



XXIX American Voices Seminar

October 7-8, 2022
University of Turku, Main Building (Henrikinkatu 2)

Itinerary for U.S. Fulbrighters (as of Sept 29, 2022)

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- travel reimbursements, hotel arrangements

If at any point during the seminar you have any questions please contact the local Turku contacts, Maija Kettunen from the Fulbright Finland Foundation or [your own Fulbright grant program coordinator](#).

ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

Sokos Hotel Kupittaa
Joukahaisenkatu 6
20520 Turku

Sokos Hotel Kupittaa is located in the Kupittaa area of Turku, a 2-minute walk from the Kupittaa train station and a 20-minute bus ride from the Turku railway station. Check-in starts at 15:00, but luggage can be left at the hotel when you arrive to Turku. Check-in at the hotel can be made after Friday's program has ended. If you are staying additional nights at your own expense, please make sure you pay any out-of-pocket costs. Please note that on the day of your departure, you should remove your luggage from your room by 12:00 noon. You may leave your carry-ons at the luggage storage at the hotel.

Please check your accommodation information on page 5 and contact Heidi Tiainen (heidi.tiainen@fulbright.fi) immediately if you have any questions.

DRESS CODE

Dress code for the presenters at the seminar is **business casual**. We will be walking as a group between locations so it is recommended that you also bring comfortable shoes.

SOCIAL MEDIA

The Fulbright Finland Foundation will be tweeting (@FulbrightFIN) and publishing photos on Instagram (@fulbrightfinland) during the seminar and using the hashtag **#AmVoices2022**. Feel free to pitch in with your posts and photos on social media!

GROUP PHOTO

A group photo will be taken of all the grantees during the weekend. Exact time will be announced during the seminar.

WIFI

The University of Turku offers a campus-wide wifi connection for visitors. Please refer to instructions on how to access the connection at:

<https://www.utu.fi/en/university/wireless-networks-username-and-it-support/wireless-networks>

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

ARRIVAL

NOTE! Important information about railway line interruption in Turku

Those of you who travel to Turku by train, please note that there is track work between the Turku central railway station and the Turku Kupittaa station. Our hotel is located right next to the Turku Kupittaa station.

1. If you travel to Turku from/via Helsinki (e.g. those living in Lappeenranta), please search for connections to Turku Kupittaa.
2. If you travel to Turku from/via Tampere (e.g. those living in Jyväskylä or Vaasa), please search connections to Turku (central railway station). The distance between the two stations is about 3 kilometers. **Inari Ahokas** will be arriving to Turku Main Railway Station on Friday at 10:50 and you can take a taxi with her to the hotel. **Let Inari know at the latest on Wednesday, October 5 if you want to join the taxi ride by sending her an email to inari.ahokas@fulbright.fi.**

When purchasing your travel ticket, please make sure that you have enough time to stop by the hotel to store your luggage before the lunch / program start on Friday. We recommend you to purchase a travel ticket to a train/bus that will arrive in Turku latest at 11:00.

Please note that unfortunately we cannot reimburse taxi or public transportation expenses (with the exception of the taxi with Inari from the railway station to Kupittaa).

LUNCH

There will be an optional lunch at Restaurant Kårkafe Aurum (Henrikinkatu 2) from 11:00, which is covered by the organizers. You are welcome to join the lunch at your own pace from 11:00-12:30. Kårkafe can get quite busy around noon, **so if you live or arrive in Turku earlier, please consider coming to have lunch already at 11:00 onwards.** **Heidi Tiainen** and **Maija Kettunen** from the Fulbright Finland Foundation will be waiting at Kårkafe Aurum with a Fulbright Finland Foundation sign at 11:00. Lunch coupons will be given out at the venue.

Please note that if you are arriving later, and do not have time to stop by lunch after leaving your luggage at the hotel, **lunch will be at your own expense before Friday's program begins. Please be sure to arrive at the University of Turku's Main Building at Henrikinkatu 2 by 12.40.**

Please note that you will not be able to visit your hotel room during the day's program, so please prepare accordingly.

If you have questions about your arrival in Turku, please let us know!

11:00-12:30 Lunch at Restaurant Kårkafe Aurum (Henrikinkatu 2) (approx. 1 km walk from the hotel)
You are welcome to join the lunch **at your own pace from 11:00-12:30.** Students, make sure you have your student card with you!

If you are not able to join for lunch, please arrive at Main Building by 12.40.

12:45-13:45 Mandatory briefing session for grantees, Tauno Nurmela Hall, University of Turku's Main Building (Henrikinkatu 2) - Please be prepared to take notes!
The Fulbright Finland team will inform grantees about news, upcoming events, and practicalities that are imperative for you to know. **In addition to the briefing session on Friday and debriefing discussion on Saturday morning, your program coordinators as well as Chief Executive Officer Terhi Mölsä will be available throughout the seminar in case you have questions or concerns that you would like to discuss privately.**

14:00-17:20 American Voices Seminar presentations, Tauno Nurmela Hall, University of Turku
The audience is mostly university-level students and faculty from the Turku area with an interest in American studies topics. The audience is expecting informative presentations about different aspects of American culture.

