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GRANTEES in the U.S. 2025-26

SENIOR SCHOLARS

5 **Riikka Korja**
Psychology
Cost-shared with the University of Turku

6 **Juho Rousu**
Computer Science
Cost-shared with Aalto University

JUNIOR SCHOLARS

7 **Eeva Kuikka**
Russian Cultural Studies
Cost-shared with Tampere University

8 **Nuutti Tervo**
Radio Engineering, Wireless Communications
The Fulbright Finland Foundation and Nokia
Foundation Fellowship for Junior Scholars

FULBRIGHT ARCTIC INITIATIVE RESEARCH AWARDS

9 **Tanja Joonas**
International Relations

10 **Juho Kähkönen**
Climate Law

11 **Alexandra Middleton**
Economics and Business Administration

FULBRIGHT FINLAND TRAVEL GRANTS FOR RESEARCH COLLABORATION

12 **Laura Cachón Alonso**
Psychology

13 **Adam Kositsky**
Biomechanics
Ambassadors' Circle Scholarship

14 **Kristina Leppälä**
Business Studies
Ambassadors' Circle Scholarship

15 **Dileepa Marasinghe**
Wireless Communications Engineering
Ambassadors' Circle Scholarship

16 **Johanna Pajula**
Health Sciences

PRE-DOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWS

17 **Jaakko Dickman**
Political Science and North American Studies
Cost-shared with the University of Turku

18 **Aleksis Oreschnikoff**
Political Science
Cost-shared with the University of Helsinki

FULBRIGHT-KAUTE FOUNDATION AWARD

19 **Rosa Suviranta**
Digital Humanities

FULBRIGHT FINLAND FOUNDATION GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

20 **Joel Hakavuori**
Pure Mathematics
The Fulbright Finland Foundation and Technology
Industries of Finland Centennial Foundation
Graduate Fellowship

21 **Daniel Holmberg**
Machine Learning on Graph Data
The Fulbright Finland Foundation and KAUTE
Foundation Graduate Fellowship

22 **Haiying Lu**
Finance
The Fulbright Finland Foundation and Idman
Foundation Graduate Fellowship

FULBRIGHT-IDMAN GRANT

23 **Marja Saleva**
Fine Arts
Fulbright-Idman Grant

ASLA-FULBRIGHT GRADUATE GRANTS

24 **Stella Roos**
Journalism

25 **Mirjami Ylinen**
Energy and Environmental Law

FULBRIGHT FINNISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE TEACHING ASSISTANTS

- 26 **Alma Komulainen**
Finnish Language
The Fulbright Finland Centennial Award

FULBRIGHT FINLAND UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

- 27 **Aaro Ahonen**
Civil Engineering
- 28 **Fiona Ahonen**
Digital Media Leadership
- 29 **Stella Lindström**
Theater and Acting
- 30 **Sara Talka**
Design

FULBRIGHT DISTINGUISHED AWARDS IN TEACHING PROGRAM

- 31 **Jouni Kupiainen**
Visual Arts
- 32 **Sari Ylipulli**
Education and Foreign Language Teaching

FULBRIGHT FINLAND TRAVEL GRANTS FOR INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

- 33 **Sini Bask**
Philosophy
- 34 **Tobias Tamelander**
Marine Biology
- 35 **Kasper Valtakari**
Research Management

THE FULBRIGHT FINLAND FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP FOR MID-CAREER PROFESSIONALS

- 36 **Tarja Kariola**
STEM Science Education
Cost-shared with the LUMA Centre Päijät-Häme,
University of Helsinki

FULBRIGHT FINLAND RENEWAL GRANTS

- 37 **Isabella Biorac Haaja**
International Relations and Global Communications
- 38 **Malin Kosonen**
Business, Economics and Public Policy
- 39 **Joona Mäkinen**
Peace & Conflict Resolution
- 40 **Maria Peltomäki**
Psychology
- 41 **Lada Sokolova**
Construction Management
- 42 **Minea Tiitinen**
Computer Science and Linguistics

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

- 43 **Emma Marjakangas**
Education

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Riikka Korja

PSYCHOLOGY

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

SPECIALIZATION:

Developmental Psychology

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

Brain Characteristics, Self-Regulation,
and Early Life Exposures

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

In this project, I study children's longitudinal self-regulation trajectories from infancy to school age, focusing on whether early life stress affects later mental health and learning outcomes through self-regulatory trajectories. I will also examine individual variations in these factors using multi-modal brain research methods. Our study will provide novel insights into the mechanisms underlying key processes of self-regulation and potential later mental health and learning pathologies.

KEY WORDS:

Child's Development, Mental Health,
Early Life Stress, Brain Characteristics

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:

University of Turku, Department of
Psychology and Speech Pathology, Turku

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

Columbia University, New York, New
York

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

Nim Tottenham, Ph.D.
Chair, Department of Psychology,
Columbia University

GRANT PERIOD:

January 2026 – June 2026

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ACADEMIC TRAINING:

- Title of Docent, University of Turku, Finland, 2014
- PhD, University of Turku, Finland, 2009
- Master of Sciences, Clinical Psychologist, University of Helsinki, Finland, 1999

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

- Professor, University of Turku, since 2022
- Psychotherapist, Clinical Supervisor, Helsinki, since 2013

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

- Luotola A, **Korja R** et al. (2024) Reciprocal relationships between a child's engagement with faces and mother-child interaction... *Developmental Psychology*. Doi: 10.1037/dev0001831.
- Lindstedt J, **Korja R** et al. (2024) Parental prenatal representations of the child are related to 18-month-old children's social-emotional competence. *Attach Hum Development*; 26(4):383-401.
- **Korja R** et al. (2024) Trajectories of maternal depressive and anxiety symptoms and child's socio-emotional outcome during early childhood. *Journal of Affective Disorders*. 349:625-634.
- **Korja, R.** & McMahon C. (2021) Maternal Prenatal Mood Problems and Lower Maternal Emotional Availability Associated With Lower Quality of Children's Interaction and Higher Negative Affect, *Infancy*, 26(6):901-919
- Eskola, E ... **Korja, R.** (2021) Behavioral Regulatory Problems are Associated with a Lower Attention Bias to Fearful Faces during Infancy. *Child Development*, 92(4):1539-1553
- Davis, E.P., **Korja, R.** et al. (2019) [Across continents and demographics, unpredictable maternal signals are associated with children's cognitive function](#). *EBioMedicine*. 46:256-263.

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:

- 2018: The Adjunct Professor of the Year: The association of adjunct professors in the University of Turku
- 2022-29: Centre for the Excellence, Academy of Finland
- 2017-21: Project grant, Academy of Finland
- 2015-18: Research Fellowship, Academy of Finland
- 2024-26; 2020-22: Signe & Ane Gyllenberg Foundation
- 2020-22: Finnish Cultural Foundation



Juho Rousu

COMPUTER SCIENCE

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

SPECIALIZATION:

Machine Learning

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

Representation Learning for Small Molecule Interactions and Function

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Small molecules have important roles in our bodies, including energy transfer and growth as well as acting as drugs. In this project, we develop machine learning methods to learn from large datasets which molecules interact with each other and what is the biological effect of the interaction. The methods are expected to have impact in developing new drugs and treatments for complex diseases.

KEY WORDS:

Computer Science, Machine Learning, Bioinformatics, Molecular Biology

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:

Aalto University, Department of Computer Science, Espoo

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

Tufts University, Department of Computer Science, Medford, Massachusetts

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

Professor Soha Hassoun

GRANT PERIOD:

September 2025 – December 2025

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ACADEMIC TRAINING:

- PhD in Computer Science, University of Helsinki, Finland, 2001
- MS. in Computer Science, University of Helsinki, Finland, 1996

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

- Full Professor of Computer Science, Aalto University, since 2018
- Associate Professor of Computer Science, Aalto University, 2012-18
- Professor of Computer Science (fixed term), University of Helsinki, 2005-10
- Research Scientist, VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland, 1996-2002

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

- Huusari, R., Wang, T., Szedmak, S., Aittokallio, T. and Rousu, J., 2025. Predicting drug combination response surfaces. *npj Drug Discovery*, 2(1), p.2.
- Li, A., Casiraghi, E. and Rousu, J., 2024. Chemical Reaction Enhanced Graph Learning for Molecule Representation. *Bioinformatics*, p.btae558.
- Schulman, A., Rousu, J., Aittokallio, T. and Tanoli, Z., 2024. Attention-based approach to predict drug–target interactions across seven target superfamilies. *Bioinformatics*, 40(8), p.btae496.
- E. Bach, E., Schymanski, E.L. and Rousu, J., 2022. Joint structural annotation of small molecules using liquid chromatography retention order and tandem mass spectrometry data. *Nature Machine Intelligence*, pp.1-14.
- Brogat-Motte, L., Flamary, R., Brouard, C., Rousu, J. and d’Alche-Buc, F., 2022, June. Learning to predict graphs with fused Gromov-Wasserstein barycenters. *International Conference on Machine Learning* (pp. 2321-2335). PMLR.
- Duehrkop, K., Nothias, L.F., Fleischauer, M., Reher, R., Ludwig, M., Hoffmann, M.A., Petras, D., Gerwick, W.H., Rousu, J., Dorrestein, P.C. and Böcker, S., 2021. Systematic classification of unknown metabolites using high-resolution fragmentation mass spectra. *Nature Biotechnology*, 39(4), pp.462-471.
- Wang, T., Szedmak, S., Wang, H., Aittokallio, T., Pahikkala, T., Cichonska, A., Rousu, J., 2021. Modeling drug combination effects via latent tensor reconstruction. *Proc. ISMB/ECCB'21. Bioinformatics* 37, Suppl 1, pp. i93-i101
- Julkunen, H., Cichonska, A., Gautam, P., Szedmak, S., Douat, J., Pahikkala, T., Aittokallio, T. and Rousu, J., 2020. Leveraging multi-way interactions for systematic prediction of pre-clinical drug combination effects. *Nature communications*, 11(1), p.6136.

