Fulbright Flinders University
Distinguished Chair in American
Political Science 2011–2015

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In the spirit of Senator J. William Fulbright’s commitment to enhancing knowledge and relationships between nations, Flinders University welcomes the opportunity to host the Fulbright Distinguished Chair in American Political Science from 2011 to 2015.

Flinders University was awarded the prestigious Fulbright Distinguished Chair in American Political Science by the Australian-American Fulbright Commission in late 2009 following a national, competitive selection process. Flinders, in partnership with the Australian-American Fulbright Commission, now invites leading scholars from the United States to occupy the Chair as a visiting research fellow. The Fulbright Distinguished Chair Program provides a unique opportunity to undertake research into key political issues and related studies of importance to both Australia and the United States, for four to five months each year.

This publication provides prospective applicants with an overview of the position of Fulbright Flinders University Distinguished Chair in American Political Science; evidence of the University’s commitment to the study of American political science through its American Studies program; and a sample of what Flinders, Adelaide and South Australia have to offer.

This position is an exciting opportunity to forge meaningful relationships between Australia and the United States that will result in innovative research of mutual benefit. You will find Flinders University a dynamic and supportive place at which to conduct your research.

The Fulbright Program aims to bring a little more knowledge, a little more reason, and a little more compassion into world affairs and thereby increase the chance that nations will learn at last to live in peace and friendship.

Senator J. William Fulbright
Welcome

Flinders is proud to host the Fulbright Flinders University Distinguished Chair in American Political Science.

This initiative strongly resonates with Flinders University’s strategic vision and priorities and dovetails well with the strategic outlook for the state of South Australia. I am confident that it will enhance Australia’s national engagement with the United States, an engagement for which the Fulbright program has been such a successful and distinguished instrument.

At the very beginnings of Flinders University, the American Council for Learned Societies selected Flinders as the university in Australia for the location of its investment in American Studies. That selection acknowledged what Flinders remains to this day: a vibrant, innovative institution of higher education, where crossing disciplinary boundaries brings intellectual strength to research and education.

For Flinders University, hosting the Distinguished Chair in American Political Science is an opportunity not to simply reconfirm our traditions but also to enhance our future. The University will support the Chair in a generous manner that allows us to realise its potential.

I look forward to personally welcoming all successful applicants to this prestigious position.

Professor Michael Barber FAA, FTSE
Vice-Chancellor and President,
Flinders University
The Fulbright Flinders University Distinguished Chair in American Political Science

The Fulbright Distinguished Chair is considered amongst the most prestigious scholarships in the Fulbright Program. It attracts leading academics of established reputation with significant research and publication records.

Flinders University was selected to host the Fulbright Flinders University Distinguished Chair in American Political Science from 2011-2015, following a national competitive selection process. It aims to build ongoing collaborations and linkages between U.S. and Australian scholars and institutions through a program of annual appointments.

The Department of American Studies at Flinders University, headed by Professor Don DeBats, will host the annual Distinguished Chair. It has an impressive record of over 40 years of research and teaching in American Studies spanning a wide field of studies. Its links with U.S. institutions include many leading U.S. universities and research organisations, as well as a well-established internship program of sending Australian students of American politics to work in the U.S. Congress.

The Commission encourages American scholars to apply for this exciting opportunity, and looks forward to working with Flinders University in making an important contribution to raising awareness of the study of American politics and government in Australia through ongoing collaborations between Australian and American scholars.

The Australian-American Fulbright Commission looks forward to welcoming the inaugural recipient of the Fulbright Flinders University Distinguished Chair in July 2011 and subsequent Distinguished Chairs.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Lyndell Wilson
Acting Executive Director

February 2011
From February 2011, the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) is accepting applications on behalf of Flinders University for the inaugural Fulbright Flinders University Distinguished Chair in American Political Science in 2012.
The Fulbright Flinders University Distinguished Chair in American Political Science is a visiting research fellowship of four to five month’s duration. The five successful applicants are encouraged to bring their own research projects to Flinders, where they will be based in American Studies — Australia’s only university department devoted to the study of the United States.

American Studies is administratively located within the School of International Studies, Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences. This location will assist effective interaction and the development of ongoing research initiatives with academic staff in the School of International Studies, the Politics discipline, the Flinders University Law School and other areas of the University with a strong research interest in the United States.

