

WOMEN FULBRIGHTERS' WORLDWIDE IMPACT BUILDING DEMOCRACY AND CIVIL SOCIETY FROM THE GROUND UP

Hilary Ligon, U.S. Fulbright Student in Jordan, 2002-03: As a Fulbrighter studying women in politics, I associated with Jordanian women on a personal level that facilitated real intercultural dialogue and mutual understanding. The insights I gained are helping to inform projects that benefit the women of Jordan and their families.

Rachida El-Diwani, Egyptian Fulbright Scholar in the United States, 2002-03: During my Fulbright teaching at Chatham College, I reached out to people across America to break down stereotypes about women from the Muslim world. My talks at churches and synagogues sent a strong message and showed how Egyptian women build bridges of understanding across cultures.

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S Department of State is proud to recognize the contributions of women Fulbright alumni at the grassroots level and on the global stage. The women Fulbrighters below are but a small sampling of the more than 250,000 Fulbright alumni worldwide who are working to build democracy and civil society from the ground up.

Azizah al-Hibri - USA, Founder and President of Karamah: Muslim Women Lawyers for Human Rights and Professor of Law, University of Richmond Fulbright scholar in Qatar, 2001

Helen Anderson - New Zealand, Chief Executive, Ministry of Research, Science and Technology Fulbright scholar at University of California, 1990

Shirani Bandaranayke - Sri Lanka, Supreme Court Justice Fulbright student at University of Virginia, 1996

Maria Baron - Argentina, Director of Transparency Policies Center for the Implementation of Public Policies Fulbright/APSA Congressional Fellow, 2003-04

Aicha Belarbi - Morocco, Scholar and Women's Rights Activist. Former Ambassador to the European Union. 2000-03. Fulbright scholar at Harvard University, 1994

Ellen Boneparth - USA, Director, Policy and Programs, National Council of Women's Organizations Fulbright scholar in Australia, 2002-03

Rahma Bourquia - Morocco, President, Hassan II University, Mohammedia and Morocco's first female university president. Fulbright scholar at Princeton University, 1991-92

Henryka Bochniarz - Poland, President of the Polish Confederation of Private Employers Fulbright Scholar the University of Minnesota, 1985-87



Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs Patricia Harrison (left) presents a complimentary laptop computer, donated by Dell Products, L.P., to Iraqi Fulbright student Lazha Talat, February 4, 2004. (State Department Photo)

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Lee Bontecou - USA, Artist
New York's Museum of Modern Art exhibits a retrospective of her work, July 30 - September 27, 2004. Fulbright student in Italy, 1956-58

Eve Burton - USA, General Counsel, Hearst Corporation and member of the board of Women's eNews
Fulbright student in Thailand, 1985-86

Ruth Cardoso - Brazil, Sociologist and First Lady of Brazil, 1995-2002
Fulbright scholar at Columbia University, 1988

Patricia Cardoso - Colombia, Film Director
Fulbright student at UCLA, 1987-89

Pilar del Castillo - Spain, Minister of Education, Culture and Sports
Fulbright student at Ohio State University, 1980

Chan Heng Chee - Singapore, Ambassador to the United States
Fulbright student at Cornell University, 1964-65



Fulbright student alumna Chan Heng Chee Ambassador of Singapore to the U.S. (left) and U.S. Under Secretary for Global Affairs Paula Dobriansky (a Fulbright-Hays grant recipient) sign a Memorandum of Intent on Environmental Cooperation at the State Department in June 2003. (State Department Photo)



An Afghan teacher embraces First Lady Laura Bush during a December 2002 visit of Afghan women teachers to the White House sponsored by ECA's Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program. (White House Photo)

Laura D'Andrea Tyson - USA, Dean, London School of Business
She was chair of the White House Council of Economic Advisors, 1993-95. Fulbright student in Yugoslavia, 1972-73

Tanis Doe - Canada, Sociologist and Disability Rights Activist
Fulbright scholar at University of Washington, 2001-02

Elizabeth Drexler - USA, Assistant Professor, Michigan State University Research and writing explore how the institutions of civil society mediate political violence in post-conflict countries. Fulbright New Century Scholar in Indonesia, 2002-03

Dame Ivy Dumont - The Bahamas, Governor-General
Fulbright teacher in the United States, 1962-63

Jessica Einhorn - USA, Dean, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies
She was managing director of the World Bank. Fulbright student in Venezuela, 1967-68

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Bogaletch Gebre - Ethiopia, Founder and Executive Director, Kembatta Women's Self-Help Center
Fulbright student at University of Massachusetts - Amherst, 1971-73

Meenaksh Gopinath - India, Principal, Lady Sri Ram College
Fulbright student at Georgetown University, 1979-80

Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic - Croatia, Minister of European Integration
Fulbright scholar at George Washington University, 2002

Danuta Hubner - Poland, Minister for European Affairs
Commissioner-designate to the European Union.
Fulbright scholar at University of California, Berkeley, 1988-89

Ann Jordan - USA, Director, International Anti-Trafficking Project,
International Human Rights Law Group, Fulbright scholar in China, 1990-91

Salma Khan - Bangladesh, Member of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)
Fulbright student at University of Chicago, 1964-65

Leany Lemos - Brazil, Legislative Consultant, Federal Senate
Fulbright/APSA Congressional Fellow, 2003-04

Rose Lugembe - Tanzania, Permanent Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister
Fulbright student at University of Southern California, 1983

