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FULBRIGHT FINLAND FOUNDATION
GRANTEES in the U.S. 2024-25

ASLA-FULBRIGHT RESEARCH GRANTS FOR SENIOR SCHOLARS

5  Pirjo Kristiina Virtanen
   Indigenous Studies
   The grant is cost-shared with the University of Helsinki

ASLA-FULBRIGHT RESEARCH GRANTS FOR JUNIOR SCHOLARS

6  Pekka Kolehmainen
   North American Studies
   The grant is cost-shared with the University of Turku

7  Lari Launonen
   Theology

8  Jesse Railo
   Pure and Applied Mathematics
   The grant is cost-shared with LUT University

FULBRIGHT ARCTIC INITIATIVE RESEARCH AWARDS

9  Juho Kähkönen
   Law

10 Tanja Joona
    International Relations

11 Alexandra Middleton
    Social Sciences

FULBRIGHT FINLAND TRAVEL GRANTS FOR RESEARCH COLLABORATION

12 Eini Haaja
   International Business

13 Emmi Kapiainen
   Molecular Biology

14 Lotta Leiwo
   Folklore Studies

15 Katariina Sorvari
   Marketing

ASLA-FULBRIGHT PRE-DOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWS

16 Bruno Jäntti
   Political Science
   The grant is cost-shared with the University of Helsinki

17 Karoliina Salenius
   Bioinformatics
   The grant is cost-shared with Tampere University

18 Johan Wahlsten
   Political Science
   The grant is cost-shared with the University of Helsinki

FULBRIGHT-KAUTE FOUNDATION AWARD

19 Abdul-Rauf Larry Abdullai
   Software Engineering

20 Emmanuel Abu-Danso
   Materials and Environmental Technology

FULBRIGHT-IDMAN GRANT

21 Eero Kaarsalo
   Entrepreneurship and Innovation

ASLA-FULBRIGHT GRADUATE GRANTS

22 Isabella Biorac Haaja
   Journalism and Communications

23 Riku Laine
   Criminology

24 Joona Mäkinen
   International Relations
   The Fulbright Finland Centennial Award

25 Lada Sokolova
   Civil Engineering

FULBRIGHT FINNISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE TEACHING ASSISTANTS

26 Natalie Lewis
   Finnish Language

27 Emma Ojala
   Class Teacher Education
FULBRIGHT FINLAND UNDERGRADUATE GRANTS

28 Eeva Ferrer Sarría
Social Sciences

29 Christian Hindsberg
Economics

30 Marcus Pietarinen
Economics

31 Minea Tiitinen
Computer Science

FULBRIGHT DISTINGUISHED AWARDS IN TEACHING PROGRAM

32 Veera Illman
Education and Foreign Language Teaching

33 Matti Kastikainen
Special Education

FULBRIGHT FINLAND TRAVEL GRANTS FOR INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

34 Emily Clements (née Carlson)
Music Psychology

35 Juan Galarza
Computational Biology

36 Riikka Kanervo
Social Policy

ASLA-FULBRIGHT MID-CAREER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT

37 Anna Talasniemi
Art Education and Heritage Studies

FULBRIGHT FINLAND RENEWAL GRANTS

Information on awarded grants will be updated after selections have been made.

STUDY OF THE U.S. INSTITUTES FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL EDUCATORS

38 Seda Altunbay
English Teacher

STUDY OF THE U.S. INSTITUTES FOR STUDENT LEADERS FROM EUROPE

39 Nihal Koymatli
International Business

40 Rose Sarwar
Environmental Engineering

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Pirjo Kristiina Virtanen

INDIGENOUS STUDIES

ASLA-Fulbright Research Grant for a Senior Scholar
The grant is cost-shared with the University of Helsinki

SPECIALIZATION:
Indigenous Research Methodologies and Ethics, Amazonian Indigenous Societies

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:
Biocultural Diversity and Onto-epistemic Structures

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
My project focuses on Indigenous conceptualization of biodiversity and onto-epistemic structures in halting biodiversity loss. UN SDGs note that biodiversity is the basis for climate-change risk reduction, resilience, and thus the future of the planet. Yet, moving beyond a universalist approach, this interdisciplinary project will offer an evidence-based, in-depth, long-term analysis of local experiences of biodiversity. It co-examines how Amazonian Indigenous notions of time relate to their conceptualisation of environmental diversity and their land uses.

KEYWORDS:
Amazonia, Indigenous Onto-Epistemologies, Biocultural Heritage, Research Ethics

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:
University of Helsinki, Faculty of Arts, Helsinki

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:
University of California, Anthropology, Davis, California

HOST/CONTACT PERSON AT THE DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:
Professor Marisol de la Cadena

GRANT PERIOD:
August 2024 – June 2025

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:
– 2023-26: EU Horizon MSCA
– 2023-26: Kone Foundation
– 2021-25: Academy of Finland
– 2022-24: Finnish National Agency for Education
– 2017-19: Finnish Cultural Foundation
– 2010-15: Academy of Finland
– 2013-15: University of Helsinki
– 2008-09: Kone Foundation
– 2007: Legs Leelong, CNRS
– 2005: SYLFF Foundation
– 2003: Finnish Cultural Foundation

ACADEMIC TRAINING:
– Habilitation (Docent), 2013, University of Helsinki, Finland
– PhD, 2007, University of Helsinki, Finland

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:
– Professor, University of Helsinki, Finland, since 2016

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

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Pekka Kolehmainen

NORTH AMERICAN STUDIES

ASLA-Fulbright Research Grant for a Junior Scholar

The grant is cost-shared with the University of Turku

SPECIALIZATION:
Intellectual History of U.S. Conservatism

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:
The Conceptual Language of Antifeminism and Reactionary Realignment in the United States

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
The project examines what antifeminist concepts are developed in right-wing intellectual foundation, think tanks and advocacy organizations in the U.S. from the 1970s to the present day. The research posits antifeminism as a conceptual bridge between different right-wing movements across both time and ideological spectrum, creating coalitions and unified fronts based on shared language of grievance.