The position provides a great opportunity for ongoing research that will extend beyond the duration of the appointment, giving applicants the chance to develop long-lasting connections and contacts both within the University and beyond. The Fulbright Commission will work with Flinders University on an associated program of visits and presentations around Australia for the Distinguished Chairs.

The key contact for the occupants of the Distinguished Chair is Professor Donald DeBats (Head, American Studies at Flinders University).

An overview of the application process and more information on how to apply for the position of Fulbright Flinders University Distinguished Chair in American Political Science can be found at the end of this publication.
American Political Science is understood to include projects relating broadly to the politics, governance, and public policy of the United States, including political thought and comparative politics. Scholars working on relevant topics in related disciplines such as history, law, and economics are encouraged to apply. American foreign relations, foreign policy, and security studies are equally germane. Applications are encouraged from scholars working in areas of interest to both Australia and the United States in the broad field of political science.

In addition, the appointment of the Distinguished Chair has the support of the South Australian Government, which sees the hosting of the Fulbright Distinguished Chair as an opportunity to develop ongoing research collaborations in several areas that are of particular interest to South Australia but also of great importance to our national and global communities.

These include, but are not limited to:

- the United States and the rise of China; the triangular relationship involving the United States, China and Australia; the implications of the rise of China for the Australia-U.S. security relationship.
- aspects of defence policy, especially defence science and maritime strategy. South Australia defines itself as Australia’s “Defence State” with the location in Adelaide of the Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO), one of the largest concentrations of defence science personnel in any nation.
- energy policy, affecting both mining and renewable energy. Adelaide and South Australia are home to some of the world’s largest mining operations involving uranium and copper.
- environmental issues, with a special emphasis on water policies. Issues of climate change and water scarcity are central strategic issues for the state and its capital city.
- strategic development of small states in large federations. Recent years have seen rapid change in the balance of power in Australian federalism.

These areas, which have a significant effect on Australia’s economy and policy environment, would greatly benefit from research collaboration between Flinders University and U.S. institutions. Being appointed as the Fulbright Flinders University Distinguished Chair in American Political Science provides a unique opportunity for scholars looking at similar policy issues to these in the United States to enhance and supplement their research interests, and benefit from the comprehensive resources and unique insights that Flinders has to offer.

Being a Distinguished Chair at Flinders provides a great opportunity to undertake research into key political issues that affect both Australia and the United States.
In 2000, the Department of American Studies at Flinders introduced a unique Washington Internship Program that enables selected students to undertake six-week placements in the U.S. capital. The Washington Internship Program, a pioneering initiative sending Australian students of American politics to work in the United States Congress, has so far sent 65 qualified upper-year students from Flinders University to Capitol Hill. This may well constitute a greater student intern presence in the U.S. Congress than achieved by any other non-U.S. university; certainly it represents the greatest presence on Capitol Hill achieved by any Australian university.
American Studies at Flinders

BACKGROUND
The Distinguished Chair in American Political Science builds upon the strength of Flinders University in American Studies, a focus of the University since its founding. Initially supported by the American Council for Learned Societies (ACLS), American Studies at Flinders University has been a distinctive feature of our intellectual profile and academic programs for over 40 years. American politics has been taught at Flinders University longer and more consistently than at any university in Australasia, and American Studies at Flinders remains the only department of its kind in the nation and in the region. The American Studies website can be found at www.flinders.edu.au/sabs/americanstudies

STAFF INVOLVED IN AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE
The teaching and research of our wide and interdisciplinary array of staff presents a powerful and coherent U.S. focus. This fits well with the location at Flinders of a Distinguished Chair in American Political Science, itself a wide field that spans political philosophy, comparative politics, international relations, federalism, political history, foreign policy, elections, law, legislation and policy. Flinders academics with research interests in the U.S. regularly receive national and international funding for their research. Included amongst the academic staff who define their research interests to be significantly focused on many areas of specialisation within the broad area of American political science are:

