

TEDx Fulbright

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April 5th, WASHINGTON, DC

By JULIANNE MCCALL

The Chamber of Commerce: a symbolic venue.

TEDxFulbright 2014 will be held in the US Chamber of Commerce building, located on historic Lafayette Square, mere steps away from the White House's North Lawn. Speakers will present in the building's grand Hall of Flags, named for the banners of twelve great explorers of North America that hang within it. These explorers highlight TEDxFulbright's theme: "Dare to Think." TEDxFulbright's soon-to-be-announced international list of speakers will join the Hall of Flag's illustrious record as the site of important addresses by US and world leaders including Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, Rajiv Gandhi, Corazon Aquino, Anwar Sadat, Bill Clinton, and Barack Obama. The event's interactive and social sessions will be held in the building's former open air courtyard, whose well-lit and airy layout encourages free thought and exchange for the expected 400 participants. And if one location isn't enough, a video portal will connect the parallel TEDxFulbrightDublin program taking place across the ocean!

TEDxFulbright Social Innovation Challenge

Ideas are only the beginning: the Fulbright Vision is founded on action. The conference not



only serves to connect driven alumni with cutting-edge concepts but also examples of and opportunities for inspired action, organized by established and up-and-coming leaders in social change. By February 5th, a Call for Proposals will be made available on the event website for alumni to submit a one-page description of an original program that addresses a social need via creative and feasible professional or volunteer service. Like the conference, the Challenge is interdisciplinary; proposals are encouraged in all fields, including culture, education, science, business, the environment, and civic society. Candidates need not be alumni, so long as the project is crafted in line with the Fulbright mission. Three to four finalists will be selected to deliver a 3-minute pitch to the participants and world-class judging panel at TEDxFulbright on April 5th. Free admission, designated space in the

Experience Lab for an interactive exhibit, and online publication of the finalists' proposals will be granted. The 1st Place Prize-winning project will be prominently featured on Rockethub, a popular crowd-funding platform, 3 hours of personal legal consultancy with a member of the FA Board, and top-profile media exposure.

Forthcoming Speaker Announcements

The tension is rising for those who have submitted an application for a distinguished place on the TEDxFulbright stage! The pool of candidates features alumni from diverse backgrounds with captivating talk proposals addressing decision processes, human rights, neuroscience, visual arts and technology, sustainability, entrepreneurship, and current political affairs, among other fascinating and timely topics. Candidates originate from five continents,

ensuring true representation of the Fulbright reach. The selection process has so far been rigorous, with the extremely high quality so far exhibited, the organizers are grateful for the tremendous response. All speakers will receive an individual response, with the final announcements following by early February.

Stay tuned: ticket sales open in mid-February!

Keep an eye on the website, www.tedxfulbright.org, and be sure to subscribe to the newsletter to be the first to learn about program developments and registration. Some updates will also be shared through the TEDxFulbright Facebook and Twitter pages. Fulbright alumni will be granted a one-week period of priority registration in mid-February, after which, remaining tickets will be made available to the public. Full-day event tickets are \$100, with half-time volunteer prices at \$40. Join an engaging group of participants and "Dare to Think", as Senator Fulbright put it. Come to connect with the featured speakers, network through dynamic activities, and visit the unique Experience Lab at one of the largest gatherings of Fulbright alumni in the world!

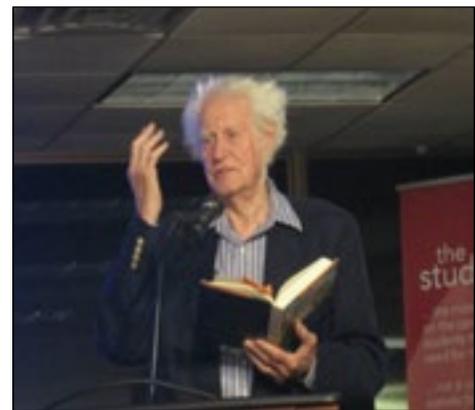
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Fulbright Alumni listen to the proclamation by Governor Dayton and a message from Senator Klobuchar.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