KEYWORDS:
Antifeminism, Conservatism, Ideology, Culture Wars

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:
University of Turku, John Morton Center for North American Studies & Turku Institute for Advanced Studies, Turku, Finland

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:
University of California, Berkeley, Institute for the Study of Societal Issues & Berkeley Center of Right-Wing Studies, Berkeley, California

HOST/CONTACT PERSON AT THE DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:
Professor Stephen Small

GRANT PERIOD:
September 2024 – April 2025

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ACADEMIC TRAINING:
– Ph.D., 2022, Cultural History, University of Turku, Finland
– M.A., 2014, University of Turku, Finland
– B.A., 2014, University of Turku, Finland

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:
– Postdoctoral Researcher, John Morton Center for North American Studies & Turku Institute for Advanced Studies, University of Turku, Turku, Finland, 9/2022–8/2025
– Senior Researcher, John Morton Center for North American Studies, University of Turku, Turku, Finland, 5/2022 & 8/2022
– University Teacher, John Morton Center for North American Studies, University of Turku, Turku, Finland, 9/2021–12/2021
– Project Researcher, John Morton Center for North American Studies, University of Turku, Turku, Finland, 9/2020–8/2021
– Ph.D. Candidate (salaried), Cultural History, University of Turku, Turku, Finland, 11/2016–10/2019
– Coordinator, Ph.D. Programme in Popular Culture Studies (PPCS), University of Turku, Turku, Finland, 2/2015–12/2015
– Coordinator, Institute for Popular Culture (IIPC), University of Turku, Turku, Finland, 10/2014–6/2015

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:
– 2022: Humanities Ph.D. of the Year, University of Turku, Finland
Lari Launonen

THEOLOGY

ASLA-Fulbright Research Grant for a Junior Scholar

SPECIALIZATION:
Philosophy of Religion

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:
Cognitive Science of Religion and Natural Knowledge of God

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
This multidisciplinary project addresses the question “how does cognitive science of religion (CSR) help rethink the theological idea of the natural knowledge of God?” Many theologians have claimed that all humans have an awareness of God through nature and conscience. CSR can be used both to support and to challenge this claim. The project shows how cognitive science does not merely threaten but can also benefit theological inquiry.

KEYWORDS:
Religious Epistemology, Evolution of Religion, Procreative Ethics

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:
University of Helsinki, Faculty of Educational Sciences, Faculty of Education, Helsinki

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, The Rutgers Center for Philosophy of Religion, New Brunswick, New Jersey

HOST/CONTACT PERSON AT THE DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:
Professor Dean Zimmermann

GRANT PERIOD:
February 2025 – May 2025

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ACADEMIC TRAINING:
– Doctor of Theology, 2022, University of Helsinki, Finland

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:
– Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Helsinki, Finland, since 2023
– Lecturer, IK College (IK-opisto), Helsinki, Finland, 2017-24

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:
– Communications Editor of AGATHEOS: European Journal for Philosophy of Religion
– 2024-27: Member of Child in Time – Existential Resilience in Early Childhood project funded by the Academy of Finland, University of Helsinki
– 2017-19: Member of the Centre of Excellence in Reason and Religious Recognition project funded by the Academy of Finland, University of Helsinki
– Awarded four one-year grants from various funding bodies
SPECIALIZATION:
Inverse Problems and Imaging

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:
Global and Microlocal Analysis for Geometric Integral Transforms

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
Inverse problems involve determining internal material properties of an object from indirect measurements. These are commonly found in medical, engineering, and geophysical imaging applications. The mathematical structure of indirect physical measurements is often complex and has many open questions that drive the need for new breakthroughs. The project seeks to establish a new fundamental understanding of inverse problems with advanced mathematical techniques.

KEYWORDS:
X-Ray Transform, Partial Differential Equations, Differential Geometry, Microlocal Analysis

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:
LUT University, Computational Engineering, School of Engineering Sciences, Lappeenranta

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:
Stanford University, Department of Mathematics, Stanford, California

HOST/CONTACT PERSON AT THE DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:
Professor András Vasy

GRANT PERIOD:
January 2025 – June 2025

PURE AND APPLIED MATHEMATICS
ASLA-Fulbright Research Grant for a Junior Scholar
The grant is cost-shared with LUT University, Lappeenranta

ACADEMIC TRAINING:
— Title of Docent, 2024, LUT University, Lappeenranta, Finland
— Ph.D., 2019, University of Jyväskylä, Jyväskylä, Finland
— M.Sc., 2014, Tampere University, Tampere, Finland
— B.Sc., 2014, Tampere University, Tampere, Finland
— Erasmus Exchange Student, 2011-12, University of Sheffield, Sheffield, United Kingdom

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:
— Associate Professor, LUT University, Lappeenranta, Finland, since 2023
— Visiting Research Fellow, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, United Kingdom, 2021-23
— Postdoctoral Researcher, ETH Zurich, Zürich, Switzerland, 2020-21

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:
— 2023: ASLA-Fulbright Research Grant for Junior Scholars Awardee
— 2023: Homing Grant of the Jenny and Antti Wihuri Foundation
— 2020: Finnish Inverse Prize of the Finnish Inverse Problems Society
— 2020: Foundations’ Post Doc Pool Grant by the Finnish Academy of Science and Letters
— 2019: Ph.D. thesis accepted with distinction, University of Jyväskylä

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Fulbright Arctic Initiative Research Awards

More information will be published soon
Tanja Joona
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
Fulbright Arctic Initiative Research Awards

More information will be published soon
Alexandra Middleton
SOCIAL SCIENCES
Fulbright Arctic Initiative Research Awards

More information will be published soon
**Fulbright Finland Travel Grant for Research Collaboration**

**Eini Haaja**

**INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS**

**Fulbright Project Title:**
Green Transition in Cruise Shipbuilding

**Fulbright Project Description:**
The Finnish cruise shipbuilding network is rapidly pursuing green transition but has only a limited understanding of how sustainability could be most efficiently yet feasibly pursued in cruise tourism. My research explores how various industry actors based in the U.S. see the future of cruise tourism in this respect and aims to offer scientific contributions and practical recommendations to support the green transition.

