



Alumni Newsletter

Foundation for Educational Exchange Between Canada and the United States of America



Nexus Program 2012-2013



Patrick Feng (2011-12) is working on leveraging environmental standards to promote sustainability

NEXUS is an exciting new hemisphere-wide program that brings together a network of promising young scholars, professionals and mid-career applied researchers for a series of three

seminar meetings, complementing their Fulbright residential exchange experience. Some 15 Fulbright participants from the United States, Canada, and other countries in the Western Hemisphere will engage in collaborative thinking, analysis, and problem solving with a focus on improving the quality of life for communities in the region.

Fulbright NEXUS Scholars will conduct research projects designed to generate policy-oriented solutions that can be applied at the local, regional or national level.

The NEXUS program is organized around the following themes: **Climate change, Science, Technology, and innovation; Entrepreneurship; and Sustainable Energy.**

We are pleased to announce that the 2012-2013 Competition is now open, and that the inaugural meeting will be hosted by Fulbright Canada.

[Apply Online](#) by **May 15, 2012.**

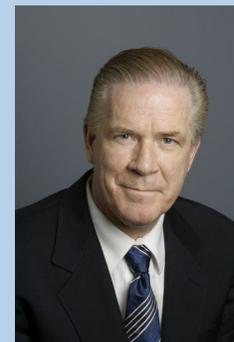
Congratulations to the 2011-12 Community Leaders

Fulbright Canada is proud of our successful, active, and engaged alumni who are leaders in their respective fields and champions within their communities. Our community action programs provide small grants to dedicated alumni who want to make a difference in their community.

We recognize the hours of planning and volunteer work that these projects require. We are therefore pleased to recognize Fulbright Canada's 2011-2012 [Eco Leaders](#), and [Community Leaders](#). We would also like to congratulate this year's **Killam Community Leaders: Anne Larkin and Mallory Lavoie.**



Anne Larkin (2011-12) organized a "Passport to Permaculture" Summer Camp



A message from CEO Michael Hawes

Fulbright Canada continues to grow, to support extraordinary students and scholars, and to offer new and exciting opportunities for both alumni and prospective grantees.

In this newsletter, we invite all of you to learn more about the new NEXUS program for scholars in the Western Hemisphere. We are especially excited that Fulbright Canada will be hosting the inaugural meeting of the 2012 program in Banff this coming November. We also invite you to read about our various community leadership programs and the successes of some of our alumni.

I would also ask you to mark your calendar for the Killam Fellowship Program 10th anniversary gala here in Ottawa on September 13th.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Kaitlyn Innes, our new program officer responsible for alumni affairs.

Sandy Ng Returns from her NEXUS Exchange



Sandy Ng (2011-12) with her team of Stanford students and her sponsor Dr. Calvin Kam (far right)

Dr. Sandy Y.M. Ng, a member of the inaugural class of the new Fulbright NEXUS Scholar program, has just returned from her exchange. A professor at Queen's University, Sandy took up her Fulbright award at Stanford University in 2011-12. Her project, in the area of public health, was entitled "Sustainable Cities, Better Health and Better Future." It examined the health indicators of an aging population and attempted to

measure and predict geographically-specific health trends and develop a strategy for needs-based planning for sustainable cities. Sandy relays her experience as a Fulbright NEXUS Scholar.

"During my 2 month exchange at Stanford University, I led a team of five students to identify the information, technological transformations, and policy tools required to enable evidence-based urban planning, towards a sustainable and healthy community for aging. In addition to case studies demonstrating the use of technological innovations to identify areas of high need, we initiated the development of an Age Friendly Community Scorecard, transforming high level WHO recommendations on Age Friendly Cities into actionable items. We planned and hosted a well-received workshop on March 2, entitled "Sustainable Cities, Better

Health, Better Future", designed to engage experts and disseminate our findings. "

According to Sandy, the Fulbright NEXUS Program taught her many things. "The exchange was an invaluable learning opportunity, allowing me to think about health research from a completely different perspective. The program's heavy emphasis on knowledge transfer and implementation trained us to always think strategically from a policymaker's standpoint. The dissemination workshop was a deep-dive training on effective facilitation and communication to gain stakeholders' buy-in. "

The NEXUS program is designed to generate knowledge-based, policy-oriented solutions with immediate and practical implementation. The 2012-13 competition is now open, please visit our website to apply.