Below Minnesota Poet Laureate Robert Bly



Minnesota Chapter Celebrates Fulbright Appreciation Day

BY JULIETA ALVARADO
 Thanks to a \$3,000 Alumni Engagement Grant from the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and the Fulbright Association, the Minnesota Chapter organized its first-ever Minnesota Fulbright Appreciation Day last September 28, 2013, with a formal evening dinner. The event, entitled "Fulbright Appreciation Day Gala: Celebrating Alumni" was held on the grounds of Saint Paul College, with a panoramic view of the sun setting on the shimmering towers of downtown St. Paul. Established in 1910, Saint Paul College is the oldest public college in the state of Minnesota. It is also the most diverse, with 59% minority enrolled students. In his opening remarks, President Rassoul Dastmozd noted that Saint Paul College is currently ranked as the No. 1 Community College in the country by Washington Monthly magazine, a distinction received both in 2013 and 2010.

Seventy Fulbright alumni and their guests attended the Gala. In an official Proclamation read at the gala, Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton proclaimed Saturday, September 28, 2013, as Fulbright Alumni Appreciation Day. The

Minnesota Chapter Board of Directors also received a congratulatory letter from the United States Senate Office of Minnesota Senator Amy Klobuchar, which was read at the event by the senator's Outreach Director, Mr. Erick Garcia Luna.

The program began with Registration and an Opening Reception at 5:30 p.m. in the Lobby, followed by an Alumni Welcome from Minnesota Chapter President and Fulbright Scholar, Dr. Julieta Alvarado (Bolivia 2001, Panama 2009) in the Theatre at 6:00 p.m. A Duo Music Recital was presented by Fulbright Scholars Dr. Kenneth Sarch, violin (Brazil, 1982; Bolivia, 2001) and Dr. Daniel Rieppel, piano (Austria, 2003) entitled "A Fulbright Musical Journey Abroad," featuring music from Panama, Austria, Bolivia, Brazil, and the United States.

Minnesota's State Capitol served as backdrop for the formal dinner and after-dinner program in the Learning Commons. Dr. Michael Dorsher (Canada, 2008), Chapter Treasurer and past President of the Minnesota Chapter, served as Master of Ceremonies. After the introduction of the Chapter Board of Directors, Dr. Alvarado's keynote address centered



Pictured in Front row: Robert Bly, Julieta Alvarado
 Back row: Kenneth Sarch (violinist -Bolivia, 2001, Brazil, 1982), Daniel Rieppel (pianist, Austria, 2003)

on "What a Difference Fulbright Alumni Make." The evening's Distinguished Alumni presentation honored Minnesota Poet Laureate Robert Bly (Norway, 1956), who delighted alumni with a poetry reading from his latest book, *Stealing Sugar from the Castle: the Selected Poems of Robert Bly* (September 2013).

Governor Dayton's Proclamation and Senator Klobuchar's

message were followed by alumni testimonials on "What a Difference," representing grantees to India, Guinea, Peru, and Liberia. Round-table group discussion and a Q & A period concluded the evening's program, launching a year of more than a dozen engagement and enrichment activities that the Minnesota Chapter will host with the help of Fulbright Association and ECA grants.

Photo by Julieta Alvarado

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Alumni recent accomplishments



Elio Leturia and past Chicago chapter board member Linda Gruber

» Elio Leturia

Elio received the 2013 Dee Sarelas Service Award as part of the ceremonies at this year’s annual Fulbright Chicago Holiday Party hosted by DePaul University.

Leturia was very honored and surprised to receive the award, “I didn’t even know I was being nominated,” he said emotionally after receiving the recognition of distinction.

Leturia is a worthy recipient of the award having devoted the past seven years to working hard at the Chicago Chapter of the Fulbright Association, and devoting countless hours to various Fulbright activities, including creating the Chicago Fulbright site and serving as a president of the Chicago Chapter (2011 and 2012). Currently, Leturia is the Vice President, and Communications Director of the Chicago Chapter.

The Dee Sarelas Fulbright Service Award is named after the founder of the Fulbright Association Chicago Chapter: Aphrodite (“Dee”) Edith Floros Sarelas, a Fulbrighter to Greece. The award, established in 2009, recognizes “the significant impact on the development of internationalism for the Fulbright Association and the Chicagoland community.” Previous winners have been Marilyn Susman, Thomas Ahleman and Ana Gil-García.

