

American Voices XX

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Exploring the Kaleidoscope of American Culture

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NORTH AMERICAN STUDIES



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FRIDAY, October 12

14.00 OPENING GREETINGS

Janne Korkka – North American Studies

Kalervo Väänänen – Rector, University of Turku

Joel Kuortti – Head of the School of Languages and Translation Studies, University of Turku

Terhi Mölsä – Executive Director, Fulbright Center

14.15 Current U.S. Affairs: David McGuire, U.S. Embassy U.S. Presidential Elections of 2012

14.30 Academic keynote: Richard Schein Geographies of race in an American city

15.00 Session I

Salim Elwazani

The National Mall in the American Experience

Susan Roberts

Globalized Countryside: Living among the Rich and Famous

Hannah East

The U.S. Peace Corps, International Volunteerism Opportunities in America

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16.00-16.20 REFRESHMENT BREAK

16.20 Session II

Benjamin Zeller

The Place of Religion in America

Helen Hartnell

Free Speech: American Extremism?

Lesley Kadish

An Introduction to American Deaf Culture

17.15-17.25 BRIEF INTERMISSION

17.25 Session III

Christopher Meehan

Freedom of Knowledge in the Digital Age: One American's Perspective

Paul Mullins

The Archaeology of Barbie

Per Gårder

Driving Cultures in the US vs. Finland

18.20 End of Program for Friday

SATURDAY, October 13

10.00 Session I
Kate MacCord
The Anatomy of a Classic Philadelphian
Rae Ellen Bichell
Peanut Butter: History of a Misunderstood Condiment
Kimberley Miller
Trick or Treat! Modern Halloween Mayhem
Jacqueline Williams
My Top Ten Favorite Things about Living in NYC

11.10-11.20 BRIEF INTERMISSION

11.20 Session II
Ben Norris
The New Song of the South: The Formation of a Distinctly Southern Hip Hop
Philip Alpers
Philosophical Perspectives on Jazz: America's Revolutionary Music
Sophie Knowles
Standardized Testing or Education: New York City Non Profits for Social Justice

12.15-12.35 REFRESHMENT BREAK

12.35 Session III
Meghan Whalen
A Quick History of Track Town, USA
Lindsay Whorton
The Fly-Over States: America's Most Under-Valued and Misunderstood Region
Lucas Harris
Trails in Vermont: Visions of Wilderness and the Rural Ideal

13.30 CLOSING WORDS

The Fulbright Center has a stand outside the seminar hall, and 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 briefing for American grantees currently in Finland is also held during the seminar.

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