

## Fulbright Association Celebrates 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at National Conference

The Fulbright Association 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference: People & the Planet is bringing together approximately 300 Fulbright alumni and current Fulbright grantees from around the world in early November in Washington, D.C., for panel presentations, roundtable discussions, task force meetings, and a poster session on topics related to climate change and the environment.

The conference theme was adapted from a post to the official 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference blog (<http://30.fulbright.org>) by Bhekie S. Gule, a visiting Fulbrighter from Swaziland based at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. More than 300 Fulbright Association members, visiting Fulbrighters, and representatives from Fulbright alumni organizations worldwide contributed their ideas on potential conference themes and panel topics.

Bhekie wrote, in part, “The seminar should discuss how best to ensure that every global citizen can make decisions that will ensure the planet’s survival, as well as be good for all people concerned or affected.”

The conference schedule includes four panel discussions on issues surrounding the environment and sustainability. Panelists, all Fulbright alumni, are exploring climate change, successful

adaptations to environmental changes, international conflict and climate change, and writers and the environment. The Fulbright Association introduced roundtable discussions and a poster session this year to facilitate increased interaction among conference participants.

The University of Maryland



University College Office of Worldwide Faculty Recruitment is serving as conference co-sponsor as part of its initiative to recruit innovative and committed faculty to teach its diverse student body of professional and adult students. The college offers classes online as well as on-site in the greater Washington, D.C.-Maryland metro area and on U.S. military bases overseas.

Joy T. Williams (Colombia 2005) is the featured performer at the opening reception at the historic residence of the ambassador of Colombia, Carolina Barco Isakson. Ms. Williams is a 2003 graduate of Wheaton College in Norton, Mass., where she majored in Hispanic studies. During her time in

Colombia, she studied Afro-Colombian identity through dance.

The 2007 Selma Jeanne Cohen Fund presentation, an endowed lecture on international dance scholarship, is also a highlight of the schedule. Please see the article on page two for more information.

Miranda Schreurs (Japan 1991, Germany 1999) is also a featured speaker. Dr. Schreurs, a specialist in environmental politics and policy, is director of the Environmental Policy Research Center and professor of comparative politics at the Free University of Berlin.

For more information on the conference, please visit the Fulbright Association web site at <http://www.fulbright.org/conference/>. ■

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## Fulbright Alumnus Delivers 2007 Selma Jeanne Cohen Fund Lecture

Ron Jenkins (Indonesia 2007), professor of theater at Wesleyan University, will present the 2007 Selma Jeanne Cohen Lecture in International Dance Scholarship on Saturday, Nov. 3, as part of the Fulbright Association's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference program. Dr. Jenkins will speak on "Sacred Dance & Secular Law in Bali."

The lecture will explore the significance of Balinese sacred dance by examining a landmark 2007 court case involving renowned painter Nyoman Gunarsa who alleged that several of his paintings of dancers had been counterfeited. He attempted to demonstrate the illegitimacy of the forged paintings by dancing in the courtroom. Dr. Jenkins conducted primary research for the paper during his time in Bali as a Fulbright scholar when he attended courtroom sessions regularly and personally interviewed the trial's participants.

"The paper will analyze Balinese dance in a context that removes it from its typically exotic setting in Hindu temple festivals," Dr. Jenkins said. "In doing so, I hope to encourage future dance scholars to look past the intoxicating surface spectacle of Balinese dance to its more mundane functions as a cultural point of reference that helps the Balinese make sense of their world in concrete ways."

Dr. Jenkins is the author of several books on performance and translator of numerous plays by Italian Nobel Laureate Dario Fo. He has studied Balinese performance since 1976, when he lived in a Balinese village for a year and performed with a troupe of temple dancers.

