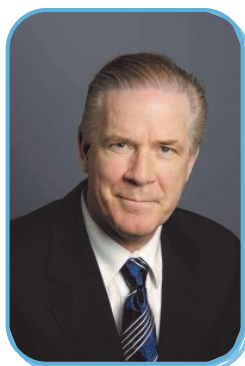




FULBRIGHT CANADA Spring alumni newsletter

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A message from Fulbright Canada CEO Michael Hawes



After a long winter, Spring is finally upon us. Our current cohort of Fulbright Scholars and Killam Fellows are heading home, eager to share their experiences and reunite with family, friends, and colleagues ... richer for their experiences and ready to take on new and exciting challenges. At the same time, the 2014-2015 Fulbright Scholars and Killam Fellows have been named and are preparing for their exchange experience. Let me take this opportunity to congratulate them all, and wish them every success. We have also just opened several of our competitions for 2015-2016 and would encourage you to consider them, recommend them to colleagues, friends, and family, and reach out to other exceptional scholars and future leaders and suggest that they consider Fulbright for their future. Please see below for a listing the new competitions and links to more information. Safe travels.

Michael Hawes, Fulbright Scholar at UC Berkeley, 1999-2000

Upcoming Competitions

Awards for Canadians:

[Visiting Research Chairs](#) & [Traditional Scholars Awards](#).

[Traditional Graduate Student Awards](#) & [Foreign Language Teaching Awards](#).

Awards for Americans:

[Distinguished Research Chairs](#), [Visiting Research Chairs](#), & [Traditional Scholar Awards](#)

[Traditional Graduate Student Awards](#) & [Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math \(STEM\) Awards](#)



Fulbrighters in the Community

Dr. Charmaine Nelson,

2010-2011 Fulbright Visiting Research Chair at UC Santa Barbara, was honoured as a Montreal Black History Month Laureate for her contributions to Montreal's black communities. Through her teaching, publications, conference and event organization, lectures, and blogging, she deliberately tries to reach underserved, non-academic audiences.



At book signing for *Racism, Eh?: A Critical Inter-disciplinary Anthology of Race and Racism in Canada*.

A prolific scholar, her work demonstrates that the problems of racism and racial violence are not necessarily the products of the 20th or 21st century, and exposes the deep historical connection between contemporary racism and historical practices of colonialism and imperialism. For more information, please visit: [Black History Month](#) and [Black Canadian Studies](#).



Dr. Marcia Ostashewski,

2010-2011 Fulbright Visiting Research Chair at the University of Washington, was awarded a [Canada Research Chair in Communities and Cultures](#) at [Cape Breton University](#). The chair, valued at \$500k over 5 years is a part of the prestigious [Canada Research Chair](#) (CRC) program which aims to support excellence in research, create world-class research centres, and train highly-skilled researchers. Ostashewski engages with diverse communities, disparate sectors, and scholars and students across a range of disciplines. Her work focuses on innovative and creative music and dance that addresses important social problems.

Ostashewski has also secured nearly a million dollars in funding through the [Canada Foundation for Innovation](#) (CFI) and the [Nova Scotia Research and Innovation](#) (NSRIT) to [establish a research centre](#) in Nova Scotia. The Collaborative Music and Movement Laboratory (CoMM Lab) will support collaboration and community-engaged research on music, dance, performance, and other media. This world-class digital humanities research lab is the only one of its kind in Atlantic Canada. Ostashewski notes that networks she developed while working with international scholars and institutions, and the experiences she gained during her time at the University of Washington, will facilitate research partnerships that will enable her to more meaningfully contribute to scholarship in this area. She will be partnering with other Fulbright scholars (notably Jill Woelfer and Cheryl Warsh) as part of her recently-awarded Fulbright Canada-U.S. Embassy in Ottawa Community Leadership Grant.



Dr. Marcia Ostashewski at the digitization lab in Cape Breton University. Image from [The Chronicle Herald](#).



