Salvador*

**Geoffrey Hiller** *Pakistan*

**Philip Hopper** *Palestine*

**Erika Larsen** *Sweden*

**Cal Mackenzie** *Vietnam*

**Christopher McCarthy** *Mongolia*

**Kathleen Laraia McLaughlin** *Romania,*

**Josh Meltzer** *Mexico*

**Matthew O'Brien** *Colombia*

**Lida Suchy** *Ukraine*

**Jeremy Tasch** *Kyrgyz Republic*

**Amy Thompson** *Morocco*

**Olivia Valentine** *Turkey*

**Taylor Weidman** *Nepal*

## SPONSORS:

The Intersections Fulbright Alumni photography exhibit is an alumni-organized program, sponsored by the Fulbright Association and Office for Trade Promotion of the International Trade Center. Additional financial and logistical support is provided by the Department of State, Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Fulbright Program, Fulbright Association National Capital Area Chapter, Institute of International Education, and FotoWeek D.C.



# SATURDAY AM

## 8:00A - 12:00P REGISTRATION & FA STORE

*Hyatt Columbia Wall*

## 9:00 - 10:45A DARE TO ADVOCATE! I AM FULBRIGHT/ Columbia A/B

Fulbright Movement - I am Fulbright! Two minute filmed audience impact speeches - tell your story!

Speaker:  
**Mike McCarry**  
*Executive Director for the Alliance for International Education & Cultural Exchange*

## 9:00 - 10:45A DARE TO ENGAGE- FA YOUR WAY Columbia A/B

Facilitated roundtable discussions on advocacy and your input on FA's value and future focus with Fulbrighters, chapter leaders, international commissioners.

Moderator:  
**Dr. Mona Anita K. Olsen**  
*Asst. Academic Director/Visiting Asst Professor at Cornell University*

## 11:00 - 12:00P Dare to Innovate Plenary Session with MacArthur Fellows! Innovation in Action with MacArthur Fellows

*Columbia A/B*

A leader of the MacArthur Fellows Program will moderate a discussion about creativity and inspiration featuring two Fellows with diverse experiences and projects.

Panel:  
•**Dr. Janine Jagger** *M.P.H., Ph.D. Professor of Medicine, University of Virginia School of Medicine*  
•**Corey Harris** *2002 MacArthur Fellow, guitarist, vocalist, songwriter, and band leader*

Moderator:  
**Dr. Cecilia Conrad**, *2007 MacArthur Fellows Vice President, MacArthur Fellows Program, John D. & Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation*

## 12:30 - 1:10P Dare to Transform! - Luncheon (lunch included) Concurrent Sessions

### The Power of Music to Transform Conflict

*Columbia A*

Music and creative media offer powerful tools to educate, empower and build respect far beyond physical and psychological barriers. Engaging with the experiences of Heartbeat, a nonprofit social enterprise empowering Israeli and Palestinian youth musicians, which was founded in 2007 under the speaker's Fulbright-mtvU fellowship, audience members will explore the three critical tools for music creation: Listening, Respect, and Responsibility, as a guide for sustainable community building and conflict transformation.

Speaker: **Aaron Shneyer**  
*Founder and Executive Director of Heartbeat*

## Daring to Act in Central America: Picking Coffee Beans, Carrying a Glock, Supporting a Guerrilla Co-op

*Columbia B*

Five senior faculty members and ten graduate students formed five three-person teams to represent the HEB Center for International Peace Studies in a social innovation and engagement field study in Guatemala. Each team had learning goals, and each team documented its findings with audio, video and published books.

Speaker:

**Dr. Pat Burr** *Distinguished Chair, HEB School of Business, UIW, San Antonio, TX and Founder & President, San Antonio Chapter*

**1:30 - 5:00P**

## Chapter Leader Workshop

*Lexington Concord*

Shaz Akram Director Chapter and Institutional Relations  
Chapter Leader Panel Nicole Harper al, Charlotte McDaniel va & Desiree Caliguire-Maier oh

**1:20 - 2:00P**

## Dare to Improve Fulbright! (lunch continued)

*Columbia A*

The Fulbright Program in Australia is underpinned by innovation, creativity and purpose-driven partnerships. We share the story of collaborations between Kansas State University and the Australian-American Fulbright Commission enabled by alumnus-commission interaction. They increase the number of Fulbright participants, broaden their experience and expand their networks. We Dare Fulbright alumni and staff to utilize their networks, expertise and resources to envision new partnerships by building on and extending the vision first espoused by Senator Fulbright.

Partnerships that Expand Fulbright – Institutions & International Commissions

**Dr. John Leslie** *Department Head at Kansas State University*

**Dr. Tangerine Holt**  
*Australian-American Fulbright Commission*

**2:10 - 2:30P**

## Networking Break, Poster Fair

*Col. Foyer & Col. C*

## Creating a Global Movement for Changemaking: Fulbright and Beyond

*Columbia B*

At Ashoka, we seek a world where everyone is changemaker, equipped with the skills to solve the most pressing social challenges. Through their own stories of social change, three Fulbright alumni, all connected through Ashoka's network of innovators, will share on how their Fulbright grants contributed to their own dedication to making positive change. Together they will emphasize how changemaking is an essential component of the Fulbright program and the future of Fulbright.