**Keywords:**
Sustainability, Shipbuilding Industry, Cruise Tourism, Business Networks

**Academic Training:**
- D.Sc. (econ.), 2020, University of Turku, Finland
- M.Sc. (econ.), 2010, Turku School of Economics, Finland
- B.Sc. (econ.), 2008, Turku School of Economics, Finland

**Professional Background:**
- Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Turku, Turku, Finland, since 2022
- Research Manager, University of Turku, Turku, Finland, 2019-22
- Project Manager, University of Turku, Turku, Finland, 2017-19
- University Teacher, University of Turku, Turku, Finland, 2014-17
- Project Researcher, University of Turku, Turku, Finland, 2012-13

**Selected Publications:**

**Fellowships, Honors, Etc.:**
- 2022-25: Postdoctoral Fellow at Turku Institute for Advanced Studies (TIAS), University of Turku, Finland
- 2022: Best conference paper (“Orchestrating in business networks to enhance the co-creation of eco-innovations”) of the 38th Industrial Marketing and Purchasing (IMP) Conference on the 31st of August 2022 at the University of Florence, Italy
- 2022-25: Principal Investigator in MUUTOS project granted by the Foundation for Economic Education, Finland

**Home Institution and Department in Finland:**
Pan-European Institute, Department of Marketing and International Business, Turku; University of Turku, School of Economics, Turku

**Host Institution and Department in the United States:**
Florida International University, Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, Miami, Florida

**Host/Contact Person at the Department in the United States:**
Dr. Carolin Lusby, Associate Professor

**Grant Period:**
May 2024 – June 2024

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Eikki Kapiainen

MOLECULAR BIOLOGY
Fulbright Finland Travel Grant for Research Collaboration

SPECIALIZATION:
Reproductive Biology

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:
Exploring the Endometrium: Studies on Molecular Mechanisms Affecting Female Fertility

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
Proper function of the uterine endometrium has a tremendous impact on both pregnancy outcomes and women’s overall health. I aim to study selected molecular signaling pathways regulating endometrial cells and their extracellular matrix and to simultaneously learn state-of-the-art methodologies that are used to model the human endometrium in the laboratory.

KEYWORDS:
Reproductive Biology, Endometrium, Infertility

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:
University of Oulu, Faculty of Biochemistry and Molecular Medicine, Oulu

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:
Baylor College of Medicine, Department of Pathology & Immunology, Houston, Texas

HOST/CONTACT PERSON AT THE DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:
Assistant Professor Diana Monsivas

GRANT PERIOD:
October 2024 – December 2024

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ACADEMIC TRAINING:
– PhD (Biochemistry and Molecular Medicine), 2022, University of Oulu, Finland
– MSc (Molecular Medicine), 2017, University of Oulu, Finland
– BSc (Biochemistry), 2016, University of Oulu, Finland

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:
– Postdoctoral Researcher, Profi6 Fibrobesity program, University of Oulu, Oulu, Finland, since 2023
– Doctoral Researcher, University of Oulu, Oulu, Finland, 2018-22

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:
– 2024: Fulbright Finland Travel Grant for Research Collaboration Awardee
– 2020: Biocenter Oulu Discovery of the Year Award
– 2018: Award for the Faculty’s Best MSc Thesis of the Academic Year, Faculty of Biochemistry and Molecular Medicine, University of Oulu
– 2016: Award for the Faculty’s Best BSc Thesis of the Academic Year, Faculty of Biochemistry and Molecular Medicine, University of Oulu
Fulbright Finland Travel Grant for Research Collaboration

FOLKLORE STUDIES

ACADEMIC TRAINING:
- MA, 2023, University of Helsinki, Finland
- BA, 2022, University of Helsinki, Finland

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:
- Doctoral Researcher, University of Helsinki, Finland, 2024–Present
- Research Assistant, University of Helsinki, Finland, 2022–23
- Technical Assistant, University of Helsinki, Finland 2023
- Entrepreneur, Liikuntapalvelu ILO, Finland 2012–23

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:
- 2024: The Fulbright Finland Travel Grants for Research Collaboration
- 2024–27: Doctoral Fellow, University of Helsinki
Fulbright Finland Travel Grant for Research Collaboration

Katariina Sorvari

Marketing

The project will qualitatively explore consumer-to-consumer accountability in the process of habituating practices with the ability to improve individual and/or societal wellbeing. Specifically, we focus on vegan food consumption. We will investigate how consumers call each other to account on social media for the morality of their food consumption practices. The research collaboration will shed light on moral accountability and how it is communicated in social media.

Keywords:
Moral Consumption, Online Communities, Practices, Veganism

Academic Training:
- M.Sc. in Economics and Business Administration, 2022, University of Vaasa, Finland
- BBA, 2015, Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences, Finland

Professional Background:
- Doctoral Researcher, University of Vaasa, Vaasa, Finland, 2022-24

Fellowships, Honors, etc.:
- 2024: Fulbright Finland Travel Grant for Research Collaboration Awardee
- 2023: Master’s Thesis Award 2022, Finnish Association of Consumer Research

Specialization:
Consumer Behaviour

Fulbright Project Title:
Making Sense of Moral Calls to Account on Social Media

Fulbright Project Description:
The project will qualitatively explore consumer-to-consumer accountability in the process of habituating practices with the ability to improve individual and/or societal wellbeing. Specifically, we focus on vegan food consumption. We will investigate how consumers call each other to account on social media for the morality of their food consumption practices. The research collaboration will shed light on moral accountability and how it is communicated in social media.

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Moral Consumption, Online Communities, Practices, Veganism

Home Institution and Department in Finland:
University of Vaasa, School of Marketing and Communication, Vaasa

Host Institution and Department in the United States:
Suffolk University, Marketing Department, Boston, Massachusetts

Host/Contact Person at the Department in the United States:
Associate Professor Mujde Yuksel

Grant Period:
October 2024 – November 2024

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Bruno Jäntti

POLITICAL SCIENCE
ASLA-Fulbright Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow
The grant is cost-shared with the University of Helsinki

SPECIALIZATION:
International Relations, Foreign Policy, Middle East

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:
Advancement of Democracy, Human Rights and the Rule of Law in EU Foreign Policy

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
My Fellow-term research at the Department of Government at Harvard delves into the impact of EU foreign policy on democracy, human rights, and the rule of law trajectories in the Middle East region. Among the aims of my Fellow-term research is to produce novel methodological tools and models for studying foreign policy.