Fulbrighters in the Community

Dr. Toddi Steelman,

2007-2008 Fulbright Scholar at the University of Saskatchewan, has recently completed the project associated with her Fulbright Canada-RBC Eco-Leadership Grant. As part of the project she organized an Ecoblitz that took place on June 26th and 27th, 2013 at Saskatoon's Northeast Swale, located just north of the city on Central Avenue. Students and faculty from the School of Environment and Sustainability at the University of Saskatchewan, along with students from the Toxicology Centre and staff from the City of Saskatoon and Meewasin Valley Authority, volunteered their time to monitor the distribution of rare plant species, determine the presence and distribution of invasive species, assess baseline wetland habitats and aquatic insect communities, and examine current bird nesting sites.



Ecoblitz students

The group focused its efforts on various areas within the Northeast Swale. Data will later be used by the Meewasin Valley Authority to develop a management and conservation plan for key areas in that region of Saskatchewan. Once part of the river system, the Northeast Swale has since disconnected and become its own entity: a rocky, marshy basin. Many diverse, indigenous plant and animal species are found there.

Easton White,

2013-2014 Fulbright Student at the University of Victoria, is completing his PhD at the University of California at Davis. His research focuses on the resolution of ecological issues using mathematical and statistical instruments. He is particularly interested in the human-induced decline in the population of large predators (notably sharks) and how this phenomenon alters the dynamics of marine ecosystems. Although White's priority is his research, he is deeply invested in sharing his findings with a more general audience.



Easton White lecturing at the University of Victoria

He has been a volunteer for numerous events aimed at improving science and math literacy among K-12 students. He has run a number of math readiness workshops and has been a guest lecturer in undergraduate math and biology courses. White teaches students how mathematical models can be used to solve real-world problems. "If you want students to succeed," White explains, "you have to show them the relevance of what they are learning – especially in mathematics." You can follow White's work on Twitter @eastonwhite or at eastonwhite.wordpress.com



Fulbright Success Stories



Dr. Eileen M. Angelini, 2010-2011 Fulbright Visiting Research Chair at McMaster University, recently received a grant from the Center for the Study of Sport and Health at Saint Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, allowing her to complete her project, "1946 Montreal: Home to Two of the World's Greatest Sports Heroes". She presented the findings from this study at the 2014 Western Social Science Association Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico with the support of a *CONNECT* professional development travel grant. With the help of a Course Development Grant from the *Ministère des Relations Internationales, Francophonie et Commerce Extérieur du Gouvernement du Québec*, she will extend this research to develop a new course at Canisius College. Dr. Angelini was honored to serve as a Faculty Mentor and Panel Moderator at Crossing Borders 2014, a Multi-Disciplinary Student Conference at the University at Buffalo, State University of New York.



Karen M. Kedrowski, 2009-2010 Fulbright Scholar at McGill University, was recently appointed Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, South Carolina. She assumed the position on July 1, 2013. Dr. Kedrowski is responsible for a \$16 million budget and oversees 14 departments. The College offers 18 undergraduate degrees, 33 undergraduate minors, and 9 graduate degrees across the social sciences, humanities, and natural sciences. Kedrowski is a political scientist by training and an expert in women's health activism. As a Fulbright Scholar, she conducted research into the Canadian breast cancer and breastfeeding activist movements.



Aaron Mills, 2011-2012 Fulbright Student at Yale University Law School, is now a doctoral student at the University of Victoria Faculty of Law where he is studying Anishinaabe (Ojibwe) constitutional law as a means of finding new ways to decolonize indigenous relationships in Canada. Following his Fulbright award, Aaron won two major Canadian research awards. He is the recipient of the Vanier Canada Graduate scholarship, valued at \$50,000 per year for three years, and a Trudeau Foundation Scholarship valued at \$180,000. Aaron was ranked very highly in both competitions. In the first year of his Ph.D., Aaron is already finding interesting and diverse ways to bring his research to the public and to the communities that he is studying.



