

Fulbright Association **new** logo

WE ARE HAPPY to present our new and improved logo design! As the official Fulbright Alumni Association in the U.S., we wanted to reflect a more consistent image of the Fulbright program, one that resonates

the same powerful message with our counterparts at the State Department and international Fulbright Associations worldwide. The new logo was approved unanimously by the Board of Directors in February.

Save the date: 36th Annual Conference: "Fulbright in action"

WE ARE EXCITED to announce our annual conference for 2013 in Washington DC on October 3-6! We are hoping to bring new energy and engage many more of our alumni and friends of Fulbright than years past.

"Most of us agree we can do more as a community to make a positive impact in the world and to pay forward the life-changing experience most of us had during our Fulbright. We are hoping this year's con-

ference theme, content, speakers, format, and action-oriented outcomes will inspire the Fulbright community to participate and help the Association evolve into a major contributor to the issues facing the world today", says new Executive Director, Steve Reilly.

We are working on the details for the event but wanted to let everyone know of

the date, venue and theme so you can save the date and start planning accordingly. We are hoping this conference will be a big catalyst for change in our Association so we can start communicating more effectively and doing more as a community to make a positive impact in the world.

Celebrating 36 years, the Fulbright Association's annual conference will be held at the **L'Enfant Plaza Hotel**, located in downtown Washington D.C. directly above the L'Enfant Plaza Metro, steps to Capitol Hill, a

The Fulbright Association has negotiated a hotel conference rate of \$149 per night + tax. To make your reservations, call 1-800-635-5065 and use the group code FLBRGT or go online to 2013 Annual Conference.

block from the National Mall and most of the Smithsonian museums. This year the conference will feature topics that ignite new ideas and discussions

that appeal to a cross section of attendees. As one of our Fulbrighter Wiltrud Hammelstein puts it, "There is no life after Fulbright as we are Fulbrighters for life." The Fulbright Association also seeks co-sponsors and contributors for the conference. If you are interested in co-sponsoring, attending or submitting a proposal please contact us through info@fulbright.org

Charting a new course - A call for support!



AS I CONTINUE to find my way in the role of Executive Director here at the Association since starting January 2 of this year, I am inspired daily by amazing Fulbrighters doing amazing things in the world. It is my hope that we not only start to tell their stories more effectively by providing them a platform to connect with all of you, but also to create new partnerships and pro-

grams to inspire greater dialogue and ignite action within and beyond our community. Most of our community (including myself) has been asking that we start doing more here at FA so here is your opportunity to start tuning in, volunteering, donating, and participating in some new initiatives we are hoping to introduce moving forward.

Our small (though mighty) staff and small budget would never allow us to grow any of these initiatives to a sustainable level with genuine value. We need your support so please show your support by making a **donation** to the association so we can get more done and sooner.

WHY DO WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT? Here is a sampling of new initiatives we are creating or considering:

• **COMMUNICATIONS & NETWORKING** We are aiming to enhance our communications platform to better share progress at FA, stories from the global Fulbright community, and facilitate connectivity within our member base through a more flexible, robust web and social media presence. Young Professional Alumni Initiative – an effort to help returning alumni transition from their Fulbright experience into the next phase of their life.

• **FULBRIGHT@HOME** A concept which will help bring the global to the local by allowing Fulbright alum opportunities to share their experiences, expertise and inspiration on a local level.

• **DIVERSITY EFFORTS** Working with minority service institutions, the State Department, IIE, CIES and others to help the Fulbright program and it's participants better reflect the true diversity of the American population.

• **CONFERENCES, KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITIES & ACTION**

We anticipate focusing on more relevant content for our conferences, building focused knowledge communities and events with content relevant to certain disciplines and professional tracks, and finding more opportunities for action-oriented outcomes that encourage us all to pay it forward together.

Stephen Reilly, Executive Director

• Have something newsworthy? email shaz.akram@fulbright.org



Reilly, López, Stock during the reception

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs honor European Fulbright Executive Directors

THE FULBRIGHT ASSOCIATION'S President **John Vogel** and Executive Director **Stephen Reilly** attended an evening reception along with the full group of 23 Executive Directors on Wednesday March 20th at U.S. Department of State Harry S. Truman Building in Washington DC.