"I am happy and honored at having been chosen to deliver the

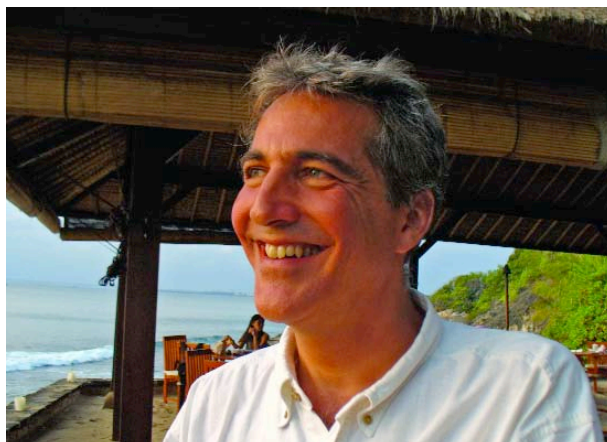
Selma Jeanne Cohen Fund Lecture," Dr. Jenkins said. "Many years ago, Dr. Cohen's sponsorship of the *International Encyclopedia of Dance* allowed me to write about masked performance in Indonesia, so I feel this lecture will be the continuation of an ongoing dialogue about the importance of dance in a culture where the arts are essential to the life of the community."

Dr. Jenkins is now translating Balinese performance texts and recently directed a production of Shakespeare's *The Tempest* with Balinese dancers and a gamelan orchestra at New York's La Mama Theater. Dr. Jenkins holds a doctorate from Harvard University and a master's degree in buffoonery from the Ringling Brothers College for Clowns.

The late Dr. Selma Jeanne Cohen (Russia 1976), preeminent dance historian and founding editor of the *International Encyclopedia of Dance*, endowed the dance lecture at the Fulbright Association's annual conference to highlight dance scholarship in a multidisciplinary, international forum.

Fulbright alumna Barbara Browning, associate professor at New York University, presented "Where My Dancing Had Saved Me from Disgrace" in 2006.

In 2005, Richard Semmens, associate professor of music, University of Western Ontario, Canada, presented "Moving Inside and Outside the Box: Thoughts on the Graphic Notation of Baroque Dances for the Ballroom."



2007 Selma Jeanne Cohen Fund Lecturer Ron Jenkins in Bali.

Dance historian and choreographer Millicent Hodson of Ballets Old & New in London spoke on "Reconstructing Jeux, Nijinsky's Bloomsbury Ballet" in 2004.

In 2003, Fulbright alumnus Wayne B. Kraft, professor of German at Eastern Washington University and director of the Erdély Ensemble, presented "Transylvanian Dancing in the Final Hour."

In 2002, Gretchen Ward Warren, professor in the School of Theater and Dance at the University of South Florida, presented "Dancing with the Wheel of Ever Returning: A Theatrical Adventure with Australian Aborigines and Native Americans," a project that grew out of her Fulbright award to Australia in 1997.

Robin Marshall Grove, senior lecturer in the Department of English with Cultural Studies of the University of Melbourne, Australia, delivered the lecture "Unspoken Knowledges" in 2001.

Fulbright alumna Leslie Friedman, artistic director of The Lively Foundation in San Francisco, presented in 2000 the inaugural lecture, "Expression in Dance," concerning research done during her Fulbright award to India. ■

## Continuing Resolution in Effect until Nov. 16

# Final FY '08 Fulbright Program Appropriation Still to be Determined



On Sept. 29, President Bush signed a continuing resolution (H.J. Res. 52) to keep government programs, including Fulbright and other State Department educational and cultural exchanges, running until Nov. 16 at fiscal year (FY) 2007 funding levels. With all 12 annual appropriations bills still to be completed by Congress, the continuing resolution allows federal programs to operate in the new federal fiscal year, which began Oct. 1, at current funding levels.

Although both the Senate and the House of Representatives have passed versions of the FY 2008 State-Foreign Operations Appropriations bill, which funds Fulbright Exchanges, differences between them have not been reconciled. The Senate version funds Department of State educational and cultural exchange programs at \$509.4 million in FY 2008. The Senate funding level is \$64.2 million over current-year funding of \$445.2 million, or a 14.4 percent increase.

Exchanges funding in the Senate version of the bill is \$8 million more than the \$501.4 million approved by the House of Representatives earlier this year,

and \$23 million above the \$486.4 million requested in the president's FY 2008 budget.

