

AMERICAN VOICES SEMINAR

#AmVoices2021

Exploring the Kaleidoscope
of American Culture

October 8–9, 2021
University of Turku



Friday October 8, 2021

Venue: Tauno Nurmela Hall

14:00 Welcome!

Janne Korkka, Senior Lecturer, Department of English, University of Turku
Piia Björn, Vice Rector, University of Turku; Member of the Fulbright Finland Foundation Board of Directors
Terhi Mölsä, Chief Executive Officer, Fulbright Finland Foundation

14:15 Social Issues in the U.S.

Erika Benson, Aditya Johri, Steven Livingston, Fred Markowitz
Chair: Leasa Weimer

15:00 Greetings from the Fulbright Finland Foundation

15:05 *Refreshment Break*

15:35 Finnish American Communities and Traditions Today

Mirva Johnson, Emma Mulhern, Alyssa Rodriguez, Sean Wachsmuth
Chair: Janne Korkka

16:20 *Break*

16:30 Collegiate Sports Mascots

Laurel Anderson, Brian Chabowski, Paul Heald, Sujata Ramnarayan
Chair: Janne Korkka

17:15 *End of Program for Friday*

Friday October 8, 2021

Venue: Säästöpankki Hall

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University of Turku

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Finland Foundation Board of Directors

Terhi Mölsä, Chief Executive Officer, Fulbright Finland Foundation
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14:15 Teacher Activism on TikTok

Kathlyn Elliott, Claire Ramsey, Jessica Stargardter
Chair: María Gutierrez Bascon

15:00 Greetings from the Fulbright Finland Foundation

Streamed from the Tauno Nurmela Hall

15:05 *Refreshment Break*

15:35 The American "Great Outdoors"

Patrick Crowley, Selina Gallo-Cruz, Mark Hersey, Kent Johnson
Chair: Pekka Kolehmainen

16:20 *Break*

16:30 American College Football

Laura Alderfer, Salena Bantz, Christopher Zirkle
Chair: Reetta Humalajoki

17:15 *End of Program for Friday*

Saturday October 9, 2021

Venue: Tauno Nurmela Hall

10:15 American Views on Race

Abraham Kipnis, Kenn Oldham, Jade Roberts, Rachel Szekely
Chair: Janne Korkka

11:00 *Refreshment Break*

11:30 Queer Language and Culture

Chelsea Bihlmeyer, Devina Boughton, Isabel Coppola, Megan Jones, Andreas Nolan
Chair: Janne Korkka

12:30 Closing Words

12:35 Seminar Closing

Please visit the Fulbright Finland stand outside the seminar hall for information on studying in 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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Saturday October 9, 2021

Venue: Säästöpankki Hall

10:15 Niche American Daily Life

Paul Berger, Macey Higdon, Chloe Kiernicki, Edward Stevens

Chair: Ira Hansen

11:00 *Refreshment Break*

11:30 Melting Pot: American Food Culture

John Garrett, Caitlin Morris, Giana Ortiz, Mikaela Peters,
Tiffany Wang

Chair: Pekka Lintunen

12:30 **Closing Words**

12:35 **Seminar Closing**



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Speakers

FULBRIGHT DISTINGUISHED CHAIRS

Berger, Paul

Fulbright-Nokia Distinguished Chair in Information and Communications Technologies
The Ohio State University, OH
Tampere University

Crowley, Patrick

Fulbright-Nokia Distinguished Chair in Information and Communications Technologies
Washington University in St. Louis, MO
University of Helsinki

Heald, Paul

Fulbright-Hanken Distinguished Chair in Business and Economics
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL
Hanken School of Economics, Helsinki

Hersey, Mark

Fulbright Bicentennial Chair in American Studies
Mississippi State University, MS
University of Helsinki

Johri, Aditya

Fulbright-Nokia Distinguished Chair in Information and Communications Technologies
George Mason University, VA
Aalto University, Espoo

FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS

Anderson, Laurel

Fulbright-University of Vaasa Scholar Award
Arizona State University, AZ
University of Vaasa

Chabowski, Brian

Fulbright-University of Vaasa Scholar Award
University of Tulsa, OK
University of Vaasa

