

AMERICAN VOICES SEMINAR

Exploring the Kaleidoscope
of American Culture

October 11-12, 2013
University of Turku
Calonia, Lecture Hall I



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NAMS
NORTH AMERICAN STUDIES

Friday 11.10.2013

14.00 Opening Greetings

Janne Korkka, North American Studies
Tapio Reponen, Vice Rector, University of Turku
Terhi Mölsä, Executive Director, Fulbright Center

14.15 Greetings from the U.S. Embassy in Finland

14.30 Academic keynote

Frederick Wasser **Chuck Norris: Are All American Films American?**

15.00 Session I

Kalu N. Kalu **American Landmarks: History and Symbolisms**
Karli-Jo Storm **Regional Dialects of American English: Soda, Pop or Coke?**
Ravindra Pandit **American and Finnish Hospitality and Tourism Education**

15.55 Fulbright Center **What Can Fulbright Do for You?**
Sonja Kuosmanen, Program Coordinator

16.00 *Refreshment Break*

16.30 Session II

Michael Schuckers **New York State of Mine**
Sophia Albov **Montana: Is That in Canada?**
William Helling **Indiana Has the Most of What?**

17.30 *Brief Intermission*

17.40 Session III

Marja Mundy **From Pencey Prep to Panem: The Evolution of Young Adult Literature**
Olivia Jamandre **Piano Music by American Composers**

18.20 *End of Program for Friday*

Saturday 12.10.2013

10.00 **The John Morton Center: New Directions for the Study of North America at the University of Turku**
Keijo Virtanen, Rector emeritus of the University of Turku

10.10 **Session IV**

Peter Brusilovsky **Cycling in America for Commute and Leisure**
Brandon Boor **Toxic Homes: Indoor Environmental Quality Problems in the United States**
Christin Boggs **Supermarket Separation: Alternative Food Practices**

11.10 *Refreshment Break*

11.30 **Session V**

Robert Davis **Jazz and Its Reflections on American Culture**
Paul Flikkema and Kelly Rowe **My Way: The Home Schooling Choice in the U.S. Cultural Context**
Raine Vasquez **For the Love of Self**

12.30 *Break*

12.40 **Session VI**

Nancy O'Neill **American Marching Band: "What Are the Football Players Doing on Our Field?"**
Alistair Hayden **American History Through Its Fiddle Music**

13.20 **Closing Words**

Please visit the Fulbright Center stand outside the seminar hall where Fulbright staff will be available to answer questions on studying in North America and on scholarship opportunities to the U.S. during breaks in the program.

A mid-semester debriefing for U.S. Fulbrighters currently in Finland is also held during the seminar.

Speakers

Fulbright Distinguished Chairs Program

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Flikkema, Paul

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Aalto University

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