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:

- 2003-05: Marie Curie Fellow, Royal Holloway University of London
- 2025: ASLA-Fulbright Research Grants for Senior Scholars Awardee



Eeva Kuikka

RUSSIAN CULTURAL STUDIES

ASLA-Fulbright Research Grant for a Junior Scholar
The grant is cost-shared with Tampere University

SPECIALIZATION:

Indigenous Literatures of the Russian North

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

Thinking Russia's "Small-Numbered Indigenous Peoples of the North" in Global Context of Indigeneity

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

My project focuses on global interconnections of Indigenous peoples of the Northern and Arctic parts of the Russian Federation. It asks how international networks and collaboration between Indigenous peoples as well as questions of Indigenous rights and decolonization are reflected in cultural and media texts by Indigenous authors, artists, and activists from Russia.

KEY WORDS:

Indigenous People, Russia, Cultural Studies, Trans-Indigeneity

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:

Tampere University, Faculty of Information Technology and Communication Sciences, Tampere

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

University of Washington, Jackson School of International Studies, Seattle, Washington

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

Dr. Elena Campbell

GRANT PERIOD:

September 2024 – December 2024

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ACADEMIC TRAINING:

- Ph.D, 2024, Russian Language and Culture, Tampere University, Finland
- M.A., 2016, University of Helsinki, Finland
- B.A., 2012, University of Helsinki, Finland

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

- Postdoctoral Researcher, Tampere University, Finland, 10/2024-08/2025
- Research Assistant, University of Oulu, 4/2023-9/2024
- Doctoral Researcher, Tampere University, Finland, 9/2022-3/2023
- Grant Researcher, different founders, 9/2020-8/2022
- Project Researcher, Tampere University, Finland, 10/2017-8/2020

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

- Kuikka, Eeva (2025): "Between Russian and American Empires: The Sense of Place of an Arctic Peninsula in Yuri Rytkheu's Novel *The Chukchi Bible*". In S. Tuoma, S. Kaasik-Krogerus & S. Ratilainen (eds) *Eastern Europe and Eurasia in the Global Age: Narrating Geopolitics and Culture*. Lexington books, 215–233.
- Jedele, Anna-Tina, Kuikka, Eeva & Niska, Jenni (2024): "Salmon geographies: Reimagining the Arctic in contemporary literature and visual art". In J. Riquet (ed.) *The Mediated Arctic: Poetics and Politics of Contemporary Circumpolar Geographies*. Manchester University Press, 155–179.
- Kuikka, Eeva (2022). "Water, Oil and Spirits: Liquid Maps of the Taiga in Eremai Aipin's novel *Khanty, or the Star of the Dawn*". In A. Rosenholm, M. Lehtimäki, N. Tynkkynen & E. Trubina (eds) *Cold Waters: Tangible and Symbolic Seascapes of the North*. Springer, 165–182.

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:

- 2024: ASLA-Fulbright Research Grant for Junior Scholars Awardee
- 2024: Ph.D. Thesis Accepted With Distinction, Tampere University



Nuutti Tervo

RADIO ENGINEERING, WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS

The Fulbright Finland Foundation and Nokia Foundation
Fellowship for Junior Scholars

SPECIALIZATION:

RF Hardware-Aware Signal Processing for Array Transceivers from Higher-Level Models and Concepts Down to Practice

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

Generalized Analog-Digital Optimization of Nonlinear Sub-THz Power Amplifiers in Antenna Arrays

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Radio frequency power amplifiers dominate transmitter power consumption but distort signals when efficient, much like a loudspeaker at high volume. This project uses an antenna array to synthesize the signal as a sum of multiple lower-quality components, allowing amplifiers to operate efficiently in their nonlinear regime while preserving signal quality.

KEY WORDS:

Beamforming, Linearization, Power Amplifiers, 6G

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:

University of Oulu, Centre for Wireless Communications & 6GFlagship

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB), Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Santa Barbara, California

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

Professor James Buckwalter

GRANT PERIOD:

August 2025 – February 2026

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ACADEMIC TRAINING:

- Title of a Docent, 2023, Faculty of Inf. Tech. and El. Eng., University of Oulu, Oulu, Finland
- D.Sc. in Tech (Hons), 2022, Faculty of Inf. Tech. and El. Eng., University of Oulu, Oulu, Finland
- M.Sc. in Tech (Hons), 2014, Dep of Inf Tech & El. Eng., University of Oulu, Oulu, Finland

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

- Assistant Professor (tenure track), University of Oulu, Oulu, Finland, since 2024
- Strategic Research Area (SRA) Coordinator: Devices and Circuit Technologies, 6G Flagship, University of Oulu, Oulu, Finland, since 2023
- Postdoctoral Researcher, Centre for Wireless Communications – Radio Technologies (CWC-RT), University of Oulu, Oulu, Finland, 2022-24

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

- N. Tervo *et al.*, "Parametrization of Simplified Memoryless Amplifier Models at 300 GHz," *2023 IEEE 34th Annual International Symposium on Personal, Indoor and Mobile Radio Communications (PIMRC)*, Toronto, ON, Canada.
- B. Khan, N. Tervo *et al.*, 2022, "Statistical Digital Predistortion of 5G Millimeter-Wave RF Beamforming Transmitter Under Random Amplitude Variations," in *IEEE Transactions on Microwave Theory and Techniques*, vol. 70, no. 9, pp. 4284-4296
- N. Tervo *et al.*, 2021, "Combined Sidelobe Reduction and Omnidirectional Linearization of Phased Array by Using Tapered Power Amplifier Biasing and Digital Predistortion", in *IEEE Transactions on Microwave Theory and Techniques*, vol. 69, no. 9, pp. 4284-4299.
- N. Tervo *et al.*, 2020, "Digital Predistortion of Phased-Array Transmitter With Shared Feedback and Far-Field Calibration," in *IEEE Transactions on Microwave Theory and Techniques*, vol. 69, no. 1, pp. 1000-1015.
- N. Tervo *et al.*, 2017, "Digital predistortion of amplitude varying phased array utilising over-the-air combining," *2017 IEEE MTT-S International Microwave Symposium (IMS)*, Honolulu, HI, USA, pp. 1165-1168

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:

- 2020: EuMC Microwave Prize, Utrecht, Netherlands
- 2019: Finnish URSI Young Scientist Award, Tampere, Finland
- 2016 & 2021; Finalist (top 5) in the best paper competition in the category "propagation" at EuCAP2016 and EuCAP2021.
- 2010: The medal of Kainuun Prikaati, the best fighter of the battalion, Kajaani, Finland



Tanja Joona

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Fulbright Arctic Initiative Research Awards

SPECIALIZATION:

Arctic Justice, Human Rights, Energy and Green Transition, Indigenous Peoples' Rights, Traditional Livelihoods, Co-production, Resilience

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

Arctic Terra Nullius and Just Green Transition

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The overarching goal of the Arctic Terra Nullius project is to explore how decision-making and planning processes, legal frameworks, and educational schemes can enhance resilience and justice as well as support just decisions on natural resources and land use to implement a just green transition in the Arctic with comparative aspects from indigenous communities from the US.

KEY WORDS:

Arctic, Sustainable Transformations, Justice, Local Communities

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:

University of Lapland, Arctic Centre, Rovaniemi

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Arizona; University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware

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

Stefanie Kunze (Arizona)
Saleem Ali (Delaware)

PROGRAM TERM:

September 2024 - April 2026

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ACADEMIC TRAINING:

- Docent (Associate Professor), 2020, Faculty of Law, University of Lapland (Arctic communities, environment and human rights)
- 2012 PhD, 2012, Faculty of Social Sciences/ University of Lapland, Finland
- Master, 2000, Faculty of Social Sciences/ University of Lapland, Finland

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

- Senior Researcher, Arctic Centre University of Lapland, Finland, since 2019
- Associate Professor of Public International Law, Faculty of Law, University of Lapland, Finland, 2018-19
- Researcher, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland, Finland, 2000-18

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

- Joona, T. & Joona, J., 2023, The Routledge Handbook of Polar Law. Tanaka, Y., Johnstone, R. & Ulfbeck, V. (eds.). Natural Resource Development in the Arctic and the Question of Saami Land Rights in Finland. London: Routledge, s. 437-455, (Routledge Handbooks).
- Terrado, M., Pérez-Zanón, N., Bojovic, D., González-Reviriego, N., Versteeg, G., Octenjak, S., Martínez-Botí, A. & Joona, T., Climate change adaptation stories: Co-creating climate services with reindeer herders in Finland, 2024, in: Science of the Total Environment. 908, 168520.
- Joona, T. & Keskitalo, P., 2021, Youths' and their guardians' prospects of reindeer husbandry in Finland Young People, Wellbeing and Placemaking in the Arctic. Stammer, F. & Toivanen, R. (toim.). London: Routledge, 93-119.
- Nystén-Haarala, S., Joona, T. & Hovila Wind Energy Projects and Reindeer Herders' Rights in Finnish Lapland: A Legal Framework, 2021, Elementa. 9, 1.

