



FULBRIGHT

Scholar Program

Alumni Hour: Meet the New Scholar Ambassadors

(Part 2 of 2)

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Mission

- In partnership with 160 countries worldwide, Fulbright offers passionate and accomplished faculty, administrator, artists, journalists, lawyers, and other professionals from all backgrounds an unparalleled opportunity to study, teach, or conduct research.
- Our mission is to foster mutual understanding between nations, advance knowledge across communities, and improve lives around the world.

A Brief History

- Established in 1946 by Congress, Fulbright is the United States government's flagship international educational and cultural exchange program.
- Fulbright is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State with funding provided by the U.S. Government and administered by the Institute of International Education.





Diversity and Inclusion

Fulbright strives to ensure that it reflects the diversity of U.S. society and societies abroad. We encourage the involvement of people from traditionally underrepresented audiences in all our grants, programs and other initiatives.

Opportunities are open to people regardless of their race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, geographic location, socioeconomic status, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity.





Alumni Ambassadors

Who: Recent Scholar alumni who have demonstrated impact in the field and upon their return to the U.S. They represent a range of institutions, disciplines, and geographic regions. Alumni are selected through an application process and trained to present on their Fulbright experience and the program.

What: Ambassadors serve as official representatives for the Fulbright Scholar Program at campuses and academic conferences across the country. They serve two-year terms.

Why: Increase the diversity of program participants, showcase program impact, encourage peers to apply, and serve as a resource for Fulbright Scholar Program leadership and Outreach team

Funding: Alumni Ambassador activities are supported by IIE's Fulbright Legacy Fund, sponsored by the IIE Board of Trustees.





Gregory Alexander

Professor of Nursing

Home Institution: Columbia University

Project Title: An International Report of Nursing Home IT and Quality Measures in Australian Nursing Homes

Host Institution: University of Macquarie
Sydney, Australia

Grant year: 2016-2017

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Melisa Cahnmann-Taylor

Professor of Education

Home Institution: University of Georgia

Project Title: Spanish for Non-Spanish Speakers: Cultivating Critically and Creatively Engaged Second Language Learners Across U.S. Mexico Borders

Host Institution: Benito Juarez Autonomous University of Oaxaca, Mexico

Grant year: 2013-2014

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Brian Klopotek

Associate Professor, Indigenous, Race, and Ethnic Studies

Home institution: University of Oregon

Project Title: Indian on Both Sides: Indigeneity, Race, and National Borders

Host Institution: Universidad de las Americas Puebla, Mexico

Grant year: 2017-2018

Email: klopotek@uoregon.edu



Carleitta Paige-Anderson

Vice President, Student Development and Success

Home Institution: Virginia Union University

Project Title: Developing Skills to Improve Core Scientific Competencies: Understanding Basic Science Principles using Infectious Disease Inquiry

Host Institution: Airlangga University
Surabaya, Indonesia

Grant year: 2013-2014

Email: CLPaige@vuu.edu



Jeff Withey

Professor of Microbiology

Home Institution: Wayne State University

Project Title: Establishing the Zebrafish Model for Cholera

Host Institution: National Institute of Cholera and Enteric Diseases, Kolkata, India