Homeless Sexual Minority Youth: A Group at Risk

Dr. Maurice Gattis is a 2008-09 American Fulbright Student whose exchange brought him from Washington University to York University in Toronto.

Maurice recently published an article based on his research at York, entitled "An Ecological Systems Comparison Between Homeless Sexual Minority Youths and Homeless Heterosexual Youths." .

His paper was published in the Journal of Social Service Research and examines homeless homosexual minority youths compare to their heterosexual counterparts regarding family communication, peer behaviors, and school engagement. The sexual minority category consists of anyone who self-identified as either "mostly heterosexual, bisexual, gay, lesbian, asexual or pansexual".

Maurice's study reveals that these groups are more susceptible to substance use, mental health problems and more likely to engage in sexual risk behaviors.

Maurice is Assistant Professor at the School of Social Work at The University of Wisconsin.



Maurice Gattis (2008-09)

Uprooted/Déraciné



Jenny Montgomery (2009-10)

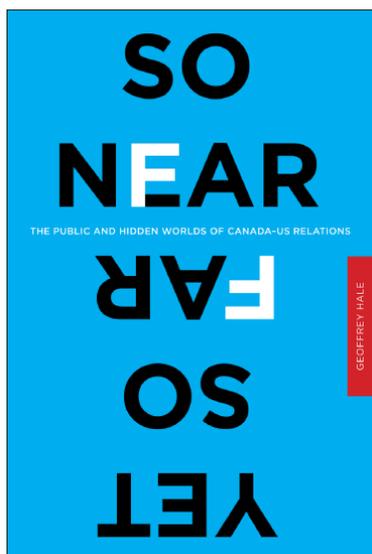
Based at Concordia University, the Life Stories of Montrealers Displaced by War, Genocide, and other Human Rights Violations (Montréal Life Stories), is a community-university research alliance which involves a team of more than 150 people and 18 partner organizations.

On March 18, American Fulbright student Jenny Montgomery put on a bilingual play called **Uprooted/Déraciné** at La Balustrade du Monument-National à Montréal. Created from interviews with refugees, Québécois, and people “in between,” Uprooted/Déraciné explores themes of cultural belonging, identity, and concepts of “home”. The objective of this five-year long project has been to collect and disseminate the interviews of 500 persons who have found a new home in Montreal.

To pay tribute to these interviews, Montreal Life Stories organized **Rencontres**, which will take place at various locations throughout the city of Montreal during the month of **March**. **Rencontres** will include an international academic conference, a press conference, exhibitions, a multimedia installation, round table discussions, various artistic displays and performances and workshops.



So Near Yet So Far



So Near Yet So Far will be released in May 2012

How do politicians, diplomats, and interest groups negotiate the tangled web of Canada–US relations?

2005-06 Fulbrighter Geoffrey Hale explores this in his new book. *So Near Yet So Far* provides in-depth look at the multiple dimensions of this complex relationship, especially in the period since 9/11.

Based on almost 200 interviews with current and former government policy makers, opinion leaders, and interest groups in both countries, the book analyzes the motives and mechanics of managing cross-border relations at several levels, including political-strategic, trade-commercial, cultural-psychological, and institutional - procedural. A concluding chapter assesses the implications of current policy trends for Canada’s foreign and international economic policies.

So Near Yet So Far will be of interest and value to practitioners, scholars, and citizens of both countries who want a better understanding of how the Canada–US relationship works, and can be made to work more effectively. Balanced and fair in its analysis, it gets to the core issues without distorting perspectives on either side of the border.

Geoffrey Hale is Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Lethbridge. His new book will be released in May 2012.