KEYWORDS:
Foreign Policy, EU, Democracy, Rule of Law

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:
University of Helsinki, Faculty of Social Sciences, Helsinki

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:
Harvard University, Department of Government, Cambridge, Massachusetts

HOST/CONTACT PERSON AT THE DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:
Professor Melani Cammett

GRANT PERIOD:
August 2024 – January 2025

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ACADEMIC TRAINING:
– M.A., 2021, University of Chicago, USA

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:
– Doctoral Researcher, University of Helsinki, Finland, since Jan 2023

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:
– Bruno Jäntti (2024) Outcome Potential Dilemma: EU Foreign Policy vis-à-vis Israel’s encroachment on the Occupied Palestinian Territories. European Journal of International Relations. Peer-review-bound.
– Bruno Jäntti (2023) Enemmistön tahto on uusi Iran (Majority of Iranians want a new Iran.) Ulkopoliittika (magazine on international relations published by the Finnish Institute of International Affairs).

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:
– 2024-25: Fulbright Fellow, Department of Government, Harvard University
– 2020: The University of Chicago: Maroon Scholar Research Award (M.A. degree at the University of Chicago)
– 2020-21: ASLA-Fulbright Graduate Grant Awardee. M.A. degree in the social sciences at the University of Chicago
– 2019: Kone Foundation grant for a non-fiction book on border walls’ impact on biodiversity, wildlife. I served as the project leader in this research endeavor.
– 2018: WSOY Literary Foundation grant for a non-fiction book on the war in Syria and the Islamic State movement.
Karoliina Salenius

BIOINFORMATICS
ASLA-Fulbright Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow
The grant is cost-shared with Tampere University

SPECIALIZATION:
Bioinformatics, Data Analysis

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:
Transcript Isoform Profiling in the Developing Brain Using Long-Read Sequencing

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
Human brain is the most complex organ. While DNA is the same across the cell types and tissues, different versions of genes can be generated. In fact, all cell types have their own unique repertoire for gene regulation. During my visit, I will study these phenomena in the context of neurodevelopment by profiling gene isoforms using a new sequencing technology.

KEYWORDS:
Bioinformatics, Genetics, Neurodevelopment

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:
Tampere University, Tampere

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:
New York Genome Center, New York, New York

HOST/CONTACT PERSON AT THE DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:
Tuuli Lappalainen

GRANT PERIOD:
September 2024 – February 2025


FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:
– 2023-24: ASLA-Fulbright Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow Grant Awardee
Johan Wahlsten

POLITICAL SCIENCE

ASLA-Fulbright Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow

The grant is cost-shared with the University of Helsinki

SPECIALIZATION:
Global Political Economy, Economic and International Policy and Governance

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:
Capital Moves? The International Governance of Capital Flow Regulation After Global Financial Crises

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
My PhD research analyses the international governance of cross-border capital flow regulations—policy measures that have become increasingly employed in the past decades. More specifically, I aim to provide explanations for a set of recent changes in the IMF’s and OECD’s frameworks governing the regulation of international capital flows. I also examine these changes’ implications for international economic governance and cooperation both more generally and specifically in the domain of capital flows and for states’ economic policy.

KEYWORDS:
Political Economy, Economic Policy, International Economic Governance

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:
University of Helsinki, Faculty of Social Sciences, Helsinki

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:
Georgetown University, Mortara Center for International Studies, Washington D.C.

HOST/CONTACT PERSON AT THE DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:
Professor Kathleen McNamara

GRANT PERIOD:
September 2024 - February 2025

ACADEMIC TRAINING:

- MSc, 2022, University of Helsinki, Finland
- MSc, 2019, University of Turku, Finland
- BSc, 2016, University of Turku, Finland

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

- Doctoral Researcher, University of Helsinki, Faculty of Social Sciences, Finland, since 2022
- Research Assistant, University of Helsinki, Centre for Global Political Economy, Finland, 2020–21
- Intern, BIOS Research Unit, Helsinki, Finland, 2020
- Project Assistant, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, Helsinki, 2019
- Project Researcher, University of Turku, Finland, 2019
- Intern, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, Vienna, Austria, 2018
- Cram School Teacher, Yliopistovalmennus, Turku, Finland, 2017

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:


FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:

- 2023: Nasdaq Nordic Foundation, travel grant
- 2023: Oskar Öflund’s Foundation, travel grant
- 2022: Finnish Savings Banks’ Research Foundation, travel grant
- 2021: University of Helsinki Research Foundation, four-year fellowship for a doctoral research employment position
- 2021: University of Helsinki Social Sciences Fund, master’s degree studies scholarship
- 2019: Finnish Worker’s Education Fund, master’s degree studies scholarship

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For better or for worse, companies are collaborating and competing in ecosystems to develop and deploy new innovations, thanks to information, communication, and technology (ICT). Despite the ICT sector’s potential to contribute to shaping our future, it also contributes to sustainability challenges such as energy consumption, biodiversity, e-waste, safety, privacy, inequality, trust, etc. This project is part of a PhD dissertation to advance ICT sustainability through an ecosystem approach.

**ACADEMIC TRAINING:**
- MSc. Economics & Business Administration, 2018, LUT University, Finland
- BS. Management Studies, 2009, University of Cape Coast, Ghana

**PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:**
- Junior Researcher, LUT University, Lappeenranta, Finland, since 2021
- Project Researcher, LUT University, Lappeenranta, Finland, 2020-21

**SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:**
- Larry Abdullah, Laura Partanen, Antti Sipilä, Ojedeji Shola, Sanaul Haque, Jari Porras 2023, Co-design framework for green ICT ecosystem: A tale from the Finnish green ICT ecosystem, 9th International Conference on ICT for Sustainability, June 05-09, 207-215
- Dominic Lammert, Larry Abdullah, Stefanie Betz, Jari Porras, 2023, Sustainability for Artificial Intelligence Products and Services—Initial How-to for IT Practitioners, 56th Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences (HICSS), January 3-6, Proceedings 6570

**FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:**
- 2024-25: Fulbright-KAUTE Foundation Award
- 2021: Foundation of Economic Education Personal Working Grant (Liikesivistysrahasto) €15000
- Scholarship of Achievement in undergraduate studies. Research Foundation of LUT University (Tukisäätiö) €1000
- 2015: Best achieving student. LUT University School of Business and Management
Emmanuel Abu-Danso
MATERIALS AND ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY
Fulbright-KAUTE Foundation Award

SPECIALIZATION:
Applied Sustainable Materials Processing and Environmental Technology

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:
Fundamentals of Critical Metals Separation From Mine Wastewater by Geo-Inspired Materials

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
Cobalt is a strategic metal for industries, however, it is environmentally detrimental and requires sustainable management. This project aims to synthesize layered graphene modified magnesium-aluminum-layered double hydroxide (G@MgAl-LDH) for efficient removal and recovery of cobalt from mine wastewater and explain G@MgAl-LDH-cobalt interaction that enables removal. Experts from Finland and the US have collaborated to achieve this goal for a sustainable reuse of cobalt and protect the environment.