Magdalena Muir, 2013-2014 Fulbright Canada Scholar at the Earth Institute at Columbia University, attended the UN Open Working Group on *Sustainable Development Goals* in New York City from April 1st through 4th. *Sustainable Development Goals* for oceans were discussed for the first time. Forty-nine of the seventy UN members present (including Canada, the United States, and many European nations) supported the 'Oceans *Sustainable Development Goal*'. The next, and perhaps more difficult step, is to specify the content, criteria, and indicators of this policy, including conservation and exploitation of high seas outside national jurisdiction. This goal will be discussed next in May and June. For more information please see the [UN's Sustainable Development website](#).



Gordon Sayre, 2011-2012 Fulbright Scholar at Université Laval in Quebec City, is Professor of English and Folklore at the University of Oregon. Dr. Sayre delivered the Presidential Research Lecture in Eugene, Oregon on March 4th. The lecture followed his 2012 Career Research Award from the Office of Research, Innovation, and Graduate Education. The lecture was entitled "Lines and Voices: Maps and Narratives in 18th-Century Middle America". Using 18th century maps and narratives, Dr. Sayre took the audience on a historical adventure through the Mississippi and Missouri basin, focusing on the often forgotten role of French explorers in American history.



Still *More* Fulbright Success Stories



Fazley Siddiq, 2012-2013 Fulbright Visiting Research Chair at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, has recently joined the University of New Brunswick in Saint John as the Dean of Business. In addition to providing academic leadership for the Faculty of Business and sponsoring community events, Professor Siddiq has recently been invited to join the *Living Saint John* leadership team. The mandate of this team is to challenge the community to integrate a culture of continuous learning in their work, encourage collaborative practices, and promote evidence-based action. Dr. Siddiq's years of experience at Dalhousie University, his time at the Woodrow Wilson Center and his relationship with the Kennedy School should prove to be particularly beneficial in his new post.



Peter Stoett, 2011-2012 Fulbright Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and Director of the Loyola Sustainability Research Centre, recently hosted a major conference entitled *Partnerships for the Living City: Promoting Urban Biodiversity*. The conference was held in partnership with the UN Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Quebec Centre for Biodiversity Science. The conference attracted over two hundred participants and featured top UN and Montreal city officials, 7 Montreal-area mayors, several academic researchers, fifteen local and national NGOs, and a gala dinner with keynote speaker award-winning author Holly Dressler. Dr. Stoett's final address encouraged the public, researchers, and politicians alike to promote greener cities and governance.

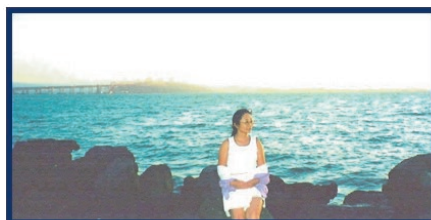


Dr. Yuefeng Xie, 2010-2011 Fulbright Visiting Research Chair in Water and the Environment at the University of Lethbridge, is a professor of environmental engineering at Pennsylvania State University. He received the 2014 Penn State Faculty Outreach Award. The award honors Penn State faculty who have positively and substantially affected individuals, organizations, or communities through problem solving or development as a result of extending their scholarship. In 1998, Xie co-founded the Small Public Water Systems Technology Assistance Center and Environmental Training Center at Penn State. Xie has co-organized workshops at national and international conferences and taught workshops in Canada, Singapore, and China. In 2012, Xie was named a fellow of the International Water Association (IWA).

Fulbrighters in the News



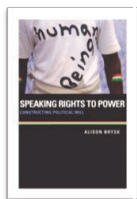
Steven J. Hoffman, 2011-2012 Fulbright Canada Student at Harvard University, was [featured](#) on various news outlets after he published a study in the [British Medical Journal](#) entitled "Following Celebrities' Medical Advice: Meta-Narrative Analysis". He also wrote a companion op-ed piece in [The Los Angeles Times](#). The study identifies nine mechanisms explaining how celebrities have crept into our medicine cabinets and concludes that we are biologically, psychologically, and socially hardwired to trust them. Hoffman's findings were covered in print by [The Times](#), [The Telegraph](#), [The Daily Mail](#), [The Huffington Post](#), [Metro News](#), [Vancouver Sun](#), [Victoria Times Colonist](#), [Winnipeg Free Press](#), and [The Australian](#). The story was also covered on television by the [CBC](#), and [Global News](#) amongst other outlets.