Highlights included consultations with senior leadership and a reception in the State Department's Delegates Lounge, where Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs **Ann Stock** gave the welcoming remarks.

Together with their colleagues from the State Department and its partner organizations IIE (the Institute of International Education) and CIES (the Council for International Exchange of Scholars), the 23 Executive Directors discussed urgent topics including budgets, policy, fundraising, current trends in U.S. higher education, innovative practices in scholar program design, diversity, alumni relations, and using social media to tell the Fulbright story.

The European and Eurasian Programs Branch of the U.S. Department of State's Office of Academic Exchange Programs hosted the 29th Meeting of Executive Directors from the Fulbright Commissions of Europe during the week of March 18th. All 23 European Executive Directors took part, starting with an orientation and training program held during the first two days exclusively for seven of the newer Executive Directors.



European Executive Directors met in D.C.

Chapter Leadership Development Conference being held April 19-21 at Columbia College Chicago



Shaz Akram with chapter leaders at the 2012 Leadership Conference in D.C.

THE FULBRIGHT ASSOCIATION and the Chicago Chapter of the Fulbright Association are planning the second leadership conference in Chicago, Illinois this April 19-21.

The conference is designed to provide sessions to chapter leadership in areas like diversity, best practices, leadership styles, grant writing techniques, membership drives, running a successful chapter, programming, social media tools and promoting the Fulbright Scholarship program.

In September 2012, 48 chapter leaders attended the conference in Washington D.C., which also coincided with the J. William Fulbright Prize for International Understanding Prize ceremony held at the Library of Congress.

These conferences have been funded by a special enhancement grant by State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

This year the conference will be held at Columbia College Chicago with 55 chapter leaders in attendance. The three-day event will also feature presenters from Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), Institute of International Education (IIE), and Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES).

Many new chapter leaders will also be attending. New chapters created in the past one year include Mississippi,

Idaho, San Antonio, Eastern Washington/North Idaho, and North/South Dakota.

For a complete list of chapters visit www.fulbright.org

As a federated membership organization whose affiliates are called chapters, the Fulbright Association maintains a national chapter structure in which each level of the organization has rights and responsibilities. The national organization is the group within the federation to which all members belong.

Chapters vary in size and location; some are statewide while some serve metropolitan areas.

No matter where they are located, they all share one common characteristic – the members are a committed group of dedicated individuals who volunteer their time, talents, and many other resources to promote

chapter activities.

According to **David Larsen**, president of the Fulbright Association in 1986-87, the goals of association members who organized chapters in their communities were "to keep up with developments in the field, to form a network of those who have had Fulbright scholarships, to organize worthwhile activities relevant to the Fulbright experience, and to continue in a meaningful way, personal involvement with this important exchange program."

Want to start a new chapter? Contact Shaz Akram at the National Office shaz.akram@fulbright.org

GEORGIA CHAPTER

Eight years of Fulbright hospitality in Georgia... and counting

BY SANDRA MCQUEEN

EVER GO TO a country and never get to see inside an average home? Georgia Fulbright students and scholars can't say that is their experience.

Each year for the past eight years Fulbright Association's Board of Directors member **Jerry Cooper** and his wife Jean have invited the Fulbright students and scholars to their home for dinner and an informative program on a current topic of interest. Jerry is Chairman of COOPER CARRY, INC., a 52 year-old architectural firm with offices in Atlanta, Georgia, Washington, D.C., New York, and Newport Beach, CA. He received the degrees of Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Architecture from Georgia Institute of Technology. As the recipient of a Fulbright Fellowship, he studied at the Università di Roma in 1957 in Rome, Italy. In



Georgia Fulbright Association's Board of Directors member Jerry Cooper opens his house to Fulbrighters.

1997, he returned to Rome as a Visiting Artist at the American Academy.