KEYWORDS:
Geo-Inspired Materials, Cobalt, Separation Technology

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:
University of Eastern Finland, Department of Environmental and Biological Sciences, Kuopio

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:
Ames National Laboratory, US Department of Energy (USDOE), Ames, IA

HOST/CONTACT PERSON AT THE DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:
Dr. Tanya Prozorov

GRANT PERIOD:
August 2024 – February 2025

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>> LINKEDIN @Emmanuel Abu-Danso
>> LINK TO THE UNIVERSITY ONLINE PROFILE

ACADEMIC TRAINING:
– Ph.D., 2020, University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio, Finland

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:
Grant Funded Research, University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio, Finland, since 11/2022

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:
– 2021-22: Finnish Cutural Foundation (00210061) Post-doc project
– 2020-21: Saastamoinen Foundation, Post-doc project
Eero Kaarsalo

ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION
Fulbright-Idman Grant

SPECIALIZATION:
Entrepreneurship and Innovation
Management and Organizational Leadership

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:
Completing a master’s degree in
Entrepreneurship and Innovation in the U.S.

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
The Fulbright-Idman grant provides me the
opportunity to pursue graduate studies in the
United States. I am excited to pursue a
Master of Science in Entrepreneurship and
Innovation at the University of Southern
California’s Marshall School of Business.

KEYWORDS:
Entrepreneurship, Innovation, Management,
Leadership

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT
IN FINLAND:
Aalto University School of Business,
Department of Management Studies, Espoo

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT
IN THE UNITED STATES:
University of Southern California, Marshall
School of Business, Los Angeles, California

GRANT PERIOD:
August 2024 – May 2025

>> LINKEDIN @Eero Kaarsalo

ACADEMIC TRAINING:
– Bachelor of Science (Economics and Business Administration),
  2023, Aalto University, Finland
– Master of Science (Economics and Business Administration),
  ongoing (2023-), Aalto University, Finland

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:
– Civil Service Assistant, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland,
  Helsinki, Finland, 2022-23
– Production Manager & Coordinator, Aalto University Department
  of Film & Kokko Productions Inc., Espoo, Finland, 2021-23

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:
  verkostot organisoituvat? Aalto University School of Business,
  Department of Management Studies. Bachelor’s thesis. 33 pages.

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:
– 2024-25: Fulbright-Idman Grantee
– 2020: Tampere Business Scholarship Foundation grantee for
  business studies
– 2020: Idman Foundation Grant for studies in higher education
– 2019: Idman Foundation Grant for studies in higher education
– 2018: Little Finlandia Literature Essay Winner, 2nd prize
SPECIALIZATION:
International Relations and Global Communications

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:
Completing a master’s degree in International Relations and Global Communications in the U.S.

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
In my studies, my aim is to delve into the relationship between global affairs, diplomacy, and the media. By exploring the role of international relations in our society, I want to gain insights for reporting on various international topics in the digital era.

KEYWORDS:
International Relations, Communications, Journalism

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT
IN FINLAND:
University of Helsinki, Swedish School of Social Science, Helsinki

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT
IN THE UNITED STATES:
Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York

GRANT PERIOD:
August 2024 – May 2025

ACADEMIC TRAINING:
– B.Soc.Sci. Journalism and Communications, University of Helsinki, 2023, Finland

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:
– News reporter, YLE, Helsinki, Finland, since 2022
– News reporter, KSF Media, Porvoo, Finland, 2021-22

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:
– 2024-25: ASLA-Fulbright Graduate Grant Awardee
– 2024-25: SAM Suomi, Thanks to Scandinavia Grant Awardee
– 2024-25: Finnish Cultural Foundation, Matti ja Toini Autio Grant Awardee

Isabella Biorac Haaja
JOURNALISM AND COMMUNICATIONS
ASLA-Fulbright Graduate Grant

>> INSTAGRAM @ISABELLAHAAJA
>> TIKTOK @ISABELLAHAAJA
The project is a comparative analysis on the association of criminal behavior and voting. We aim to analyze how societal change has affected this association over time in the United States and in Finland.

**Keywords:**
Prison, Life-Course, Statistics

**Home Institution and Department in Finland:**
University of Helsinki, Institute of Criminology and Criminal Policy, Helsinki

**Host Institution and Department in the United States:**
Harvard University, Department of Sociology, Cambridge, Massachusetts

**Grant Period:**
September 2024 – June 2025

**Selected Publications:**
SPECIALIZATION: Conflict Resolution

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE: Completing a master’s degree in Peace & Conflict Resolution in the U.S.

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION: I aim to specialize on the areas of transitional justice and post-conflict reconciliation.

KEYWORDS: Transitional Justice, Diplomacy, Peace Negotiations

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT: Trinity College Dublin, School of Law, Dublin, Ireland

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES: Georgetown University, Department of Government, Washington D.C.

HOST/CONTACT PERSON AT THE DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES: Professor Katherine Collin

GRANT PERIOD: August 2024 – May 2025

Joona Mäkinen
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
ASLA-Fulbright Graduate Grant
The Fulbright Finland Centennial Award

ACADEMIC TRAINING:
– LLB, 2023, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:
– 2024-25: ASLA-Fulbright Graduate Grant Awardee
Lada Sokolova

CIVIL ENGINEERING
ASLA-Fulbright Graduate Grant

SPECIALIZATION:
Construction Management

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:
Completing a master’s degree in Construction Management in the U.S.