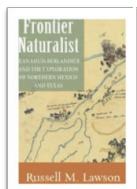
Dr. Wei Li, 2006-2007 Fulbright Visiting Research Chair at Queen's University, and professor in Asian Pacific American studies at Arizona State University has recently attracted considerable media attention for her work on ethnicity. Her research has been highlighted in the [New York Times](#), [ChinaGL.org](#), [WLRN-Miami Herald News](#), and on [local TV in Arizona](#). Her research focus is on the geography of ethnic communities and, in particular, on Asian Americans.



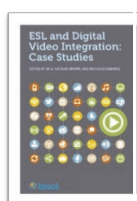
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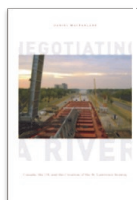
Dr. Alison Brysk, 2006-2007 Fulbright Visiting Research Chair, has published *Speaking Rights to Power: Constructing Political Will* (Oxford University Press). Her book presents a communication politics analysis of human rights appeals, drawing on the experience of twenty-six campaigns around the world.



Dr. Russell M. Lawson, 2010-2011 Fulbright Visiting Research Chair at Brock University, won the Presidio La Bahia award for the best book on Spanish Colonial Texas from the Sons of the Texas Republic for his book, *Frontier Naturalist: Jean Louis Berlandier and the Exploration of Northern Mexico and Texas* (University of New Mexico Press). Lawson based the book on the many scientific travel journals written in French and Spanish by Berlandier, who explored the Sierra Madre, northern Mexico, and the Texas Gulf Coast in the 1820s, 1830s, and 1840s.



Jia Li, 2011-2012 Fulbright Scholar at Harvard University, co-authored and coedited *ESL and digital video integration: Case studies*. This volume explores how video can be an effective tool to create fluid, interactive, and collaborative learning environments for English language learners.



Daniel Macfarlane, 2012-2013 Fulbright Visiting Research Chair at Michigan State University, has recently published *Negotiating a River: Canada, the United States, and the Creation of the St. Lawrence Seaway and Power Project* (UBC Press). Daniel's book combines environmental, diplomatic/transnational, and technological approaches to explore the environmental diplomacy and bilateral construction of the St. Lawrence Seaway and Power Project in the 1950s.



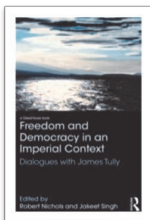
Sean Metzger, 2008-2009 Fulbright Visiting Research Chair at Concordia University, has recently written *Chinese Looks: Fashion, Performance, Race* (Indiana University Press). *Chinese Looks* examines articles of clothing and modes of adornment as a way to see how American views of China have changed in the past 150 years. Dr. Metzger provides a cultural history of three iconic objects in theatrical and cinematic performance: the queue, or man's hair braid; the woman's dress known as the qipao; and the Mao suit. Metzger shows how aesthetics, gender, politics, economics, and race are interwoven and argues that close examination of particular forms of dress can help us think anew about gender and modernity.



Fulbright alumni, Dr. Arthur Cockfield, 2012-2013 Fulbright Visiting Research Chair (far left) and Dr. Roy Culpeper, 2010-2011 Fulbright Visiting Research Chair (far right) were panelists at the 19th Annual International Studies Symposium at York University's Glendon College.



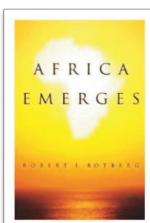
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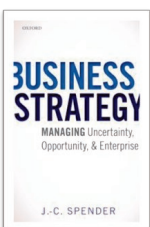
Robert Nichols, 2011-2012 Fulbright Scholar at Columbia University, has published *The World of Freedom: Heidegger, Foucault, and the Politics of Historical Ontology* (Stanford University Press, 2014) and *Freedom and Democracy in an Imperial Context: Dialogues with James Tully*, co-edited with J. Singh (Routledge, 2014). He was recently awarded a major SSHRC Insight Research Grant and an Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellowship from Germany's Humboldt Foundation.