More than 110 guests attended this year’s ceremony. Participants included members of the Fulbright Association of Chicago, friends and family, current Fulbright students and scholars from 42 countries, and members of the consular corps including the Consul General of Japan, Hon. Yoshida Masaharu, the Consul General of Pakistan, Hon. Faisal Tirmizi, the Consul General of the Comoros in Chicago, Hon. Charif Hachim and the Consul General of Uruguay, Hon. Nury Bazán de Senes.

Read more about the Chicago chapter activities:
<http://fulbrightchicago.com/>



» Soumia Ichoua

Soumia Ichoua, an associate professor at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University – Worldwide, has been elected to the Women in Aerospace 2014-2016 board of directors.

Based in Washington, D.C., Women in Aerospace is dedicated to expanding opportunities for women in the aerospace community in the United States and abroad. Its officers and board of directors represent academia, industry and government.

“It is truly an honor to be a part of an organization with such an important mission,” Ichoua said. “For many years, women have been underrepresented in the aerospace community. Organizations like Women in Aerospace are needed to promote the advancement and professional development of women in the field. I look forward to contributing my experience, research and expertise to help ensure the success of women in the aerospace community.”

Ichoua, who also serves as director of research in Embry-Riddle Worldwide’s College of Business, joined the university in 2012. She earned a master’s degree and doctorate in computer science from the University of Montreal.

A resident of Charlotte, N.C., Ichoua’s research interests include air traffic management, energy management, logistics and supply chain management. Additionally, Ichoua – a Fulbright Senior U.S. Scholar – sits on the editorial board of the journal of Logistics and Supply Chain Management and is an associate faculty member at Laval University in Quebec, Canada.

See more at:
<http://worldwide.erau.edu/newsroom/press-releases/dr-ichoua-named-to-women-in-aerospace-board-of-directors.html>

Featured chapter board members



» Alexander F. Adducci

Al is the current president of the **Mid Florida Chapter** of the Fulbright Association and Professor Emeritus at Northern Illinois University. A theatre scholar, professional scenic designer, teacher and academic administrator, he received his undergraduate degree in

theatre and psychology, and did his graduate work in theatre design and architecture. In addition to his role as Chair of the School of Theatre and Dance at Northern Illinois University, he has published numerous academic and technical articles, has received over \$200,000 in grants and has been the recipient of several design awards. He has designed over 150 productions and museum exhibits including professional assignments with the New Globe Theatre, Arizona Repertory, Chicago Performance Community, the Marstal Theatre, The National Theatre in Munich, Germany, The Lyric Opera of Chicago, and the Bruce, Vienna and Naples Museums. He has been the recipient of two Fulbright Senior Awards (the Munich National Opera Company in Munich, Germany and the Theatre Institute in Vienna, Austria). While working on his many international, national and regional grants for the study of turn-of-the-century scenery he was instrumental in having a vast collection of scenery and archives presented to Northern Illinois University by the Lyric Opera of Chicago. He has served as an international theatre consultant in Amsterdam, Salzburg, Vienna, Cesky Krumlov in the Czech Republic and Istanbul, Turkey.

As if his Fulbright awards were not life altering enough, during his time in Germany, Al and his family had the unique opportunity to have dinner with Senator Fulbright. The Senator's passion for his work and belief in people was infectious, and Al was amazed how instantly and genuinely the Senator connected with his family, including his 5 year old son. It was an experience that has left a lasting, impression on his entire family and has positively impacted and influenced their lives going forward.

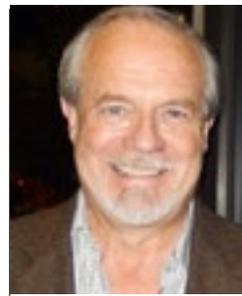
Al also serves as curator of the Historic Scenic Collection and is Chairman of the Board of Camelot Community Care, a national, and nationally recognized, non for profit agency which provides services for children and families at risk and assists them in the realization of their full potential. Al believes that there is a strong connection between the "people to people" work of Fulbright and his commitment to Camelot.



