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Senator J. William Fulbright (1905-1995)



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Karen Waters

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- Marymount University, Arlington, VI
- Literature

Fulbright Scholar 2006-2007



- Teaching Grant
- Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India
- *Teaching Literature in New Delhi, India*



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 a different approaches and methodologies on my academic field
- **Make a Difference:** Chance to contribute to the host country as well as bring that expertise back into my own classroom
- **Prestige:** Recognition of scholarship and cultural ambassador for American public
- **Rewarding Sabbatical Experience:** Provided an interesting activity to coincide with sabbatical schedule





Teaching Literature in New Delhi, India

Lecture:

- Presented the 25th Vidvatva Lecture in Delhi
- Presented a paper at a conference in Varanasi



Advising: advised students on applying to doctoral programs

Seminar: taught the works of British and American novelists and poets





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Professional and Personal Outcomes

Expanded Curriculum: Included a new geo-cultural aspect to my lecture plans, involving extensive cultural highlights for region.

Networking: Met new colleagues and further developed relationships with peers in my field. Currently developing a collaborative translation project with one of my Indian colleagues. Have hosted my department chair and his family in Washington, D.C.

Flexibility: Living and working in a different environment and culture has enhanced my understanding of that part of the world and of my own country.

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





Institutional Impact

Curriculum Development: Developed new course and incorporated more international material into existing courses. Shared newly developed methodologies and expertise with relevant departments. Have become more aware of the different cultural perspectives of my international students.

Study Abroad: Advocated for study abroad programs. Informally reviewed and met with students interested in going abroad. Worked with Fulbright Campus Rep and Program Advisor to review applications.

Enhance International Engagement: Invited my counterpart to visit our campus in the spring for a symposium on our project. Used the Occasional Lecturer Program to invite Fulbright Visiting Scholars to this and other events. Encouraged faculty colleagues to engage in international exchanges, including Fulbright. Have hosted two of my former Indian students.

Spokesperson for International Dialogue: Raised awareness about the issues between the U.S. and Host Country





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