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:

- 2022-24: Arctic Five Chair in Just Green Transition
- Since 2021: Directorate Board Member of Metsähallitus
- 2022-23: Steering Group Member of the Finnish Truth and Reconciliation Commission for the Sámi



Juho Kähkönen

CLIMATE LAW

Fulbright Arctic Initiative Research Awards

SPECIALIZATION:

International Law, International Relations & Science Diplomacy in the Arctic

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

The Future of Sustainable Arctic Logistics and Transportation

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

An urgent need exists to strengthen transatlantic logistics after Russia's full-scale attack on Ukraine and following NATO enlargement and on their impacts on indigenous land ownership. Collective security and logistics increase the need for diplomatic cooperation, which pays attention to the existing local disputes. Through dialogue and co-creation of knowledge, the renewed needs should be addressed without conflicting with Indigenous people's rights.

KEYWORDS:

Arctic, Climate Change, Science Diplomacy, International Law

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:

University of Lapland, Faculty of Law, Rovaniemi

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

Dartmouth College, The Arctic Institute, Hanover, New Hampshire; Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts

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

Dr. Melody Brown Burkins

PROGRAM TERM:

September 2024 – April 2026

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ACADEMIC TRAINING:

- Ph.D. 2021 –, International Law, University of Lapland, Finland
- M..Soc. Sc. 2020, International Relations, University of Lapland, Finland
- B. Soc. Sc. 2017, Political Studies, University of Lapland, Finland.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

- Researcher, Faculty of Law, University of Lapland, Finland.
- Board Member, University of the Arctic (UArctic)
- Board Member, The Arctic Society of Finland

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

- Kähkönen, Juho (2022) Nato-hakemus kääntää turvallisuuspoliittisen polttopisteen Pohjois-Suomeen. *Ulkopolitiikka*, 59, 3. [Turvallisuuspoliittinen polttopiste Pohjoiseen | Ulkopoliitiikka](#)
- Paukku Eelis & Kähkönen Juho (2022) Oikeudenmukaisuus ja vihreän siirtymän kustannukset (Justice and Costs of Green Transition in Finland). *Ympäristöpolitiikan ja -oikeuden vuosikirja XV*, 79-160. <https://lacris.ulapland.fi/ws/portalfiles/portal/25833111/1000890003.pdf>
- Kähkönen, J. & Nystén-Haarala, S., (2021) Finland's plans of the Arctic Ocean rail line are buried deep beneath the ice – or are they really? *Current Developments in Arctic Law*. 9, s. 4-6
- Kähkönen, Juho (2020) Climate Resilience of Arctic Tourism: A Finnish Perspective on the Post-Paris Agreement Era. *Arctic Yearbook 2020*. s. 78-94 https://arcticyearbook.com/images/yearbook/2020/Scholarly-Papers/5_Kahkonen.pdf

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:

- 2024-26: Fulbright Arctic Initiative Awardee.
- 2023: Research Visit: The University for Peace (United Nations).
- 2023: Research Visit: The Norwegian Scientific Academy for Polar Research.
- 2022: Arctic Lead Program, The Finnish-Norwegian Cultural Foundation.
- 2022: Research visit: The Arctic University of Norway (UiT).
- 2022: The Finnish Cultural Foundation Grant.
- 2020-21: Lead Partner, Project Manager (Interreg Europe) APPROVE-project & REMIX-project.
- 2019: Arkadia program, Eurofacts Oy.
- 2018: Member of the Executive Board, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland.
- 2017: Student of the Year: Student Association of Political Science and Sociology, University of Lapland.
- 2016: Student Ambassador, University of Lapland.
- 2015: Fulbright Awardee, The Study of the U.S. Institutes for European Student Leaders on Social Entrepreneurship. Kelley School of Business, Indiana University.



Alexandra Middleton

ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Fulbright Arctic Initiative Research Awards

SPECIALIZATION:

Sustainability Accounting

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

Bridging the Gap: Just Transition, Energy Security, and Critical Minerals Management in the Arctic

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Arctic, vulnerable to climate change, faces the challenge of transitioning to sustainable energy while ensuring fairness for communities. The project studies best practices for responsible resource development and local community needs. It aims to balance environmental protection and clean energy technologies by examining critical minerals' role in a just, sustainable transition that benefits all Arctic residents.

KEYWORDS:

Arctic, Climate Change, Energy Security, Critical Minerals

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:

University of Oulu, Department of Accounting, Economics and Finance, Oulu Business School

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

The Arctic Initiative at the Harvard Kennedy School's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Cambridge, Massachusetts

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

Project Director Jennifer Spence

PROGRAM TERM:

September 2024 – April 2026

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ACADEMIC TRAINING:

- PhD in Economics and Business Administration, 2010, Oulu Business School, University of Oulu, Finland
- MSc in Economics and Business Administration (major Logistics), 2007, Oulu Business School, University of Oulu, Finland
- MSc in Economics and Business Administration (major Financial and Management Accounting), 2005, Oulu Business School, University of Oulu, Finland

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

- Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Oulu, Oulu, Finland, since 2022
- Assistant Professor, University of Oulu, Finland, 2015-19

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

- Middleton, A. (2023). Norwegian and Russian settlements on Svalbard: An analysis of demographic and socio-economic trends. *Polar record*, 59
- Middleton, A. (2023). Embracing Indigenous Knowledge in Arctic Economic Development: A Pathway towards ESG and Indigenous Sustainable Finance Integration. *Arctic Yearbook*, 216-235.
- Middleton, A. (2022). Sustainable Business Development in the Arctic: Under What Rules?. In: Berkman, P.A.; Vylegzhanin, A.N.; Young, O.R.; Balton, D.A.; Øvretveit, O.R. (ed.), *Building Common Interests in the Arctic Ocean with Global Inclusion(s)*. Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-89312-5_7
- Middleton, A. (2021). Climate Change Security: Adapting to a warming Arctic Per Concordiam: *Journal of European security and defense issues*, 11 (3), s. 20-27
- Middleton, A. (2019). Arctic human security in the era of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): The case of Sweden, Norway and Finland *Arctic yearbook*, s. 1-22.

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:

- 2023-25: Citizen Science Ambassador for Finland for European Citizen Science Project
- Since 2023: Member of 100 Polar Women
- 2024-26: Member of ICARRP IV working group on Topic Area 3: Understanding the Vulnerability and Resilience of Arctic Environments and Societies and Supporting Sustainable Development
- 2020: Selected member of Task Force on Climate reporting, European Financial Reporting Advisory Group
- 2018: Fellow of Science for Diplomacy for Addressing Global Challenges project



Laura Cachón Alonso

PSYCHOLOGY

Fulbright Finland Travel Grant for Research Collaboration

SPECIALIZATION:

Health and Social Psychology, Social Epidemiology

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

Childhood Loneliness Trajectories and Educational Achievement

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Childhood remains an underexplored life stage in the study of loneliness. This project aims to explore whether persistent feelings of loneliness during childhood place children at a higher risk of lower educational achievement in adolescence and young adulthood. Additionally, the research will examine whether this association can be explained by earlier differences in cognitive abilities and socio-environmental factors, such as family poverty and neighborhood conditions.

KEY WORDS:

Social Connection, Social Inequality, Educational Inequality, Child Development

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:

University of Helsinki, Department of Psychology, Helsinki

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

Columbia University, National Center for Children and Families, Teachers College, New York

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

Professor Jeanne Brooks-Gunn

GRANT PERIOD:

May 2025 – June 2025

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ACADEMIC TRAINING:

- M.Sc. (Health Psychology), 2021, Autonomous University of Madrid, Spain
- B.Sc. (Psychology), 2019, University of Oviedo, Spain

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

- Doctoral Researcher, University of Helsinki, Finland, since 2022

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

- Cachón-Alonso, L., Pulkki-Råback, L., Hakulinen, C., Pahkala, K., Rovio, S., Raitakari O.T., Hutri, N., Komulainen, K & Elovainio, M. (2025). Association of childhood and adult socioeconomic status with adult social connection: A mediation analysis. In review.
- Elovainio, M., Airaksinen, J., Nyberg, S. T., Pentti, J., Pulkki-Råback, L., Cachón-Alonso, L. Suvisaari, J., Jääskeläinen, T., Koskinen, S., Kivimäki, M., Hakulinen, C., & Komulainen, K. (2024). Estimating risk of loneliness in adulthood using survey-based prediction models: A cohort study. *Journal of Psychiatric Research*, 177, 66-74.
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- Elovainio, M., Komulainen, K., Sipilä, P. N., Pulkki-Råback, L., Cachón-Alonso, L., Pentti, J., Nyberg, S.T., Suominen, S., Vahtera, J., Lipsanen, Batty, G.D., Hakulinen, C. & Kivimäki, M. (2023). Association of social isolation and loneliness with risk of incident hospital-treated infections: an analysis of data from the UK Biobank and Finnish Health and Social Support studies. *The Lancet Public Health*, 8(2): e109-e118.

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:

- 2025: Fulbright Finland Travel Grant for Research Collaboration Awardee
- 2024-2026: Doctoral Fellow at University of Helsinki
- 2023: Wihuri Foundation Grant



Adam Kositsky

BIOMECHANICS

Fulbright Finland Travel Grant for Research Collaboration
Ambassadors' Circle Scholarship

SPECIALIZATION:

Muscle-Tendon Structure and Function

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

Mechanobiology of Tendon
Regeneration: From the Lab to Practice

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The purpose of this exchange is to learn methods related to growing tendons in the lab, allowing me to study the mechanical and biological factors needed for tendon development, function, and regeneration. This approach will provide insight towards the development of new treatments for tendon pathologies.

