

# AMERICAN VOICES SEMINAR

#AmVoices2016

Exploring the Kaleidoscope  
of American Culture

October 7–8, 2016

University of Turku

Tauno Nurmela Hall, University Main building

the **Fulbright**Center  
Finland



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**NAMS**  
NORTH AMERICAN STUDIES



# Friday October 7, 2016

## 14:00 Opening Greetings

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

## 14:20 Session I **Crossing the Pond**

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**Patrick Miller** *Passporting: Some Notes Toward the Ideal of Cosmopolitanism*

## 14:40 Session II **American Identities**

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**Carol Tenopir** *From Hawaii to Tennessee: A 5,000-Mile Journey across U.S. Culture*

**Avanti Chajed** *Dual Identities: Growing up Indian in America*

**Ryan Beitz and Anthony Stillabower** *The Inexistence of an Avant-Garde in American Life*

## 15:35 Fulbright Center

**Your Bridge to Study and Research in the U.S.**  
Karoliina Kokko, Program Manager, Fulbright Center

15:40 *Refreshment Break*

## 15:55 Session III **Reimagining America**

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**James Stock** *Amazon, eBay and Star Trek: What Do They Have in Common?*

**Vaidyanathan Subramanian** *And You Thought Nevada Is Only Known for Its Gambling!*

16:30 *Brief Intermission*

## 16:40 Session IV **The Uniquely American**

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**Danny Smyl and Joseph Toth** *American Innovations by NASA*

**Edward Sivak** *American Voices, Cliches and an American Voice*

**John Broussard, Rae Ann Broussard and Lauren Knoth** *College Football: A Uniquely American Experience*

17:50 *End of Program for Friday*

# Saturday October 8, 2016

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10:15	<b>Session V</b>	<b>America: An Environment</b>
	<b>Sergey Nizkorodov and Marie Tysman</b>	<b>A Look at Californian Forest: Forests on Fire</b>
	<b>Rebekah Zimmerer</b>	<b>Small-Scale Agriculture in the U.S.</b>
	<b>Punidan Jeyasingh</b>	<b>The Dust Bowl: How American Political Will Overcame an Environmental Cataclysm</b>
11:10	<i>Brief Intermission</i>	
11:20	<b>Session VI</b>	<b>Educating America</b>
	<b>Susan Olson and Hannah Duncan</b>	<b>Education the American Way</b>
	<b>Anna Partridge</b>	<b>American Youth Circus</b>
11:55	<i>Refreshment Break</i>	
12:15	<b>Session VII</b>	<b>Culture and Politics Collide</b>
	<b>Daniel Garton</b>	<b>The Socio-Political Climate Surrounding Gay Culture in America</b>
	<b>Kiel Moe, Peter Miller and Natalia Magnani</b>	<b>The Architecture and Maintenance of Governance</b>
13:05	<b>Closing Words</b>	Janne Korkka, North American Studies, University of Turku
13:10	<b>Seminar Closing</b>	

Please visit the Fulbright Center stand outside the seminar hall for information 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

**Broussard, John**

*Fulbright-Hanken Distinguished Chair in Business and Economics*  
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Camden, NJ  
Hanken School of Economics

**Miller, Patrick**

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

**Moe, Kiel**

*Fulbright-Aalto University Distinguished Chair*  
Harvard University, MA  
Aalto University

**Stock, James**

*Fulbright-Hanken Distinguished Chair in Business and Economics*  
University of South Florida, FL  
Hanken School of Economics

**Subramanian, Vaidyanathan**

*Fulbright-Aalto University Distinguished Chair*  
University of Nevada, Reno, NV  
Aalto University

**Tenopir, Carol**

*Fulbright-Nokia Distinguished Chair in Information and Communications Technologies*  
University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN  
Hanken School of Economics

### Core Fulbright Scholar Program

**Jeyasingh, Punidan**

Oklahoma State University, OK  
University of Jyväskylä

**Miller, Peter**

*Fulbright-University of Tampere Scholar Award*  
University of Pennsylvania, PA  
University of Tampere

**Nizkorodov, Sergey**

*Fulbright-Saastamoinen Foundation Grant in Health and Environmental Sciences*  
University of California, Irvine, CA  
University of Eastern Finland,  
Kuopio

**Olson, Susan**

*Fulbright-Haaga-Helia Scholar Award*  
University of Akron, OH  
Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences

**Sivak, Edward**

Case Western Reserve University, OH  
Aalto University

### U.S. Graduate Student Program

**Beitz, Ryan**

*Fulbright-CIMO Grants*  
Loyola Marymount University, CA  
Aalto University and University of Helsinki

**Chajed, Avanti**

*Fulbright-University of Turku Graduate Award*  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL  
University of Turku

**Duncan, Hannah**

Brown University, RI  
University of Helsinki

**Garton, Daniel**

Columbia University, NY  
University of Helsinki

**Knoth, Lauren**

*Fulbright-CIMO Grants*  
Pennsylvania State University, PA  
University of Helsinki

**Magnani, Natalia**

*Fulbright-CIMO Grants*  
University of Cambridge, United Kingdom  
University of Lapland

**Partridge, Anna**

*Fulbright-Lappeenranta University of Technology Graduate Award*  
Smith College, MA  
Lappeenranta University of Technology

**Smyl, Danny**

*Fulbright-CIMO Grants*  
North Carolina State University, NC  
University of Eastern Finland,  
Kuopio

**Stillabower, Anthony**

Juilliard School of Music, NY  
University of the Arts Helsinki,  
Sibelius Academy

**Toth, Joseph**

*Fulbright-CIMO Grants*  
Case Western Reserve University, OH  
University of Turku

**Tysman, Marie**

*Fulbright-University of Turku Graduate Award*  
University of California, Berkeley, CA  
University of Turku

**Zimmerer, Rebekah**

University of Massachusetts, MA  
University of Eastern Finland,  
Joensuu