



### ***31st American Voices Seminar***

October 11-12, 2024

University of Turku, Main Building (Henrikinkatu 2)

### **Itinerary for Finnish Graduate Grantees**

(as of Oct 10, 2024)

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

#### **FULBRIGHT FINLAND CONTACT**

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If at any point during the seminar you have any questions, please contact Saara.

#### **ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION**

**Sokos Hotel Kupittaa**

Joukahaisenkatu 6

20520 Turku

### **HOTEL**

**Your one-night accommodation (Oct 11), in a single room, is covered and booked by the Fulbright Finland Foundation.**

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 in 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 luggage in the luggage storage at the hotel.

### **DRESS CODE**

The dress code 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 AND PHOTOS**

The Fulbright Finland Foundation will be posting on social media during the seminar and using the hashtag **#AmVoices2024**. Feel free to pitch in with your posts and photos on social media!

We will take a group photo of all the grantees during the weekend. The exact time will be announced during the seminar. You will receive a link to the photos after the seminar in the follow-up email.

## **ARRIVAL**

### **NOTE! Important information about the 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, please search for connections to Turku Kupittaa.
2. If you travel to Turku from/via Tampere (e.g. those living in Oulu or Vaasa), please search connections to Turku (central railway station). The distance between the two stations is about 3 kilometers and there is a bus connection between the two stations (see more: <https://www.foli.fi/en>). **Karoliina Kokko** will be at Turku Main Railway Station on Friday at **10:50**, so if you arrive then, you can take a taxi with her to the hotel. **Let Heidi know at the latest on Tuesday, October 8 if you want to join the taxi ride by sending her an email to [Heidi.tiainen@fulbright.fi](mailto:Heidi.tiainen@fulbright.fi) (cc. Maija and Karoliina). We need to know the exact number of people to order enough taxis.**

When purchasing your travel ticket, please make sure you have enough time to stop by the hotel to store your luggage before the lunch/program starts on Friday. We recommend you purchase your travel ticket for a train/bus that will arrive in Turku at 10:30 at the latest.

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

## **LUNCH & MEETING YOUR FELLOW GRANTEES**

The program will begin with a joint lunch at Restaurant Kårkafe Aurum (Henrikinkatu 2) from **11:00-12.10, which is covered by the organizers**. Please join the lunch promptly at 11:00. Foundation staff will be waiting at Kårkafe Aurum with a Fulbright Finland Foundation sign at 11:00. You will receive a lunch coupon at the venue. We will reserve a table for the Finnish graduate students so we can eat together.

**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.

See the map (<https://bit.ly/3Rsonrm>) for the locations.

## **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11**

### **11:00-12:10 Lunch at Restaurant Kårkafe Aurum (approx. 1 km walk from the hotel)**

Students, make sure you have your student card with you!

We will walk to the Main Building together after lunch.

### **12:20-13:35 Introductions and Planning Your Role as an Ambassador**

*Room Käpy, University of Turku's Main Building*

For Finnish Graduate Grantees only.

### **13:35-13:45 Meeting the Current U.S. Fulbrighters in Finland**

Each of you will shortly introduce yourself to the U.S. grantees before the start of the presentations.

### **13:45-14:00 Break**

### **14:00-15:15 American Voices Seminar Presentations**

*Tauno Nurmela Hall, University of Turku's Main Building*

The audience is mostly university-level students and faculty from the Turku area with an interest in American studies. The audience is expecting informative presentations about different aspects of American culture.

You can see the seminar program here: [www.fulbright.fi/about-us/events/american-voices-seminar](http://www.fulbright.fi/about-us/events/american-voices-seminar)

### **15:15-15:30 Refreshment break**

### **15:30-16:30 Preparing for Your Fulbright Year**

*Room Käpy, University of Turku's Main Building*

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### **16:30-16:40 Break**

### **16:40-17:25 American Voices Seminar Presentations and Closing Words**

We will walk as a group (approx. 1,3 km) to Restaurant Boat Svarte Rudolf.

### **18:00 Dinner at Restaurant Boat Svarte Rudolf**

A buffet menu has been reserved for you. The dinner is hosted by the organizers for the grantees and accompanying family members of the U.S. grantees. Please note that water is included, but other drinks and extras are at your own cost.

## **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12**

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

**7:00-9:45**      **Breakfast at the hotel according to your own schedule**

**9:45**            **Walk to the Main Building, University of Turku**  
Walking independently or as a group. Saara and Karoliina will already be at the Main Building waiting for you.

**10:15-11:00**   **American Voices Seminar Presentations**  
*Tauno Nurmela Hall, University of Turku's Main Building*

**11:00-11:30**   Refreshment break

**11:30-12:50**   **American Voices Seminar Presentations and Closing Words**

**12:50-13:30**   **Walking Tour of Turku by the ASLA-Fulbright Alumni Association on the way to the lunch restaurant (approx. 1,5km)**  
Guide: Katja Weckström, Member of the Association Board

**13:30-14:45**   **Lunch at Restaurant Kellariravintola**  
The lunch buffet is hosted by the organizers for the grantees and accompanying family members of the U.S. grantees. Please note that water is included, but other drinks and extras are at your own cost.

Maija Urponen (Chair) and Katja Weckström from the ASLA-Fulbright Alumni Association Board will join the lunch.

Departures from lunch will be according to your own schedule. The program will end at the latest in time for you to catch the 15:30 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.

**15:00-16:30**   **Optional Alumni Event**  
Join the Alumni Association for a guided tour at [ABOA VETUS – ARS NOVA](#) uncovering history of life from medieval Turku as well as the contemporary art exhibition "Us And Them – from near and far". The guided tour is sponsored by the Foundation, and the entrance fee is self-paid (11 € without the museum card).

## **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 27 (Please note that no reimbursement claims are accepted after this date!). Send your claim via SurveyMonkey:

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

The books for the event are closed immediately after the reimbursement deadline, 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, in order to be reimbursed**. If you have any questions about the reimbursements, please contact Heidi at [heidi.tiainen@fulbright.fi](mailto:heidi.tiainen@fulbright.fi).