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
Learning world-wide recognized Construction Management practices to share and implement them in Finnish major industrial construction.

KEYWORDS:
Construction Management, Industrial Construction

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:
Independent Scholar

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:
New York University, New York, New York

GRANT PERIOD:
August 2024 – May 2025

>> LINKEDIN @Lada Sokolova
>> INSTAGRAM @rideoverdream

ACADEMIC TRAINING:
— BEng, 2019, Metropolia University of Applied Sciences, Finland

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:
— Founder, Falcon CM Oy, Helsinki, Finland, since 2023
— Construction Area Manager, Rinssi Oy, Kemi, Finland, 2022-23
— Project Engineer, Fimpec PMO Oy, Helsinki, Finland, 2021-22
— Construction Area Manager, AFRY Finland Oy, Uruguay, Paso de los Toros, 2020-21
— Founder, Consteam LLC, Saint Petersburg, Russia, 2016-19
— Site Supervisor, SRV Russia Oy, Saint Petersburg, Russia, 2013-16

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:
— Sokolova, Lada 2019, Concrete Strength: Russian Standards and Results’ Differences in Different Test Methods, Bachelor’s Thesis

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:
— 2024-25: ASLA-Fulbright Graduate Grant Awardee
Natalie Lewis

FINNISH LANGUAGE
Fulbright Finnish Language and Culture Teaching Assistant

SPECIALIZATION:
Finnish as a Second and Foreign Language

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
Finnish Language Teaching Assistant

KEYWORDS:
Finnish Language, Literature, Finnish as a Second and Foreign Language

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT
IN FINLAND:
University of Oulu, Research Unit of Languages and Literature, Oulu

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT
IN THE UNITED STATES:
University of Washington, Department of Scandinavian Studies, Seattle, Washington

HOST/CONTACT PERSON AT THE DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:
Andrew Nestingen

GRANT PERIOD:
September 2024 – May 2025

>> FACEBOOK @Natalie Lewis
>> INSTAGRAM @natskuuz

ACADEMIC TRAINING:
– BA, 2023, University of Oulu, Finland

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:
– Finnish Language Teacher at Silkkitie Oy, Helsinki, Finland, since 2023

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:
– 2024-25: Fulbright Finnish Language and Culture Teaching Assistant Program, University of Washington
Emma Ojala
CLASS TEACHER EDUCATION
Fulbright Finnish Language and Culture Teaching Assistants

SPECIALIZATION:
Class Teacher Education and Special Education

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:
Finnish Language Teaching Assistant

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
Working as a teacher assistant at the University of Minnesota.

KEYWORDS:
FLTA, Finland, Teacher Assistant

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities; Department of German, Nordic, Slavic, and Dutch, Minneapolis, Minnesota

HOST/CONTACT PERSON AT THE DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:
Graduate Program Coordinator Magdalena Schroeder

GRANT PERIOD:
August 2024 – May 2025

ACADEMIC TRAINING:
– Master of Arts (Education), 2023, University of Eastern Finland, Finland
– Bachelor of Arts (Education), 2020, University of Eastern Finland, Finland

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:
– Finnish as a Second Language Teacher, Pielisjoen koulu, Joensuu, Finland 2023-24
– Preparatory Education (Valmistava opetus) Teacher, Karsikon koulu, Joensuu, Finland 2023
– Substitute Teacher for Elementary School, Joensuun kaupunki, Joensuu, Finland 2021-22

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:
– 2024-25: Fulbright Finnish Language and Culture Teaching Assistant Program, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis
Eeva Ferrer Sarría
SOCIAL SCIENCES
Fulbright Finland Undergraduate Grant

SPECIALIZATION:
International Relations & Global Public Health

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:
Exchange studies in the U.S.

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
Undergraduate level studies at American University in the U.S.

KEYWORDS:
(U.S.) Foreign Policy, Health Equity, Racial Inequalities, Interdisciplinary

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT:
Maastricht University, University College Maastricht, Faculty of Science and Engineering, Maastricht, The Netherlands

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:
American University, Washington D.C.

GRANT PERIOD:
August 2024 – December 2024

>> INSTAGRAM: @eevaferrer
>> LINKEDIN: @Eeva Ferrer
>> FACEBOOK @ Eeva Ferrer

ACADEMIC TRAINING:
– High School Diploma, 2021, Puolalanmäen lukio, Finland

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:
– President (since 2024), Vice-President (2023), and Board Member (2022), European Youth Parliament Finland – EYP Finland ry
– Assistant Journalist (2020-2021) and Youth Journalist (2017-2019), Turun Sanomat, Turku, Finland
– Fundraiser, Doctors Without Borders, Turku & Helsinki, Finland, 2021
– Social Media Content Creator, Turku Student Village Foundation, Turku, Finland, 2020-2021
– Waitress, Multiple restaurants, Turku, Finland, 2018-2021
– Substitute teacher, Belgian Suomi-koulu (Finnish School of Belgium), Brussels, Belgium, 2022

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:
– 2024: Fulbright Finland Undergraduate Grant Awardee
– 2021: K.F. Helisevän rahasto -foundation stipend for accomplishments in high school studies, Awarded by Puolalanmäki High School
– 2018-2019: Regional Council of Southwest Finland Policy Maker Academy Trainee
Christian Hindsberg
ECONOMICS
Fulbright Finland Undergraduate Grant

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:
Undergraduate studies at Washington and Lee University

KEYWORDS:
Economics, Finance, Intercultural Understanding, Entrepreneurship

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:
Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia

GRANT PERIOD:
August 2024 – May 2025

>> LINKEDIN @ Christian Hindsberg
>> INSTAGRAM @christian.hindsberg

ACADEMIC TRAINING:
– International Baccalaureate, UWC Robert Bosch College, Germany

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:
– 2024-25 Fulbright Finland Undergraduate Grant Awardee
– 2021-23: United World College Scholar 2021-23
Marcus Pietarinen
ECONOMICS
Fulbright Finland Undergraduate Grant

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:
Undergraduate studies in the U.S.

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
Undergraduate studies in the U.S.