•**David Nahmias** *Global Security Manager at Ashoka*

•**Jenni Schneiderman** *Master of Design Candidate and Ashoka Changemaker School Leader*

•**Kara Andrade** *Ashoka Fellow & Founder, HablaCentro Informatics Ph.D. Candidate, American University*

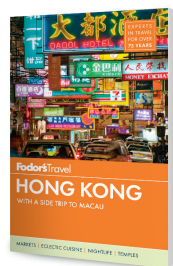
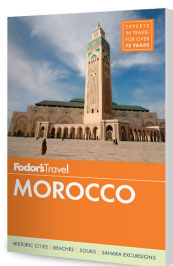
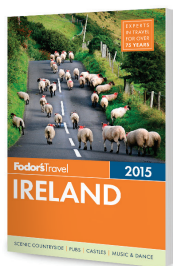


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### Master Class - 11 Days

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### Innovative National Applications

Practical project outcomes for delegates:

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- Future scenario development & decision support visualization
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- Governance models & open data frameworks
- Crowd sourcing & citizen science data integration
- Humanitarian & emergency support

### National Expression of Interest

#### Application date extended until 28th November 2014

To register your nation's expression of interest in supporting three of your country's delegates for the Pivotal 2015 Spatial Edge Master Class, Brisbane, Australia, please contact [pivotal2015@qut.edu.au](mailto:pivotal2015@qut.edu.au) or call the Pivotal 2015 Project Office +61 (0)7 3138 0465.



# SPEAKER BIOS

## RITA BRUUN AKHTAR



Rita Bruun Akhtar is the Executive Director of the United States Educational Foundation in Pakistan (USEFP), administering the world's largest Fulbright Program. In 2014, USEFP sent more than 650 Pakistanis on ten different programs, including 155 in Fulbright Masters and PhD Programs. Ms. Akhtar is a Fulbright alumna, having researched comparative law in Pakistan on a Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship in the mid-1980s. She is an ABD in political science from the University of Washington

## SHAZ AKRAM



Shaz Akram joined the Fulbright Association in 2012. As Director, she serves the sixty plus chapter networks across the US, administers the Chapter Grant Program, Institutional membership, and works with events, conferences and various membership related activities. She also edits the Fulbright Edge (Fulbright Association's) e-newsletter. Prior to joining the Fulbright Association, Shaz served as an Assistant Director at the Diversity Center, Mississippi State University, where her name had become synonymous with the word "international." Shaz also served as faculty and student adviser for the Fulbright program at Mississippi State University. She has extensive knowledge of J, F and H1-B visa regulations and served as an adviser to international students for several years, before joining the Association in DC.

## RACHAEL ALDRIDGE



Rachael joined the Fulbright community through the Teacher Exchange Program to Colombia during the academic year 2001-2002. In 2010, she participated in the Fulbright Hayes Group Projects Abroad Program studying Mexican Art Through an Intercultural Perspective. She has been an active member of NCAC for many years, and is in her fourth year serving with the board. She is in her 17th year of her teaching career, and because of her Fulbright

inspired to teach and work in international education all over the world, most recently in China and South Korea. One of her proudest Fulbright related achievements is having inspired her own students to apply for Fulbright grants, and watching them as they depart for and return from their own Fulbright journeys.

## DR. PATRICK ALCEDO



The 2014 Selma Jeanne Cohen Awardee and Presenter Dr. Patrick Alcedo is a former Rockefeller Humanities Fellow at the Smithsonian Institution, and is also an Associate Professor and Director of the MA and PhD programs in Dance Studies at York University. He received his PhD in Dance History and Theory from the University of California, Riverside under the auspices of the Asian Cultural Council's Ford Foundation grant.

## KARA ANDRADE



Kara Andrade is a Ph.D. graduate student at the School of Communication at American University. Her research interests are primarily in media, technology, entrepreneurship, digital storytelling, community organizing and strategy in Latin America. Her work focuses on the use of technology and online media for democracy and peace-building in developing nations. She has more than ten years of experience working in the United States and Latin America as a bilingual journalist, entrepreneur and multimedia producer for a variety of leading media organizations including Americas Quarterly, Associated Press, Christian Science Monitor, France 24, Global Post, The New York Times and others. She consults as a trainer for the U.S. State Department's eDiplomacy Initiative as well as, for the U.S. Institute of Peace, and other organizations to lead trainings on storytelling, blogging, digital literacy, communications, community organizing, online strategy and journalism.



## **COLLIN BJORK**

Collin Bjork is currently an MA/PhD candidate in the English Department at Indiana University. After working as a technical writer and an actor for a few years, he became a Fulbright ETA fellow in Montenegro in 2012–2013. In addition to teaching at the University of Montenegro, he co-directed and co-produced the sold-out Montenegrin-language premier of *The Vagina Monologues*. Right now, his professional interests include Shakespeare's plays, intercultural theatrical performance, and using cognitive science to better understand how humans find meaning in stories. He also loves teaching international students.



## **DR. HANS BLIX**

Dr. Blix is a Swedish diplomat and politician for the Liberal People's Party. He was Swedish Minister for Foreign Affairs (1978–1979) and later became the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency. As such, Blix was the first Western representative to inspect the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster in the Soviet Union on site, and lead the agency response to them. Blix was also the head of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission from March 2000 to June 2003, when he was succeeded by Dimitris Perrikos. In 2002, the commission began searching Iraq for weapons of mass destruction, ultimately finding none. In February 2010, the Government of the United Arab Emirates announced that Blix will be the head of an advisory board for its nuclear power program.



## **DR. PAT LEMAY BURR**

Dr. Pat LeMay Burr is Distinguished Chair in the HEB School of Business at University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio, TX, where she has also served as dean and vice president. Her Ph.D. is in Business and Economics, and her postdoctoral studies have included the University of Michigan, Yale University, and Harvard University. She has received Fulbright Awards to Mexico (2), China, Kuwait, Vietnam and Ukraine (delayed). Her corporate work has included two New York Stock Exchange corporations and the leading of a leveraged buyout, after which she served as COO of the Specialty Retail Corporation holding company. Her government work includes Executive Office work on the White House Transition Team



of President-Elect Carter and as Associate Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration. She teaches Digital Media and International Business in the MBA and DBA Programs at UIW, where she founded the laptop program, iPad program, iPad Users' Group, and Tech Fair. In 2013, she was named among some 64 educators in The Americas as Apple Distinguished Educator.