The Senate bill would provide \$222.645 million for Fulbright exchanges, as compared to \$218.757 million in the bill passed by the House. The Senate funding level would further strengthen the Fulbright and other flagship exchange programs and build strong exchange initiatives. The bill has drawn a veto threat from President Bush over provisions regarding international family planning.

The next step in the FY 2008 process that will fund Fulbright exchanges is for the State Foreign Operations Appropriations bill to be the subject of a conference committee between the House and the Senate to negotiate differences between the two versions of the bill. Senate conferees have already been named. House conferees have yet to be announced. However, members of the House Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs would be likely to serve on the conference committee.

Fulbright alumni and friends are encouraged to contact their members of Congress to ask them to support the funding level of \$509.4 million for State Department-administered educational and cultural exchanges in FY 2008, including \$222.645 million for Fulbright programs, contained in the Senate version of the legislation.

Please visit the advocacy section of the Fulbright

Association web site at [www.fulbright.org/advocacy](http://www.fulbright.org/advocacy) to contact your members of Congress through e-mail. The site contains a list of senators named to the conference committee and likely House conferees who would resolve differences between the Senate and House versions of the FY 2008 State-Foreign Operations Appropriations legislation.

If you are a constituent of one of the Senate conferees or likely House conferees, your message carries special weight. If your senator or representative is not on the list, it is still important for you to write or call to express your support for the Fulbright Program and other international educational and cultural exchanges. Additional information and sample letters are also available on the web site. ■

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# Inaugural Fulbright-mtvU Scholarships Awarded

The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and mtvU, MTV's 24-hour college network, have announced the first four winners of Fulbright-mtvU Fellowships, inaugurated this year to promote "the power of music" as a global force for mutual understanding. Through this fellowship, the Department of State and mtvU seek to promote the role of music in mutual understanding, to invigorate interest in international education among U.S. college and university students, and to further the positive impact of public-private partnerships.

The merit-based selection process involved panels of academic leaders and area experts. Musicians Fiona Apple, James Mercer of The Shins, Common, and Perry Farrell of Satellite Party then reviewed and nominated the top qualified candidates. The presidentially-appointed J. William Fulbright

Foreign Scholarship Board made the final selection.

The first four Fulbright-mtvU Fellowship winners will conduct research abroad for one academic year on projects of their own design involving an aspect of international musical culture. Winners will share their experiences with peers during their Fulbright year via video reports, blogs, and podcasts to be showcased on mtvU and mtvU.com.

**Larnies Bowen**, a graduate of New York University, went to Panama to study Spanish reggae music as a vehicle for understanding West Indian-Panamanian identity, culture, and collective experience. She will cap her academic year by producing an audio-visual history of Panamanian reggae music to be used as an educational supplement in Panamanian and American schools.

**Phally Chroy**, who is pursuing a master's of fine arts at Temple

University, traveled to Cambodia to make a documentary examining the reclamation of Cambodia's lost musical heritage of the 1950s and 60s—music outlawed during the reign of the Khmer Rouge regime. The film will also consider how the post-Khmer generation has used this music to reconstruct their identity and rediscover their cultural roots.

**James Collins**, a 2007 graduate of Harvard University, is spending his year in South Africa creating a documentary film exploring the impact and influence of marching band music on underprivileged South African youth.

**Aaron Shneyer**, a Georgetown University alumnus, traveled to Jerusalem to develop a year-long music program bringing together Israeli and Palestinian high school students to write and play music together, culminating in performances in their own communities. ■

## Fulbright ASEAN Visiting Scholars Program

As part of an enhanced partnership marking the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the relationship between the United States and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), the U.S. Department of State announced the inaugural competition for the Fulbright ASEAN Visiting Scholars Program.

The new program is designed to provide opportunities for travel to the United States for scholarly and professional research on issues central to the ASEAN-U.S. relationship. Grants are available for citizens of Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand.