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:
Stanford University, Stanford, CA

GRANT PERIOD:
September 2024 – June 2025

>> INSTAGRAM @marcus_pietarinen

ACADEMIC TRAINING:
– Middle School, 2021, Helsingin Suomalainen Yhteiskoulu, Finland
– IB Diploma Programme, 2024, Helsingin Suomalainen Yhteiskoulu, Finland

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:
– 2024-2025: Fulbright Finland Undergraduate Grant Awardee
– 2023: Finnish Gymnastics Federation Young Athlete of the Year
– 2023: 2x Junior World Championships Finalist
Minea Tiitinen
COMPUTER SCIENCE
Fulbright Finland Undergraduate Grant

ACADEMIC TRAINING:
– Graduate (June 2024) of Ressu Upper Secondary School, Finland

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:
– 2024-25: Fulbright Finland Undergraduate Grant Awardee

SPECIALIZATION:
Computer Science and Linguistics

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:
Completing a bachelor’s degree in the U.S.

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
Completing a bachelor’s degree in computer science with a minor in linguistics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

KEYWORDS:
Computer Science, Linguistics, Computational Linguistics

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts

GRANT PERIOD:
August 2024 – May 2025

>> INSTAGRAM @mineatiitinen
Veera Illman
EDUCATION AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHING
Fulbright Distinguished Award in Teaching

SPECIALIZATION:
Foreign Language Teaching

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:
Teaching and Supporting Students With Multilingual Backgrounds in the Foreign Language Classroom

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
The project aims at examining ways in which teachers can utilize their students’ multilingual backgrounds especially in the foreign language classroom. The goal is to find effective ways to use multilingual students’ language skills in the classroom to better support their learning.

KEYWORDS:
Education, English, Language Teaching, Multilingualism

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:
Meilahti Lower Secondary School, Helsinki

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:
TBC

HOST/CONTACT PERSON AT THE DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:
TBC

GRANT PERIOD:
August 2024 – December 2024

ACADEMIC TRAINING:
− Master of Arts, 2017, University of Turku, Finland
− Bachelor of Arts, 2014, University of Turku, Finland

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:
− English and Swedish Language Teacher, Meilahti Lower Secondary School, Helsinki, Finland, since 2017
− Course Leader, EF Education First, Torquay, United Kingdom, 2017

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:
− 2024: Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Awardee
Matti Kastikainen
SPECIAL EDUCATION
Fulbright Distinguished Award in Teaching

ACADEMIC TRAINING:
– Master of Arts, 2016, University of Jyväskylä, Finland

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:
– Special Education Teacher, Sompio School, Kerava, Finland, since 2019
– Special Education Teacher, Ehnroos’s School, Mäntsälä, Finland, 2016-19
– Research Assistant, University of Jyväskylä, Jyväskylä, Finland, 2016

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:
– 2024: Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Grantee

SPECIALIZATION:
Special Education, Education Technology

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:
Productive Learning – Recognizing Curricular Goals Achieved Outside of Classroom

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
Productive learning, on-job-learning for example, is a great way to improve learning, motivation and school engagement. But what do we actually learn through activity in real life situations? Which curricular goals are achieved? Those are questions my project aims to tackle. The goal is to create practical methods through which educators and learners can make productive learning visible.

KEYWORDS:
Productive Learning, (School) Engagement, Assessment, Professional Development

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:
Sompio School, City of Kerava, Kerava

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:
TBC

HOST/CONTACT PERSON AT THE DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:
TBC

GRANT PERIOD:
August 2024 – December 2024

> LINKEDIN @Matti Kastikainen
SPECIALIZATION:
Music Therapy

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:
Building Pathways for U.S.-Finland Exchange in the Research and Practice of Music Therapy

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
Finland is a world leader in music cognition research, while clinical music therapy is well-established and quickly growing in the USA. This visit aims to harness these complementary areas of outstanding expertise in their respective countries for the mutual benefit of both. The visit will be used to establish plan for student/researcher mobility between the University of Houston and the University of Jyväskylä, facilitating mutual enrichment and development.

KEYWORDS:
Music Therapy, Music Cognition, Interdisciplinarity, Embodied Cognition

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:
University of Jyväskylä, Department of Music, Art and Culture Studies, Jyväskylä

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:
University of Houston, Moores School of Music, Houston, Texas

HOST/CONTACT PERSON AT THE DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:
Professor Edward Roth

GRANT PERIOD:
October 2024

Emily Clements (née Carlson)

MUSIC PSYCHOLOGY
Fulbright Finland Travel Grant for Institutional Partnership Building

ACADEMIC TRAINING:
- PhD, 2018, University of Jyväskylä, Finland
- MA, 2014, University of Jyväskylä, Finland
- BMus, 2011, Western Michigan University, USA

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:
- Senior Lecturer, University of Jyväskylä, since 2023
- Post-Doctoral Researcher, University of Jyväskylä, 2018-23
- Doctoral Researcher, University of Jyväskylä, 2014-18
- Music Therapist, FAR Conservatory, Birmingham, MI, USA, 2011-12
- Intern Music Therapist, Monroe, MI, USA, 2010-11

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:
- 2019-20: Visiting Scholar at Cambridge University, Centre for Music and Science
FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:
Oulu-Miami Educational Partnership

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
Explore opportunities to Initiate long-term institutional partnership between the University of Miami and the University of Oulu.

KEYWORDS:
Bioinformatics, Data Analysis, DNA

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:
University of Oulu, Ecology and Genetics Unit, Oulu

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:
University of Miami, Department of Biology, Miami, Florida

HOST/CONTACT PERSON AT THE DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:
Professor James D. Baker

GRANT PERIOD:
November 2024

Juan Galarza
COMPUTATIONAL BIOLOGY
Fulbright Finland Travel Grant for Institutional Partnership Building

ACADEMIC TRAINING:
— PhD, 2008, University of Hull, United Kingdom

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:
— Lecturer, University of Oulu, Oulu, Finland, since 2023

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:
— 2015: Institut de Recherche sur la Biologie de l’Insecte, France, Visiting Fellow

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>> INSTAGRAM @JA_Galarza
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Fulbright Finland Travel Grant for Institutional Partnership Building

**Riikka Kanervo**

**SOCIAL POLICY**

Fulbright Finland Travel Grant for Institutional Partnership Building

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**SPECIALIZATION:**
Social Services and Social Policy

**FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:**
Institutional Partnership Building in the Field of Social Services and Social Work

**FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**
Negotiating the expansion of collaboration to the social work and social services departments of our universities. Comparing curricula and seeking collaborative courses, as well as preliminary planning of jointly offered courses and exchange opportunities for students and teachers. Interdisciplinary collaboration is crucial for finding sustainable solutions to global crises.