» Charlotte McDaniel

McDaniel retired from Emory University, Atlanta, GA., where she continues as a Faculty Scholar in the Center for the Study of Law & Religion. She founded **Central Virginia Chapter**, based on her Presidency of Georgia Chapter (2005). She is the current chapter president and has held

appointments to Finland as a Scholar-Researcher, followed by Sr. Specialist appointments in Sweden (2008), Tunisia, on behalf of the State Department (2012); and Indonesia (2013). She has actively addressed diversity among Fulbright appointments working with Eastern Band Cherokees, encouraging a new chapter in Alaska, and presenting recently to students from Spelman and Morehouse Colleges in Atlanta, GA. In 2013, she worked with the Native American Student Union at the University of Virginia, where she resides in Charlottesville, VA. She is the author of five (5) books and more than eighty scholarly articles, representing her research interests in empirical and organizational ethics. Previous faculty appointments were at Yale University, New Haven, CT., and the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, PA. McDaniel was recently honored with Alumni Research Awards presented by Columbia University, NYC, and Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN.



» Francesco Chiappelli

Francesco is the current President of the **Greater Los Angeles (GLA) Chapter**. He has been a professor at the UCLA School of Dentistry since 1994. In that capacity, he does research, mentors students, and teaches the principles and procedures for evidence-based health care in

general and evidence-based dentistry specifically. Trained as a psychologist and an immunologist, Francesco also pursues creative endeavors in the field of mind-body interaction (e.g., how does stress make you sick?).

For his contribution to the establishment of the scientific field of evidence-based dentistry, Francesco received one of the highest recognitions bestowed on a scientist in 2011: Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Francesco went to Brazil on a Fulbright in 2012, and his only regret is that he did not enter the Fulbright family earlier in his career. Therefore, one of the principal focus during his term as President of the GLA Chapter, and of the new Board is to excite young professionals about the intellectual richness that Fulbright programs offer all of us, and to recruit them into the Association. Another main drive of the GLA Board is to re-ignite members desire to connect and engage with the local community by networking with one another, and becoming increasingly active in the local Chapter as well as in the National Association at large. The GLA Board plans several diverse events, which are posted on the chapter Facebook page https://m.facebook.com/profile.php?id=429884450467225&viewtype=public&_user=100007129200902. Francesco is very excited by the great work the GLA chapter board members are accomplishing. He states, "Nothing can be achieved without a good Board, and this is a good opportunity to warmly thank every member of the new GLA Board for their hard work, dedication and camaraderie."

Featured National Board of Directors



» John Sargent

Dr. John Sargent is one of the Founders of BroadReach Healthcare and has extensive experience in developing, implementing and managing large-scale healthcare programs in the US and the developing world. As a Founding Partner he is involved in the creation and execution of the Company's strategy, business development, client

project delivery and key internal projects. Since the founding of BroadReach, he has been involved in all major aspects of the company's strategy, business development and work including the creation of the company's first HIV/AIDS treatment program in South Africa, establishment operations there, and serving as the company's first Country Director until late 2006. He also established the company's operations and projects in other countries including Kenya, Namibia, China and Switzerland.

While at BroadReach, Dr. Sargent has worked on and led a variety of healthcare projects including strategic planning, development of public private partnerships, health systems strengthening, management and leadership training programs, and community mobilization and patient education programs for government, multi-lateral funding and assistance agencies, global NGO's and multi-national organizations. For pharmaceutical clients he has created market development strategies to increase access to those at the bottom of the pyramid and has evaluated distribution systems in various African countries. He is frequently called upon to speak at conferences and to advise governments, multi-national companies and donors and has been recognized with awards such as Devex's 40 Under 40 Leaders in international development.

Before founding BroadReach, he served as Senior Director and National Practice Leader at the Advisory Board Company - a Washington DC, USA based healthcare research, consulting firm, and think tank. Prior to this, he served as a management

consultant within the New York office of APM/CSC Healthcare, a leading US healthcare consulting firm. Dr. Sargent received his BS in Biology from Dartmouth College, his master's degree in Social and Cultural Anthropology as a Fulbright Scholar from Oxford University, and his MD from Harvard Medical School.