KEY WORDS:

Kinesiology, Musculoskeletal,
Orthopaedics, Rehabilitation

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:

University of Eastern Finland,
Department of Technical Physics, Kuopio

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

University of California, Department of
Physiology and Membrane Biology,
Davis, California

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

Professor Keith Baar

GRANT PERIOD:

November 2025 – December 2025

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ACADEMIC TRAINING:

- PhD, 2023, Griffith University, Australia and University of Eastern Finland, Finland (cotutelle agreement)
- MSc, 2017, University of Jyväskylä, Finland
- BKin, 2013, University of Calgary, Canada

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

- Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Technical Physics, University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio, Finland, since May 2023
- Master's Research Intern, Faculty of Sports Sciences, Waseda University, Japan, December 2016 – February 2017

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

- Kositsky A, Stenroth L, Nippolainen E, Torniaainen J, Mäkelä JTA, Paakkari P, Paakkonen T, Kröger H, Afara IO, Korhonen RK. (2025). The human patellar tendon is mechanically homogenous at its mid-substance. *Journal of the Mechanical Behavior of Biomedical Materials*, 163, 106875.
- Kositsky A, Barrett RS, Stenroth L, Korhonen RK, Vertullo CJ, Diamond LE, Saxby DJ. (2024). Muscle morphology does not solely determine knee flexion weakness after anterior cruciate ligament reconstruction with a semitendinosus tendon graft: a combined experimental and computational modelling study. *Annals of Biomedical Engineering*, 52(5):1313-1325.
- Kositsky A, Maas H, Barrett RS, Kennedy B, Stenroth L, Korhonen RK, Vertullo CJ, Diamond LE, Saxby DJ. (2023). Morphology of proximal and distal human semitendinosus compartments and the effects of distal tendon harvesting for anterior cruciate ligament reconstruction. *Journal of Anatomy*, 243(2):297-310.
- Kositsky A, Gonçalves BAM, Stenroth L, Barrett RS, Diamond LE, Saxby DJ. (2020). Reliability and validity of ultrasonography for measurement of hamstring muscle and tendon cross-sectional area. *Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology*, 46(1), 55-63.
- Kositsky A, Kidgell DJ, Avela J. (2019). Medial gastrocnemius muscle architecture is altered after exhaustive stretch-shortening cycle exercise. *Frontiers in Physiology*, 10:1511.

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:

- 2025-26: Postdoctoral research grant, Orion Research Foundation
- 2023-25: Postdoctoral working grants (x2), Finnish Cultural Foundation
- 2023: PhD approved with distinction



Kristina Leppälä

BUSINESS STUDIES

Fulbright Finland Travel Grant for Research Collaboration
Ambassadors' Circle Scholarship

SPECIALIZATION:

Innovation Management

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

Bridging Sustainability Research and Research Methodologies Between the University of Eastern Finland and Stanford University

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

I am a business studies researcher, and I focus primarily on sustainability and the circular economy from many perspectives. For example, my team and I are asking global leaders in industry, the public sector, and NGOs how they are working with and enabling sustainability changes and modifications and how they discuss it, how they relay messages to others, and how they practice what they communicate.

KEY WORDS:

Qualitative Research, Sustainability, Circular Economy, Ethnography, Technology and Materials, Management

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:

University of Eastern Finland, Business School, Kuopio

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

Stanford University, Doerr School of Sustainability; Stanford Institute for Research in the Social Sciences (IriSS), Palo Alto, California

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

Dr. Chris Thomsen; Dr. Christopher Fraga;
Dr. Krish Seetah

GRANT PERIOD:

October 2025

>> **LINKEDIN:** Own, UEF CECE research center, tags include @FulbrightFIN

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ACADEMIC TRAINING:

- D. Sc. (Econ.), 2022, University of Eastern Finland, Finland
- M.HCBM, 2014, Metropolia Polytechnic, Finland

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

- Post-Doctoral Researcher, University of Eastern Finland Business School, since 2022
- Lead Program Integrator, General Electric (GE HealthCare), Helsinki, Finland, 2000-24 (R&D program management – medical devices)
- Clinical Specialist, 1991-2000, HUS Neonatal Intensive Care
- Lecturer at University and Polytechnic Levels, starting in 1998.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

- Thatchenkery, T., Lehtimäki, H., Leppälä, K., & Parkkinen, I. 2025. Organization Development Journal. Doi pending
- Leppälä, K., Kosonen, P., & Ikonen, M. 2024. Journal of Contemporary Ethnography <https://doi.org/10.1177/08912416241273195>
- Leppälä, K. 2024. Suomen Antropologi. <https://doi.org/10.30676/jfas.146060>
- Leppälä, K. & Lehtimäki, H. 2024. International Journal of Organization Theory & Behavior. <https://doi.org/10.1108/IJOTB-01-2023-0006>
- Leppälä, K., Vornanen, L., Savinen, O. 2023. Journal of Cleaner Production, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jclepro.2023.138518>.
- Leppälä, K. 2022. Practices in medical device innovation: Navigation and enactment as social practice trades. <http://urn.fi/URN:ISBN:978-952-61-4531-0>

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:

- 2025: Fulbright Finland Travel Grant for Research Collaboration
- 2016: Falling Walls Finland National Winner and Global Representative
- Multiple technology patents
- Twice named neonatal clinical care visionary of the year
- Requested public, academic, and keynote speaker



Dileepa Marasinghe

WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING

Fulbright Finland Travel Grant for Research Collaboration
Ambassadors' Circle Scholarship

SPECIALIZATION:

Wireless Communications, Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

Exploring NEU-Oulu Collaboration in AI-Enabled 6G Research

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

AI-driven technologies will be crucial for 6G wireless networks. Northeastern University (NEU) is a leading US-based institute for AI-powered radio access networks (AI-RAN) research, featuring state-of-the-art research infrastructure. This project aims to explore NEU's research and infrastructure while identifying potential joint ventures and collaborative opportunities between NEU and the University of Oulu.

KEY WORDS:

6G, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Research Collaboration

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:

University of Oulu, Centre for Wireless Communications, Oulu

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

Northeastern University, Institute for the Wireless Internet of Things, Boston, Massachusetts

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

Assistant Research Professor Michele Polese

GRANT PERIOD:

May 2025 – June 2025

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ACADEMIC TRAINING:

- DSc. (Tech), 2025, University of Oulu, Finland
- MSc. (Tech), 2019, University of Oulu, Finland
- BSc. Eng. (Hons), 2018, University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

- AI-RAN Research Manager, 6GFlagship, Centre for Wireless Communication, University of Oulu, Oulu, Finland, since 2024
- Doctoral Researcher, 6GFlagship, Centre for Wireless Communication, University of Oulu, Oulu, Finland, 2019-24
- PhD Intern, Nokia Standards, Oulu, Finland, 2023
- PhD Intern, Nokia Bell Labs, Stuttgart, Germany, 2022
- Research Assistant, Centre for Wireless Communication, University of Oulu, Oulu, Finland, 2018-2019
- Associate Electronics Engineer, Zone24x7 Inc., Colombo, Sri Lanka, 2018

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

- Marasinghe, D., Nguyen, L. H., Mohammadi, J., Chen, Y., Wild, T., & Rajatheva, N. (2025). Waveform learning under phase noise impairment for sub-THz communications. *IEEE Transactions on Communications*, 73(1), 117–131. <https://doi.org/10.1109/TCOMM.2024.3430982>
- Marasinghe, D., Nguyen, L. H., Rajatheva, N., & Latva-Aho, M. (2025). Phase noise resilient neural transceivers for high data-rate sub-THz links. *IEEE Wireless Communications Letters*, 14(3), 836–840. <https://doi.org/10.1109/LWC.2024.3524722>
- Marasinghe, D., Nguyen, L. H., Mohammadi, J., Chen, Y., Wild, T., & Rajatheva, N. (2024). Constellation shaping under phase noise impairment for sub-THz communications. In *2024 IEEE International Conference on Communications (ICC)* (pp. 3833–3838). IEEE. <https://doi.org/10.1109/ICC51166.2024.10622763>
- Marasinghe, D., et al. (2022). LiDAR aided wireless networks – Beam prediction for 5G. In *2022 IEEE 96th Vehicular Technology Conference (VTC2022-Fall)* (pp. 1–7). IEEE. <https://doi.org/10.1109/VTC2022-Fall57202.2022.10012751>

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:

- 2025: The Fulbright Finland Travel Grants for Research Collaboration
- 2024: Nokia Foundation Scholarship 2024
- 2022: Best Student Paper Award for the publication "LiDAR aided wireless networks - beam prediction for 5G," in IEEE 96th Vehicular Technology Conference (VTC2022-Fall), held in Imperial College, London, UK.
- 2014-18: Mahapola Scholarship recipient under merit category from Ministry of Higher Education, Sri Lanka.



Johanna Pajula

HEALTH SCIENCES

Fulbright Finland Travel Grant for Research Collaboration

SPECIALIZATION:

Global Health, Health & Social Policy

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

The Long-Term Health and Well-Being of Family Members of Children With Disabilities or Long-Term Health Conditions

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The purpose of the visit is to advance my doctoral research on the well-being of family members of children with disabilities or long-term health conditions, and gain better understanding of the policies for children with special needs in the U.S. The visit aims to foster increased collaboration between Tampere University and the University of Washington, and mutual learning about each country's health and social protection system.