Geoffrey Hale (2005-06)

United Nations' 56th Commission on the Status of Women



Joanna Si (2005-06) addresses the United Nation on the Status of Women

On March 6, a group of Shearman & Sterling associates led a workshop at the United Nation's 56th session of the Commission on the Status of Women. Developed as part of the firm's pro bono relationship with Lawyers Without Borders (LWOB), the presentation, "Rural Empowerment through Modern Consensus Building Strategies," was attended by representatives from NGOs and other non-profits from around the world, including Somalia, Sudan, and Taiwan.

The group included Killam Alumnae,

Joanna Si (2004-05), who worked with LWOB to adapt a training module aimed at teaching people, who work in rural areas, the methods necessary for effective negotiation and mediation. The training materials are based on the children's book, *Click, Clack, Moo – Cows That Type*, about a group of farm animals that negotiate various demands with a farmer.

Joanna says that, "while it may have only taken me about 5 minutes to skim through the book thinking, *cute children's book*, it quickly became apparent in the subsequent discussions with my colleagues at Shearman, and the Lawyer's Without Borders team, that there was more complexity hidden in the catchy illustrations and fun storyline." The story of the cows, ducks, hens and the farmer provided examples to discuss position and interest-based negotiations, leverage and coalition

building, and the importance of neutrality in mediation. The workshop also included real-world examples of women who relied on such skills to make a difference. Joanna recalls that "one example that really sticks out is of the women in Eastern Nigeria whose coalition building efforts eventually resulted in effective legislation to protect widows against prior customary practices – practices that included forcing a widow to drink water from her husband's corpse!"

The team also created a training manual to accompany the presentation including additional exercises and further details on the various skills involved in consensus building. "We are working with LWOB on expanding the training manual to be provided to individuals in Cuba and the materials are currently being presented to test groups for feedback."

The Road to China



Thomas Friedenbach (2011-12) at the Harbin Ice Festival

Thomas Friedenbach (2011-12) is a Killam student who went from Whitman College to the University of British Columbia where he studied Chinese History. Tom's passion has brought him to Harbin, China, where he is now teaching English and continuing his study of the Chinese language and culture.

Tom recently received a Critical Language Scholarship

alumni development grant, that allowed him to study China and its relation to nuclear weapons and nuclear policy. In an interview with Fulbright, Tom explains how UBC prepared him for his current studies, "the class I took on Chinese military history at UBC paid off immensely. It familiarized me with general concepts in Chinese nuclear policy, and introduced me to key moments in Chinese history".

Harbin is the capital and the largest city of Heilongjiang Province. It is known for its bitter cold winters and is referred to as the "ice city". Tom says that "my Canadian experience did not prepare me for Harbin's cold weather. I suppose that's the price of living in Vancouver".

Next year, Tom will continue his studies and enroll as a full-time student at a Chinese University.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED:

Get engaged in Recruitment and Outreach

Fulbright Canada is actively engaged in the process of identifying opportunities and promoting our programs. In many ways, the best ambassadors for the program are our alumni. Please share your experiences with your colleagues, offer your assistance to your

department, or join us for a slightly more formal exercise. We would welcome any discussion about how you might help. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Kaitlyn at 613.688.5517 or email her at kinnes@fulbright.ca. Thanks!



Help bridge the gap between nations.

Mentorship Program



Build your community, become a Mentor

In 2010, Fulbright Canada established a mentorship program. The program is designed to connect new Fulbright students with established Fulbright alumni. The mentor pool consists of volunteers providing advice to one or more new Fulbright students. Incoming students are put in contact with a mentor before taking up their award; ideally, the mentor will be someone at

their host institution or in their host city who works in the same field. The goal of this project is to create a Fulbright community, and to engage alumni to support and help the integration process of the new Fulbright award recipients.

A formal letter requesting participation will be sent out in July.

Email our new Program Officer for alumni relations



Kaitlyn Innes

Fulbright Canada is pleased to welcome Kaitlyn Innes in the role of Program Officer for recruitment, outreach and alumni relations.