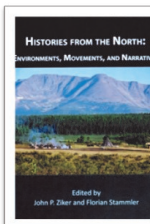
Colleen O'Brien, 2012-2013 Fulbright Visiting Research at Western University, recently published *Race, Romance, and Rebellion* (University of Virginia Press) has won honourable mention for best book in American Studies in 2013 from the British Association for American Studies and was also selected for the Mellon Foundation American Literatures Initiative. The book examines why stories of cross-racial love and violent insurrection so often appear simultaneously in discussions of emancipation and women's rights.



Robert Rotberg, 2013-2014 Fulbright Visiting Research Chair at the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs at Carleton University, published *Africa Emerges: Consummate Challenges, Abundant Opportunities* (Polity 2013). In 2014 Dr. Rotberg edited *Strengthening Governance in South Africa: Building on Mandela's Legacy* (Sage and the Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science). He has also published numerous articles in *The Globe and Mail* and *OpenCanada.com*.



J.C. Spender, 2007-2008 Fulbright Visiting Research Chair at the Queen's University School of Business, has recently published *Business Strategy: Managing Uncertainty, Opportunity and Enterprise* (Oxford University Press). This book develops an innovative approach to a tired and troubled field. It turns the spotlight on the nature and process of managerial judgment, putting entrepreneurship at the heart of successful strategizing, which is especially necessary in today's increasingly uncertain business and technological environment.



John Ziker, 2009-2010 Fulbright Visiting Research Chair at the University of Calgary, edited *Histories from the North: Environments, Movements, and Narratives* (Boise State University). Through its core focus on the environment and the human movement, this volume highlights local narratives about lived human experiences in the North—bringing the findings and collaborations from Northern social sciences and humanities to a broader audience.





Killam: Success Stories



José Ramírez-Rivera, 2012-2013 Killam Fellow at Mount Alison University, has recently been awarded a Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship on behalf of the U.S. Department of State. This highly competitive award is given to twenty individuals in the United States with the purpose of increasing diversity in the Foreign Service. As part of the fellowship, the Department of State will allocate \$100,000 to be used for José's final year of undergraduate education at American University in Washington, D.C., and his first year of graduate studies at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs. The fellowship also guarantees José a career in the U.S. Foreign Service.



Christina Pierpaoli, 2012-2013 Killam Fellow at the University of Toronto, has been awarded admission to the University of Alabama's Clinical Geropsychology doctoral (Ph.D.) program for the Fall 2014 semester. Her undergraduate thesis explored how stereotype threat and subjective age perception moderate recall and recognition biases in older adults, and has recently received a \$400 university Honors grant. Christina's co-authored research has been published in the *Journal of Sex & Marital Therapy*, featured in *Evidence Based Treatments for Eating Disorders: Children, Adolescents and Adults*, and accepted for presentation at the Canadian Association for HIV Research alongside Fulbright Scholar Dr. Charles Emlet. She will be graduating summa cum laude with a BA in Psychology from American University in Washington, D.C. this upcoming May.



Lucas Olson, 2008-2009 Killam Fellow from the University of Washington to the University of Victoria, has recently accepted a full-scholarship and research assistantship for a Master in International Development at American University studying International Development. The focus of his research will be the sustainable development of former refugee communities in El Salvador, particularly in the fragile Bajo Lempa region. He will be leaving his job at the World Bank Group where he assisted in the administration of training programs.

Some Final Notes

Have you seen our blog? [The Fulbright Blog](#) is a great source for articles from past and present Fulbright and Killam alumni. Carol Gray 2013-2013 Fulbright Scholar shares some insights learned from the highly successful [internship program](#) that she started, 2012-2013 Killam alumna Layla Farhat talks [about her Killam experience](#), and you can find the most recent [Eco-Leadership Program](#) and [Community Leadership Program](#) grant recipient announcement. You can also reach out to our program officer responsible for alumni relations at any time, by email at kinnes@fulbright.ca or by telephone at 613.688.5517. Kaitlyn will be thrilled to hear from you.

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