KEY WORDS:

Health, Social Policy, Sociology, Inequalities

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:

Tampere University, Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of Health Sciences

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

University of Washington, School of Public Health, Department of Health Systems & Population Health, Seattle, Washington

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

Associate Teaching Professor Miruna Buta

GRANT PERIOD:

March 2026 – May 2026

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>> INSTAGRAM: @johannapajulaphotography

ACADEMIC TRAINING:

- Master of Health Sciences, Public and Global Health, 2023, Tampere University, Finland
- Bachelor's Degree in Nursing, Midwife, 2013, Turku University of Applied Sciences, Finland

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

- Doctoral Researcher, Tampere University, Finland, since 2024
- Coordinator for the Southern African and Finnish Higher Education Institutions' Network for Health and Well-Being (SAFINET), Tampere University, Finland, 2024
- Research assistant for SAFINET and the Tampere WHO Collaborating Centre on Health in All Policies and the Social Determinants of Health, Tampere University, Finland, 2022-23
- Freelance photographer, since 2017
- Midwife, Varha, the wellbeing services county of Southwest Finland, 2013-23

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

- Atkins, S., Tiitto, J., Pajula, J., Kervinen, E., Jairous, M., Nhassengo, P., Perkiö, M. & Koivusalo, M. (2022). Social protection in Africa: A focus on gender equality and external shocks. Publications of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs 2022:4. Ministry for Foreign Affairs Finland. <https://julkaisut.valtioneuvosto.fi/handle/10024/164037>
- World Health Organization. (2024). Role of social protection in reducing the burden of public health and social measures during the COVID-19 pandemic: evidence review. World Health Organization. <https://iris.who.int/handle/10665/379704>.

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:

- 2025: Fulbright Finland Travel Grant for Research Collaboration
- 2025: UniPID and the Finnish Society for Development Research (FSDR) Master's Award in Development Studies



Jaakko Dickman

POLITICAL SCIENCE AND NORTH AMERICAN STUDIES

ASLA-Fulbright Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow

The grant is cost-shared with the University of Turku

SPECIALIZATION:

Visual Politics

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

21st-Century Antiwar Visual Politics in the United States

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

This project studies visual politics utilized by U.S. antiwar grassroots movements. Drawing on American studies, Media studies, and Political Science approaches, the research places visual culture at the forefront of political analysis. By examining visual materials, such as posters, flyers, photos, buttons, and zines produced and circulated by antiwar, anti-imperial, peace, and disarmament movements, the research sheds light on the visual political practices and strategies of grassroots collectives.

KEY WORDS:

Visual Politics, Activism, Antiwar Movements

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:

University of Turku, Department of Philosophy, Contemporary History and Political Science; John Morton Center for North American Studies, Turku

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

New York University, Department of Social and Cultural Analysis, New York

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

Professor Nikhil Pal Singh

GRANT PERIOD:

October 2025 – March 2026

ACADEMIC TRAINING:

- MA, 2021, University of Turku, Finland
- BA, 2018, University of Turku, Finland

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

- Doctoral Researcher, John Morton Center for North American Studies, University of Turku, Turku, Finland, since 2024
- Project Researcher, John Morton Center for North American Studies, University of Turku, Turku, Finland, 2022-24
- Research Assistant, John Morton Center for North American Studies, University of Turku, Turku, Finland, 2021

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

- Dickman, J., 2024, "Kuubalaisuuden visuaalipolitiikka Miamissa," *SAM Magazine*, 01/2024.

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:

- 2025-26: ASLA-Fulbright Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow Grant Awardee
- 2024-28: The Finnish Cultural Foundation Grant Awardee, 4-year grant for PhD research
- 2019: Winner of the Departmental Award for Best BA graduate of the year 2019, Media Studies, University of Turku.

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Aleksis Oreschnikoff

POLITICAL SCIENCE (INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)

ASLA-Fulbright Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow

The grant is cost-shared with the University of Helsinki

SPECIALIZATION:

Polar Geopolitics and Security, Maritime Politics and Ocean Governance, Science-Policy Interaction

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

Research Infrastructures and Arctic Security

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

My doctoral project explores the relationship between science and security in the Arctic. During my time at Harvard I will focus on renewed US interest in the Arctic within the context of intensifying competition with China.

KEY WORDS:

Arctic, Science-Policy, Security, Infrastructure

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:

University of Helsinki, Faculty of Social Sciences, Helsinki

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

Harvard University, Harvard Kennedy School, Belfer Center, The Arctic Initiative, Cambridge, Massachusetts

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

Henry Lee, Director, Environment and Natural Resources Program; Jennifer Spence, Director, The Arctic Initiative

GRANT PERIOD:

January 2026 – June 2026

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ACADEMIC TRAINING:

- Master of Arts in European & Nordic Studies, 2020, University of Helsinki, Finland
- Bachelor of Northern Studies, 2017, UiT – the Arctic University of Norway, Norway

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

- Research Associate, United Nations Center for Policy Research, remote, since 2025
- Science-Policy Expert, Finnish Academy of Science and Letters, Helsinki, Finland, 2024-25
- Public Policy Consultant, Frisky & Anjoy Oy, Helsinki, Finland, 2022-24; Public Policy Analyst, Frisky & Anjoy Oy, Helsinki, Finland, 2021-22
- Rapporteur, Secretariat of the Antarctic Treaty, Helsinki, Finland, 2023

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

- Oreschnikoff, A. (*forthcoming*, 2025). Arctic research infrastructures between normative ideals and geopolitical objectives. *Nordic Review of International Studies*.
- Oreschnikoff, A. (2023). Why should the European Union focus on co-producing knowledge for its Arctic policy? *The Arctic Institute*.
- Amelot, A., Oreschnikoff, A., & Canova, E. (2021). The Union's new Arctic policy: Towards an increasingly geopolitical approach? *Groupe d'études géopolitiques*.
- Uusikylä, P., Ketola, J., Oreschnikoff, A., Aula, P., Kuosmanen, J., Jaakkola, S., & Jalonen, H. (2021). Towards an enabling science diplomacy – The current state and development of Finnish science diplomacy. Prime Minister's Office.

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:

- 2024-*present*: Research Fellow, North American and Arctic Defence and Security Network (NAADSN)
- 2024-25: Editor, *Law & Geoeconomics Journal*, Helsinki, Finland
- 2024: Arctic Academy for Social and Environmental Leadership, Reykjavik, Iceland; Tromsø, Norway; Nuuk, Greenland
- 2019-22: Analyst, *Groupe d'études géopolitiques*, Paris, France
- 2019: Master's thesis scholarship, The Fridtjof Nansen Institute, Oslo, Norway



Rosa Suviranta

DIGITAL HUMANITIES

Fulbright-KAUTE Foundation Award

SPECIALIZATION:

Crowdsourced Data Annotation and Microwork in the Digital Humanities

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

Developing a Microwork Framework for Research: Bridging the Perspectives of Workers and Researchers

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Researchers in various fields from AI to digital humanities use online platforms to outsource tasks—such as labeling, categorizing, or segmenting—to workers around the world. These small tasks, often referred to as microwork, are essential for building datasets. My research examines how online microwork is structured and uses insights from researchers and workers to develop a framework that supports more reliable results through effective and mutually beneficial collaboration.

KEY WORDS:

Microwork, Data Annotation, Crowdsourced Research Infrastructures, Crowdsourcing Workflows

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:

University of Helsinki, Department of Languages, Helsinki

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

Northeastern University, Khoury College of Computer Science, Civic A.I. Lab, Boston, Massachusetts

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

Assistant Professor Saiph Savage

GRANT PERIOD:

October 2025 – April 2026

ACADEMIC TRAINING:

- Master of Arts, 2021, University of Helsinki, Finland
- Bachelor of Arts, 2020, University of Helsinki, Finland

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

- Doctoral Researcher, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland, since 2021

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

- Hiippala, T., Hotti, H., & Suviranta, R. (2022). Developing a tool for fair and reproducible use of paid crowdsourcing in the digital humanities. In *Proceedings of the 6th Joint SIGHUM Workshop on Computational Linguistics for Cultural Heritage, Social Sciences, Humanities and Literature*, pp. 7-12

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:

- 2025-26: Fulbright-KAUTE Foundation Awardee
- 2024: Best work-in-progress, Ethically Responsible and Effective Crowdsourcing for Multimodal Corpora, 12th AAAI Conference on Human Computation and Crowdsourcing, Pittsburgh



Joel Hakavuori

PURE MATHEMATICS

The Fulbright Finland Foundation and Technology Industries of Finland
Centennial Foundation Graduate Fellowship

SPECIALIZATION:

Geometry, Topology and Combinatorics

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

Theory and L2-Invariants

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

In recent years, techniques inspired by algebraic geometry have proven effective in solving difficult enumerative problems in combinatorial geometry and topology. My doctoral research investigates how these techniques can be leveraged to study the geometric topology and L2-invariants of manifolds with non-positive curvature through the algebraic and combinatorial properties of their triangulations.

KEY WORDS:

Geometric Topology, Combinatorics, Algebra

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT:

Sorbonne University, Institut de Mathématiques de Jussieu – Paris Rive Gauche (IMJ-PRG), Paris, France

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

University of Michigan, Department of Mathematics, Ann Arbor, Michigan

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

Professor David Speyer

GRANT PERIOD:

September 2025 – May 2026

ACADEMIC TRAINING:

- M.Sc., 2024, Mathematics, Aalto University, Finland
- B.Sc., 2023, Engineering Physics and Mathematics, Aalto University, Finland

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

- Doctoral Candidate, Sorbonne University, Institut de Mathématiques de Jussieu – Paris Rive Gauche, Paris, France, since 2025

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

- K. Adiprasito, A. Björner, J. Hakavuori, M. Margaritis, V. Welker: Subadditivity of shifts, Eilenberg-Zilber shuffle products and homology of lattices, ArXiv (2404.16643), 2024

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:

- 2025-26: Fulbright-Technology Industries of Finland Award
- 2025-27: Osk. Huttunen Foundation Doctoral Grant
- 2023: Aalto University, Combined Student Fund Scholarship
- 2022: Aalto University, Prof. E.J. Nyström scholarship

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Daniel Holmberg

COMPUTER SCIENCE

The Fulbright Finland Foundation and KAUTE Foundation Graduate Fellowship

SPECIALIZATION:

Machine Learning on Graph Data

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

Develop Physics-Inspired Machine Learning Algorithms for Astrophysics Applications

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

(1) Acquire domain knowledge on large-scale astrophysics simulations and collaborate closely with astrophysicists, (2) Contribute to the development of machine learning methods for astrophysics and support efforts in dark matter discovery.

