

AMERICAN VoICES

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Exploring the Kaleidoscope
of American Culture

October 11–12, 2024
University of Turku

Friday October 11, 2024

Venue: Tauno Nurmela Hall

- 14:00** **Welcome to the 31st American Voices Seminar!**
Janne Korkka, Senior Lecturer, Department of English,
University of Turku
Pekka Lintunen, Professor and Deputy Head of School of
Languages and Translation Studies, Department of English,
University of Turku
Terhi Mölsä, Chief Executive Officer, Fulbright Finland Foundation
- 14:15** **Landing in “Flyover Country”: Identifying and Appreciating
America Beyond the Northeast & Coastal California**
Katelyn Moje, Lauren Rod, Julie Shortridge, Joshua Wilson

Chair: Janne Korkka, Senior Lecturer, Department of English,
University of Turku
- 15:10** **Greetings from the Fulbright Finland Foundation**
Maija Kettunen, Communications Manager,
Fulbright Finland Foundation
- 15:15** *Refreshment Break*
- 15:45** **Regional Food Culture in the United States**
Ava Asmus, Kate Elder, Anh Nguyen

Chair: Casie Hermansson, Professor, Pittsburg State University;
2013-14 Fulbright-University of Turku Scholar Award
- 16:25** *Break*
- 16:40** **Black Friday and Cyber Monday**
Eugénie Euskirchen, Amy Fowler

Chair: Janne Korkka, Senior Lecturer, Department of English,
University of Turku
- 17:10** *Closing Words*

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Saturday October 12, 2024

Venue: Tauno Nurmela Hall

10:15 **"American Ways" of Living in the Eyes of New Americans**
Daekwan Kim, Xiaomao Lin, Gang Wang

Chair: Janne Korkka, Senior Lecturer, Department of English,
University of Turku

10:55 *Refreshment Break*

11:20 **Trail Magic: Exploring Great American Hiking Challenges
and Freedom to Roam in the U.S.**
Paul Conroy, Jenna Fazio, Megan Thiede

Chair: Casie Hermansson, Professor, Pittsburg State University;
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12:00 **Super Bowl Sunday: America's Favorite Holiday**
Andrew Greene, Julianne Newmark Engberg, Natalie Schirmacher

Chair: Janne Korkka, Senior Lecturer, Department of English,
University of Turku

12:40 **Closing Words**



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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

Wang, Gang

Fulbright-Hanken Distinguished Chair in Business and Economics
Florida State University, FL
Hanken School of Economics, Helsinki

Wilson, Joshua

Fulbright Bicentennial Chair in American Studies
University of Denver, CO
University of Helsinki

Core Fulbright U.S. Scholars

Elder, Kate

Fulbright-VTT Award in Science, Technology and Innovation
Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, CA
VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland, Espoo

Euskirchen, Eugénie

Seeking Solutions for Global Challenges Award
University of Alaska Fairbanks, AK
University of Lapland, Rovaniemi;
University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu;
University of Helsinki

Fowler, Amy

Fulbright-University of Turku Scholar Award
George Mason University, VA
University of Turku

Kim, Daekwan

Fulbright-University of Vaasa Scholar Award
Florida State University, FL
University of Vaasa

Lin, Xiaomao

Fulbright-Saastamoinen Foundation Grant in Health and Environmental Sciences
Kansas State University, KS
University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio

Newmark Engberg, Julianne

Fulbright-Tampere University Scholar Award
University of New Mexico, NM
Tampere University

Shortridge, Julie

Fulbright-University of Oulu Scholar Award
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, VA
University of Oulu

Fulbright U.S. Students

Asmus, Ava

Fulbright-LUT University Graduate Award
Graduate of Hope College, MI
LUT University, Lappeenranta

Conroy, Paul

Fulbright-University of Helsinki Graduate Award
Graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY
University of Helsinki

Fazio, Jenna

Fulbright-LUT University Graduate Award
Graduate of Villanova University, PA
LUT University, Lappeenranta

Greene, Andrew

Fulbright-University of Turku Graduate Award
Graduate of Duke University, NC
University of Turku

Moje, Katelyn

Fulbright-LUT University Graduate Award
Graduate of Iowa State University, IA
LUT University, Lappeenranta

Nguyen, Anh

Fulbright-Aalto University Graduate Award
Graduate of the University of New Hampshire, NH
Aalto University, Espoo

Rod, Lauren

Fulbright-LUT University Graduate Award
Graduate of Boise State University, ID
LUT University, Lappeenranta

Schirmacher, Natalie

Fulbright-Tampere University Graduate Award
Graduate of Villanova University, PA
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Thiede, Megan

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