University faculty, foreign ministry and government officials, and professionals in think tanks and other NGOs whose work focuses on ASEAN-U.S. issues are eligible to apply. Fields of interest may include economics, political economy, foreign policy, international relations, and history. Relevant sub-specialties include security, trade, and cultural issues directly related to the ASEAN-U.S. relationship. ■

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## Make Nominations for Public Diplomacy Award

The new Benjamin Franklin award recognizes outstanding contributions in public diplomacy made by U.S. citizens and private sector organizations, both at home and abroad, and acknowledges that all sectors of U.S. society—individuals, schools, foundations, associations, and corporations—actively contribute to advancing America's ideals through public diplomacy.

Of particular interest are activities that provide hope and opportunity in education, culture, and information; empower, educate and inspire key audiences such as women, students, and educators; and engage underserved communities and grassroots organizations. The four award categories are individuals, corporations, academic institutions, and not-for-profit organizations (foundations, associations, and labor unions).

Any individual or group may make a nomination. Nominators need not be U.S. citizens, but all nominees must be. The nominated activity must have taken place during the 2007 calendar year. Nominations will be considered only for activities that do not involve U.S. government funding.

**The deadline for submitting nominations is Dec. 15.** Detailed nomination criteria are posted at <http://www.state.gov/r/partnerships>. Information is also available by email request to [diplomacyupdate@state.gov](mailto:diplomacyupdate@state.gov).

The first Benjamin Franklin awards will be presented by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice in early spring of 2008, and annually thereafter. The Benjamin Franklin awards program was first announced by Secretary Rice at the Private Sector Summit on Public Diplomacy in January. ■

## U.S.-Chile Scholarship Agreement Expands U.S. Higher Education Opportunities for Chileans



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*Alejandro Foxley, minister of foreign affairs of the Republic of Chile, and Condoleezza Rice, U.S. secretary of state, at the signing ceremony for the U.S.-Chile Educational Scholarship Agreement.*

U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and the Republic of Chile's Minister of Foreign Affairs Alejandro Foxley signed the U.S.-Chile Educational Scholarship Agreement at a ceremony at the Department of State in August.

Through a new scholarship program, the agreement will bring up to 100 Chilean doctoral students to the United States each year for degree study in fields that are priorities for Chile's future, including science and technology, public policy, environmental studies, education, and public health.

The new agreement expands the scope of the existing U.S.-Chile Educational Exchange Agreement, which established the binational Fulbright Program between the two countries. It also increases access and equal opportunity for Chileans to pursue advanced degree study at U.S. universities with high quality academic programs in their fields of interest. As outlined in the agreement, the new scholarship program will target a diverse group of Chileans by providing pre-academic English language training, if needed, to reach talented students who would otherwise not be

in a position to pursue graduate study in the United States.

The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fulbright exchanges between Chile and the United States was celebrated in 2005. In her remarks, Secretary Rice noted the success of the Fulbright Program in Chile.

"Hundreds and hundreds of Fulbright alumni have returned to Chile to make a difference in their country and in this hemisphere, to contribute to the advancement of the betterment of mankind, to contribute to strengthening Chilean democratic institutions and to strengthening the sense of social justice and upward mobility, the belief that it really doesn't matter where you come from, it only matters where you are going," Secretary Rice said. "That is at the core of any democracy."

"The main point of this program, as Secretary Rice was saying, is that no one should be excluded from expanding his or her possibilities to the top level of quality in higher education knowledge. No one should be excluded because of insufficient language skills," said Foreign Minister Foxley. ■

## International Education Week to be Observed Nov. 12-16



The 2007 International Education Week (IEW) theme is “International

Education: Fostering Global Citizenship and Respect.” The event, an annual joint initiative of the U.S. Departments of State and Education, promotes international understanding and builds support for international educational exchange.

It is also aimed at encouraging the development of programs that prepare Americans to live and work in a global environment and at attracting future leaders from abroad to study in the United States. First held in 2000, IEW is now celebrated in more than 100 countries.

The U.S. Department of State has launched its IEW 2007 web site at <http://iew.state.gov>. The site includes promotional materials for downloading, an interactive quiz, and opportunities to post and view planned events around the world.