KEY WORDS:

AI for Science, Graph Neural Networks, Spatiotemporal Data Analysis

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:

University of Helsinki, Department of Computer Science, Helsinki

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

University of California, Santa Barbara, Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering, Santa Barbara, California

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

Assistant Professor Haewon Jeong,
Assistant Professor Nina Miolaine

GRANT PERIOD:

August 2025 – July 2026

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ACADEMIC TRAINING:

- M.Sc. Data Science, University of Helsinki, Finland
- B.Sc. Physics, University of Helsinki, Finland

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

- Visiting Researcher, SARAO, Cape Town, South Africa, 2024
- Technical Student, CERN, Geneva, Switzerland, 2021-22
- Software Engineer, Fjuul, Helsinki, Finland, 2020-21
- Research Assistant, Helsinki Institute of Physics, Helsinki, Finland, 2021

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

- Holmberg, D., Clementi, E. & Roos, T., 2024, Regional Ocean Forecasting with Hierarchical Graph Neural Networks, In NeurIPS Workshop on Tackling Climate Change with Machine Learning.
- Holmberg, D., Golubovic, D. & Kirschenmann, H., 2023, Jet Energy Calibration with Deep Learning as a Kubeflow Pipeline, Computing and software for Big Science. 7, 16 p., 9.
- Kuopanportti, P., Ropo, M., Holmberg, D. et al., 2022, Interatomic Fe-Cr potential for modeling kinetics on Fe surfaces, Computational Materials Science. 203, 10 p., 110840.

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:

- 2025-26: The Fulbright Finland Foundation and KAUTE Foundation Graduate Fellowship
- 2023-24: Research Grant, Nylands Nation
- 2022: Master Thesis Award, Huawei



Haiying Lu

FINANCE

The Fulbright Finland Foundation and Idman Foundation Graduate Fellowship

SPECIALIZATION:

Finance

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

Completing a master's degree in Finance in the U.S.

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Pursuing a master's degree in finance with a particular interest in deepening my understanding of corporate finance and asset pricing, including topics such as firm valuation and determining the fair value of assets.

KEY WORDS:

Corporate Finance, Investment Banking, Private Equity, Asset Pricing

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:

Graduate of Aalto University, School of Business, Espoo

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

Massachusetts Institute of Technology MIT, School of Management, Cambridge, Massachusetts

GRANT PERIOD:

July 2025 – December 2026

>> [LINKEDIN](#)

>> [TELEGRAM @haiyingblu](#)

ACADEMIC TRAINING:

- B.Sc. in Economics and Business Administration (Major: Finance), 2024, Aalto University School of Business, Finland
- High School Diploma (Orientation: Natural Sciences), 2021, Tampere Classical Upper Secondary School (*Tampereen klassillinen lukio*), Finland

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

- Fellow Intern, McKinsey & Company, Helsinki, Finland, 09/2024 – 11/2024
- Strategy Trainee, Hiab, Helsinki, Finland, 05/2024 – 07/2024
- Research Assistant, Aalto University – Department of Finance, Espoo, Finland, 11/2022 – 08/2023

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:

- 2025-26: The Fulbright Finland Foundation and Idman Foundation Graduate Fellowship
- 2025: MIT Sloan Merit-Based Fellowship
- 2024: Aalto University Dean's List
- 2023: McKinsey Women Leadership Program
- 2023: Aalto University Student of the Year in French
- 2022: #1 student in Investments Course at Aalto University School of Business
- 2021: Technology Industries of Finland Centennial Foundation Scholarship for top 1% (176 out of 14,895) in advanced mathematics examination
- 2020: Top 5 Speaker in Finnish National Schools Debating Championship
- 2019: Runner-up in National English Essay Writing Competition
- 2018: Aamulehti Newspaper Scholarship



Marja Saleva

FINE ARTS

Fulbright-Idman Grant

SPECIALIZATION:

Photo-Based Visual Art

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

Completing a master's degree in Fine Arts in the U.S.

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

I will research two interconnected areas: the concept of reality and the subjectivity of seeing. What is reality, and how can it be found and depicted? I will study these questions from philosophical, biological, psychological, and neuroscientific perspectives. Aesthetically, I aim to find new ways to express the complexity of reality and seeing. In pursuit of this, I will use collage technique to challenge the one-eyed perspective of the camera.

KEY WORDS:

Photography, Collage, Installation, Book Art

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:

Graduate of Turku University of Applied Sciences

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

Pratt Institute, Fine Arts Department, Brooklyn, New York

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

Mark Gens, Assistant Chairperson of Fine Arts

GRANT PERIOD:

August 2025 – May 2027

>> [INSTAGRAM @marjasaleva](#)

>> [WEBSITE](#)

ACADEMIC TRAINING:

- Bachelor of Culture and Arts, 2013, Turku University of Applied Sciences, Finland
- Master of Social Sciences, 2001, University of Turku, Finland

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

Art:

- Working grant (12 months), Arts Promotion Centre Finland, 2023
- Working grant (6 months), Alfred Kordelin Foundation, 2022
- Working grant (6 months), Arts Promotion Centre Finland, 2020

Media:

- Layout designer, editor (part-time), Iltalehti, Helsinki, Finland, since 2016
- Layout designer (part-time), Helsingin Sanomat, Helsinki, Finland, 2013–2015
- Layout designer, editor, photo editor (part-time), Turun Sanomat, Turku, Finland, 2008–2013
- News reporter (full-time), Turun Sanomat, Turku, Finland, 2001–2008

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS:

- There was no other way to tell this, Gallery Pimento, Oulu, Finland, 2025
- ROOOOM, Gallery Fikka, Porvoo, Finland, 2023
- Papersnake rock (Family Album), Ryniker-Morrison Gallery, Billings, MT, USA, 2023
- Look me in the eye and repeat:, School of Visual Arts, Summer Residency Programs Open Studios, New York, NY, USA, 2023
- as real as any room that moves, screams for the narrator, Hippolyte Studio, Helsinki, Finland, 2022
- Medium Sweet Yellow Cocktail With Flirting Flowers And Solid Expectations, Gallery Rajatila, Tampere, Finland, 2021
- Surprise Paradise Disco With King Size Flowers And A Black Swan, Gallery Huuto, Helsinki, Finland, 2021
- Playing Like A Flower In A Red Sea While Building A Long New Dress (Family Album), Northern Photographic Centre, Oulu, Finland, 2020

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

- Marja Saleva, Family Album, 2018, 2019 & 2023, zine, self-published, page count varies
- Marja Saleva, He is so obsessed with me, 2017, online-work, www.heissoobsessedwithme.com
- Marja Saleva, He is so obsessed with me, 2013, photobook, self-published, 350 p.

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:

- 2025-26: Fulbright-Idman Grant Awardee



Stella Roos

JOURNALISM

ASLA-Fulbright Graduate Grant

SPECIALIZATION:

Journalism

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

Completing a master's degree in Journalism in the U.S.

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Building on my experience working as a design correspondent, I am pursuing a one-year master's degree in journalism. The focus of my studies will be on investigative methods that I want to apply in the field of cultural journalism, especially architecture and design.

KEY WORDS:

Journalism, Architecture, Design, Culture

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT:

Graduate of University College London, United Kingdom

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

City University of New York, Craig Newmark Graduate School of Journalism, New York

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

Maximo Patiño, Director of Admissions

GRANT PERIOD:

August 2025 – August 2026

>> INSTAGRAM @stellarooss

ACADEMIC TRAINING:

- European Social and Political Studies BA, 2021, University College London, United Kingdom

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

- Design Correspondent, Monocle, since 2020

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

- Roos, Stella, 2024, 'Tree Radicals', Monocle 169, pp. 134-135 (Artek and the Finnish forest)
- Roos, Stella, 2021, 'An Eternal Flame,' Konfekt 2, pp. 112-113 (Profile of actress Alma Pöysti)
- Roos, Stella, 2024, 'Level Best,' Monocle 178, pp. 172-177 (Gregory Ain's architecture in Los Angeles)

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:

- 2025: ASLA-Fulbright Graduate Grant Awardee
- 2021: Dean's List, Faculty of Arts and Humanities, University College London
- 2018 & 2019: ESPS Sessional Prize, University College London
- 2017: Finnish Technology Fund stipend for mathematics



Mirjami Ylinen

LAW

ASLA-Fulbright Graduate Grant

SPECIALIZATION:

Energy and Environmental Law

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

Completing an LLM degree in the U.S.

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Studying the intersections of energy and environmental law in the context of the sustainability transition of society.

KEY WORDS:

Energy, Environment, Climate Change, Sustainable Transition

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:

Graduate of the University of Helsinki

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

University of Connecticut, Mansfield,
Connecticut

GRANT PERIOD:

August 2025 – May 2026

>> [LINKEDIN @Mirjami Ylinen](#)

ACADEMIC TRAINING:

- LL.M., 2020, University of Helsinki, Finland
- LL.B., 2020, University of Helsinki, Finland
- B.A. (Italian Philology), 2015, University of Helsinki, Finland

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

- Legal Advisor, Finnish Energy Authority, Helsinki, Finland, since 2022
- Legal Advisor, Finnish Safety and Chemicals Agency (Tukes), Helsinki, Finland, 2022
- Legal Advisor, City of Vantaa, Vantaa, Finland, 2021

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:

- 2025–26: ASLA-Fulbright Graduate Grant Awardee



Alma Komulainen

FINNISH LANGUAGE

Fulbright Finnish Language and Culture Teaching Assistant
The Fulbright Finland Centennial Award

SPECIALIZATION:

Finnish as a Second and Foreign Language

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

Finnish Language Teaching Assistant

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Assisting in teaching duties related to Finnish language and culture, and attending additional university courses.

