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What Will Be Covered

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





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- Associate Professor, Communication
- U of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service
- Director, Center for Civic Engagement

**Fulbright Scholar
2012-2013 Albania**



- Lecturer
- University Marin Barleti
- *Taught Advocacy and Debate*
- *Worked with US Embassy, UN Women*





Why I Chose to Apply

- **Professional Development:** Opportunity to work with colleagues in the field, as well as develop new relationships for myself and my institution
- **Exposure to Different Culture and People:** Access to different approaches and methodologies related to my field; chance to work in an emerging democracy
- **Make a Difference:** Chance to contribute to the host country as well as bring that expertise back into my colleagues and my institution
- **Prestige:** Recognition of scholarship and expertise as well as chance to serve as cultural ambassador for American public
- **Rewarding Sabbatical Experience:** Provided a rewarding activity to coincide with sabbatical schedule





Teaching and Learning in Tirana: Public Sociology/Advocacy/Debate

Lectures:

- Public Sociology (Critical Cultural Theory)
- Conflict Resolution
- Public Speaking/Advocacy/Debate
- American Political Communication

Conferences:

- Albanian Institute of Sociology 7th International Conference
- International Conference of British and American Studies
- International Conference of Foreign Language Teaching and Applied Linguistics
- Keynote Address Symposium on the 100th Anniversary of Mother Teresa's Birth
- OSCE Conference on Resolving Conflict



Institutional Collaboration: UN Women, US Embassy, Balkan Sociological Association; Albanian Institute of Public Affairs; American Corner





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Professional and Personal Outcomes

Continued Partnerships with Organizations in Albania: I have returned to Albania to work with various organizations to teach advocacy and public speaking.

Lasting Friendships with Albanian Colleagues: I continue to interact with colleagues from my host institution; on a professional level, we have worked on projects and grants collaboratively; on a personal level, we have shared stories of our families and our communities; we have pondered questions of faith and community; we have laughed together and cried together.

Heightened Awareness of My Privilege: Living and working in Albania taught me many things, the least of which is not how privileged I am in regard to my standard of living and the resources that are literally at my fingertips.

Increased Confidence in My Competence: Living and working in Albania provided the opportunity to reflect on my competence in regard to lots of things including my scholarship, my adaptability, and my resourcefulness.





Institutional Impact and Outcomes

MOU for Faculty Exchange: Worked with administration to develop a memo of understanding between the Clinton School and Marin Barleti to start a faculty exchange; have hosted two Albanian Scholars since 2013; scholars have lectured on topics such as E.U. integration and land management in Europe generally and Albania specifically

Networking: Because of the faculty exchange, have worked with universities across the state to provide other faculty and students access to Albanian scholars

Enhanced Student Opportunities: Have provided Clinton School students with opportunities to work in Albania and worked with Albanian students to attend Clinton school

Enhanced Classroom Experience: Use my experience in Albania to enhance my teaching, particularly in regard to discourse in democratic systems





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