On a warm February evening students from around the world made their way to the Cooper home in an Atlanta in town neighborhood. The students were treated to dinner and fellowship in the

house designed by the host. After dinner Mr. Cooper introduced the evening program: Ms. Holley Henderson and Mr. Mark Jensen. Ms. Henderson is a principal in H2Ecodesign and the author of *Becoming a Green Building Professional*. Mr. Jensen is a principal in the Science + Technology Specialty

Practice at CooperCarry, the Center for Connective Architecture. The two highlighted environmentally sustainable architectural practices, especially eco-positive designs in building environments, and entertained questions from the forty plus students, scholars, and alumni gathered for the occasion.

As the evening ended all were looking forward to the next opportunity to be together as Fulbrighters. The students and scholars have enjoyed many experiences during their stay in Georgia including welcome receptions, visits to historic sites, and meeting President Carter in Plains just before the November election.

The annual farewell reception at the Indian consulate will signal the end of the academic year and the dispersal of friends to various parts of the world. For those remaining it means getting ready to welcome new friends as the next group of students and scholars begin arriving this summer.

Advocating on Capitol Hill for the Fulbright Program



Shaz Akram, Rachael Aldridge (both from the Fulbright Association,) Olga Kolodina, Norma Toussaint (both from World Learning) and Martin Bennett (IIE-EducationUSA).

BY SHAZ AKRAM

EACH YEAR IN February the Alliance for International Education and Cultural Exchange hold Advocacy training for professionals to make a case to fund exchange programs.

The appropriation requests allow State Department to continue funding exchanges as well as build relationships with countries of importance.

Exchanges benefit both American and international citizens as they learn about different cultures, learn new languages, and enable open dialogue.

The Fulbright program is the flagship US government exchange program. It accounts

for 40% of the exchange program budget. International Education is the fifth largest export of the US, bringing in \$21.8 billion for the economy from international students.

According to State Department figures, the Fulbright program has 315,000+ alumni, including 29 heads of state, 44 Nobel Laureates, 88 Pulitzer Prize winners and 28 MacArthur Fellows. Current levels of funding are at 602.5 million. We want all our Fulbright alums to advocate for a larger share.

Several members of FA attended this year: Evelyn Gonzales, Mike Uretsky and Stephen Reilly, who also advocated for the Fulbright program.



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GREATER NEW YORK CHAPTER

Regulation of Biosimilars in the E.U.: a Model for the U.S.?: My Fulbright experience

BY NATASHA A. MOSKVINA

A FEW WEEKS away from the end of my grant, I look at my desk—at the stacks of interview reports, directives and their legislative histories, cases, programs from seminars I’ve attended, train tickets—and what stands out in my mind are the faces of people I’ve met and their enthusiasm about European Union and US law.

My apartment in Paris served as the headquarters for my research on competition issues relating to European Union’s regulation of biological medical products. I also worked from Paris’ Institute of Comparative Law, my host institution, various libraries in Paris, and cafés. My favorite office space, however, was the TGV—the high speed train—which gave a spectacular view at dawn and dusk of lakes with white swans, autumn forests, green pastures, rolling hills with scattered villages, mountains, cliffs and waterfalls, as I would sit by the window and work on my laptop.

In addition to France, my research took me to Belgium, the Netherlands and Switzerland to conduct interviews with scientists and members of the pharmaceutical industry. I was pleasantly surprised by the extent of the U.S. government’s involvement in helping U.S. citizens abroad. At the beginning of my research it was difficult for me to penetrate the network of the French pharmaceutical industry. Yet the Embassy, in particular Ambassador Stapleton and his economic team, helped me reach the industry members relevant to my work.

The richness of my experience is to a large extent due to the wealth of the Fulbright



Natasha Moskva and her family

network, and to my interaction with law students. In particular, two former grantees from France who studied in the U.S. forty years ago, introduced me to other attorneys and judges in France working on antitrust cases. Through my numerous meetings with Claude and Hubert I also learned about the evolution of the legal profession in France, French history and theater, home-made and restaurant cuisine, wine—I enjoyed the Nouveau Beaujolais on the first day of this year’s season, politics—I attended a live primaries debate of a French political party, and their experiences in the U.S.

For a few weeks during my grant I also took classes on international business law (end of the year, I received an LL.M.). Friendships with classmates from Germany, Switzerland and Italy were not only

fun, but also revealed how cultural differences influence our perceptions of world events. I was asked to explain what it was like to work for the U.S. government, and to address issues relating to the role of the U.S. in world politics. Another topic we found interesting was why business law is particularly popular among American law students while human rights law is a favorite among European law students.

