

AMERICAN VOICES SEMINAR

Exploring the Kaleidoscope
of American Culture

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Tauno Nurmela Hall, University Main building

the FulbrightCenter



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NAMS
NORTH AMERICAN STUDIES



Friday 10.10.2014

14:00 Opening Greetings

Janne Korkka, North American Studies
Kalervo Väänänen, Rector, University of Turku
Terhi Mölsä, Executive Director, Fulbright Center
Bruce J. Oreck, U.S. Ambassador to Finland (video greeting)

14:30 Academic keynote

Mark Miller American Lawyers as Elected Politicians

15:00 Session I

Shalom Michaeli Step forward: from MRI to a Mystery of Violin Making

Melanie Brooks "Detail, Atten-HUT!" Competitive Marching in the US

Robert Cowles Examples of Symbiosis between Cinematography and Music in Recent American Films

15:55 Fulbright Center

The Fulbright Center: Your Bridge to Study and Research in the U.S.
Sonja Kuosmanen, Program Coordinator

John Morton Center

What Can the John Morton Center Do for You?
Benita Heiskanen, Director

16:00 *Refreshment Break*

16:20 Session II

Mitchell Donovan Barney and Friends: A Glimpse of American Childhood

Martha Lee Alexander Defective Detectives: Disability in Sherlock Holmes and Dr. House

Kenneth Lai Speak Softly and Carry a Big Syringe: Understanding the American Undead

17:15 *Brief Intermission*

17:40 Session III

Michael Brown Seattle Hipsters and Waning America

Taylor Tyger Georgia on My Mind

Olivia Salama It's a Jersey Thing: Debunking Myths of the *Joisey Shore*

18:25 *End of Program for Friday*

Saturday 11.10.2014

10:00 Session IV

- John Self** American College Football: Fans, Food and Frenzy
- Krishna Parekh** Me Gusta American Internet Memes
- Molly Schwartz** From Sauna to Social Media: how people connect

10:55 *Brief Intermission*

11:05 Session V

- Alex Ruiz-Torres** *Voces Americanas*, the Latino influence in the USA
- Aaron Goings** "MURHATTU?": Finnish Americans and the 1913 Italian Hall Tragedy
- Ramón Barthelemy** Inequality in America: How Birth Can Determine Path

12:00 *Refreshment Break*

12:20 Session VI

- Moriah Bostian** The Portland Amenities Paradox
- Bradley Boehringer** New England's Infatuation with Lobster
- Elizabeth Semler** Craft Brewing in the US

13:15 **Closing Words**

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

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

Speakers

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Fulbright Bicentennial Chair in American Studies
Clark University, MA
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Fulbright-Aalto University Distinguished Chair
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