» Robert Ruminski

Dr. Robert Ruminski is a researcher and entrepreneur in Poland. He is an Assistant Professor at the University of Szczecin, Poland, Faculty of Management and Economics, Department of Banking and Comparative Finance. He is also a Development Manager, Proxy and the main shareholder in INPRO LLC, one of the leading suppliers of comprehensive

property management services and real estate consultancy to investors, property owners, tenants and developers.

Dr. Ruminski has served as an expert within the European Union Program, evaluating numerous business ventures, enterprises and GOs applying for the EU funds. He is the former CEO of the Department of Culture, Science and National Heritage in the province of West Pomerania. His 2009-2010 Fulbright grant was to Loyola Marymount University's College of Business Administration in Los Angeles, where he did research on entrepreneurial finance and banking. In his work and research, he has collaborated with universities and organizations supporting small business in Europe and the United States. He earned his doctorate from the University of Szczecin, Poland, and his MBA from the European University Viadrina in Frankfurt (O), Germany. Dr. Ruminski is passionate about strengthening the Fulbright community at the local, national, and international levels. He is interested in coordinating with alumni associations around the world to share best practices and entrepreneurial spirit.

Fulbright Entrepreneurship Conference in Berlin May 17-18, 2014

France Fulbright Alumni, German Fulbright Alumni, and the Fulbright Association, with the support of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Embassies in Paris and Berlin, are organizing an entrepreneurship skill-building workshop. This program will gather outstanding alumni from various U.S. government-sponsored exchange programs for a weekend of networking, discussions and lectures on entrepreneurship.

https://www.fulbright-alumni.de/fileadmin/fulbright-alumni/events/2014_05_berlin/Fulbright_Berlin_2014_-_Call_for_Applications.pdf

To Apply please click here: <https://www.fulbright-alumni.de/events/event-archive/berlin-conference-2014.html>

Conference participants should expect to pay for their own expenses, including travel and lodging. Space is limited! Please apply as soon as possible on the website. We will respond to all applicants by mid-February.

Please register via the official forms, and indicate your affiliation with the Fulbright Association in the comments field for special attention.

Any questions email: berlin2014@fulbright-alumni.eu



“We must **dare to THINK**
unthinkable thoughts.”

- Senator J. William Fulbright

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Fulbright Social Innovation Challenge Call for Proposals

Competition Overview

TEDxFulbright in partnership with the Fulbright Association challenge the general public to submit bold, innovative ideas that will tackle the most difficult issues that face our society today. *“We must dare to think ‘unthinkable’ thoughts. We must learn to explore all the options and possibilities that confront us in a complex and rapidly changing world.”* -JW Fulbright

In the spirit of the Fulbright Program and its mission to foster mutual understanding through open dialogue and exchange, the Fulbright Social Innovation Challenge encourages applicants to submit ideas that will have a sustainable impact on communities locally and/or globally. Finalists will be invited to pitch their ideas at TEDxFulbright in Washington, DC on April 5, 2014. The winner and finalists will also receive various prizes and pro bono services offered by sponsoring institutions to help launch their idea after the TEDxFulbright event.

Contact

Challenge@TEDxFulbright.org

Eligibility

- General Public
- One person or a team of individuals (maximum 4)
- Individuals or teams can submit ideas on behalf of a larger organization/company

Judging Criteria & Process

- Is the idea bold and innovative?
- Will the idea make a significant social impact, locally or globally?
- Is this idea sustainable over the long-term?
- Can this idea/project be replicated across different communities or go viral?
- Can this idea gain significant traction in the target community?

Submission Deadline – March 3, 2014

Prizes

- (more prizes to be announced)
- Pro bono legal services offered by international law firm Patton Boggs LLP
- One-on-one meeting with Fulbright Association Executive Director to discuss how to leverage the global Fulbright community to launch their idea
- Free TEDxFulbright event registration
- Special booth at the TEDxFulbright Experience Lab
- Preferred status on crowdfunding platform, RocketHub, with possible feature in A&E's television show PROJECT STARTUP