Tips for planning events are available on the web site, as are resources for requesting speakers, a list of suggested activities, and guidelines for making presentations. Institutions and organizations can submit information on their programs and interested individuals can subscribe to an e-mail list for the latest news on IEW activities.

Fulbright Association institutional member **Michigan State University (MSU)** will celebrate an extended version of

IEW beginning on Nov. 10 and continuing through Nov. 18. Planned events include film screenings, lectures, and the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Global Festival. Winners of the 2007 International Student Essay Contest will also be announced at a special reception. The essay contest offers international students at MSU the opportunity to reflect on their experiences at the university and to share their stories.

The **University of California-Santa Cruz (UCSC)** will hold a fair on opportunities abroad, an international night and fashion show, and an international photo contest. Members of the International Students Organization, a newly formed group at **Elmira College** in upstate New York, will be representing their countries and presenting their homelands to their classmates. The college will also hold a campus-wide cultural quiz, giving students a chance to test their knowledge on culture, history, and geography. UCSC and Elmira College are also institutional members of the Fulbright Association. ■

## New Fulbright Initiative Promotes Interreligious Understanding

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs has created the Fulbright Interfaith Community Action Program, a new Fulbright Visiting Scholar initiative designed to promote the importance of interfaith cooperation and to facilitate community action among diverse religious groups worldwide.

The Fulbright Interfaith Community Action Program

provides a multinational group of 10 religious leaders, scholars of religion, nongovernmental organizations and/or community leaders from diverse religious backgrounds who are actively engaged in interfaith dialogue and cooperation programs in their home countries with a semester-long U.S. exchange experience that includes discussion, debate, and collaborative learning centered on interfaith dialogue and cooperation.

The program recognizes the importance of promoting an interfaith and intercultural exchange of ideas and the development of collaborative relationships across faith communities. It seeks to challenge participants to find solutions that move beyond professions of tolerance to implementing active cooperation among faiths in order to create more peaceful and productive communities across religious boundaries within and among nations.

Applications were invited from 18 countries. The first Fulbright interfaith scholars represent India, Indonesia, Israel, Lebanon, Nigeria, Pakistan, the Philippines, Russia, Turkey, and the United Kingdom. Participants began by taking part in a three and a half week program beginning in August at the University of California, Santa Barbara. They then left for individual ten-week placements at host institutions throughout the United States.

Following the placements, the group will reconvene in Washington, D.C., to share their experiences and to reflect on ways to encourage and facilitate interfaith cooperation within their own communities. ■

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## CALIFORNIA

The Hansen Summer Institute on Leadership and International Cooperation created by **San Diego State University** welcomed its first group of 22 students to a three-week leadership and conflict resolution program in July. Participating students from Bosnia, Cambodia, China, the Congo, Cyprus, India, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Morocco, Nepal, and Romania were making their first visit to the United States. The program, created through a \$1.7 million donation from the Fred J. Hansen Foundation, offers a university-based leadership experience in international cooperation.

“We are bringing together a group of students from diverse backgrounds, but with one critical thing in common: they want to help their country overcome its current political, social or violent conflict,” said Ron Bee, managing director of the institute. “This program will provide the tools for these students to go back to their homes and build a more peaceful future.”



SDSU's Hansen Summer Institute participants with San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders.

## FLORIDA

Four **Florida State University** (FSU) faculty members received Fulbright grants for 2007-2008. Tarek

## INDIANA

**The University of Notre Dame** is hosting Bríona Nic Dhiarmada, recipient of the Visiting Fulbright

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Abichou, associate professor of civil and environmental engineering, is in Tunisia exploring environmental solutions for soil, groundwater, and air pollution caused by waste disposal practices in the northern Africa region. Jeffrey Brooks, assistant professor of educational leadership and policy studies, is examining leadership for social justice in the Philippines. Professor of Economics James Cobbe is teaching at the University of Danang in Vietnam. Patricia Yancey Martin, the Daisy Parker Flory professor of sociology, is based at Gothenburg University in Sweden.

