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Exploring the Kaleidoscope
of American Culture

October 10–11, 2025
University of Turku

Friday October 10, 2025

Venue: Tauno Nurmela Hall

14:00 **Welcome to the 32nd American Voices Seminar!**
Janne Korkka, Senior Lecturer, Department of English,
University of Turku
Tiina Tuominen, 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 **The Unique Cultural Phenomena of Different States**
Lake Heath, Keith Brown, Eli Hall, Robert Anzenberger

*Chair: Mila Seppälä, Doctoral Researcher, John Morton Center,
2021-22 ASLA-Fulbright Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow*

15:10 **Greetings from the Fulbright Finland Foundation**
Maija Kettunen, Communications Manager,
Fulbright Finland Foundation

15:15 *Refreshment Break*

15:45 **Forests, Wood Products, and Housing: How They Can Work
Together to Combat Climate Change**
Qianlai Zhuang, Sandra Lupien, Edward Becker

*Chair: Niko Heikkilä, Postdoctoral Researcher, John Morton Center,
2019-20 ASLA-Fulbright Graduate Award*

16:25 *Break*

16:40 **American Autumns: Midwestern Festivities, Football, and
Other Fall Fun**
Emily Boyett, T. Beckett F. Christensen, Ariana Blair

*Chair: Benita Heiskanen, Professor of North American Studies, John
Morton Center, 1999-00 ASLA-Fulbright Graduate Award*

End of program on Friday

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Saturday October 11, 2025

Venue: Tauno Nurmela Hall

10:15 The American Workplace: The Employee Perspective

Robert Bird, Neo Bui, Anjali Rameshbabu

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

10:55 *Refreshment Break*

11:30 Eroding Trust: The Politics of Science and Health

Kate Thompson, Ana Laguna


*Chair: Pekka Kolehmainen, Postdoctoral Fellow, John Morton
Center, 2024-25 ASLA-Fulbright Research Grant for a Junior
Scholar*

12:00 The (Cult)ure of Trader Joe's

Dana Caldwell, Laya Bommireddy, Amelia Dioguardi, Matthew
Flynn

*Chair: Hải Nguyễn, Doctoral Researcher, Department of English,
University of Turku*

12:50 Closing Words



Please visit the Fulbright Finland Foundation stand outside the seminar hall for information on studying in and on scholarship opportunities to the U.S.

A mid-semester debriefing for Fulbright Finland Grantees currently in Finland is also held during the seminar.



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Speakers

Fulbright Distinguished Chairs

Brown, Keith

Fulbright Bicentennial Chair in
American Studies
University of Arizona, AZ
University of Helsinki

Core Fulbright U.S. Scholars

Becker, Edward

Fulbright-Tampere University Scholar
Award
Virginia Polytechnic Institute, VA
Tampere University

Bird, Robert

Fulbright-University of Vaasa Scholar
Award
University of Connecticut, CT
University of Vaasa

Bui, Quang “Neo”

Fulbright-University of Vaasa Scholar
Award
Rochester Institute of Technology, NY
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Lupien, Sandra

Seeking Solutions for Global Challenges
Award
Michigan State University, MI
University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu

Rameshbabu, Anjali

Fulbright-Tampere University Scholar
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Oregon Health & Science University, OR
Tampere University

Zhuang, Qianlai

Fulbright-Saastamoinen Foundation
Grant in Health and Environmental
Sciences
Purdue University, IN
University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio

Fulbright Finland Foundation Fellowship Awards

Laguna, Ana

Fulbright Finland Foundation and
University of Oulu Fellowship Award
Rutgers, the State University of New
Jersey, NJ
University of Oulu

Fulbright U.S. Students

Anzenberger, Robert

Fulbright Finland Doctoral Award
University of Kentucky, KY
University of Oulu

Blair, Ariana

Fulbright-Tampere University Graduate
Award
Graduate of University of Wisconsin,
Oshkosh, WI
Tampere University

Bommireddy, Laya

Fulbright-University of Turku Graduate
Award
Graduate of Wellesley College, MA
University of Turku

Boyett, Emily

Fulbright-University of Helsinki
Graduate Award
Graduate of University of Missouri, MO
University of Helsinki

Caldwell, Dana

Fulbright-University of Jyväskylä
Graduate Award
Graduate of Bryn Mawr College, PA
University of Jyväskylä

Christensen, T. Beckett

Fulbright-Tampere University Graduate
Award
Graduate of Cornell College, IA
Tampere University

Dioguardi, Amelia

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

Flynn, Matthew

Fulbright-LUT University Graduate
Award
Graduate of Washington and Lee
University, VA
LUT University, Lappeenranta

Hall, Eli

Fulbright-LUT University Graduate
Award
Graduate of Shepherd University, WV
LUT University, Lappeenranta

Heath, Samuel Lake

Fulbright-LUT University Graduate
Award
Graduate of Liberty University, VA
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