Marina Mahathir - Malaysia, President of the Malaysian AIDS Council
Fulbright scholar at University of Southern California, 2002

Purnima Mane - India, Chief Portfolio Director, Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
Fulbright scholar at the Johns Hopkins University, 1991-92

Maria Martin - USA, Executive Producer, Latino USA
Fulbright scholar in Guatemala, 2001



Ethiopian Fulbright alumna Bogaletch (Boge) Gebre (second from the left) leads community-based training for the women of Kembatta. (Photo courtesy of Kembatta Women's Self-Help Center)

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Beatriz Merino - Peru, Senior Advisor for Taxation, the World Bank
Named Peru's first female prime minister in 2003. Fulbright student at Harvard Law School, 1975-77

Nell Merlino - USA, Co-Founder, CEO and Chair, Count Me In for Women's Economic Independence
Creator and producer of *Take Our Daughters to Work Day for the Ms. Foundation*.
Fulbright student in the United Kingdom, 1977-79

Victoria Mkawa - Uganda, Member of Parliament
First chair of women's studies at Makerere University
Fulbright scholar at Michigan State University, 1980



Peru's former Prime Minister and Fulbright alumna Beatriz Merino shakes hands with U.S. Secretary of State Colin L. Powell during their September 2003 meeting at the State Department.
(AP photo by Lisa Nipp)

Yvonne Muthien - South Africa, Group Executive, Corporate Affairs, MTN and Chair of the President's Advisory Council for National Orders
Fulbright student at Northwestern University, 1979-80

Najma Najam - Pakistan, Vice Chancellor, Fatima Jinnah Women's University, Pakistan's first and only public university for women
Fulbright student at Bowling Green State University, 1975-80;
Fulbright scholar at University of Pittsburgh, 1995-96

Gabrila Nunez de Reyes - Honduras, Presidential Candidate
Former Minister of Finance, 1999-2001.
Fulbright student at SUNY Albany, 1986

Hilda Ochoa-Brillembourg - Venezuela, President and CEO, Strategic Investment Group and Founding Chairman of Youth Orchestra of the Americas
Fulbright student at Harvard University, 1971-74

Norani Othman - Malaysia, Professor, Malaysian Institute of International Studies and Founding Member, SIS Forum Malaysia (Sisters-in-Islam)
Fulbright scholar at Emory University, 1996

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Brown University President Ruth Simmons received the Fulbright Alumni Association Lifetime Achievement Medal in 2002. Photo: Courtesy of Brown University

Tea Petrin - Slovenia, Minister of Economic Affairs
Ambassador-designate to the Netherlands.
Fulbright scholar at University of California at Berkeley, 1993-94

Mahtab Akbar Rashdi - Pakistan - Secretary of Information for Sindh Province and television anchor and commentator
Fulbright student at University of Massachusetts, 1976-77

Dorothy Roberts - USA, Kirkland and Ellis Professor, Northwestern University Law School Board member, National Black Women's Health Project. Fulbright scholar in Trinidad and Tobago, 2002-03

Nelly Salgado de Snyder - Mexico, Director, Community Health and Social Welfare, National Institute of Public Health
Fulbright New Century Scholar, 2001-02

Corazon C. Santos-de la Paz - Philippines, President and CEO, ASEAN Social Security System
Fulbright student at Cornell University, 1964-65

Jillian Schwedler - USA, Assistant Professor, University of Maryland
Work examines democratization and political Islam in the Middle East
Fulbright student in Jordan, 1996-97; Fulbright New Century Scholar in Jordan, 2002-03

Buthaina Shabaan - Syria, Minister for Expatriate Affairs
Former spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
Fulbright scholar at Duke University, 1990-91

Ruth Simmons - USA, President of Brown University
First African-American woman president of an ivy-league university.
Fulbright student in France, 1967-68

Margaret Snyder - USA, Founding Executive Director,
United Nations Fund for Women (UNIFEM)
Fulbright scholar in Uganda, 1995-96

Pratiwi Sudarmono - Indonesia, Associate Professor of Microbiology, University of Indonesia and Chair, Professional Women's Association, an Indonesian NGO with 12 million members
Fulbright New Century Scholar, 2001-02

Tamara Sulukhia - Georgia, Minister of Infrastructure and Development
Fulbright scholar at George Washington University, 2001-02

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Yuli Tamir - Israel, Member of the Knesset
Fulbright Scholar at Princeton University,
1994-95

Oyungerel Tsedevdamba - Mongolia,
Executive Director of the Liberty Center
Fulbright Student at Stanford University,
2003-04

Nisha Varia - USA, Asia Researcher,
Women's Rights Division, Human Rights
Watch
Fulbright student in India, 1997-98

Elayne Whyte Gomez - Costa Rica,
Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs
Fulbright student at the Monterrey Institute
for International Affairs, 1993-94

Shirley Williams - United Kingdom,
Leader, Liberal Democrat Party, House of Lords
Fulbright Student at Columbia University, 1952

Lisa Woll - USA, Executive Director, International Women's Media Foundation
Founder of *Suited for Change*, an NGO that provides professional clothing
and career training to low-income women.
Fulbright student in Australia, 1989-90

Wu Qing - China, Deputy, Beijing Municipal People's Congress and Women's Rights Activist
Fulbright scholar at Stanford University, 1993

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Israeli Fulbright alumna and Member of the Knesset Yuli Tamir meets with Daniel C. Kurtzer, U.S. Ambassador to Israel in November 2001. (Photo by U.S. Embassy-Israel)