## **KYMBERLY CADDELL**

KyMBERly Caddell graduated with her Masters of Social Work degree this August from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. She currently works for a nonprofit called Completely Kids in Omaha, Nebraska. She is a program coordinator for an after school program. In this role, she serves 100 elementary school children that are severely impoverished to assist with homework and build social, academic, and cognitive skills through curriculum designed by Completely Kids.



## **DESIREE CALIGUIRE-MAIER**

Desiree Caliguire-Maier is the VP of the NE Ohio Fulbright Chapter with the responsibility of not only organizing events for visiting Fulbright recipients but also assisting with networking/ partnering between the private and public sectors. Prior to coordinating IB and Partner Programs for Cleveland Hts. University Hts. School District, she was responsible for overseeing all international education programs at the Ohio Department of Education as well as served the US State Department Diplomacy Schools overseas and worked in the corporate world. She is a Fulbright recipient; she has a MBA from California State University and a MA from Kent State University.



## **DR. FRANCESCO CESAREO**

Dr. Cesareo is an American educator and historian. In February 2007, he was selected to become the 16th president of Assumption College, and assumed the presidency on July 1, 2007. Prior to his selection, Dr. Cesareo served as dean of the McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Prior to this, he served a position as professor at John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio.



## ERWIN CHO



Erwin Cho serves as chief of staff at Kaiser Permanente in health plan service and administration. He has held a variety of leadership positions in health care in business development as well as product innovation, development and management. Mr. Cho earned his master's in public policy from the Harvard Kennedy School and his bachelor's degree in economics from the University of California, Berkeley. Prior to graduating from the Harvard Kennedy School, he was a Woodrow Wilson/Public Policy and International Affairs fellow at Princeton and was a Fulbright fellow to Australia. He was elected to the Board of Directors of the Fulbright Association in 2014. Mr. Cho is the current President of the Northern California chapter of the Fulbright Association and is leading Envision/Fulbright, a Fulbright alumni pilot partnership program to provide free, new reading glasses to people who need them but either cannot afford or have access to them.

## DR. CECILIA A. CONRAD



Cecilia A. Conrad Vice President, MacArthur Fellows Program. Before joining the foundation in January 2013, she had a distinguished career as both a professor and an administrator at Pomona College, Claremont, CA. As Associate Dean and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Pomona, Vice President for Academic Affairs at Pomona, Conrad championed the College's summer undergraduate research program and expanded it to the arts and humanities, led conversations regarding the value and assessment of a liberal arts college education, nurtured collaborations between the arts and the sciences, and worked with academic departments to improve the campus climate for diversity. Before joining the faculty at Pomona College, Conrad served on the faculties of Barnard College and Duke University. She was also an economist at the Federal Trade Commission and a visiting scholar at The Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies.

## DR. DARLENE DEMARIE



Dr. DeMarie was a Fulbright CORE Scholar for lecturing/research at the University of Limpopo in South Africa from 2007 to 2009. She co-created a child care center for 52 children from ages 2 to 6; starting with

an empty house, next raising the money and supervising renovations, and then conducting on-going professional development with the teachers. She joined the Fulbright Association as a lifetime member when she returned from South Africa and has served as a Board Member since 2011, as the Secretary, and as the President of the Mid-Florida Chapter. Darlene is now the Fulbright Faculty Advisor for the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida and teaches future teachers in the College of Education. She calls herself a self-appointed Fulbright Cheerleader. She is grateful for her Fulbright and thanks the organization for giving her life-changing personal and professional experiences.

## JAY DOEDEN




Mr. Doeden is a Director in Deloitte's Enterprise Risk Services (ERS). He has over 26 years' experience with a specialty in banking and finance. Mr. Doeden has served clients in the commercial and Federal marketplace. His expertise in bank regulatory topics including credit review, mortgage foreclosure and risk mitigation practices have placed him at Deloitte's largest banking clients. In addition to his commercial work, Mr. Doeden has had an extensive career in international economic reform programs. As a technical advisor as well as large program manager, he has worked in numerous countries focusing on financial sector reform topics.

## JOSEPHINE DORADO



Josephine Dorado is a social entrepreneur, media studies professor, and artist whose work focuses on the convergence of physical+digital experiences, arts with technology, and games with calls to action. Her work has been awarded both a Fulbright Scholarship and a MacArthur Foundation Award in Digital Media & Learning. She is currently President of Fulbright Association's NY Chapter and teaches at The New School, specializing in networked collaboration and virtual learning environments and trainer for the State Department's TechCamps. Previously, Josephine founded Kidz Connect, a virtual cultural exchange program that connects youth internationally through creative collaboration and performance in virtual worlds. Her next venture is reACTor, a mobile news game that encourages activism around news stories. [www.funksoup.com](http://www.funksoup.com)

## RUSHDOSHI




Rush Doshi is a Raymond Vernon Fellow in Harvard's PhD program in Government. Doshi's main research interests include Chinese and Indian foreign policy and he is proficient in Mandarin and Hindi. His work has been printed in the Wall Street Journal, among other publications. He was most recently an analyst at Long Term Strategy Group where he focused on Asia-Pacific security issues; previously, he researched international economic issues as an analyst at Rock Creek Global Advisors, participated in Department of Defense summer studies, and was an Arthur Liman Fellow at the Department of State. Doshi was a Fulbright fellow in Yunnan China from 2011–2012, where he researched Sino-Indian relations. He graduated from Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School in 2011 (Phi Beta Kappa, summa cum laude) with a minor in East Asian Studies. He received Princeton's prize for best Woodrow Wilson School thesis, was Editor-in-Chief of Princeton's American Foreign Policy Magazine, and placed in the top ten nationwide as a college debater.

