

AMERICAN VOICES SEMINAR

#AmVoices2015

Exploring the Kaleidoscope
of American Culture

October 9–10, 2015

University of Turku

Tauno Nurmela Hall, University Main building

the FulbrightCenter  Turun yliopisto
University of Turku

NAMS
NORTH AMERICAN STUDIES



Friday October 9, 2015

14:00 Opening Greetings

Janne Korkka, North American Studies, University of Turku
Kalle-Antti Suominen, Vice-Rector, University of Turku
Charles C. Adams, U.S. Ambassador to Finland (video greeting)
Terhi Mölsä, Executive Director, Fulbright Center

14:30 Academic Keynote

Lane Crothers What If It's All Auto-Tune? The Problem of Authenticity in American Politics

15:00 Session I

Heidi Katz Vermont: "Wait, People Actually Live There?"

Rebecca Martusewicz What You Don't Hear on TV About Detroit: Urban Farming and Public Art in "The D"

Sol Kim California's Weather and Geography

15:55 Fulbright Center

Your Bridge to Study and Research in the U.S.
Johanna Lahti, Deputy Director, Fulbright Center

16:00 *Refreshment Break*

16:20 Session II

Stephen Horvath U.S. Coast Guard

Christopher Harris What Do American Politicians and Lemonade Sellers Have in Common?

Dario Salvucci From Amish to Xbox: One View of Technology in America

17:15 *Brief Intermission*

17:25 Session III

Lara DeRuisseau Legos to Leaders: Do Gendered Toys Influence the Career Aspirations of Children?

Keith DeRuisseau What Is So Special about Four Turtles from Northampton, Massachusetts?

18:00 *End of Program for Friday*

Saturday October 10, 2015

10:00 Session IV

Simon Barrad

Singing Is Singing Is Singing: American Classical and Contemporary Vocal Techniques... and Everything in Between

Kathryn Lafond

"On Location" in Atlanta: The Outsourcing of Hollywood Films

Elizabeth Whitney

DIY in NYC: Queer Performance Scenes

10:55 *Brief Intermission*

11:05 Session V

Stephanie Jazmines

Mapping the American Cultural Landscape: Learning from the World's Largest and Best Roadside Attractions

Karen Henry

Perspectives on The United States Air Force Academy

Edward Sivak

Why Am I Here? An American's Fascination with Finland

12:00 *Refreshment Break*

12:20 Session VI

Elizabeth Bertone-Johnson

Obesity in America: Is it Contagious?

Hyeong-Jin Edward Kim

American Fast Food Culture

Eric Wong

Diet Thoughts: The Organic, Local, and Sustainable Trends in Eating

13:15 **Closing Words**

**Please visit the Fulbright Center stand outside the seminar hall!
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.**



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Speakers

Fulbright Distinguished Chairs Program

Crothers, Lane

Fulbright Bicentennial Chair in American Studies
 Illinois State University, IL
 University of Helsinki

Salvucci, Dario

Fulbright-Nokia Distinguished Chair In Information and Communications Technologies
 Drexel University, PA
 University of Jyväskylä

Core Fulbright Scholar Program

Bertone-Johnson, Elizabeth

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DeRuisseau, Lara

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Case Western Reserve University, OH
 Aalto University

Harris, Christopher

Fulbright-Tampere University of Technology Scholar Award
 State University of New York, NY
 Tampere University of Technology

Whitney, Elizabeth

Fulbright-University of Turku Scholar Award
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 University of the Arts Helsinki, Sibelius Academy

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