

FULBRIGHT



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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.”*

- **Established 1946**
- **Sends U.S. academics and professionals overseas and brings scholars and professionals from abroad to the U.S.**
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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**





## Dom Caristi

- Professor, Department of Telecommunications
- Ball State University, Muncie, IN
- Electronic Media Law & Policy



### Fulbright Scholar

**2009: University of Athens, Greece**

**1995: Univ. of Ljubljana, Slovenia**



- Dept. of Communication & Media
- Teaching/Research
- Comparing Greek and U.S. Electronic Media Convergence





## Why I Chose to Apply

- **Professional:** Opportunity to work with colleagues in the field, as well as develop new relationships for myself and my institution.
- **Personal:** Ability to give my family an extended international experience.
- **Exposure to Different Culture and People:** I purposely chose countries I had never visited to enhance my learning.
- **See History:** Both my Fulbright grants were in countries undergoing great change – and I was there!
- **Prestige:** I had professors who had received Fulbright awards and always considered it a highly prestigious award.
- **Rewarding Sabbatical Experience:** I started applying for a Fulbright as soon as I completed the PhD.





## Comparing Greek and U.S. Electronic Media Convergence

### Lecture

- Basic Video Production
- Documentary Video
- Comparative Media

### Research

- Presented a Paper at International Conference in Athens
- Authored a chapter on Internet Policy for text co-authored by U of Athens Dept. Chair
- Co-authored journal article on Greek Media Studies
- Unpublished study comparing US and Greek TV Newscasts



- Assisted with Selection of Greek Fulbright Students
- Guest Speaker at the Law College
- Conducted a Blogging Workshop for Two Museums





## News Reporting

### Lecture

- 85 2<sup>nd</sup>-year Journalism Students
- 3 hour lecture
- Class divided for 3-hour lab

### Research

- *Privatization and Broadcasting in East and Central Europe*



- “Impressions of a Fulbright Scholar”
- Edited several journal article submissions





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## Professional and Personal Outcomes

**International Advocate:** Have since conducted study abroad classes; advise students wanting to apply for a student Fulbright.

**Networking:** Collaborated with Slovene and Greek Colleagues. Students from both universities have connected with me on Facebook. Served on an MA committee; wrote multiple grad school recommendations.

**Flexibility:** The way we do things is not the only way. I have a new appreciation for different approaches to curriculum and the discipline.

**Rewarding Experience:** Satisfaction in knowing I was able to contribute to the development of my host institution. I really felt appreciated.





## Institutional Impact

**Curriculum Development:** Although I did not develop any new courses from the experience, every one of my courses now has an international component, with plenty of examples.

**Study Abroad:** Advocate for study abroad programs. Have taken students on study abroad. Serve as the campus Fulbright Program Adviser, helping students prepare their applications.

**Enhance International Engagement:** Active in our campus's International Programs office. Host annual reception for visiting students and scholars.

**Spokesperson for International Dialogue:** Raised awareness about the issues between the U.S. and Greece. Asked by community groups to give talks.





## Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES)

**U.S. SCHOLAR Programs** offer U.S. faculty, administrators and professionals grants to lecture, conduct research in a wide variety of academic and professional fields, or to participate in seminars.

**NON-U.S. SCHOLAR Programs** support the research and teaching of scholars visiting colleges and universities in the United States. These programs offer joint collaborative opportunities with U.S. Scholars.

**Opportunities for U.S. INSTITUTIONS** allow campuses to host Fulbright Visiting Scholars and professionals from abroad to lecture at U.S. colleges and universities.

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## 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

**Fulbright-Hays Awards:** For faculty research, group projects and seminars abroad in certain social sciences and humanities fields

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