

FULBRIGHT

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A M B A S S A D O R



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 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
- Fulbright Scholar opportunities





Brian Polkinghorn

- Distinguished Professor and Executive Director at Bosserman Center for Conflict Resolution, Salisbury University
- Lecturer/Researcher
- Events Program on International Conflict Resolution, Tel Aviv University
- “Assisting in the Development and Launching of an International Conflict Resolution and Mediation Masters Program”

Fulbright Scholar:
Israel 2009-2010



Why I Chose to Apply

- **Professional Development:** Priceless opportunity to work with colleagues who possess incredible experience intervening in complex conflict and with whom I could build lasting relationships
- **Exposure to Different Culture and People:** To live and learn from people of different cultures and to take these lessons back to my home country, institution and classroom
- **Be the Change that you wish to see in the World:** Incredible timing in helping to establish a strong academic footing that promotes, teaches, practices and conducts research on conflict prevention within Israel
- **Prestige:** The profound good fortune to be a cultural ambassador for the American public
- **Rewarding Experience:** Being in the right place, at the right time with the right people, doing the right thing and thanks to Fulbright it worked exactly as planned



Developing and Launching a Masters program in International Conflict Resolution and Mediation

Courses/Lectures:

- The Conflict Toolbox
- International Mediation
- Guest lectures around the country
- Field trips

Research

- Graduate Program Development in Israel
- Cross Border Cooperation – Jordan Valley water, agricultural, energy projects



Institutional Collaboration:

Developed inter-university partnership/consortium focusing on cross border cooperation with: Tel Aviv University, Ben Gurion University (Sde Boker), Dead Sea and Arava Science Center, partners in the West Bank and Jordan, University of Oxford (Wadham College), Harvard and MIT





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Personal Impact

- **Expanded Curriculum:** Exposed to new content (materials, cases, methods, techniques) and to competing cultural lenses from Israel/Palestine that I use in my courses.
- **Networking:** Became hard wired into Israeli, Palestinian and Jordanian academic and practitioner circles within my field. Continuing collaboration on program development and cross border cooperation in water, agriculture and energy issues
- **Flexibility:** Living and working in Israel (and the West Bank) expanded my world view and provides a greater understanding of the region and an enhanced appreciation of my own country
- **Rewarding:** Knowing that I accomplished what I set out to do with my colleagues at TAU and simultaneously experiencing cherished moments with my family that will last a life time



Professional Impact

- **Enhanced Credibility:** Accomplishing the program objectives and being invited to join long term projects in the Middle East has enhanced my relationships with colleagues over there and at home
- **Enriched Curriculum:** Incorporated a wider range of conflict analysis methods and forms of practice into my courses and made extensive use of Israeli case studies and on line discussions with colleagues in Israel.
- **Reciprocation and Continued Engagement:** I have invited several Israeli scholars and a Palestinian diplomat to visit Salisbury University. We are hosting a Fulbright Scholar in our department and I am constantly heading back to Israel to work.
- **Spokesperson:** Raising awareness of people and organizations from many communities in Israel that are working to establish common ground on issues that impact the U.S. and Israel



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

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