Lead the Way: Internationalize your Campus by Internationalizing YOU

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The Transformational Power of Fulbright

- Director of International Education
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- Community College Administrators Seminar in Russia, 2016
What I did on my Fulbright

Visits to HEIs, Business and Industry, and more

- Higher School of Economics in Perm
- Perm Aviation College
- Perm College of Industrial Technologies
- University of Tyumen (UT)
- Technopark of UT: University TV Station and FabLab
- First Moscow Educational Complex
- Moscow State Pedagogical University

- Perm Region Chamber of Commerce
- WorldSkills Committee
- Tyumen Plywood Plant, Ltd.
- Tyumen Automotive
- Employment Center of Tyumen
- American Center
- Embassy of the United States
- Cultural excursions
Institutional Impact

• Hosted Russian students through the YEAR program
• Subsequent Fulbright awardees for Davidson-Davie administrators
• Robust virtual exchanges
• Future mobility
• Continued hosting of FLTAs and Scholars-in-Residence
• Senator Paul Simon Award for Comprehensive Internationalization
Heather M. Bandeen
Fulbright Inspires Optimism for Change

Current: Government relations
2014: Faculty member, Education Foundations Inver Hills Community College Minnesota

Roving Scholar in American Studies
Norway, 2014-2015
Fremmedspråksenteret, Norwegian Center for Foreign Languages in Education

Project: The Effect of Gender Policy on the Perceptions of Teachers in Norway
Travel to 50+ schools, colleges, and prisons, including north of Arctic Circle
What I did on my Fulbright

• Every day was the “first day of school”: Met new students and teachers each morning.

• High schools, teacher training colleges, and prisons: Learned how the policy systems in Norway intersect to support public education.

• Connections between the U.S. and Norway: Taught American Studies workshops to thousands of students and facilitated professional development for hundreds of teachers.

• “Roving” by train, ferry boat, airplane, car, bus, and walking: Appreciated the connected communities throughout the country.
Future-focused inquiry across communities
Institutional Impact

• **Presentations and publications:** Presentations at WERA in Scotland and ASANOR in Norway; Guest lectures at universities in South Carolina, Oregon, and Minnesota as well as several conferences across U.S. and Canada; Wrote for *EdWeek Teacher* and *Fulbright Impact*.

• **Teaching colleague visited from Stavanger, Norway:** Co-presented at University of Minnesota and stayed with my family.

• **Curriculum transformation:** Collaborated across colleges to develop a shared approach to curriculum and leveraged community partnerships.

• **First Campus Fulbright Award:** Community college website introduced and featured Fulbright opportunities for faculty and staff.
Amy Forss, PhD  
Once a Fulbright Always a Fulbright

- History Program Chair
- Metropolitan Community College
- Omaha, Nebraska

- Fulbright U.S. Scholar, 2013-2014
- Kecskemet Teacher’s Training College
- TESOL Instruction in an ESL Hungarian Classroom
- African American History, American Studies, Conversational English
What I did on my Fulbright:

Taught: Faculty, College Students, 1st Graders

American Corner Hungary

Fulbright Berlin Conference
Impact of my Fulbright Professional:

Active Learning
Material Culture
Teaching Methodology
Impact of my Fulbright Institutional:

Modern Europe Since 1789/Facebook

MCC Book Depository/1.5 tons of books

Fulbright Peer Reviewer/Applications

Fulbright Alumni Ambassador/YOU
Leigh Lassiter-Counts
Fulbright as a Catalyst

- B.A. Biology and History – *Hendrix College*
- M.Ed. Higher Education Administration – *University of Arkansas, Fayetteville*

- Germany International Education Administrators (IEA) Award – Group Seminar
- Berlin, Frankfurt, Bonn - October 2016
Professional Impact

- New group of colleagues and professional/academic connections
- Understandings of international work, graduate school, and internships
- Confidence boost for next professional ventures
Institutional Impact
Start your Fulbright Journey

• Visit cies.org and the Catalog of Awards, awards.cies.org
• Register your interest to receive newsletters
• Attend a webinar
• Make contacts abroad for an invitation letter or to gauge interest
• Contact alumni in the Scholar Directory
• Start your application!

Competition Opens: February 1
Application Deadline: September 15
Institutional Opportunities

Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence (S-I-R) Program

Host scholars from other countries to teach for a semester or an academic year

Website: cies.org/sir
Email: SIR@iie.org

Fulbright Outreach Lecturing Fund (OLF)

Host current Fulbright Visiting Scholars for short-term lectureships of 2 – 6 days on discipline or cultural topics to internationalize the campus

Website: cies.org/olf
Email: OLF@iie.org

Fulbright Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program

Host native speaking language teaching assistants to enhance students’ understanding of different languages and cultures

Website: foreign.fulbrightonline.org
Email: Dcook@iie.org
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