Kaitlyn's responsibilities at the Foundation

include managing the Foundation's outreach strategy, and managing the

production of print media and social networking activities. She is the primary point of contact for alumni, and provides support for the Foundation's alumni programs, which include the [Fulbright Canada-RBC Eco Leadership Program](#), the [Community Leadership Program](#), the [Killam Community Action Initiative](#), and the [Mentorship Program](#).

To be featured in the next newsletter, on our blog, or on the website, email her your story, information on what you are working on, recent publications or projects, or your thoughts on your Fulbright/Killam exchange experience

Email her at: kinnes@fulbright.ca

MISC Conference: Crime and the Law: The Future of Justice in Canada



Since 1995, the McGill Institute for the Study of Canada (MISC) has hosted a major bilingual conference every year in Montreal on topics that matter to Canadians and are relevant to current public policy concerns. These public events have brought together hundreds of people and attracted national and international

media coverage. MISC's annual conferences are widely recognized as rare learning experiences and attract experts on policy and public life from around the globe.

For the 2012 annual conference, MISC turns their focus to crucial issues associated with crime, policing and justice in Canada. A series of events - from the introduction of the Federal government's omnibus crime bill through the rise of new forms of

urban political protest – have put policing and justice at the center of public attention. Scheduled for **March 15-16**, this conference will bring together academics and practitioners to address a variety of questions concerning crime and justice in Canada. Leading figures from different fields will tackle a range of questions.

To view the conference programme, click [here](#).

Alumni Engagement Innovation Fund (AEIF)

Interested in joining forces with fellow Fulbrighters and tackling some of the world's most pressing issues? The AEIF is a U.S. State Department program that offers to help teams of alumni do just that. In 2012 AEIF will award up to \$25,000 per winning team. Deadline is March 30, 2012. To

learn more, join Dr. Lisa Heilbronn, the director of the Office of Alumni Affairs, on a live webchat on Wednesday, March 14, from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. EST. She will be happy to address your AEIF questions.



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U.S. Visiting Chair Programs for 2013-14



Fulbright Canada Research Chairs

Fulbright Canada Visiting Research Chairs provide a unique exchange opportunity for American scholars and professionals who want to develop their career and engage in a new stimulating environment. Engage in a new community, conduct research, develop collaborations and build your network by presenting lectures or teaching at Canadian universities and research centres.

In addition to the award, valued at \$25,000 US, Fulbright Canada provides award winners with health insurance, visa services, on campus support and enrichment opportunities through the Fulbright Mobility Program. For more information visit our website: www.fulbright.ca

Application Deadline for awards in the 2013-2014 academic year is **August 1, 2012**



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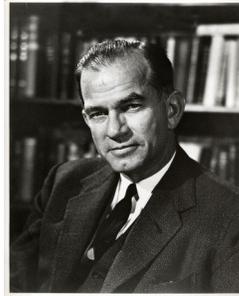
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The mandate of Fulbright Canada is to enhance mutual understanding between the people of Canada and the people of the United States of America by providing support to outstanding individuals. These individuals conduct research, lecture, or enroll in formal academic programs in the other country. In doing so, Fulbright Canada

aims to grow intellectual capacity, increase productivity, and assist in the shaping of future leaders.

Educational exchange allows for the development of our future leaders, it encourages a more nuanced appreciation of each other, and it contributes to a more thoughtful and more reasoned public policy debate in both countries.

Fall Orientation

Celebrating the 10th anniversary for the Killam Program



John and Kate Newhall at Fulbright Canada's 2010 Gala Dinner

This year, Fulbright Canada will mark 10 years of the Killam Fellowships Program. Fulbright Canada is very proud of the fact that we have been able to support so many outstanding undergraduate students. The Killam Fellowships Program is made possible through the generous support of the American Killam Trusts, the Government of Canada, and other partners, including the Maple Leaf Foundation.

To coincide with the Annual Fall Orientation program, Fulbright Canada will be hosting the *Killam Fellowship's 10th Anniversary Gala*. The event will be held on Thursday, September 13th at the

Chateau Laurier. Mark your calendars!

We look forward to welcoming the new cohort to our growing alumni community.

