



XXIX American Voices Seminar

October 7-8, 2022
University of Turku, Main Building (Henrikinkatu 2)

Itinerary for Finnish Fulbrighters (as of Sept 28, 2022)

CONTACT INFORMATION

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ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

Sokos Hotel Kupittaa

Joukahaisenkatu 6

20520 Turku

Your one-night accommodation (Oct 7) in a single room is covered by the Fulbright Finland Foundation.

Sokos Hotel Kupittaa is located in the Kupittaa area of Turku, a 2-minute walk from the Kupittaa train station and a 20-minute bus ride from the Turku railway station. Check-in starts at 15:00, but luggage can be left at the hotel when you arrive at Turku. Check-in at the hotel can be made after Friday's program has ended. If you are staying additional nights at your own expense, please make sure you pay any out-of-pocket costs. Please note that on the day of your departure, you should remove your luggage from your room by 12:00 noon. You may leave your carry-ons at the luggage storage at the hotel.

DRESS CODE

Dress code for the presenters at the seminar is **business casual**. We will be walking as a group between locations so it is recommended that you also bring comfortable shoes.

SOCIAL MEDIA

The Foundation will be tweeting (@FulbrightFIN) and publishing photos on Instagram (@fulbrightfinland) during the seminar and using the hashtag #AmVoices2022. Feel free to pitch in with your posts and photos on social media!

GROUP PHOTO

A group photo will be taken of all the grantees during the weekend. The exact time will be announced during the seminar.

WI-FI

The University of Turku offers a campus-wide Wi-Fi connection for visitors. Please refer to instructions on how to access the connection at:

<https://www.utu.fi/en/university/wireless-networks-username-and-it-support/wireless-networks>

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

ARRIVAL

NOTE! Important information about railway line interruption in Turku

Those of you who travel to Turku by train, please note that there is track work between the Turku central railway station and the Turku Kupittaa station. **Our hotel is located right next to the Turku Kupittaa station.**

1. If you travel to Turku from/via Helsinki, please search for connections to Turku Kupittaa.
2. If you travel to Turku from/via Tampere, please search connections to Turku (central railway station). The distance between the two stations is about 3 kilometers. **Inari Ahokas** will be arriving to Turku Main Railway Station on Friday at 10:50 and you can take a taxi with her to the hotel. **Let Inari know at the latest on Wednesday, October 5 if you want to join the taxi ride by sending her an email to inari.ahokas@fulbright.fi.**

When purchasing your travel ticket, please make sure that you have enough time to stop by the hotel to store your luggage before the lunch/program starts on Friday. We recommend you purchase a travel ticket to a train/bus that will arrive in Turku latest at 11:00.

Please note that unfortunately we cannot reimburse taxi or public transportation expenses (with the exception of the taxi with Inari from the railway station to Kupittaa).

LUNCH

There will be lunch at Restaurant Kårkafe Aurum (Henrikinkatu 2) from 11:00, which is covered by the organizers. Heidi Tiainen and Maija Kettunen from the Fulbright Finland Foundation will be waiting at Kårkafe Aurum with a Fulbright Finland Foundation sign at 11:00. Lunch coupons will be given out at the venue.

Please be sure to arrive at the University of Turku's Rosetta Building at Koskenniemenkatu 4 by 12.30. Please note that you will not be able to visit your hotel room during the day's program, so please prepare accordingly.

If you have questions about your arrival in Turku, please let us know!

- 11:00-12:30 Lunch at Restaurant Kårkafe Aurum (Henrikinkatu 2) (approx. 1 km walk from the hotel)**
Students, make sure you have your student card with you!
- 12:30-13:45 Preparing for your Fulbright year, Room 217, Rosetta Building, University of Turku (Koskenniemenkatu 4)**
- 14:00-17:20 American Voices Seminar, Tauno Nurmela Hall, University of Turku Main Building (Henrikinkatu 2)**
Presentations by the Fulbright U.S. Grantees 2022-23.
Program: <https://www.fulbright.fi/about-us/events/american-voices-seminar>
- Walk (approx. 1,3 km) to Restaurant Boat Svarte Rudolf through some of the Turku sights.**
- 18:00 Dinner at Restaurant Boat Svarte Rudolf (Itäinen Rantakatu 13)**
The group will walk together from the university to the restaurant. A buffet menu has been reserved for you. The dinner is hosted by the organizers for the grantees. Beverage not included.
- 20:00 Optional Event: Alumni Happy Hour – location TBC**
Welcome to the "Alumni Happy Hour" to meet and greet with Foundation Alumni (drinks self-paid)! You will receive a separate email invitation from the ASLA-Fulbright Alumni Association with more information about the event.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

On Saturday morning, please be prepared to check out of your room in the morning. You can still store your luggage at the hotel. However, depending on your departure schedule, please note that there will not be time for you to fetch your luggage before lunch.

Breakfast at the hotel independently. Please arrive at the University's Main Building by 10:00.

- 10:15-12:45 American Voices Seminar, Tauno Nurmela Hall, University of Turku's Main Building**
- 13:15-14:45 Lunch at Restaurant Teini, Uudenmaankatu 1**
The group will walk together to Restaurant Teini (approx. 700 m walk). The brunch buffet (including water) is hosted by the organizers. Other beverage not included.

Departures at everyone's own time.

The program will end at the latest in time for you to catch the 15:30/16:00 train or bus from Turku.

AFTER THE SEMINAR

Please send your reimbursement claim, **including original travel tickets and receipts as well as your bank account information**, to the Fulbright Finland Foundation by October 17. (Please note that no reimbursement can be made after this date!). Send your claim via SurveyMonkey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Reimbursements>

Please note that reimbursements are paid immediately after October 17, so please ensure that all questions are handled by that date. Please note that you are required to participate in **the whole American Voices seminar program, including the briefing and debriefing sessions, in order to be reimbursed**. If you have any questions about the reimbursements, please contact Heidi at heidi.tiainen@fulbright.fi. More information about reimbursements can be found on the American Voices information page.

Thank you for a great weekend – *Kiitos mukavasta viikonlopusta!*