“I am very pleased that these faculty members have been selected as Fulbright Scholars,” said Dean of the Faculties Anne Rowe. “Not only will their contributions have global impact, but their students will also benefit significantly from this experience upon their return to FSU.”

Scholar Award in the Irish Language. Dr. Dhiarmada, a junior lecturer in the department of languages and cultural studies at the University of Limerick, is teaching courses in modern and contemporary Irish language and literature. She will also complete her research project, a bilingual annotated anthology of modern and contemporary poetry in Irish, at the university.

## MICHIGAN

**The Eastern Michigan University** (EMU) College of Business has signed an agreement with Kangwon National University (KNU) in Korea to enroll more graduate students at EMU. This is the second agreement that the college has signed with a Korean university and the first U.S. joint program for KNU. The agreement provides additional potential as the partners discussed the possibility of a program designed for Korean business managers. The connection between the two universities developed as a result of a summer English as a Second Language program offered by EMU. Five KNU students enrolled in that program, which eventually led to the agreement. The first 10 graduate students from Korea are expected to enroll at the U.S. university in fall 2008.

## MISSISSIPPI

**University of Mississippi** history professor Joshua Howard received a Fulbright grant to research the life and times of Chinese composer Nie Er. Dr. Howard is spending a year based at the Central Conservatory of Music in Beijing. His work involves researching and writing a biography of the radical composer, who was

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# Members

## OREGON

active in Shanghai's burgeoning film industry and leftist art circles during the 1930s.

"I had the good fortune of teaching his niece in 1988 at Yunnan University," said Dr. Howard. "I'm hoping to interview other relatives and music historians. I also plan to film footage of musicians performing his works to make a film documentary."

## NEW YORK

A record-breaking eight **Fordham University** students have received Fulbright grants for 2007-2008. The Fulbright recipients are Sarah E. Fetterhoff (Germany), Christina M. Gonzalez (New Zealand), Margaret M. Hargrave (Bolivia), Kevin A. Komoroski (China), Ken Mondschein (France), Matthew S. Pavone (Italy), Anna Polanski (Germany), and William Verzani (Indonesia).

Ms. Fetterhoff said she hopes to present a positive image of Americans while she is in Europe and to broaden her understanding of world cultures.

"I owe my fellowship in large part to my experiences at Fordham and living in the Bronx. Both have inspired me to bring an open mind and heart to my time in Germany," Ms. Fetterhoff said.

Three students from **Stony Brook University** have been awarded Fulbright scholarships to pursue research projects. Konstantine Rountos, a graduate student in oceanography, will travel to Greece where he will research destructive urchin grazing in coastal Greek seagrasses. Andrea Baden, a graduate student in anthropology, will go to Madagascar to study reproductive tactics of black-and-white ruffed lemurs. Carly Kenkel, a recent graduate who majored in marine

science, will travel to Thailand to conduct research on secondary effects of tsunamis, especially on coral disease.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Rassias Foundation of **Dartmouth College** and Worldfund, a nonprofit organization working to improve education for Latin America's poor, hosted 20 professors from Mexico's national university for teacher training for a 12-day, all-expenses-paid teaching workshop in Hanover, N.H. The professors were from Universidad Pedagógica Nacional, which is based in Mexico City and has 50 satellite campuses throughout Mexico. The Dartmouth College-Worldfund partnership is expected to result in an annual event to help Latin American educators improve their instruction of English.

## OHIO

Blessing Igboeli, a third-year medical student at the School of Medicine of **Case Western Reserve University**, is a Fulbright fellow in Nigeria. Mr. Igboeli is working to educate young couples on the causes of infertility with a focus on the preventable and treatable aspects of infertility.

"Senator William Fulbright was a visionary humanitarian and this scholarship signifies to me and to those who keep his dream alive through the foreign scholarship that we have an obligation to make this a better world by doing what we can to improve the human condition. I look forward to personal and professional growth that will enable me to contribute my best to the healthcare profession. I intend to embrace the experience wholly," Mr. Igboeli said.