## PATRICK DOWD



Patrick Dowd is the Founder and CEO of the Millennial Trains Project (MTP) and youngest-ever Editor-at-Large at National Geographic Traveler. Since graduating from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service in 2009, he has worked as a legal reporter, U.S. Senate campaign speechwriter, and J.P. Morgan investment banking analyst. As a 2010–11 Fulbright Scholar in India, he produced a documentary on informal sector e-waste recycling and helped lead a circumnavigation of India by rail that inspired him to bring MTP to America. A member of the Explorers Club, Patrick is proficient in French and Hindi.

## DR. WAYNE A. IFREDERICK




President of Howard University, is a U.S. physician and academic. He was appointed president of Howard University in Washington D.C, on July 21, 2014. He previously served as Provost and Chief Academic Officer at Howard. He has received numerous awards, including being named a "Super Doctor" by The Washington Post and listed on Ebony magazine's Power 100 in 2010. He was named one of America's Best Physicians by Black Enterprise magazine.

## CLARISSA FELTS



Ms. Felts was named the vice president of collaboration, diversity and inclusion at Lowe's Companies, Inc. in September of 2012. In this role, Felts is responsible for driving diversity of thought through collaboration and strategic alliances, and implementing a strategy for diversity and inclusion that impacts talent, suppliers, community and customers across markets. Previously, Felts was the initiative lead for the integrated workforce experience. She also led internal communications and corporate events for more than 12 years, holding the positions of director and vice president. She holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

## HARRIET MAYOR FULBRIGHT



Guest of Honor and Fulbright Prize Presenter, Ms. Fulbright has spent the majority of her adult life in the fields of education and the arts. Ms. Fulbright shared with her late husband a dedication to the search for peaceful solutions to conflicts throughout the world. We could not be more pleased to have her for our 37th annual conference.



## VADIM GEORGIENKO

Vadim Georgienko is a developer based in Ukraine, focused on projects that involve new infrastructures for the civil society in Ukraine and the development of social entrepreneurship and investment with the help of information technology. He has 16 years of experience as a successful social entrepreneur and is a laureate (finalist) of “Social Entrepreneur of Ukraine 2006,” an award of the Schwab



Foundation. Vadim has been involved in local self-government for 9 years, including being a member of the Executive Committee of the Odessa City Council, and has experience in public administration as well, including a position as Advisor of the Minister. Cumulatively, he has 23 years of experience working with NGOs, having implemented over 100 projects and has received an Award of the Council of Europe.

## ROSEE. GOTTEMOELLER

Rose E. Gottemoeller, Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security, was sworn in as the Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security (T) on March 7, 2014. As Under Secretary, Gottemoeller advises the Secretary on arms control, nonproliferation and disarmament. She had served as Acting in this position since February 7, 2012. While Acting, Gottemoeller continued to serve as Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of Arms Control, Verification and Compliance, a position she was appointed to on April 6, 2009. She was the chief U.S. negotiator of the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (New START) with the Russian Federation, which entered into force on February 5, 2011.



## DR. NICOLE HARPER

Dr. Nicole Harper was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to complete her doctoral research in Slovenia, 2008–2009. She has since been a very active Fulbright Alumna, both in the Alabama Fulbright Association and the National Fulbright Association, where she presented her research at a National Fulbright Conference in D.C. In 2011, Nicole was invited to undergo training to serve as a Fulbright Alumni Ambassador. As a Fulbright Alumni Ambassador Nicole has represented Fulbright at many universities and conferences, providing presentations about her Fulbright experience and the application process to



students and faculty. She has served as a panelist in several IIE coordinated on-line webinars to share her experience and insight and has visited with her local Congressman to advocate for support of Fulbright legislation. Nicole's achievements for our Alabama Fulbright Chapter include creating and administering our chapter's Facebook page and coordinating our 2013 Cultural Enrichment Tour to Huntsville.

## COREY HARRIS

Corey Harris is a guitarist, songwriter, and performer who is leading a contemporary revival of country blues with a fresh, modern hand. He is a powerful and compelling singer and an accomplished guitarist whose musical artistry is complemented by serious explorations of the historical and cultural conditions that gave rise to the blues. He demonstrates his respect for the past and his mastery of the Mississippi Delta blues tradition by interpreting the songs of early blues luminaries in new ways, while also creating an original vision of the blues by infusing his music with a broad range of sounds and styles. Maturing from interpreter to creator, his imaginative compositions spark renewed interest in the musical potential of the blues. With one foot in tradition and the other in contemporary experimentation, he blends musical styles often considered separate and distinct to create something entirely new for the 21st century.



## TOM HEALY

Tom was appointed by President Barack Obama in 2011 to the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. He is currently serving his third term as Chairman of the Board. Tom Healy is a writer and poet. His books include *Animal Spirits* and *What the Right Hand Knows*, which was a finalist for the 2009 L.A. Times Book Prize. He has two forthcoming books of essays, *Not Untrue* and *Not Unkind* and *The Rest of the World: Smart Power and Public Diplomacy*. Healy teaches at New York University and writes regularly about the Fulbright Program and international affairs for The Huffington Post. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. Healy served on President Clinton's Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS and has worked on AIDS prevention and anti-poverty projects around the world. He served as president of the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council in the years after 9/11 and was awarded the New York



## LELAND LAZARUS

Leland Lazarus is currently a student at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.



