Announcing the British Fulbright Scholars for 2016-17

The US-UK Fulbright Commission is proud to announce the British scholars from its 2016-17 cohort. During this academic cycle, 47 British scholars will be going on exchange to study, lecture and/or research in the US.

Among the 2016-17 grantees are the first cohort of the Fulbright Cyber Security Awards, set up by the Cabinet Office as part of a package of increased US-UK cyber security cooperation. This initiative was discussed on the visit of the Prime Minister, David Cameron to the White House for talks with President Obama in January 2015.

The scholars celebrated their success as they met US Ambassador Matthew Barzun at his official London residence, Winfield House during a reception to celebrate US-UK exchange programmes on Wednesday, 15 June. It was also a chance to wave farewell to our departing 2015-16 cohort of US Scholars.

Among the recipients are:

- **Catherine Law**, the first recipient of the Fulbright Postgraduate Award at the University of South Florida. She has volunteered with abuse-prevention charities, pioneering a campaign with Fixers to challenge the stigma facing young mothers. During her fully-funded PhD at USF, Catherine aims to discover how organisations in the US use such techniques to educate and empower young people to develop and maintain healthy relationships. Catherine graduated with a first-class honours degree in sociology from Abertay University in 2015. She subsequently undertook a criminal justice master’s degree at the University of Strathclyde.

- **Stuart Macdonald**, one of the first recipients of the Fulbright Cyber Security Awards. His recent research has focussed on terrorists’ use of the Internet; currently he is leading a study on online terrorist magazines, which seeks to track their dissemination via social media. Stuart will spend his Fulbright year at the Orfalea Center for Global and International Studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Stuart studied law at the Universities of Cambridge (BA) and Southampton (PhD) before moving to Swansea University in 2005, where he was appointed Professor in 2016.
Richard Wade, funded by the Fulbright Alumni UK Postgraduate Award. He will study for an MFA in photography at the Parsons School of Design in New York. Richard is interested in the relationship between photographic technology and artistic concepts in 21st century media. In 2012 he was awarded a first-class honours degree in photography from the University of Ulster. He has since been commissioned by clients including the Financial Times, the BBC and the Magnum Foundation. He recently exhibited with renowned Guggenheim Fellowship recipient Larry Fink at the Titanic Museum Belfast.

Minister for Cabinet Office and Paymaster General Matt Hancock said: “I welcome the announcement of the first cohort of Fulbright Cyber Security Awardees as part of this prodigious scheme. International educational exchange opens doors to opportunities and benefits both countries. This scheme demonstrates how important cyber security is and how important it is to have the right research and skills to keep people safe online across the world.”

Penny Egan CBE, Executive Director, US-UK Fulbright Commission said: “These Fulbright scholars represent the great academic diversity of the United Kingdom. They are ambassadors for Senator Fulbright’s vision of a world brought closer together through cultural and educational exchange. I am sure they will do the UK credit as they join a global Fulbright alumni network of Nobel Prize winners, world leaders and outstanding academics.”

Fulbright scholars come from many geographic regions of the UK, and their fields of study and their US host institutions are equally diverse. While on exchange, the cohort puts into practice the Fulbright mission of fostering leadership, learning and understanding between cultures.

View the biographies of all of the 2016-17 British participants.

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