My Fulbright experience was enormously enriching on many levels. In addition to giving a great sense of purpose and independence, it enabled me to meet dynamic people with an interest in sharing their experiences and learning about the U.S. I will remember my time as a Fulbright grantee as a collection of interactions that personified for me the diverse E.U.

2013 DEADLINES TO REMEMBER

April 19-21 Chapter Leadership Training

May 15 Tax filing

June 30 OME reports

July 31 OME 2013-2014 Grant applications due

August 30 OME Grant announcements

October 3-6 Annual Conference

November International Education Week

FLORIDA CHAPTERS

500th anniversary celebration of the landing of the Spanish explorer Juan Ponce De León

BY JESUS MÉNDEZ



STUDENTS AND ALUMNI from throughout the state of Florida of the Fulbright Scholarship Program will converge on St. Augustine, Florida, the weekend of April 5-7, 2013, to mark the 500th anniversary of the landing on the Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de León on our shores and the naming of our state "La Florida."

A morning session on April 6 at Flagler College in St. Augustine—co-sponsor of the weekend's event along with the three non-profit Fulbright Association chapters in Florida (North, Mid, and South Florida)—will count among the speakers **Dr. William T. Abare, Jr.**, president of Flagler College; The Honorable **Javier Pagalday Gastelurrutia**, Deputy Consul General of Spain for the Southeast; **Dr. Thomas Graham**, Professor of History at Flagler College, who will give the keynote address on the 500th anniversary of Florida; **Mrs. Betty Castor**, member of the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board and past president of the University of South Florida and former Florida Commissioner of Education; and **Ms. Shaz Akram**, Director of Chapter Relations of the Fulbright Association, Washington, D.C.

Among the other weekend activities will be special tours of Flagler College's Hotel Ponce de León, celebrating its 125th anniversary this year, and the Spanish Castillo de San Marcos, one of the jewels of our National Park Service. The weekend will also include lunch on Saturday at the splendid dining hall of Flagler College and a reception Saturday night hosted by Flagler College at the historic Markland House.

The state of Florida and its universities host Fulbright Scholarship recipients who represent some of the brightest young minds from around the world. For the year 2012-2013, Florida welcomed **60** foreign Fulbright students from **25** countries. These young men and women, chosen to come to Florida universities through a rigorous competitive merit process, add their skills and prestige not only to our state's institutions of higher learning but also impact our own Florida undergraduate university students who oftentimes study under their guidance.

In the past five years, **259** Fulbright graduate student grantees have come to Florida and studied at eight public and six private universities. Every year Florida graduate students enrolled at universities throughout our state compete for Fulbright grants. They travel abroad to study and conduct research at foreign universities since the Fulbright Scholarship Program is a true reciprocal academic exchange program. For the year 2012-2013, a total of **61** students attending Florida universities received Fulbright Scholarship grants.

The Fulbright Scholarship Program established in 1946 by the United States Congress envisioned mutual understanding among the peoples of the world through education. It is only fitting that, on the occasion of Florida's 500th anniversary marking an event which inserted Florida into an expanding globalization process and which introduced our state to a social diversity which enriches it down to the present, Flagler College and the Fulbright Association join with our young foreign guests and the people of Florida in commemorating that epic voyage 500 years ago of the Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de León.

SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER



The January board meeting of the San Antonio Chapter included more than thirty attendees.

San Antonio starts with a robust membership

BY PATRICIA BURR

THE SAN ANTONIO Fulbright Association (SAFA), formed in November 2012 as one of our newest chapters, is meeting monthly and featuring programs delivered by its new and growing membership base. Its January program meeting, hosted for lunch by St. Mary's University Graduate Dean, included more than thirty attendees.

The March lunch and program meeting, hosted by Provost Michael Fischer, is scheduled to be held at Trinity University. Interested student and faculty applicants will be included, as well as Fulbright alumni.