Leland is the Founding Director of the Dream Scholarship (DS) and former Associate Producer, CCTV America (Fulbright Scholar to Panama 2013). Most recently, Leland was selected as a Thomas R. Pickering Graduate Fellow, and will serve as a U.S. diplomat after graduating from Tufts in 2016.

## MEGHAN LAZIER

Meghan Lazier uses communication and design strategy to help solve some of the world's biggest and most complicated problems. Her most recent projects include implementing gamification strategy for a U.S. Department of State internal product, building a mobile app help parents of preschoolers make more frequent museums visits and leading a team of volunteers to organize first-ever TEDx event in Afghanistan. She received a B.A. from Eureka College, and is currently enrolled in the MFA in Design for Social Innovation program at the School of Visual Arts.



## DR. TINA LESHER

Dr. Leshler is professor of journalism and former chairman of the Department of Communication at William Paterson University of New Jersey. She was a 2006–07 Fulbright Scholar to the United Arab Emirates and a Fulbright Ambassador from 2010 to 2012. Her Fulbright research centered on the change in the lives of women in the UAE. Her novel, *The Abaya Chronicles*, based on her studies, won first prize in fiction for 2011 from the National Federation of Press Women. Dr. Leshler twice served as president of the New Jersey Press Women. As a newspaperwoman, she worked for *The Scranton Tribune*, *Philadelphia Inquirer* and *Hartford Courant* as well as for a number of New Jersey-based papers. She holds a bachelor's in history from Wheeling Jesuit University, a master's in journalism from the University of Missouri and a doctorate in English Education from Rutgers University.



## DR. JOHN FRANKLIN LESLIE

Dr. Leslie is a world authority on the genetics, taxonomy, and population biology of the genus *Fusarium*. He received a B.A. degree in biology from the University of Dallas in Irving, TX, in 1975. He earned his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in genetics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1977 and 1979, respectively, under the direction of Tom Leonard. As a post-doctoral researcher, he worked for David Perkins at Stanford University. In 1981, he took a position with International Minerals & Chemical Corporation in Terre Haute, IN, as a research microbiologist studying the genetics and industrial uses of *Fusarium graminearum*. In 1984, he joined the faculty of the Department of Plant Pathology at Kansas State University. He was promoted to associate professor in 1990 and to professor in 1996. In 2006, he became head of the Department of Plant Pathology.



## AMBASSADOR BJORN LYRVALL

Björn Lyrvall is Ambassador of Sweden to the United States. From 2007 until taking up his current position in September 2013, Ambassador Lyrvall was Director General for Political Affairs at Sweden's Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Stockholm.




## DR. ALISON MACFARLANE

The Honorable Allison M. Macfarlane was sworn in as chairman of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission July 9, 2012. She was nominated by President Obama and confirmed by the Senate to a term expiring June 30, 2013. On July 1, 2013, Dr. Macfarlane was reconfirmed for a 5 year term. Dr. Macfarlane, an expert on nuclear waste issues, holds a doctorate in geology from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a bachelor's of science degree in geology from the University of Rochester. Prior to beginning her term as the NRC's 15th chairman, Dr. Macfarlane was an associate professor of environmental science and policy at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.



# SPEAKER BIOS

## DR. NABIL MARSHOOD



Nabil Marshood is a Fulbright scholar, an author, and a professor of sociology. He teaches courses in sociology of the family, race & ethnic relations, and sociology of religion. Dr. Marshood earned his BA and MA degrees from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and his Ph.D. from Columbia University. He was granted a Mid-Career Fellowship at Princeton University, and is also a recipient of a number of grants concentrating on religion, peace and conflict resolution. He is the author of *Voices from the Camps: People's History of Palestinian Refugees in Jordan*, 2006, *Palestinian Teenage Immigrants and Refugees Speak Out*, and a coauthor of *Everyday Sociology*. Nabil is fluent in English, Arabic, and Hebrew.

## DR. CHARLOTTE MCDANIEL



Charlotte McDaniel began her relationship with the Fulbright Association via a Scholar award to Finland (2002–03), followed by Sr. Specialist to Sweden (2008), Tunisia (2012), and Indonesia (2013). She has served on the Boards and as President, Founding President of Georgia and Central VA, respectively. Her academic career began with appointments to Yale University, followed by University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, and Emory University, the latter from which she retired, continuing as a Faculty Scholar, Center for the Study of Law & Religion, School of Law. Undergraduate degrees are from Washington (St.L) and Vanderbilt University; graduate from University Connecticut, Storrs, and Columbia University. She received a post-doc Award from Columbia, among others. McDaniel's area of expertise is organizational ethics with attention to health care and business; scholarly research, illustrated by (5) books and (90) research-related articles, is in empirical ethics. She resides in Albemarle County, VA.