- **Professor Donald DeBats**: American politics and political science; comparative Australian, Canadian and American politics; nineteenth century American political history; American intellectual history.
- **Professor Peter Edwards, AM**: History of the Australia–United States relationship, especially World War II and the Vietnam War; twentieth century U.S. foreign policy.
- **Dr Prudence Flowers**: Contemporary histories of the United States, particularly abortion politics; second wave feminism; histories of conservatism, and broader issues of social movement activism.
- **Dr David Palmer**: American social, labor and business history; comparative labor history.
- **Associate Professor Greg Tobin (Academic Status)**: Responses to natural disaster; immigration history; history of the trans-Mississippi west.
- **Dr Maryanne Kelton**: Australia–United States alliance relations, in particular defence and trade; impact of U.S. foreign policy on Australia, U.S. economic statecraft; domestic forces shaping U.S. foreign policy.
- **Associate Professor Richard Leaver**: Australia’s economic relations with the United States, Japan and China; energy markets and U.S. role in their structuring; nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament politics; the quality of U.S. leadership; academic theories and public debates about “American unilateralism”.
- **Professor Richard Maltby**: History of the American cinema; film censorship and self-regulation; the political dimension in film distribution; perceptions of “America” in Hollywood films.
- **Associate Professor Lionel Orchard**: U.S. public choice theory and related theories of government, social capital, “third way” reform and public policy.
- **Associate Professor Anthony Langlois**: Human rights, democracy and globalisation, especially with U.S. political scientists and theorists.
- **Professor George Crowder**: Modern American political theorists including John Rawls, Michael Walzer, and Martha Nussbaum.
- **Professor Andrew Parkin**: U.S. governmental and policy debates.
RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS
Flinders academics actively contribute to the scholarly discourse on American Studies and regularly publish journal articles, chapters and books. Some books published by Flinders academics engaged in the study of the United States include:


COURSES OFFERED IN AMERICAN STUDIES
Flinders offers a comprehensive and integrated American Studies program enabling students to examine the United States through multiple topics — in American history, politics, economics, foreign policy, and culture — that equal or exceed that offered anywhere in the Asia Pacific region.

A list of American Studies courses and topics available at the undergraduate, honours and postgraduate levels at Flinders can be found at: www.flinders.edu.au/sabs/americanstudies/courses

AMERICAN STUDIES PhD PROGRAM
PhD candidates at Flinders currently working exclusively on U.S. topics include the following:

- Roderick Essery: The Cherokee Nation in the Late 19th Century.
- Sarah John: Political Parties and Electoral Reform: Case Studies from Australia, Canada and the United States.
Collaborations and Partnerships

There are a number of dynamic collaborations and partnerships in American political science occurring between Flinders University and various U.S. institutions.

The Pittsburgh-Adelaide Research Project: This collaborative project, initiated at Flinders University to mark the establishment in Adelaide of the Heinz School of Public Policy and Management from Pittsburgh’s Carnegie Mellon University, aims to compare public sector policy challenges and responses for metropolitan Adelaide and metropolitan Pittsburgh — both considered in their broader geographic and governance contexts.

College of William and Mary: A teaching exchange program between Flinders and William and Mary, initially sponsored by the United States Congress as part of the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution, has led to a pattern of visits, seminars, and shared research interests.

The University of North Carolina: Flinders University academics have developed an ongoing association with digital humanities research projects at the University of North Carolina.

Harvard University: Flinders University has been in partnership with Harvard’s Center on Media and Child Health since 2010 to convene an interdisciplinary Symposium on Media and Children’s Well–Being. The Symposium aims to define the appropriate regulatory and legal framework for protecting children’s interests in this modern media environment.

The University of Virginia: A major collaborative research project is in the development stages involving American Studies staff at Flinders, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and research institutes at the University of Virginia including the Institute for Advanced Technology in the Humanities and the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities.

U.S. Institutes of Advanced Study: American Studies academics at Flinders University have been appointed as research fellows at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, The National Humanities Center, and the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities.
Library Collection

The core of the Flinders University Library collection on the United States dates back to the founding of the University and a grant by the American Council for Learned Societies to establish a Chair of American Studies at Flinders and to create a Library collection in support of this development. The Library holds about 35,000 volumes relating to the United States, one of the largest American collections in Australia. The Library of American Civilization is another vast collection of over 12,000 microfiches of historical titles on all aspects of American life. These cores are augmented by a significant holding of U.S. material at the University of Adelaide, connected, as are all research libraries in Australia, by an efficient inter-library loan system.