SAFA was initiated by **Dr. Pat LeMay Burr**, following the October 2012 London Fulbright Conference, where she presented a profile of her Fulbright-Hayes work in Kuwait. Upon her return she reached out personally to a group of local Fulbrighters, all of whom jumped at the formation, development and leadership opportunity. At that point, San Antonio was the largest city in Texas without a Fulbright Association Chapter.

The Board was formed at an interest meeting in November 2012 by willing and eager volunteers. Personal outreach by current members is not only to re-connect with area Fulbrighters, but also to support facul-

ty and students who want to know more about Fulbright. After the January meeting, one attending faculty member commented, "I had no idea there were short-term Fulbright opportunities that I could apply for. I can't spend a full, long semester abroad, but I can offer some valuable international support in other countries for a shorter period of time, so I will be applying for the Specialist Program." In response, Burr commented, "We in SAFA felt immediate success at that moment."

SAFA's area reaches beyond San Antonio into several nearby counties (of Texas' 254 far-flung counties.) Members are driving as far as 150 miles round-trip to attend mid-day meetings, and they all express gratitude at having a Fulbright Association Chapter to call home.

In addition to forming a dedicated board, SAFA reached out to ask Ambassador **James Creagan, Ph.D.** to serve as Distinguished Advisor to the Chapter. He immediately agreed, and is attending all meetings to offer support and answer questions about the Fulbright Program from a former ambassador's point of view. His insight is particularly valuable because of his service on a Fulbright Commission during his U.S. State Department career.

CENTRAL NEW YORK CHAPTER

Fulbright scholars share culture through poetry

BY JESSICA SOULE

FAMOUS AND ORIGINAL poems, and short stories served as a starting point for conversations regarding culture, the concept of masculinity in society and the changing roles of women around the world.

Past and current Fulbright scholars studying in the region met at the John. D. Barrow Art Gallery on a Saturday morning to speak about their experiences and read poetry, mostly from artists who represent their native countries. The CNY Fulbright Chapter welcomed people from around the world who are participating in the cultural program that sends Americans to distant lands and welcomes visitors from other nations.

Shirley Xue, a Fulbright scholar from China who studied American Literature, wrote a poem about her experience meeting her role model, Joyce Carol Oates. She also thanked the program that supports her work here.

"Literature is a magnet connecting strangers of different cultures," Xue read from her poem "To Joyce, a Light in my Life."

CNY Fulbright Chapter Pres-

ident **Elane Granger** said the program was a chance to bring alumni of the program and current participants together in the spirit of Fulbright, which is to spread peace and cultural understanding. The Syracuse University professor added that American students may apply to the program to teach English around the world.

Local **Janie Darovskikh**, a Fulbright alumna, created and organized the poetry exchange. Many of the participants shared the history of the authors they read. Some read the work in the original language before reading an English translation.

Jordan student **Lara Marto** and **Soufien Jarraya** of Tunisia read love poems by the Syrian diplomat Nizar Qabbani. This sparked a conversation about the inspiration of poetry and writing throughout the ages — love and heartbreak.

"Arab men don't share their feelings so this is a breakthrough. It makes him more human," Marto said of Qabbani. "That's why women love him."

As she read Qabbani's poem "Choose," she made hand gestures to punctuate points and



emphasize the rhythm.

Jarraya pointed to the fact that the desperation and tortured feelings of love Qabbani expresses is interesting in the context of coming from a patriarchal culture.

Ithaca College professor **Kathleen Mulligan** and her husband, **David Studwell**, spoke about their travels in India and Pakistan. Mulligan received a Fulbright grant in 2010 and 2012 for her project "Finding Women's Voices."

While in India, they started a program called Wheels for Women to provide domestic shelters with auto rickshaws to give women a source of income, a theme of the short story they read by Saadat Hasan Manto called "The License."

The 1930 story about an Indian widow who drives a coach

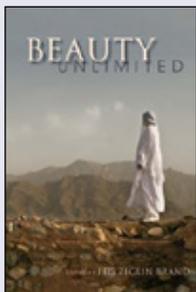
until the government puts a stop to that because of her gender has a clear connection to their program. The couple hopes to bring this short story to the theater.

"When we dramatize this, we can say, 'That was Manto's ending. We can change that ending,' We can change this," Studwell said, referencing to women's inequality.