## MIKE MCCARRY



Michael McCarry has led the Alliance as its Executive Director since October 1994. Prior to joining the Alliance, he spent 18 years with the U.S. Information Agency (USIA) as a Foreign Service Officer. He served as U.S. Cultural Attaché in Beijing in the years immediately following the Tiananmen Square events of 1989, and led negotiations, which resulted in the restoration of the Fulbright program after its suspension by the Chinese government. He also served as director of USIS Chiang Mai, Thailand, and as Assistant Cultural Attaché in Bangkok. He speaks Chinese and Thai. Michael's domestic assignments with USIA include staff director/special assistant in the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, chief of Advising and Student Services, policy officer for East Asia, Voice of America branch chief for Southeast Asia, and desk officer for Southern Africa. Prior to joining the Foreign Service, Michael worked as a legislative and press aide for Rep. Robert McClory (R-IL), and as a journalist in Illinois and Texas. Michael received an M.A. from the University of Texas (Austin), a B.A. from Notre Dame, and spent a year at Melbourne University in Australia as a Rotary Graduate Fellow. He is originally from Chicago, IL

## TROY A. MOOYOUNG



Troy A. Mooyoung is a Senior Vice President, Branch Manager of the LaSalle Street office in Chicago, IL. He works closely with the Chicago Regional Management team to recruit and develop new Financial Advisors and maintain Morgan Stanley Smith Barney's commitment to diversity. Previously, Troy was the Regional Business Development Manager based in Chicago where he supervised a team of Complex Business Development Officers. Mooyoung started out as an intern at Dean Witter in 1994, and swiftly rose to become a Financial Advisor, winning the firm's National Sales Director Award in 1995. After a hiatus from Dean Witter in 1997, he returned in 2004 to what was then Morgan Stanley Dean Witter.

## DR. HAROLD MORTIMER

Dr. Mortimer is a Weitzenhoffer Endowed Professor of Musical Theatre (MT) Performance at The University of Oklahoma. He is a Fulbright Scholar (2008 – South Africa) and taught musical theatre courses, researched pedagogical approaches, guided curriculum changes, and served as director/musical director for musicals at Tshwane University of Technology in Pretoria. Teaching credits include Ball State University, the University of Connecticut, and for the American Musical Drama Academy (NYC). Harold has been an active professional performer, director and music director for over 20 years and his students have been seen on Broadway, national and international tours and in regional theatre productions.



## DAVID NAHMIAS

David Nahmias leads Ashoka's global Security initiative, which help social entrepreneurs prevent and respond to threats and emergencies they face due to their work. He also works as the Integrator for Ashoka's team in Latin America, aligning regional strategy, partnerships and operations. David first joined Ashoka in 2010, coordinating the search and selection ("Venture") process for new Fellows in Ashoka's Mexico and Central America office through support through a Fulbright Binational Business grant to Mexico City (2010–11). He then moved to D.C. to work as Americas Liaison, overseeing the Venture selection in North and South America, until fall 2013. His passion for Latin America and human rights issues born from academic and work experiences in Oaxaca, El Salvador, and Argentina, David graduated from Claremont McKenna College magna cum laude with a degree in International Relations and Spanish.



## KEISUKENAKAGAWA

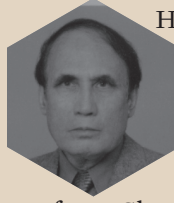
As a Fulbright fellow to Bangladesh in 2004, Mr. Nakagawa spent nine months piloting a health insurance program for the rural poor. Mr. Nakagawa is passionate about strengthening the Fulbright community at the local, national, and international levels. He is interested in empowering Fulbright Association chapters and coordinating with sister alumni associations around the world to share best practices and to foster a more connected global



network of Fulbright alumni. Mr. Nakagawa currently studies at the University of California, Davis School of Medicine. He received his bachelor's degree in biology from Cornell University in 2004.

## DR. MUHAMMAD ASLAMNARU

Present Position: President Mubarak Institute of Literacy and Learning, Rahimyar Khan Ph.D. (Chemistry), Justus-Liebig University, Germany. (1965). M.Sc. Hons. Punjab University, Pakistan. (1959). Present Position: President Mubarak Institute of Literacy and Learning, Rahimyar Khan Fulbright Scholar, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, USA (April 2004–June 2005). Professor & Chair Department of Chemistry: Lahore Grammar School, Lahore (1993–2004). Visiting Professor: Indiana University, USA (1986–1987). Assistant professor: Manchester College, Indiana, USA (1968–70). Research Associate: University of Illinois, Ill. USA (1968–70). Assistant Professor: Punjab University Pakistan (Jan.1966–Dec. 1966). Research Associate: Rheinische-Friedrich-Wilhelms University, Germany (Jan.1962–Sept. 1962). Post-Doctoral Research: University of Islamabad, Pakistan (1972–75). Lecturer: Dyal Singh College, Lahore (1958–59). Chemist: Lever Brothers Pakistan Ltd. (1960–61). Member: American Chemical Society/German Chemical Society Delegate to the United Nations, N.Y. 1976. Prisoner of Conscience: Amnesty International 1982



## THOMAS NIDES

Tom Nides is a Managing Director and Vice Chairman of Morgan Stanley, a leading global financial services firm. He focuses on the Firm's global clients and other key constituencies around the world, serves as a member of the Firm's Management Committee and Operating Committee, and reports to Morgan Stanley Chief Executive Officer James Gorman. Prior to rejoining the Firm in March 2013 in his current role, Mr. Nides was Deputy Secretary of State, serving as Chief Operating Officer of the Department. Mr. Nides, a graduate of the University of Minnesota, is married with two children.



## DR. MONA ANITAK. OLSEN



Born in London to Americans from Brooklyn, New York, Mona Anita is of Norwegian descent. She identifies as a third culture kid. Mona Anita serves in a dual teaching/admin appointment at The School of Hotel Administration at Cornell University as a Visiting Assistant Professor and Assistant Academic Director of The Leland C. and Mary M. Pillsbury Institute for Hospitality Entrepreneurship. Mona Anita was a 2012–2013 U.S. Fulbright Grantee to Norway. While in Norway, Mona Anita worked on building the growing structure for the educational nonprofit, iMADdu. iMADdu stands for “I Make A Difference, Do yoU?” and empowers young entrepreneurs through mentoring and participation in its Student Apprenticeship Program.

