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Senator J. William Fulbright (1905-1995)



“International education exchange is the most significant current project designed to continue the process of humanizing mankind to the point, we would hope, that nations can learn to live in peace.”

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What We'll Discuss Today

- Why and How I applied for a Fulbright Scholar grant
- What I did on my Fulbright Scholar grant
- *Impact* of my Fulbright Scholar grant
 - Personally
 - Professionally
- Additional Fulbright Scholar opportunities
- How to Stay Engaged



Spencer Salas



Associate Professor, UNC Charlotte

Fulbright Specialist (Serial Grant)
South Africa 2013

Molteno Institute: Literacy Coaching in
Guateng

Fulbright Specialist
Guatemala 2007
Fulbright Teacher Exchange
Romania 1998-2000



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Why I Chose to Apply

Internationalization and UNC Charlotte: Fulbright programs are aligned with institutional strategic plans for internationalization

Scholarship of Engagement: Highly visible platform for dialogues about better practice

Flexibility of Specialist Program: Minimal accommodations needed for absence

Past Fulbright Experiences: Confidence that the program would be rewarding



Literacy coaching in Guatemala: Needs and possibilities

- What were the perceived strengths of Molteno's literacy coaching initiative?
- What content/format might strategic professional development for Molteno's literacy coaches include?



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Personal and Professional Outcomes

Research: Salas, S., Dikotla, M., Nembahe, A. (2015). Literacy coaching in Gauteng Province: Needs and possibilities. *Education as Change*. 19(1), 148-164; Myraz, M., Salas, S., Dikotla, M., & Mercado, L.(in press). Teaching better, together. *English Teaching Forum*.

Teaching: TESL 6206 Globalization, Communities, and Schools

Service: Peer Review

Strong Friendships and Professional Networking: Met new colleagues and built foundation for long-term collaboration and friendships

Perspectives: Learned about the complexity of agency in ZA





Institutional Impact

In 2013, UNC Charlotte ranked among top Fulbright-producing institutions (<http://inside.uncc.edu/news-features/2013-11-13/unc-charlotte-ranked-among-top-fulbright-producing-institutions>)

Alignment with “Global Connections: UNC and the World” (<https://www.northcarolina.edu/sites/default/files/documents/bog2015globalconnectionschanges102015final.pdf>)

Institutional Visibility





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www.cies.org





Other Fulbright Programs

Fulbright U.S. Student Program: For recent graduates, postgraduate candidates up through dissertation level and developing professionals and artists to study and research abroad

Fulbright Teacher Exchange Programs: Principally for primary- and secondary- level educators

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