KEY WORDS:

Finnish language, Finnish Literature, Finnish as a Second and Foreign Language

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:

University of Helsinki, Department of Finnish, Finno-Ugrian and Scandinavian Studies

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 2025 – June 2026

ACADEMIC TRAINING:

- BA, 2022, University of Helsinki, Finland

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

- Finnish as a Second Language Teacher at Axxell, Helsinki, Finland, since 2023

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:

- 2025-26: Fulbright Finnish Language and Culture Teaching Assistant Program, University of Washington



Aaro Ahonen

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

Fulbright Finland Undergraduate Program

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

Exchange Studies

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Undergraduate-level exchange studies at the University of Florida, USA, with the goal of completing a minor in Civil Engineering to complement my major in Environmental Engineering.

KEY WORDS:

Sustainability, Urban Development, LCA, Circular Economy

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:

LUT University, Environmental Engineering, LUT School of Energy Systems, Lappeenranta

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

University of Florida, Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering, Gainesville, Florida

GRANT PERIOD:

August 2025 – December 2025

>> [LINKEDIN](#)

ACADEMIC TRAINING:

- High School Diploma, 2022, Helsingin luonnontiedelukio, Finland

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

- Aggregates Quality Controller, Rudus Oy, Helsinki, Finland, Summer 2024 & 2025

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:

- 2025: Fulbright Finland Undergraduate Program Awardee



Fiona Ahonen

COMMUNICATION

Fulbright Finland Undergraduate Program

SPECIALIZATION:

Digital Media-Leadership

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

Completing a bachelor's degree in Digital Media Leadership

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Completing a bachelor's degree in Digital Media Leadership with a minor in Textiles & Apparel

KEY WORDS:

Media, Advertising, Fashion, Art Directing

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:

Graduate of Mäkelänrinne Sports High School, Helsinki

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa

GRANT PERIOD:

August 2025 – May 2026

>> [INSTAGRAM @fionahonen](#)

ACADEMIC TRAINING:

– Graduate, 2025, Mäkelänrinne Upper Secondary School, Finland

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:

– 2025-26: Fulbright Finland Undergraduate Program Awardee



Stella Lindström

THEATER ARTS

Fulbright Finland Undergraduate Program

SPECIALIZATION:

Major In Theater and Acting, Minor in Creative Writing and English Literature

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

Completing a bachelor's degree in Theater Arts

KEYWORDS:

Creative Arts, Globalization, Intercultural Talent, Performance, Entertainment Industry

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:

Graduate of Schildt High School, Jyväskylä

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks, California

GRANT PERIOD:

August 2025 – May 2026

INSTAGRAM @stelluliliann

TikTok @who_is_stella

YOUTUBE @stellalind

EMAIL: st3llalindstrom@gmail.com

ACADEMIC TRAINING:

- Completed matriculation examination in 2025 from Schildt Upper Secondary School of Music and Arts
- Vocational Qualification in Art, Music and Dance from Gradia Finnish Music Campus and Jyväskylä Dance Institute (suom. Gradia, suomalainen musiikkikampus ja Jyväskylän Tanssiopisto).

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

- Performed at semi-professional theaters and professional theaters from 2017 till present day
- Age group championship and Finnish Championship in the Performing Arts Rising Star category 2021 in dance

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:

- 2025-26: Fulbright Undergraduate Program Awardee



Sara Talka

DESIGN AND FASHION

Fulbright Finland Undergraduate Program

SPECIALIZATION:

Design

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

Exchange Studies

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Undergraduate level studies in design and completing a minor in product design at the Art Center College of Design

KEY WORDS:

Interior Design, Sustainable Development, Technological Innovation, User-Centered Design

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:

Aalto University, Espoo

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

ArtCenter College of Design, Pasadena, California

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

Exchange Coordinator Kyrie Sanchinelli-Salazar

GRANT PERIOD:

September 2025 – December 2025

>> LINKEDIN: @Sara Talka

>> INSTAGRAM: @saracarolinah

ACADEMIC TRAINING:

- Degree of Interior Design, 2023, Helsinki Design School
- International Baccalaureate, 2021, Mattlidens Gymnasium

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

- 2025 - Part of the design team for the Main Exhibition at Finnish Glass Biennale, Riihimäki (coming)

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:

- 2025: Fulbright Finland Undergraduate Program Awardee



Jouni Kupiainen

VISUAL ART TEACHER

Fulbright Distinguished Award in Teaching

SPECIALIZATION:

Visual Art

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

Comics in Education: Teaching Methods and Youth Engagement

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

I am exploring the educational possibilities of comics in visual arts. Different teaching techniques and opportunities interest me. How are the students' comics displayed, and what themes do they explore? Are there opportunities to connect with local comic artists?

KEY WORDS:

Art Education, Comic Teaching, Comics in Youth Culture, Comic-Based Teaching Technique

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:

Saarnilaakso Secondary School, Espoo

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

University of Rochester, New York

GRANT PERIOD:

August 2025 – December 2025

>> [LINKEDIN](#)

>> [FACEBOOK](#)

>> [INSTAGRAM](#)

ACADEMIC TRAINING:

- Master of Arts, 1995, University of Art and Design Helsinki, Finland

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

- Visual Art Teacher in Saarnilaakso Secondary School, Espoo, Since 1995
- Visual Art Teacher in Kuninkaantie High School, Espoo, 2000-2001
- Chess Club Teacher, since 1998
- Tabletop Roleplaying Club Teacher, since 1996
- Teacher in Charge of Morning Opening Technology, since 2018
- Information Technology Teacher in Espoo City, since 2000

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:

- 2025: Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Grantee



Sari Ylipulli

EDUCATION AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHING

Fulbright Distinguished Award in Teaching

SPECIALIZATION:

Foreign Language Teaching

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

Tackling the Challenge of Polarization in Classroom. A Pilot to Enhance Respectful Communication and English Oral Skills in Finnish Middle and High Schools

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The aim of this project is to improve EFL students' oral skills and at the same time teach respectful communication and argumentation skills. I look forward to learning from the strategies educators in the US use to respond to the challenge of polarization. The outcome will be lesson plans which help teachers create a safe classroom environment for inclusive and fair discussion practices.

KEY WORDS:

Communication, Polarization, English Oral Skills, Student Engagement

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:

Jaakko Ilkka Middle School, Ilmajoki

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania

GRANT PERIOD:

August 2025 – December 2025

>> **INSTAGRAM:** @saria.ylipulli

>> **FACEBOOK:** Sari A. Ylipulli

ACADEMIC TRAINING:

- Master of Arts, 1995, University of Turku, Finland

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

- English, French and Italian Language Teacher, Jaakko Ilkka Middle School and Ilmajoki High School, Ilmajoki, Finland, since 2017
- Foreign Language Teacher, Korkalovaara Middle School and Lyseonpuisto High School, Rovaniemi, Finland, 2006 -17
- Transnational Coordinator and Project Manager 2000-03
- Freelance Tourist Guide, Interpreter and Translator 1986-2017

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:

- 2025: Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Awardee
- 2021-25: Vice-Member of Ilmajoki Municipal Council
- 2000-12, Member of Rovaniemi City Council
- 2006-10, Vice-member of CLRAE, Council of Europe
- 2005: Italian Solidarity Star Order's Knighthood



Sini Bask

PHILOSOPHY

Fulbright Finland Travel Grant for Institutional Partnership Building

SPECIALIZATION:

Professional Teacher Education for Vocational Education and Training

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

Partnership Building in Teacher Training

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Renewing and fostering the partnership with the Ohio State University. Deciding on concrete steps for collaboration. Initiating a research project and exploring funding possibilities on the professional development needs of vocational teachers and for developing the teacher training programmes in both Institutions. Exploring the possibility for COIL creation on diversity, inclusion and the use of educational technologies. Promoting Vocational Education and Training in both Finland and the U.S.

KEY WORDS:

Global Citizenship, Inclusion, Philosophy, Education for the Future

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:

Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences, Helsinki

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

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

Dr. Christopher Zirkle

GRANT PERIOD:

September 2025 – October 2025

>> [LINKEDIN @Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences](#)

>> [LINKEDIN @Haaga-Helia School of Vocational Teacher Education](#)

>> [LINKEDIN @Sini Bask](#)

>> [LINK TO THE UNIVERSITY ONLINE PROFILE](#)

ACADEMIC TRAINING:

- DSocSc, Philosophy, 2021, University of Jyväskylä, Finland
- Special Needs Teacher, 2013, University of Helsinki, Finland
- Bachelor of Culture and Arts, 2011, Metropolia University of Applied Sciences, Finland
- Master of Arts, Philosophy, 2002, University of Helsinki, Finland
- Bachelor of Social Services, 1997, Espoon-Vantaan va. UAS, Finland

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

- Senior Lecturer, Haaga-Helia UAS, Helsinki, Finland, since 8/2021
- Competence Service Manager, Vocational College Varia, Vantaa, Finland 8/2018-7/2021
- Lecturer, Vocational College Varia, Vantaa, Finland 8/2015-7/2018
- Head Teacher Stadi Vocational College, Helsinki, Finland 8/2014-7/2015
- Teacher/Lecturer, City of Vantaa, Vantaa, Finland 8/2001-7/2014

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

- Bask, S. 2021. *Elävää ihmistä kasvattamassa: Miguel de Unamunon ihmiskäsitys ja kasvatustajattelu suomalaisessa kasvatustajattamassa*.
- Bask, Sini & Zirkle, Christopher *Inclusion in vocational special needs education*. Haaga-Helia eSignals.
Bask, Sini & Zirkle, Christopher 2021. Life long learning in vocational education. Podcast. Haaga-Helia, eSignals.
- Huopainen, Jenni & Bask, Sini 2023. *Finnish Special Education in a nutshell – enabling inclusion and the recognition of special needs*.
- Bask, Sini & Mauffret, David 2024. *Pedagogy framework for Global Citizenship: teachers' tool for supporting global competence*. Haaga-Helia. eSignalsPro.