The Flinders University Library holds hard copies of most American political science journals, many back to their first issue, and participates in all major electronic retrieval systems for journals, including ProQuest, Expanded Academic ASAP, JSTOR, Factiva, CIAO, the Cambridge University Press and Oxford University Press databases, Sage Journals online, ScienceDirect, and Wiley InterScience. The inter-library loan system also supplies prompt electronic copies of journal articles not available via the online databases.

The Flinders University Library can be found online at: www.flinders.edu.au/library
Flinders University has a long history of engaging with the Fulbright Program. Forty-nine of our staff and students have received Fulbright scholarships over the University’s forty-five year history. In addition, many of the University’s foundation Chairs and senior staff members were Fulbright Scholars.
Flinders University is everything a modern university should be — progressive and dynamic yet still friendly and accessible. We are a leading international university distinguished by our boldness, vigour and imagination. We are environmentally astute, engaged with the communities we serve and dynamically connected to the wider world. And we encourage and value cultural diversity. Of the total student population of approximately 17,600 in 2010, Flinders attracted more than 2000 students from approximately 100 different countries.

Located 30 minutes south of the central business district of South Australia’s cosmopolitan capital Adelaide, the spacious main Flinders campus has a natural, hillside setting overlooking the Southern Ocean.

Operating within this tranquil environment is a dynamic team of over 2,000 teaching, research and general staff, academically organised into four Faculties — Education, Humanities, Law and Theology; Health Sciences; Science and Engineering; and Social and Behavioural Sciences. Each of the University’s four Faculties comprises several Schools. For example, the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences in which the Department of American Studies belongs is made up of the Flinders Business School, School of Psychology, School of Social and Policy Studies, and the School of International Studies.
The Flinders campus is only 30 minutes from the Adelaide city centre. Here you will find the gourmet Central Market; streets lined with restaurants, clubs and fashionable shopping outlets; plus cultural institutions like the Art Gallery of South Australia, the South Australian Museum, and the Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute.

Festivals, concerts, drama performances, the opera and sporting events are held all year round. Some of our best known events include the biennial Adelaide Festival of Arts and the annual Fringe Festival and WOMADelaide. Adelaide, with its population of approximately 1.2 million, is a major university city accustomed to fostering international research collaboration. The city is home to three Australian universities — Flinders, the University of Adelaide and the University of South Australia — as well as branches of Carnegie Mellon University, Cranfield University, University College London, and the Royal Institution of Australia — the only overseas satellite of the Royal Institution of the UK.

Adelaide also comes highly recommended as a city — The New Yorker magazine described the city as “possibly the last well-planned and contented metropolis on earth” while Lonely Planet acclaimed Adelaide as “civilized and calm in a way that no other Australian State capital can match.”

While there is plenty to see and do in cosmopolitan Adelaide, outside of the city is where you can experience a different side of Australian life. Adelaide is just minutes away from the coast, while under an hour’s drive will take you into the countryside with sheep and dairy farms or sprawling vineyards and nearby wineries. Travel a little further and you will see wheat fields or might come across the red cliffs along the banks of the Murray River. Along the coast are small fishing towns and ports for grain export, and of course the renowned Kangaroo Island with its abundant wildlife. Just over four hours from Adelaide are the spectacular Flinders Ranges, marking the start of Australia’s Outback.

People in South Australia are friendly, kind and welcoming, and the pace of life is comfortable and relaxed. The weather here is Mediterranean with cool to cold, snowless winters and warm to hot, dry summers.

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For more information on Adelaide and South Australia go to the South Australian Tourism Commission website at: www.southaustralia.com
Support of State Government

The position of Distinguished Chair in American Political Science at Flinders University is welcomed by the South Australian Government and has the support of Premier Mike Rann.
The Distinguished Chair Program is viewed as among the most prestigious appointments in the Fulbright Scholar Program.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW
Established in 2005, this scholarship is for a leading U.S. Professor or Associate Professor to conduct collaborative research at the host institution along with some guest lectures at advanced undergraduate and postgraduate levels. A national tour with guest presentations at institutions across Australia will be coordinated with the Fulbright Commission and the U.S. Embassy. The scholarship supports a 4–5 month position.