## AMBASSADOR THOMAS PICKERING



Ambassador Pickering served more than four decades as a U.S. diplomat. He last served as undersecretary of state for political affairs, the third highest post in the U.S. State Department. Pickering also served as ambassador to the United Nations, the Russian Federation, India, Israel, and Jordan, and holds the personal rank of Career Ambassador.

## STEPHEN REILLY



Steve Reilly assumed his role as Executive Director of the Fulbright Association on January 1, 2013. He came to us from Global Experiences, an international education organization he founded in 2001 that provides internships, foreign language training, and English language training abroad. After receiving his bachelor's degree from Salisbury University, Steve traveled extensively throughout the world and has lived on 4 continents and visited over 50 countries. He received a Fulbright scholarship to Sweden, where he earned a master's degree in peace and conflict studies at Uppsala University. Steve not only earned his master's degree while on his Fulbright but also met his Australian wife of 13 years, Emily, while in Sweden, and they now live in the Annapolis Maryland area with their 3 children.

## MARK SACHS



Mark Sachs is a California native who started the non-profit RestoringVision.org following a career in the optical industry. He earned a Bachelor's Degree from Whittier College and has an MBA from USC. Mark started RestoringVision after distributing glasses to Albania and Mexico where he noted that reading glasses and sunglasses were the most popular items dispensed—but that most groups did not have adequate supplies to satisfy this demand. He built RestoringVision's capabilities while working at his day job at Blue Shield of California. In April of 2012, he retired to devote more time as the volunteer director of the organization. Since 2003, RestoringVision has supplied more than 2.4 million new reading and sunglasses worldwide.

## OLENA SADOVNIK



Olena Sadovnik is a media development officer based in Kyiv, Ukraine. She is currently working for the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, promoting freedom of the media in Ukraine. Olena will talk about the importance of mobile technologies for war reporting in eastern Ukraine, the areas held by Kremlin backed terrorists and invaded by the Russian military. Olena holds an M.A. in Communications from the College of Saint Rose, N.Y. During her second Fulbright year in the US (2012–2014), she utilized social media to organize a rally, “No To Violence in Ukraine,” in Albany to support her compatriots, protesting against the government's brutality at #Euromaidan in Kyiv.

## RAUL SARAIVA



Raúl G. Saraiva's Fulbright led him to move from Porto (Portugal) to Baltimore in 2012 to pursue his PhD at the Johns Hopkins University. His research focus on innovative strategies to prevent mosquitos from spreading tropical diseases such as malaria and dengue. He is currently the Treasurer of the National Capital Area Chapter of the Fulbright Association.



## JENNI SCHNEIDERMAN

Jenni Schneiderman's Fulbright in Mendoza, Argentina encouraged her to ask "big picture" questions about the fundamental role of education to shape and reinforce societal values. Post Fulbright, she moved to Chicago and pioneered the expanded learning and community engagement program at a charter school called the Academy for Global Citizenship (AGC). At AGC, she fostered a relationship with Ashoka Start Empathy and acted as the Change Leader from 2013–2014. Inspired to deepen her understanding of complex systems and amplify her impact toolkit, she recently started graduate school at IIT's Institute of Design. Her coursework focuses on user research and social innovation. She is also the Director of Membership for the Chicago Chapter of the Fulbright Alumni Association.



## MISSY SHERBURNE

As Chief Partnerships Officer, for DonorsChoose.org, Missy and her team are responsible for building partnerships with corporations and foundations across the country. Previously, she served as the founding Executive Director of DonorsChoose.org North Carolina and South Carolina. Prior to joining DonorsChoose.org, she was the North Carolina Executive Director with Teach For America. She started her career as a Teach For America corps members in Baltimore, teaching the third and fourth grades. Missy holds B.A. degrees in Political Science and Speech Communication from Miami University and a Masters in Public Administration from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government where she was a Public Service Fellow.



## LUKE SCHELE

Luke Schtele is the former Deputy Press Attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Kyiv, Ukraine. Schtele led the implementation of the U.S. Department of State's Civil Society 2.0 initiative in Ukraine. He organized a series of Tech-Camps and media forums in Ukraine from 2012–2014, training more than 350 activists and journalists in the use of digital technology and communications.



## AARON SHNEYER

Aaron Shneyer is the Executive Director of Heartbeat, a nonprofit social enterprise uniting Israeli and Palestinian youth musicians to transform conflict, which he founded in 2007 as a Fulbright-mtvU Fellow. Since graduating from Georgetown University in 2005 with a degree in Cultural Anthropology and Music, Aaron has worked as a program leader and dialogue facilitator with various youth empowerment and civil society peace-building efforts around the world. After living in Jerusalem for nearly six years, in 2012 Aaron returned to his hometown, Washington, DC, to complete a Masters degree in Social Enterprise at American University's School of International Service, where he was also a Social Enterprise Fellow. Aaron has performed and presented on the role of music and youth in conflict transformation at institutions across the US and Europe including Yale, Brown, Georgetown, Harvard, and many other universities as well as the Institute for Cultural Diplomacy, TEDxAmerican University, and the US Department of State. Aaron writes music, produces, and performs with various music ensembles in the United States, the Middle East, and Europe.



