

FULBRIGHT



A M B A S S A D O R

Overview

- ***WHY*** I applied for a Fulbright Scholar grant
- ***WHAT*** I did on my Fulbright Scholar grant
- ***IMPACT*** of my Fulbright Scholar grant
 - Personal
 - Professional
- Additional Fulbright Scholar opportunities
- How to Stay Engaged



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Distinguished Professor of American Studies, Belgium 2014

Senior Lecturer in American Literature, Belgium, 1983-84

- Teaching and Research
- University of Antwerp (2014)
- Universities of Ghent, Brussels, and Liège (1983-84)
- EU response to contemporary wit and humor; mind-science in American culture



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Why I Chose to Apply

- Sustained on-site encounters with EU university students, to learn how they access, understand, and respond to contemporary **American wit and humor**
- Cross-cultural research and conversations related to how provocative ideas from the **mind-sciences are received, transformed, and exploited in mass culture**
- Adventure, new colleagues, and refreshment as a scholar and teacher



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Seminars:
“The British and American Comic Tradition”
(c.20 advanced undergraduates)

“The Mind-Sciences and Modern Cultural Response”
(c.35 graduate students, Master’s and Doctoral)



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Professional and Personal Outcomes

Two recent published essays on wit and humor in American culture in a global context

Book-length translation of a work by Georges Clemenceau, stemming from academic conferences and conversations with new colleagues in Paris

Overhaul and updating of two courses I continue to teach at my home university

Continuing, lively relationships with other Fulbrighters (American and EU) and the Fulbright team in Washington DC



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Institutional Impact

At Antwerp:

- Gentle but effective exposure of Flemish undergraduates to American styles of classroom interaction and research

At Home:

- Continued strengthening of my own scholarly profile
- Stronger presence on our Global Studies Faculty
- Better, more informed advocacy for study abroad experiences for our undergraduates, graduates, faculty and staff



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Question & Answer



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Other Fulbright Programs

Fulbright U.S. Student Program

- Recent graduates, postgraduate candidates through dissertation level, developing professionals and artists to study and research abroad

Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Program

- Principally for primary- and secondary-level educators

Fulbright-Hays Awards

- Faculty research, group projects and seminars in designated social sciences and humanities fields

Fulbright Specialist Program

- Short term grants that promote linkages between U.S. scholars and professionals and their counterparts at host institutions overseas



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- Sign up for [MyFulbright](#) to receive tailored messages regarding the Fulbright Scholar Program
- Invite a Visiting Scholar to your campus through the [Outreach Lecturing Fund](#)
- Register for an upcoming [Webinar](#)

Questions?

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