**KEYWORDS:**
Diversity, Equality, Inclusion, Romance, Frauds

**HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:**
Laurea University of Applied Sciences, Social Services, Vantaa

**HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:**
Nazareth University, Rochester, New York

**HOST/CONTACT PERSON AT THE DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:**
Nevan Fisher, Executive Director of Center for International Education

**GRANT PERIOD:**
October 2024

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**ACADEMIC TRAINING:**
- Encounter Art Group Guide, 2024, Laurea University of Applied Sciences, Finland
- M.Soc.Sc. with qualification in adult education, 2015, University of Helsinki, Finland
- B.Soc.Sc., minor in Social Work, 2011, University of Helsinki, Finland
- B.Soc.Serv., 2003, Laurea University of Applied Sciences, Finland

**PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:**
- Senior Lecturer & Project Manager, Laurea University of Applied Sciences, since 2015
- Lecturer, Diaconia University of Applied Sciences, 2011-14
- Social Worker, Child welfare services, City of Helsinki, 2011-14

**SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:**

**FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:**
- 2024: The Fulbright Finland Travel Grant for Institutional Partnership Building
- 2019 – present: Member of the steering group of the Nicehearts organization, which aims to produce community-based activities for girls and women of different ages and backgrounds. Link: [Nicehearts Organisation](https://www.nicehearts.org)

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**LINKEDIN @Riikka Kanervo**
In these times of ecological and social crises, the role of museums as inclusive sites for future-making and change has become increasingly crucial. Although there is a lot of inspiring talk about eco-social sustainability, concrete steps toward an inclusive and societal approach are yet to be taken in the Finnish museum sector. In the US, many museums are at the forefront of addressing these issues and practising social justice.
Seda Altunbay

ENGLISH TEACHER
Study of the U.S. Institutes for Secondary School Educators

TEACHING SUBJECTS:
English as a Foreign Language

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:
Facilitating and Fostering Studies of the U.S. in Secondary Education With a Focus on Futures Literacy and Transversal Competences

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
This project mainly focuses on developing an optional course which will facilitate a deeper understanding of the history and culture of the U.S. in Finnish Secondary (grades 7-9) Schools. Through active collaboration and carefully-planned course material, the aim will be to foster futures literacy and enhance transversal competences.

KEYWORDS:
Studies of the U.S. Institutes, Secondary Education, Futures Literacy, International Collaboration, Innovation

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:
Latokartano Comprehensive School, Helsinki

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:
University of Montana, Missoula, Montana

GRANT PERIOD:
June 2024 - July 2024

>> INSTAGRAM @sedaaltunbay
>> LINKEDIN @sedaaltunbay

ACADEMIC TRAINING:
— MA: English Philology, 2013, University of Helsinki, Finland
— BA: English Language Teaching, Gazi University, Turkey

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:
— English Teacher, Latokartano Comprehensive School, Helsinki, Finland, since 2009
— Higher Education Trainee, Helsinki City Education Division, Helsinki, Finland, April - June 2023
— Language Assistant, City of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland, 2007-2008

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:
— 2020-21: European Innovative Teaching Awards recipient
Nihal Koymatli

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS
Study of the U.S. Institute for Student Leaders from Europe on Environmental Issues

SPECIALIZATION:
International Business, Finance and Accounting

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:
Study on the U.S. Institutes for Student Leaders from Europe

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
SUSI Program offers undergraduate students a chance to represent Finland in the United States at the host institution for 5-6 weeks while learning about leadership and environmental issues and how to tackle them.

KEYWORDS:
Entrepreneurship, AI, Crisis Management, Renewable Energy

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:
Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences, Helsinki

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:
Shippensburg University, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania

GRANT PERIOD:
June 2024 – July 2024

> LINKEDIN @ Nihal Koymatli
> EMAIL nilkoy39@gmail.com

ACADEMIC TRAINING:
- Bachelor of Business Administration, 08/2022, Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences, Finland
- Academic Exchange 12/2023 Erasmus Brussels University of Applied Sciences and Arts, Belgium
- 03/2024 Nanjing University, China
- Russian Language, 09/2021, Pre-University Faculty of Peoples’ Friendship University of Russia, Remote

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:
- Head of Volunteer Operations, Arctic15, Helsinki, Finland, February-June 2023
- Consultant, 180 Degrees Consulting, Helsinki, Finland, February-June 2023
- Junior Payroll Specialist, Zalaris, Riga, Latvia, February-June 2022
- Contact Person for DACH countries, EKOenergy / Suomen Luonnonsuojeluliitto, Helsinki, Finland, August 2020-July 2021

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:
- 2024: Study on the U.S. Institutes for Student Leaders from Europe
- 2023: Scholarship of the German Academic Scholarship Foundation
- 2023: Scholarship of the Hans Böckler Foundation
**SPECIALIZATION:**
Environmental Strategy and Management

**HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:**
Tampere University of Applied Sciences, Tampere

**HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:**
Shippensburg University, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania

**GRANT PERIOD:**
June 2024 – July 2024

**LinkedIn** @Rose Sarwar

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**Rose Sarwar**

**ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING**
Study of the U.S. Institute for Student Leaders from Europe on Environmental Issues

**ACADEMIC TRAINING:**
- Bachelor of Engineering, 2025, Tampere University of Applied Sciences, Finland
- Bachelor of Business Administration, 2026, Tampere University of Applied Sciences, Finland

**PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:**
- Project Engineer – trainee, Proxion, Tampere, Finland, since 2023
- Environmental and Laboratory Technician, UPM, Jakobstad, Finland, 2022

**FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:**
- 2024: Study of the U.S. Institute for Student Leaders from Europe Awardee
- 2024: Board Member - Head of Corporate Relations, Flokki ry, Environmental Engineering Club