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:

- 2025: Fulbright Finland Travel Grant for Institutional Partnership Building Awardee



Tobias Tamelander

MARINE BIOLOGY

Fulbright Finland Travel Grant for Institutional Partnership Building

SPECIALIZATION:

Research Administration and Funding

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

Research Development Offices and Practices for Supporting Competitive Research Proposals

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The objective is to exchange information on practices for supporting researchers in obtaining external funding, to compare strategic priorities for research offices, and explore opportunities for collaborative research.

KEY WORDS:

Capacity Building, International Research Funding, Proposal Development

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:

University of Helsinki, Research Services

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

Stanford University, Office of the Vice Provost and Dean of Research, Stanford, California

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

Dr. Kim Baeten

GRANT PERIOD:

September 2025

ACADEMIC TRAINING:

- PhD, 2007, University of Tromsø, Norway

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

- Senior Advisor, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland, since January 2021
- Research Coordinator, Novia University of Applied Sciences, Finland, January 2019-January 2021
- University Researcher, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland, May 2014-October 2017

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:

- 2012-14: Marie Curie Research Fellow (EU), Barcelona, Spain



Kasper Valtakari

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Fulbright Finland Travel Grant for Institutional Partnership Building

SPECIALIZATION:

Software Development

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

Institutional Partnership Building IUI –
HH: Online Courses, Exchange and
Research

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

I will strengthen the collaboration between Haaga-Helia and Indiana University Indianapolis. My visit will focus on formalizing agreements, expanding teaching, exchange and research cooperation aligning with my host's Strategic Plans. I will identify new joint course opportunities and explore shared research projects, aiming to deepen our institutions' relationship and start long-lasting, reciprocal exchanges for students and faculty alike.

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:

Haaga-Helia University of Applied
Sciences, Helsinki

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

Indiana University Indianapolis,
Department of Library and Information
Science, Luddy School of Informatics,
Computing, and Engineering,
Indianapolis, Indiana

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

William Helling, Ph.D. Senior Lecturer
and Associate Program Director

GRANT PERIOD:

February 2026 – May 2026

>> [LINKEDIN](#)

>> [FACEBOOK](#)

ACADEMIC TRAINING:

- Pedagogical Studies for Teachers, 2015, University of Helsinki, Finland
- M. Sc., 2002, University of Helsinki Computer Science, Finland
- Master's Thesis, 2001, Technical University of Munich, Germany

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

- Senior Lecturer, Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences, Helsinki, Finland, since 2018
- Entrepreneur, Kasper Valtakari, Helsinki, Finland, since 2016
- Freelance ICT, math and STEM teacher, Finland, 2013-18
- Consultant, Accenture, Helsinki, Finland, 2008-13
- Solution Manager, CBOSS Oy, Helsinki, Finland, 2004-08
- System Specialist, Fujitsu Services, Helsinki, Finland, 2001-04
- Diplomand, Siemens AG, Munich, Germany, 2000-01

POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY:

- Vice Chair, IT-kouluttajat ry (IT Teachers' association of Finland), since 2025
- Founder and first Vice Chair, TKT-Alumni ry (Alumni of CS students of University of Helsinki), 2013-18



Tarja Kariola

STEM SCIENCE EDUCATION

The Fulbright Finland Foundation Fellowship for Mid-Career Professionals
The grant is cost-shared with the LUMA Centre Päijät-Häme, University of Helsinki

SPECIALIZATION:

Science Education, Genetics, Geology, Administration

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

Discover by Doing – Exploring Science Education in the U.S.

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) education aims to inspire children and youth, fostering scientific thinking and problem-solving skills. Science education outside traditional classrooms, such as in university-situated science education labs with hands-on learning, supports and broadens formal curriculum-based teaching. Observing and engaging with the vibrant and innovative science education field of the US and in return, sharing Finnish practices will be of great importance for innovation of future practices.

KEY WORDS:

Science Education, STEM, DNA-Technology, Geology

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:

University of Helsinki, LUMA Centre Päijät-Häme, Lahti

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

Clemson University, Science Outreach Center, Clemson, South Carolina

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

Dr Renée Lyons, Director of Science Outreach Center

GRANT PERIOD:

September 2025 – December 2025

>> LINKEDIN @tarja kariola

ACADEMIC TRAINING:

- PhD (Molecular Genetics), 2006, University of Helsinki, Finland
- MSc (Genetics), 1998, University of Helsinki, Finland

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

- Director, LUMA Centre Päijät-Häme, University of Helsinki, Lahti, Finland, since 2022
- Coordinator, LUMA Centre Päijät-Häme, University of Helsinki, Lahti, Finland 2016-2022
- Researcher, University of Helsinki, Finland, 2012-16
- Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Helsinki, Finland, 2009-12
- PhD Student, University of Helsinki, Finland, 1999-2006

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:

- 2018: The University Achievement of the Year Award granted by the City of Lahti for LUMA Centre Päijät-Häme and Science Lab SOLU.
- 2009-12: University of Helsinki, Postdoctoral Researcher 3-year grant



Isabella Biorac Haaja

JOURNALISM AND COMMUNICATIONS

Fulbright Finland Renewal Grant

ASLA-Fulbright Graduate Grant 2024-25

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 2025 – December 2025

>> INSTAGRAM @ISABELLAHAAJA

>> TIKTOK @ISABELLAHAAJA

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



Malin Kosonen

BUSINESS, ECONOMICS AND PUBLIC POLICY

Fulbright Finland Renewal Grant

Fulbright Finland Undergraduate Program 2022-23

SPECIALIZATION:

Finance

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

Completing a bachelor's degree in Economics in the U.S.

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:

Graduate of Gymnasiet Grankulla Samskola, Kauniainen

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

University of Pennsylvania, The Wharton School, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

GRANT PERIOD:

August 2025 – May 2026

ACADEMIC TRAINING:

- High School Diploma, 2022, Gymnasiet Grankulla samskola, Finland

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

- Substitute teacher, Hagelstamska skolan, Kauniainen, Finland, since 2022

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:

- 2022-23: Fulbright Finland Undergraduate Grant



Joona Mäkinen

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Fulbright Finland Renewal Grant
ASLA-Fulbright Graduate Grant 2024-25

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 2025 – December 2025

ACADEMIC TRAINING:

– LLB, 2023, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:

– 2024-25: ASLA-Fulbright Graduate Grant Awardee



Maria Peltomäki

PSYCHOLOGY

Fulbright Finland Partnership Award with Vanderbilt University

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

Completing a bachelor's degree in Psychology in the U.S.

KEY WORDS:

Inter- and Intrapersonal Understanding and Acceptance, Breaking Bounds, Humanitarianism

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:

Graduate of Senior High School of Kauhajoki, Kauhajoki

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

Vanderbilt University, College of Arts and Sciences, Nashville, Tennessee

GRANT PERIOD:

August 2025 – May 2026

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ACADEMIC TRAINING:

- Finnish Matriculation Examination, 2021, Senior High School of Kauhajoki, Finland

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

- Freelance Substitute Teacher, Pre-, Elementary-, Junior- and Senior High Schools, Kauhajoki, Finland, 2021-22
- Sales Representative, Kesko Corporation, Kauhajoki, Finland, 2021-22

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:

- 2022-23: Fulbright Finland Partnership Award with Vanderbilt University
- 2022-26: Hilppa A.K. Roby Scholarship



Lada Sokolova

CIVIL ENGINEERING

Fulbright Finland Renewal Grant
ASLA-Fulbright Graduate Grant 2024-25

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:

September 2025 – May 2026

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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



Minea Tiitinen

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Fulbright Finland Renewal Grant

Fulbright Finland Undergraduate Program 2024-25

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:

September 2025 – May 2026

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ACADEMIC TRAINING:

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

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:

– 2024-25: Fulbright Finland Undergraduate Grant Awardee



Emma Marjakangas

EFL AND FRENCH TEACHER, TEACHER TRAINER

Study of the U.S. Institute (SUSI) for Secondary School Educators

TEACHING SUBJECTS:

English, French

KEY WORDS:

International Collaboration, Teacher Training, Languages Through Cultural Heritage

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN FINLAND:

University of Oulu Teacher Training School

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

Institute for Training and Development in Amherst, Massachusetts

GRANT PERIOD:

May 2025 – July 2025

ACADEMIC TRAINING:

- M.A. (English Philology), 2006, University of Oulu, Finland
- B.A. (History of Art), 2001, Goldsmith's College, University of London, UK

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

- EFL and French Teacher, Teacher Trainer, Oulu University Teacher Training School, Oulu, Finland, since 2017
- EFL and Swedish teacher, Kempeleen Kirkonkylä Secondary school; French Teacher, Kempele Upper secondary school, Kempele, Finland, 2015-16
- EFL and French Teacher, Oulunsalo Upper secondary school, Oulunsalo, Finland, 2012-14

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, ETC.:

- 2025: The Study of the U.S. Institutes for Secondary School Educators Awardee



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