Robin Young, a 2007 graduate of **Lewis & Clark College**, is working on a new approach to the problem of domestic violence. With the help of a Fulbright grant, Ms. Young is spending her first year out of college in the Dominican Republic, where she will study ways for mothers to communicate with their daughters in order to help women stop the cycle of domestic abuse. Ms. Young will interview female survivors of domestic violence, attend lectures at the Technological Institute of Santo Domingo, and participate in programs led by local domestic violence-related organizations.

## TEXAS

Rice University alumna Mary Elizabeth "Mamie" Air received a Fulbright grant to research dancers' health care issues at the Hospital for



Photo Credit: Mamie Air

*Rice University alumna Mamie Air in the Netherlands.*

Dancers and Musicians, The Hague, Netherlands. A lifelong dancer, she plans to develop dance medicine as a field and advocate for dancers' health needs on an international level. Ms. Air is a 2004 biochemistry graduate

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of Rice University, where she performed and choreographed for Rice Dance Theatre. She is currently enrolled in the Yale University School of Medicine.

“In dance culture, injury and pain are hidden, normalized, and even exalted,” Ms. Air said. “Most dancers perceive injury as an inevitable part of their career. I want to change that perception by documenting that improved access to care translates to better outcomes after injury.”

**WYOMING**

U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney and his wife, Lynne, have created at the **University of Wyoming (UW)** the largest single university endowment dedicated to study abroad support. The Cheneys donated \$1.8 million, an amount matched by the state of Wyoming, to establish scholarships promoting internationalization in education. The endowment will support four scholarship categories: Cheney Study Abroad Grants, Dick and Lynne Cheney Fellowships for Excellence in Study Abroad, Dick and Lynne Cheney International Awards for University Sponsored or Recognized Student Organizations, and Cheney Semester Support Scholarships.

“This gift shows a keen appreciation for the importance of our students having meaningful global experiences,” said UW President Tom Buchanan. “From its inception, our academic plan has stressed the need to secure financing that will allow more UW students to study abroad. This generous scholarship program will help us accomplish that goal and put UW on the path to ensuring opportunity for all of our students to gain global agility and understanding.” ■

**Fulbright Association Institutional Member Presidents Participate in Western Hemisphere International Education Delegation**

U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings and U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Thomas Farrell led a delegation of U.S. college and university presidents to Chile and Brazil in August. Representatives of Fulbright Association institutional members traveling in the delegation were Susan C. Aldridge, president, **University of Maryland University College**; Gregory Geoffroy, president, **Iowa State University**; John Hennessy, president, **Stanford University**; James B. Milliken, president, **University of Nebraska**; and Sean O’Keefe, chancellor, **Louisiana State University**.

Through meetings with students and leaders in higher education, government, and business, the group promoted U.S. higher

education, as well as a desire to expand educational partnerships in the western hemisphere. Members of the delegation communicated to various audiences that the United States welcomes and values international students. They also highlighted the importance of international education in strengthening U.S.-Latin American ties and preparing globally competitive American students.

The pairing of government and higher education leaders is the third in a series of delegations growing out of a commitment to greater partnership in the national interest made at the U.S. University Presidents Summit on International Education co-hosted by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Secretary Spellings in January 2006. ■

**Fulbright Association Institutional Members Succeed at Sending Students Abroad for Longer Tenures**

A new analysis by the Institute of International Education of its *Open Doors* study abroad data now ranks institutions in three categories: short-term duration of study abroad; mid-term duration of study abroad; and long-term duration of study abroad. Two Fulbright Association institutional members—**New York University** and **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**—rank in the top 20 in all three categories.

Other institutional members in the top 20 for long-term duration of study abroad are **Smith College**, the **University of California-Berkeley**, the **University of Wisconsin-Madison**, **University of California-Santa Cruz**, **Tufts University**, **University of California-Los Angeles**, **Middlebury College**, **University of Notre Dame**, and **University of California-Irvine**.

The previously unpublished data tables are now available exclusively on the Open Doors website at:

<http://opendoors.iienetwork.org/?p=StudyAbroadData>