Grant year: 2014-2015

Email: jwithey@med.wayne.edu



Kimberly Williams

**Associate Professor of Anthropology and
Director of Center for the Humanities at Temple**

Home Institution: Temple University

Project Title: Geospatial Bioarcheology of Ancient
Oman Mortuary Landscapes

Host Institution: Sultan Qaboos University
Muscat, Oman

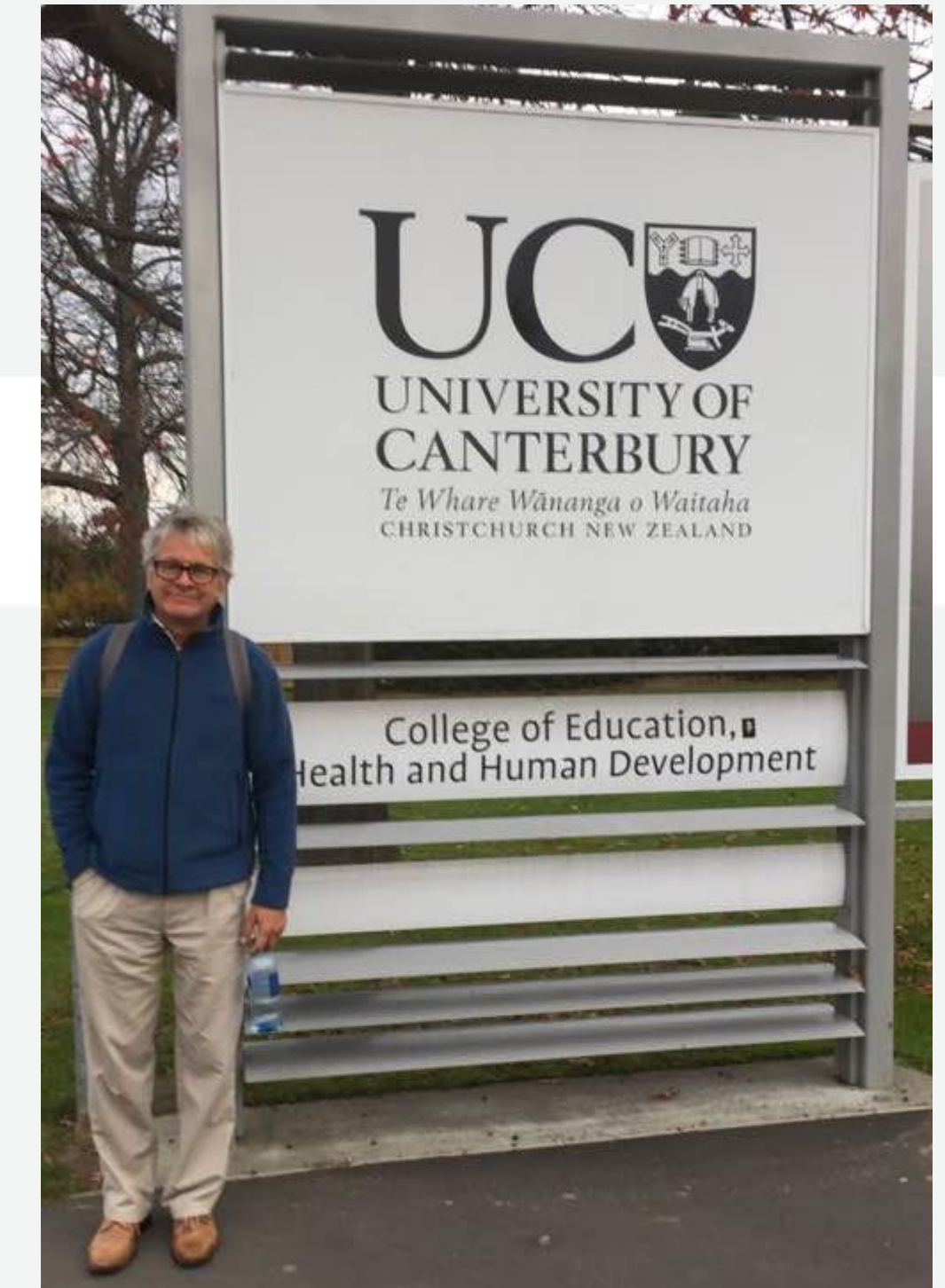
Grant year: 2015-2016

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Your Path to Fulbright

- How did you decide to apply for a Fulbright?
- What factors did you consider before applying?



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Application Process

- How did you select country/the award?
- How did you select your host institution?
- What is your advice for applicants regarding the project statement and application process in general?

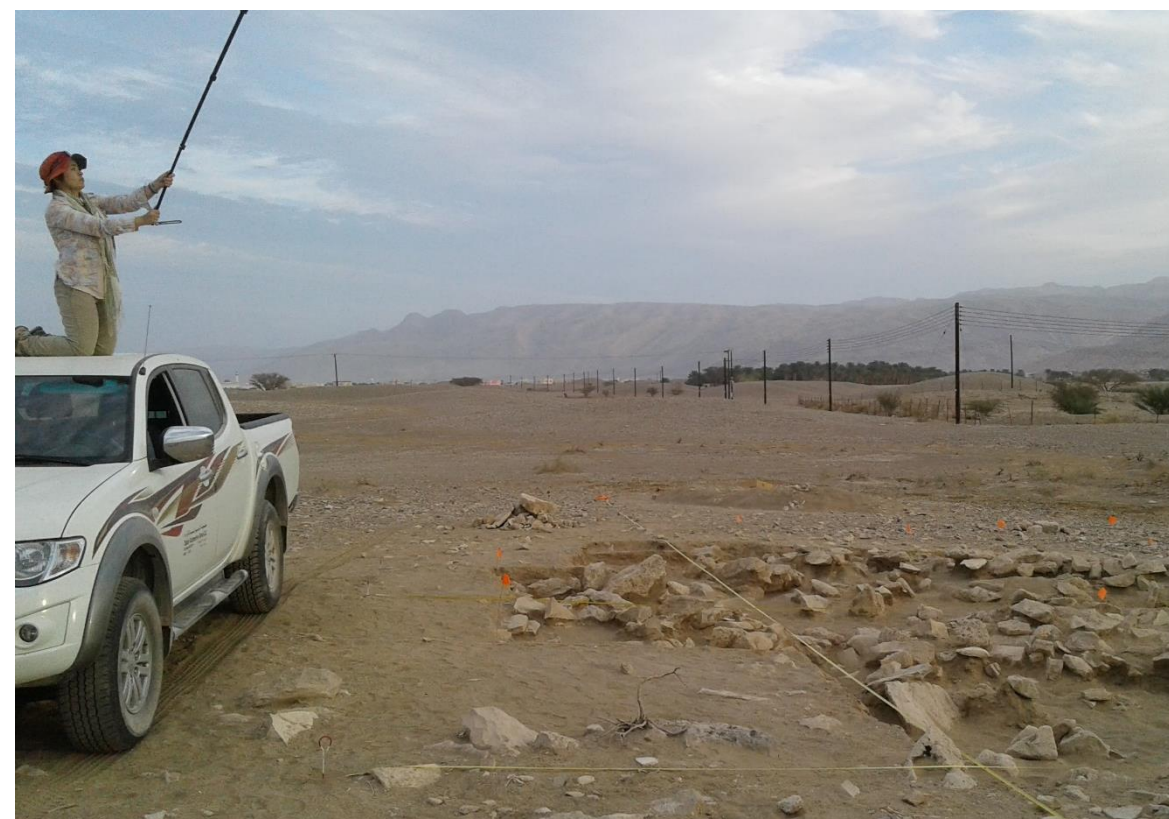


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Experience in Country

- What is/are the benefits to doing research/teaching on a Fulbright?
- How did the U.S. embassy or Commission engage with you?
- What was something that impressed you about your colleagues and students?





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