

# American Voices XX

*October 12-13, 2012*  
*University of Turku*

## Exploring the Kaleidoscope of American Culture

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## **FRIDAY, October 12**

- 14.00      **OPENING GREETINGS****  
Janne Korkka – North American Studies  
Kalervo Väänänen – Rector, University of Turku  
Joel Kuortti – Head of the School of Languages and Translation Studies, University of Turku  
Terhi Mölsä – Executive Director, Fulbright Center
- 14.15      Current U.S. Affairs: David McGuire, U.S. Embassy**  
**U.S. Presidential Elections of 2012**
- 14.30      Academic keynote: Richard Schein**  
**Geographies of race in an American city**
- 15.00      **Session I****  
Salim Elwazani  
**The National Mall in the American Experience**  
Susan Roberts  
**Globalized Countryside: Living among the Rich and Famous**  
Hannah East  
**The U.S. Peace Corps, International Volunteerism Opportunities in America**  
Fulbright Center  
**Info on FC Programs and Opportunities**
- 16.00-16.20 REFRESHMENT BREAK
- 16.20      **Session II****  
Benjamin Zeller  
**The Place of Religion in America**  
Helen Hartnell  
**Free Speech: American Extremism?**  
Lesley Kadish  
**An Introduction to American Deaf Culture**
- 17.15-17.25 BRIEF INTERMISSION
- 17.25      **Session III****  
Christopher Meehan  
**Freedom of Knowledge in the Digital Age: One American's Perspective**  
Paul Mullins  
**The Archaeology of Barbie**  
Per Gårder  
**Driving Cultures in the US vs. Finland**
- 18.20      **End of Program for Friday****

## **SATURDAY, October 13**

**10.00      Session I**  
Kate MacCord  
**The Anatomy of a Classic Philadelphian**  
Rae Ellen Bichell  
**Peanut Butter: History of a Misunderstood Condiment**  
Kimberley Miller  
**Trick or Treat! Modern Halloween Mayhem**  
Jacqueline Williams  
**My Top Ten Favorite Things about Living in NYC**

11.10-11.20 BRIEF INTERMISSION

**11.20      Session II**  
Ben Norris  
**The New Song of the South: The Formation of a Distinctly Southern Hip Hop**  
Philip Alperson  
**Philosophical Perspectives on Jazz: America's Revolutionary Music**  
Sophie Knowles  
**Standardized Testing or Education: New York City Non Profits for Social Justice**

12.15-12.35 REFRESHMENT BREAK

**12.35      Session III**  
Meghan Whalen  
**A Quick History of Track Town, USA**  
Lindsay Whorton  
**The Fly-Over States: America's Most Under-Valued and Misunderstood Region**  
Lucas Harris  
**Trails in Vermont: Visions of Wilderness and the Rural Ideal**

**13.30      CLOSING WORDS**

**The Fulbright Center has a stand outside the seminar hall, and Fulbright staff will be available to answer questions on studying in North America and on scholarship opportunities to the U.S. during breaks in the program.**

**A mid-semester briefing for American grantees currently in Finland is also held during the seminar.**

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### **Schein, Richard**

Fulbright Bicentennial Chair in American Studies  
University of Kentucky  
University of Helsinki, Department of World Cultures

## Core Fulbright Scholar Program

### **Alperson, Philip**

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### **Garder, Per**

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### **Hartnell, Helen**

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University of Helsinki

### **Zeller, Benjamin**

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### **Meehan, Christopher**

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University of Delaware, Newark  
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### **Kadish, Lesley**

Minnesota Historical Society  
WeeGee Exhibition Center

## Fulbright Graduate Student Grantees

### **Bichell, Rae Ellen**

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