Gallo-Cruz, Selina

Fulbright-Tampere University Scholar Award
College of Holy Cross, MA
Tampere University

Livingston, Steven

Seeking Solutions for Global Challenges Award
George Washington University, DC
University of Helsinki

Markowitz, Fred

Northern Illinois University, IL
University of Helsinki

Oldham, Kenn

Fulbright-VTT Award in Science, Technology and Innovation
University of Michigan, MI
VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland, Espoo

Ramnarayan, Sujata

Fulbright-Turku UAS Scholar Award
Notre Dame de Namur University, CA
Turku University of Applied Sciences

Szekely, Rachel

Fulbright-Tampere University Scholar Award
Long Island University Post Campus, NY
Tampere University

Wachsmuth, Sean

Fulbright-University of Turku Scholar Award
Minnesota State University Mankato, MN
University of Turku

Zirke, Christopher

Fulbright-Haaga-Helia Scholar Award
The Ohio State University, OH
Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences, Helsinki

MID-CAREER PROFESSIONALS

Benson, Erika

La Familia Medical Center, NM
The Family Federation of Finland, Helsinki

Johnson, Kent

City of Ithaca, NY
Metsähallitus, Vantaa

U.S. STUDENTS

Alderfer, Laura

Fulbright-EDUFI Fellowships
University of Notre Dame, IN
University of Helsinki

Bantz, Salena

Fulbright-Tampere University Graduate Award
Graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy, CT
Tampere University

Bihlmeyer, Chelsea

Fulbright-EDUFI Fellowships
Graduate of Purdue University, IN
Aalto University, Espoo

Boughton, Devina

Graduate of Berklee College of Music, MA
University of the Arts Helsinki, Sibelius Academy

Coppola, Isabel

Graduate of the University of Vermont, VT
University of Helsinki

Elliott, Kathlyn

Fulbright-EDUFI Fellowships
Drexel University, PA
University of Helsinki

Garrett, John

Fulbright-LUT University Graduate Award

Graduate of Clarkson University, NY
LUT University, Lappeenranta

Higdon, Macey

Fulbright-University of Jyväskylä

Graduate Award

Graduate of the University of Louisville, KY
University of Jyväskylä

Johnson, Mirva

Fulbright-EDUFI Fellowships

University of Wisconsin - Madison, WI
University of Turku

Jones, Megan

University of Rhode Island, RI

University of Helsinki

Kiernicki, Chloe

Fulbright-Tampere University Graduate Award

Graduate of Georgia Institute of Technology, GA

University of Tampere

Kipnis, Abraham

Fulbright-LUT University Graduate Award

Graduate of Wesleyan University, CT
LUT University, Lappeenranta

Morris, Caitlin

Fulbright-LUT University Graduate Award

Graduate of Pennsylvania State University, PA
LUT University, Lappeenranta

Mulhern, Emma

Fulbright-LUT University Graduate Award

Graduate of the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, MN
LUT University, Lappeenranta

Nolan, Andreas

Fulbright-University of Turku Graduate Award

Graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, PA

University of Turku

Ortiz, Giana

Fulbright-LUT University Graduate Award

Graduate of Southern Methodist University, TX

LUT University, Lappeenranta

Peters, Mikaela

Fulbright-LUT University Graduate Award

Graduate of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, NJ

LUT University, Lappeenranta

Ramsey, Claire

Fulbright-EDUFI Fellowships

Ohio University, OH

University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu

Roberts, Jade

Fulbright-Aalto University Graduate Award

Graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL
Aalto University, Espoo

Rodriguez, Alyssa

Graduate of Ithaca College, NY

University of the Arts Helsinki, Sibelius Academy

Stargardter, Jessica

Graduate of the University of Connecticut, CT

University of Helsinki

Stevens, Edward

Fulbright-University of Helsinki

Graduate Award

Graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, PA

University of Helsinki

Wang, Tiffany

Fulbright-LUT University Graduate Award

Graduate of the University of California, San Diego, CA

LUT University, Lappeenranta

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Currently, 79 Americans are planning to lecture, conduct research, study, or teach in Finland during the academic year 2021-22.

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