## EMILY SENDIN

Emily Sendin is a professor of writing, literature, and reading at Miami Dade College (MDC). she has been the recipient of a multitude of professional awards and learning grants such as a Fulbright Scholar, the National Hispana Leadership Institute Executive Leadership Program fellowship, the Arthur H. Hertz Endowed Teaching Chair at MDC, American Library Association Live!, Eportfolio Title V, Golden Apple Learning Innovations, and Hispanic Educational Telecommunications Systems. As a service-learning educator, her passion for community activism is a staple of her educational philosophy and practice. In her classroom, she encourages her students to become active, engaged citizens who serve their community as a lifestyle choice. Since 2001, Ms. Sendin has been the founding advisor to several on-campus student organizations such as Literature Invites Thinking Club, MDC Democrats, and Urbana Literary & Arts Magazine and Imagination Federation Club.





# SPEAKER BIOS

## SOUNDIMPACT

Sound Impact is a collective of renowned musicians dedicated to serving communities and igniting change through live performance. Graduates from top conservatories such as The Juilliard School and New England Conservatory, founders Danielle Cho (cello), Rebecca Jackson (violin) and Tiffany Richardson (viola) share a common vision of bringing music to underserved communities as a tool of empowerment. Each project brings aboard different collaborators creating a unique team of musicians and creative spirits. Since its inception in 2013, Sound Impact has connected with communities in hospitals, schools, homeless centers and children's homes. Most recently, Sound Impact embarked on an international tour to Costa Rica, presenting masterclasses and concerts in five cities across the country. This season includes an educational residency at The Arts Center in North Carolina and the world premiere of a newly commissioned work for the Chris4life Colon Cancer Foundation.



## MUHAMMADBARBER SULEMAN

Muhammad Babar Suleman is a Fulbright scholar from Pakistan currently residing in New York City. He is a director, experience designer and writer. His diverse work experience and past credits include awards from Intel and Hyperakt's Re3 StoryHack, design and marketing for Unilever (TONI&GUY, CLEAR), fiction work (praised by the likes of New York Times best selling author Mohsin Hamid), design writing (published by California based The Daily Egg), user experience design for educational non-profit Shaheen (in collaboration with Harvard and MIT alumna), art direction and editorial for the LUMS Business Review and film work that has been screened for audiences in Paris (NUMA) and New York (Parsons). With passion project Four Broken Hearts, Babar is finally able to combine all of his different interests and skills into a cohesive storytelling experience.



## PRIYALISUR

Priyali Sur is a special correspondent and anchor for CNN IBN reporting on women's rights, social discrimination, and human rights violations. During her Fulbright Humphrey year, she would like to focus on the study of women in armed conflict, violence against them and it's socio-economic impact globally.



## DR. ALEJANDRO TOLEDO

Former President, Peru; President, Global Center for Development and Democracy; Consulting Professor, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, Stanford University. Dr. Alejandro Toledo was democratically elected President of Peru in 2001. During his five-year term, the central aim of Toledo's presidency was the fight against poverty through investment in healthcare and education. Before becoming President, Dr. Toledo worked for the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank in Washington, D.C., and the United Nations in New York. He received a BA in Economics and Business Administration from the University of San Francisco California. He has an MA in Economics, and an MA and Ph.D. in the Economics of Human Resources from the School Education, Stanford University.



## JOHNH. VOGEL

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## DR. GWENDOLYN WILLIS-DARPO

Dr. Gwendolyn Willis-Darpoh is a senior researcher in the Human and Social Development Program at the American Institutes for Research (AIR). With more than 35 years of experience in the field of education across various settings, Dr. Willis-Darpoh has worked with at-risk youth in Washington, D.C. and learning disabled students in the U.S. Virgin Islands. She received gubernatorial appointments to the statewide Maryland Advisory Council on Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorders (2000–2003) and to the Maryland Advisory Council on Mental Hygiene (1999–2002), as well as being appointed by Maryland’s state superintendent to the Achievement Initiative for Maryland’s Minority Students steering committee (AIMMS) and to the K-16 Workgroup and State Leadership Team. Dr. Willis-Darpoh was a tenured Associate Professor at Indiana University of Pennsylvania where she traveled to Nigeria (1988) and Germany (1997) as a Fulbright Scholar.



## JEREMY XIDO

Originally from Detroit, Jeremy graduated cum laude in Painting and Comparative Literature from Columbia University in New York and trained at the Actor’s Studio. Since 2003 he has been the artistic co-director of the performance and film company CABULA6, which was voted “company of the year 2009” by Europe’s prestigious performance magazine, Ballettanz, and awarded “Outstanding Artist of the Year 2010” by the Austrian Ministry of the Arts. CABULA6 has produced and presented work for both film and stage all over the world. Jeremy’s film directing credits include the award winning feature documentary DEATH METAL ANGOLA, the six part CRIME EUROPE series, and the short documentary MACONDO in addition to several short fiction films. Working as a dancer, actor and filmmaker, he has performed and presented work around the world on stage, TV and in Cinema. He speaks English, German, Spanish, and Portuguese and is based in New York City.



## MELDA YILDIZ

Melda N. Yildiz is a global scholar and teacher educator in the School for Global Education and Innovation at Kean University. Melda served as the first Fulbright Scholar in Turkmenistan. Since 1994, she taught Media Literacy Education and Global Education to P-16 educators and teacher candidates and published and presented featuring Educational Media, Global Education, Media Literacy, and Multicultural Education in national and international conferences. She received her Ed.D. from University of Massachusetts on Math & Science and Instructional Technology. She received an M.S. from Southern Connecticut State University on Instructional Technology. She majored in Teaching English as a Foreign Language at Bogazici University, in Turkey.



## JOHN ZOGBY

Founder of the “Zogby Poll” and the Zogby companies, John Zogby is an internationally respected pollster, opinion leader and best-selling author. He has joined with his son Jonathan Zogby as Senior Analyst. A much sought-after speaker, he is represented by the American Program Bureau of Boston.





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