The Fulbright Distinguished Chair Program operates through the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) and operates much like the U.S. Fulbright Senior Scholar Program.

Currently, there are approximately only 40 Fulbright Distinguished Chairs across 15 countries. The Australian Fulbright Distinguished Chair is the only Fulbright Distinguished Chair outside Europe and Israel, and the first ever in the East Asia Pacific region. Additional background information about the Fulbright Australian Distinguished Chair program is available at: www.fulbright.com.au/scholarships/american.html

SPECIALISATION IN AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE
For this chair, American political science is interpreted broadly to include topics related to the politics and governance of the United States. Scholars working in related disciplines, such as history, law or economics, are welcome to apply. Preference will be given to scholars working in areas of interest to both Australia and the United States. Such areas include, but are not limited to, federalism; foreign relations (including the Australian-American relationship); defence policy, including defence science, maritime strategy, and other aspects of international security; public policy on energy, the environment (especially water security) and mining; and urban and rural policy-making.

Candidates should have the status of full Professor or Associate Professor.
FULBRIGHT FLINDERS UNIVERSITY DISTINGUISHED CHAIR IN AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE

This position is intended to increase awareness of the study of American politics and government in Australia and promote comparative and collaborative research in political science between Australia and the United States. A national speaking tour to visit interstate universities is thus a key part of this Distinguished Chair program. The Chair is also expected to undertake targeted media interviews coordinated with the Fulbright Commission. The Chair is affiliated with the Department of American Studies, which supports a strong American Studies program and offers undergraduate courses in American politics and government, American political history, American political thought and an internship program with the United States Congress. The Americanists in the school are active researchers and supervise PhD students in American politics, political history, and U.S. foreign policy. American Studies is located in a School of International Studies with strong international relations interests and an extensive teaching program in China at Nankai University. International Studies cooperates closely with the School of Social and Policy Studies and the Flinders Law School.

For more information about the Fulbright Flinders University Distinguished Chair in American Political Science, please contact Professor Don DeBats (Head, American Studies, Flinders University) at don.debats@flinders.edu.au or Ms Lyndell Wilson (Acting Executive Director, Australian-American Fulbright Commission) at executive@fulbright.com.au

ELIGIBILITY

Candidates should be senior scholars and have a significant publication and teaching record with rank of full Professor or Associate Professor. For further information visit the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) at: www.cies.org/chairs

FULBRIGHT FLINDERS UNIVERSITY DISTINGUISHED CHAIR BENEFITS

The value of the Visiting Distinguished Chair in 2011–15 will be U.S. $46,000 for up to 5 months, including travel, stipend, accommodation and a national speaking tour. It includes:

- Stipend: U.S. $4,800 per month
- Accommodation: Apartment arranged by Flinders University
- International travel: U.S. $8,000
- Australian travel: U.S. $4,000 for a national lecture tour

Beyond the funds related to the Fulbright Scholarship, the program also provides:

- health coverage under Medicare (Scholar only)
- Health and Accident Insurance (ASPE) to maximum of U.S. $100,000 (Scholar only)
- tuition fee waiver for school age dependents enrolling in an Australian public school
- invitation to Fulbright events including an Enrichment Program for U.S. Fulbright Scholars to be held in Canberra in August, and the Fulbright Annual Presentation Dinner in March
- access to the Fulbright Alumni Association in the U.S. to assist with your preparation, and in Australia for social and professional networks
- support through the Fulbright Commission to assist with administration, visas and general enquiries.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants should apply online through the CIES Fulbright Distinguished Chair site at www.cies.org/chairs

Note: applicants are not required to submit a course syllabus for this scholarship.

TIMELINE

The Chair can be commenced in either August 2012 or February 2013.

| February 2011 | 2012–2013 applications open |
| 1 August 2011 | Applications are due |
| October – November 2011 | Peer review assessment in U.S. coordinated by CIES |
| December 2011 | Shortlisted applications are forwarded to the Fulbright Commission for final selection process (pending final approval by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board in the U.S.) |
| January or February 2012 | Successful applicant notified of outcome |
| August 2012 or February 2013 | Fulbright Flinders University Distinguished Chair can be commenced |