

**J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board
Minutes of the 255th Quarterly Meeting
New York City, NY
June 11-12, 2012**

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The 248th meeting of the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board took place in New York City, NY on June 11-12, 2012 at the Ford Foundation.

Members in attendance at the quarterly Board meeting were: Chairman Tom Healy, Vice Chair Susan Ness and Members Anita McBride, Christie Gilson, Shelby Lewis, Mark Alexander, Betty Castor, and Gabriel Guerra-Mondragón. Participating via conference call for portions of the meeting were Members Lisa Caputo and Jean Becker. Excused was Member Rye Barcott.

Sunday, June 10, 2012

Members of the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FSB) who arrived early attended a dinner together with ECA officials and FSB Staff at the Red Rooster.

Monday, June 11, 2012

Closed Session

Day One of the Board meeting concluded with a private Board retreat to establish priorities and directions among the Board Members themselves.

Tuesday, June 12, 2012

Meetings at City Hall

Michael Bloomberg, Mayor of New York City
Christine Quinn, City Council Chair

Day two of the Board meeting commenced with the Board Members, ECA officials, Institute of International Education (IIE) representatives, and several NYC-based Fulbrighters attending a brief meeting and photo opportunity with Mayor Bloomberg who expressed his appreciation for the Fulbright program and for International education in general. This was followed by a meeting with City Council Chair Christine Quinn who spoke in depth about New York City's history and continued commitment to understating and appreciating international diversity and cultures. City Council Chair Quinn also discussed New York City's commitment to higher education and appreciation for the scholarship the Fulbright program grantees represent.

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Joe Daniels, 9/11 Memorial President

The Board Members, ECA officials, Institute of International Education (IIE) representatives, and a small number of Fulbrighters then proceeded to the newly opened 9/11 Memorial. The Board received a welcome and tour of the memorial by Daniel Libeskind, a Fulbright alumnus himself, and 9/11 Memorial President Joe Daniels. In addition the Board laid a Memorial wreath and located the names of two Fulbrighters whose names were inscribed on the memorial – Christian Adams and David Harlow Rice.

Discussion of “The Fulbright Triptych”:

Simon Dinnerstein, Fulbright Student 1970- 1971

Returning to the Ford Foundation, Chairman Healy expressed regret that the morning schedule did not permit the Board Members, ECA officials and Institute of International Education (IIE) representatives to see Mr. Dinnerstein’s painting in person at the German mission to the UN. Chairman Healy thanked Mr. Dinnerstein for agreeing to meet with the group and talk about his painting.

Mr. Dinnerstein explained how his Fulbright year in Germany was one of incredible growth both personally and professionally and that his work is meant to embody his Fulbright experience. The painting is specifically very detailed with various places, sights and sounds of his Fulbright year - almost life-sized; and painted so you “can walk into the painting and experience it yourself.” Mr. Dinnerstein also described an accompanying recently published volume of essays entitled “The Suspension of Time: Reflections on Simon Dinnerstein and *The Fulbright Triptych*.” This book consists of 40 essays on Dinnerstein and his *Triptych* by a diverse group of contributors, including poets, scholars, essayists, curators, musicians, composers, actors and filmmakers.

Chairman Healy encouraged all to go to the German Mission to see the painting in person.

Closed Session

The closed portion meeting concluded and a public session resumed in a new room.

Open Session

Chairman Healy opened the public session by welcoming the audience present in the room, as well as those in other countries participating via live stream, and gave an overview of the public session of the meeting and the panel discussion on the subject of “Fulbright in a Connected World.”

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Presentation of 2010-2011 Annual Report

At the beginning of the open session, FFSB Staff Specialist for Communications and Outreach Catherine Stearns gave a brief overview of the newly published [2010-2011 Annual Report of the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board](#), entitled *Celebrating Fulbright at 65: A Gift to the World*.

A Partnership Five Years On – Fulbright-mtvU Fellowship

Carlo diMarco, Senior Vice President Strategy & Operations, MTV 360

Carlo diMarco presented an overview of the Fulbright-mtv-U awards, which were celebrating their fifth year of awards. Mr. diMarco presented the newly selected class of Fulbrighters who will depart this fall for their programs. The 2012 Fulbright-mtvU Fellows are, Albulena Shabani of the University of Wisconsin, Jeff Roy of the University of California, Los Angeles, Katherine Cloutier of Michigan State University and Sebastian Modak from the University of Pennsylvania. These four U.S. scholars will be conducting research and sending blog updates from Kosovo, India, Barbados and Botswana respectively, for one academic year on projects of their own design around an aspect of international musical culture projects that are designed to promote “the power of music” as a global force for mutual understanding. Each spoke about their programs and excitement to embark on their Fulbright journey. A few alumni of the Fulbright-mtvU awards were also in the audience and spoke briefly about their experiences on the program.

Panel: Fulbright in a Connected World

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The Board hosted and listened to a panel discussion on social media strategies and how they are used to link people specifically how they can be utilized in an academic context to link people with similar Fulbright projects and interests. You can view the entire panel at the following link: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dT4if8GsA_I&feature=youtu.be

Reception in honor of the Fulbright-mtvU Fellowship Program

Hosted by Ambassador Susan E. Rice at the United States Mission to the United Nations

The Board attended a reception hosted by Ambassador Susan E. Rice to celebrate the fifth year of the Fulbright-mtvU fellows. Ambassador Rice, Stephen Friedman, and Tom Healy all gave remarks. Tom Healy’s remarks can be found at the following link: <http://tomhealyfsb.tumblr.com/post/25025617806/ladies-and-gentlemen-lets-rock-and-roll>