Walk (approx. 1,3 km) to Restaurant Boat Svarte Rudolf through some of the Turku sights.

18:00 Dinner at Restaurant Boat Svarte Rudolf (Itäinen Rantakatu 13)
The group will walk together from the university to the restaurant. A buffet menu has been reserved for you. The dinner is hosted by the organizers for the grantees and family members. Please note that water is included, but **other drinks and extras are each person's own responsibility.**

20:00 Optional Event: Alumni Happy Hour – The Cow Restaurant (Aurakatu 3)
Welcome to the "Alumni Happy Hour" to meet and greet with Foundation Alumni (drinks self-paid)! You should have received a separate invitation from the ASLA-Fulbright Alumni Association with more information about the event.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

On Saturday morning, please be prepared to check out of your room in the morning. You can still store your luggage at the hotel. However, depending on your departure schedule, please note that there will not be time for you to fetch your luggage before lunch.

We are looking into an option to book a taxi to take the luggage of those grantees who depart from the Turku Main Railway Station after the lunch. Please note that you would still need to carry your luggage from the University to the Restaurant Teini (approx. 700 m walk). Some of the streets in Turku are old, cobblestone streets. We'll send you more information about this closer to the event.

8:30 Departure from the hotel to the University of Turku

The group leaves from the lobby at 8:30. Please make sure to eat breakfast beforehand. Breakfast will not be served at the university.

If you are not staying at the hotel, please arrive at the Rosetta Building by 8:50.

9:00-10:00 Mandatory mid-semester debriefing for Fulbrighters, Rosetta Building (Koskenniemenkatu) - for grantees only

Sit down with fellow scholars or students and your program coordinator to discuss your experiences in Finland thus far. **Please prepare beforehand and make sure you send in topics on what you would like to discuss to Heidi (heidi.tiainen@fulbright.fi) at the latest on Wednesday, October 5.**

In preparation for this session, **please come prepared to discuss the following topics:**

- Getting started with your research or studies and working with your host – experiences, challenges, tips?
- Support services and help in practical matters offered by your host university – are you satisfied, any suggestions?
- Are you happy with your accommodations and research or study environment?
- Settling into Finland – making social connections and finding cultural experiences
- Family life in Finland
- Finnish language studies – if you have taken courses in Finnish language, what has your experience been like? Did you find a suitable course for you and if so, where? Did it cost something? Other experiences?
- Your home and host university/department: potential cooperation prospects?

10:15-12:45 American Voices Seminar presentations continue, Tauno Nurmela Hall, Main Building, University of Turku

13:15-14:45 Lunch at Restaurant Teini, Uudenmaankatu 1

The group will walk together to Restaurant Teini (approx. 700 m walk). The brunch buffet (including water) is hosted by the organizers for the grantees and family members; drinks and extras are each person's own responsibility.

Departures at everyone's own time. **The program will end at the latest in time for you to catch the 15:30/16:00 train or bus from Turku.** If you decide to leave your luggage at the hotel and your train leaves from the Turku Main Railway Station, please make sure you leave enough time for you to pick up your luggage from the hotel.

AFTER THE SEMINAR

Please send your reimbursement claim, **including original travel tickets and receipts as well as your bank account information**, to the Fulbright Finland Foundation by October 17 (Please note that no reimbursement can be made after this date!). Send your claim via SurveyMonkey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Reimbursements>

Please note that reimbursements are paid immediately after October 17, so please ensure that all questions are handled by that date. Please note that you are required to participate in **the whole American Voices seminar program, including the briefing and debriefing sessions, in order to be reimbursed**. If you have any questions about the reimbursements, please contact Heidi at heidi.tiainen@fulbright.fi. More information about reimbursements can be found on the American Voices information page.

Thank you for a great weekend – Kiitos mukavasta viikonlopusta!

Accommodation at Sokos Hotel Kupittaa

Students	Room type
Claire Agee & Erica West	Twin
Peter Amicucci & Casey Paulson	Twin
Neetika Rastogi & Abigail Smiles	Twin
Timothy Sowa & Nicholas Zdroy	Twin
Irina Wang & Stephanie Davidson-Mendez	Twin
Joseph Zinno	Single

Scholars	Room type
Jeffrey Anker	Single
Patricia Donahue	Single
Allen Malony	Single
Maureen Mascha	Single
Mike Putman	Single
Anita Wagner	Single
Hui Yang	Single
Cara Djonko-Moore	Twin
David Duncombe	Double
David Tallmon	Double
David Witwer	Twin

Family member participation

	Friday, Lunch at Kårkafe	Friday, Dinner at Svarte Rudolf	Saturday, Lunch at Restaurant Teini
Djonko, Aaron		x	x
Biles, Rhonda	x	x	x
Monseau, Marc	x	x	x
Skran, Claudena	x	x	x
Witwer, Leo	x	x	x