Progress can take a long time, though. Mulligan referred to the recent Violence Toward Women Act New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo championed earlier this year.

"And we're supposedly a progressive country," she said, pointing to the gap in time between the women's rights movement and the recent law. View a video from this event at www.skjournal.com

Alumni recent accomplishments



Professor Emerita at Purdue University **Phoebe Farris, Ph.D.** who did her Fulbright in Mexico, has had an essay, "Indigenous Beauty" published in the book "**Beauty Unlimited**," Bloomington, IN:

Indiana University Press. The photo essay is an edited anthology that features 15 of her black and white photos and one color insert.

Also, Farris takes part in the exhibit "**Alchemical Vessels Exhibition**" that will be on display April 26-June 7, 2013 at the Joan Hisaoka Healing Arts Gallery, 1632 U St. NW in Washington, DC, www.smithcenter.org/gallery.

For this show, Farris is one of the featured artists selected to transform a ceramic bowl by means of her personal aesthetic and medium, "drawing inspiration from the bowl as a place of holding, open community, a circle of care, sacred space, nourishment, and even the alchemical vessel." 100 percent of the exhibition proceeds will go to support the Smith

Center's programs for people living with or recovering from cancer.

Hollis Thoms (Scotland, 1986-1987,) former NCAC board member, has been invited to submit 11 of his larger musical scores to be housed in a special collection at the **Maryland State Archives** in Annapolis, Maryland.

A number of his works were premiered as NCAC Fulbright events. The archival collection will include the scores, programs, recordings, and newspaper and journal articles written about the performances.

To learn more about composer and educator Hollis Thoms you may go to his website at www.hollisthoms.com.



Registration for the 2013 Annual Conference is open!

Don't miss the 2013 Annual Conference, to be held October 3-6, 2013 in Washington, DC. For more information, visit the conference [website](#). Make your plans to attend today!

Fulbright Scholar Discipline Peer Review Recruitment

THE FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR Program sends more than 800 U.S. faculty and professionals to nearly 130 countries each year to lecture and conduct research in a wide variety of academic and professional fields. One of the responsibilities of the **Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES)**, which assists in the administration of the program, is to manage the selection process of the Fulbright Scholar Program by facilitating Peer Review Committee Meetings.

The Peer Review process is comprised of two levels of review, Discipline and Regional, where each application is evaluated by at least two committees and recommended based on its merits. Each year, near-



Fulbright Scholar Peer Review Committee at a meeting

ly 550 Fulbright Scholar alumni and other distinguished scholars and professionals serve on one of these committees as part of a 3-year term.

CIES is now actively recruiting scholars and professionals to fill more than 200 open Discipline Peer Review Committee appointments across 78 disciplines. If you or someone you know is interested in joining a committee, please visit the CIES Peer Review website <http://cies.org/PeerReview>

or email PeerReview@iie.org for further information.

It is because of the dedication from peers of those applying for a Fulbright Scholar Program, that we can ensure a fair selection of the grantees. Without the effort from Fulbright alumni like you joining these committees, the Fulbright Scholar Program would not be the prestigious program that it is today.

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Remembering Chinua Achebe (1930-2013)

BY SHAZ AKRAM

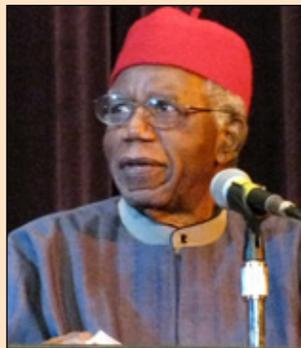
AS A CHILD growing up in Nigeria, Chinua Achebe's story "Things Fall Apart" was the centerpiece of our English Literature curricula. Students in my Nigerian classroom found the work of this native author to be inspiring. The story of Okonkwo was at once moving and tragic. It made an indelible impression on us as children growing up in a West African country steeped with tradition and culture. The life of Igbo people, the colonization by the British, the advent of Christian missionaries and the Biafran war all fashioned Achebe's style of writing.

His poems and short stories revered the beauty of African culture yet were poignant and sad lamenting the loss of a proud, traditional culture to Western colonization, corruption and a shift in values. To students in a classroom in Lagos these stories stimulated

our interest in writing and learning about our local roots.

Achebe's work, of course, was read far and wide beyond Nigeria. His first novel, "Things Fall Apart," sold more than 10 million copies in 45 languages and became a classic of world literature. His total body of work includes many poems and novels that collectively earned him global renown.

Achebe was able to touch students in the United States as a visiting professor. He was a Fulbright scholar-in-residence in 1987-88 as a visiting professor of Afro-American Studies and a fellow of the Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities at UMass Amherst. Achebe also taught at Bard College and most recently at Brown University. He lived in the United States from 1990 onward after a car accident left him paralyzed from the waist downward. He was a



Courtesy STUART C. SHAPIRO

lifetime member of the Fulbright Association. He was also a member of our **Eastern New York Chapter**.

Despite living in the United States, Achebe's heart was always in his African roots, yet he dreamed of faraway lands, lived the nomadic life of a true Fulbrighter and revered the values of international educational exchange. He was considered the "father of African literature" to many writers. He died last week in Boston at the age of 82.

SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS

- › *The Dorothy and Lillian Gish Prize*, 2010
- › *Man Booker International Award*, 2007
- › *1st Living Author presented in the Everyman's Library collection by Alfred A. Knopf*, 1992
- › *Rockefeller Fellowship*, 1960
- › *UNESCO Fellowship for Creative Artists*, 1960
- › *Margaret Wrong Prize*
- › *The New Statesman Jock Campbell Prize*
- › *The Commonwealth Poetry Prize*

SELECTED NOVELS

- › *Anthills of the Savanna*, (Anchor Press, 1987)
- › *A Man of the People* (Anchor Press, 1966)
- › *Arrow of God* (Anchor Press, 1964)
- › *No Longer At Ease* (Anchor Press, 1960)
- › *Things Fall Apart* (Anchor Press, 1958)

FOR CHAPTERS THE CENTER FOR ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP (ASAE) GRANT OPPORTUNITY

The ASAE Foundation Innovation Grants Program provides awards to support innovation exploration and development. This pilot program is one of many ASAE initiatives designed to raise awareness and encourage innovation in the association community.

Innovation can be defined as a new or significantly improved program, product, service, or process that adds value—usually for members or other stakeholders. It can be incremental or radical, but it basically comes down to this: any new idea that gets successfully implemented.

The ASAE Foundation Innovation Grants Program supports innovation by:

Travel grants For individuals who wish to pursue education in the area of innovation.

Grant opportunities: Apply!

Exploration grants For organizations that want to study or implement a new process, product, or business model.

Hybrid applications (including both travel and exploration) will also be accepted.

Funding Levels The ASAE Foundation Innovation Grants Program is offering four grants of up to \$10,000 each. For details on how to apply for the 2014 IGP Grants contact igp@asaecenter.com.

Eligibility Professional or trade associations, nonprofits, consulting companies that serve the association community and association industry partners are eligible to apply. All applicants or applicant teams must include at least one ASAE member. Learn more about the grant criteria [here](#).

FOR INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS UNITED STATES INSTITUTE FOR PEACE

USIP Public Education for Peacebuilding Support (PEPS) is open to all accredited colleges and universities, as well as public libraries, in the U.S. and its territorial possessions. All of the projects are international education focused.

The deadline for the second application cycle is **May 3, 2013** for events to be held between Aug. and Dec. 2013.

For more information on how to apply, click [here](#).

Public Education for Peacebuilding Support is a new initiative of the United States Institute of Peace (USIP) and administered by the Institute of International Education (IIE). The initiative seeks to support

American colleges, universities and public libraries interested in holding events addressing international peace and conflict resolution.

The support may be used for a variety of activities, including, but not limited to the following: **educational or training workshops, lectures, speaker programs, library forums or web-based forums**. Up to 250 institutions will receive up to **\$2,000** in matching support for their public education activities through two cycles over the period of Nov. 2012 – Dec. 2013.

USIP is the independent, nonpartisan conflict management center created by Congress to prevent and mitigate international conflict without resorting to violence. USIP works to save lives, increase the government's ability to deal with conflicts before they escalate, reduce government costs, and enhance national security.