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## SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

9:00 am – 4:30 pm	Chapter, Affinity, and Interest Group Leader Workshop
12:00 pm – 5:00 pm	FIU Student Summit "Civic Engagement with Global Reach"
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Conference Check-In
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	ADST Diplomacy Travel Exhibit
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Keynote Opening Night
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7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	1946 Society Dinner (invitation only)
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Happy Hour for Young Fulbrighters (invitation only)

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

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8:30 am – 9:15 am	Roundtable Discussions
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### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

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Dear Fulbrighters and Friends,

Welcome to Miami and to the 48th Annual Conference of the Fulbright Association, proudly hosted by Florida International University. We're grateful for the time, talent, and generosity you bring to this vibrant community of learners, leaders, and global citizens.

Our theme—United We Stand—calls us to embrace unity in a time that demands collaboration and courage. Across disciplines and sectors, we gather to share evidence, exchange ideas, and explore pathways to deepen mutual understanding. The voices you'll hear throughout the conference offer insights that spark action—locally and globally—and we hope they inspire you to advocate, engage, and grow.

This year's program features thought leaders from international education, diplomacy, civil society, and business, including representatives from NAFSA: Association of International Educators, SHRM, Council on Foreign Relations, World Affairs Councils of America, the Alliance for International Exchange, and ACE. Through plenary sessions, panels, and the Selma Jeanne Cohen Dance Lecture, we'll explore pressing questions and practical steps forward.

Because connection thrives in conversation, much of our time together centers on posters, roundtables, and informal dialogue. We encourage you to take full advantage of Friday's reception, Saturday's luncheon, and the many moments in between. Students and emerging professionals will also find tailored opportunities to network and explore global career pathways.

As you return home, we hope you carry with you new tools, fresh partnerships, and renewed energy to advance the Fulbright mission in your communities. As alumni and friends, you hold the power to open doors, build bridges, and ensure that international exchange continues to be a force for good.

Thank you for your presence, your passion, and your continued support. Enjoy the conference—and stay connected.



Most sincerely,

*Walter A. McCollum*

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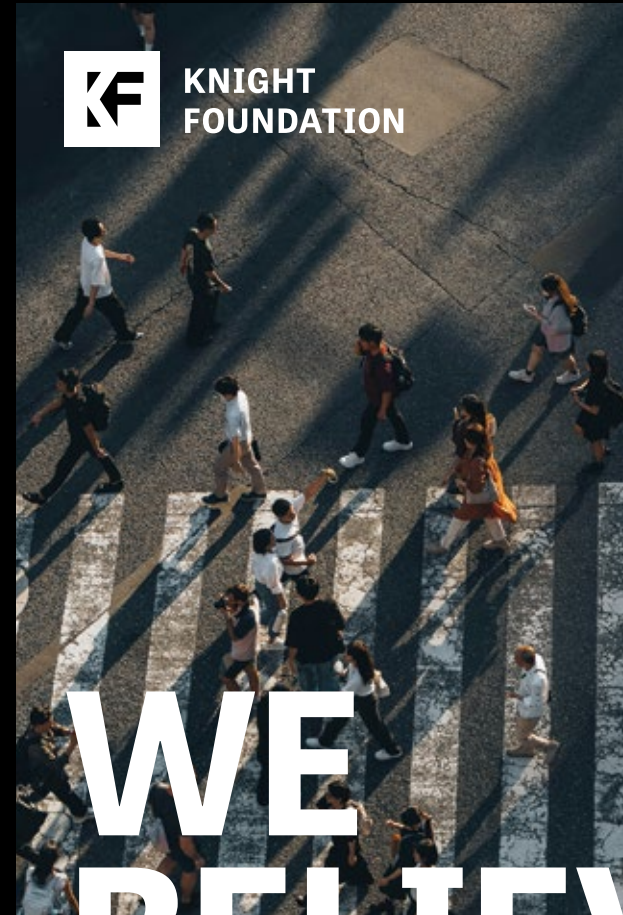


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**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24**

**OPENING KEYNOTE**

**5:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

**SIPA I 125 AUDITORIUM**

**Johnny C. Taylor, Jr.**, CEO, Society for Human Resource Management

**Basil Khalil**, Vice President of Operations, LatAm & Caribbean, FedEx

**Moderator: Fanta Aw, PhD**, CEO of NAFSA

**Closing remarks: Lynne Ogren**, South Florida Chapter President

**LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

**6:30 PM - 6:45 PM**

**SIPA I 125 AUDITORIUM**

**Dr. Mary Ellen Heian Schmider** — 2025 Lifetime Achievement Award honoree. For five decades she has advanced education and international understanding through visionary leadership in classrooms, higher education, and nonprofits, championing the Fulbright mission worldwide. Additional recognition to the following: **Dr. Jagannath Pati**, **Dr. Wael Rashid Abdulmajeed**, **Dr. Gene Tsudik**, **Dr. Philip O. Geier**

**OPENING RECEPTION**

**6:45 PM - 8:00 PM**

**SIPA I & II COURTYARD**

**1946 SOCIETY DINNER (INVITATION ONLY)**

**7:30 PM - 9:00 PM**

**PARKVIEW (PVH) 100**

**HAPPY HOUR FOR YOUNG FULBRIGHTERS (INVITATION ONLY)**

**7:30 PM - 9:00 PM**

**SIPA II 102 (PAVILION)**

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### POSTER PRESENTATIONS

8:30 AM - 9:15 AM

SIPA II 103



- 1 The Fulbrighter's Toolkit for Global Unity and Impact**  
Jonathan Alloy
- 2 Echoes from the Past: Voices of Early Pakistani Anglophone Authors**  
Saleha Malik
- 3 Voices Across Borders: Using AI for Inclusive Storytelling**  
Nadiyah Abidin
- 4 After the Silence: Unmemory and Holocaust Inheritance in Latin America**  
Andrea Fanta Castro
- 5 Fostering Global Health Education Through Collaboration: A U.S. and Trinidad and Tobago Case Study**  
Amy Paul-Ward, Kiara Matthews
- 6 Fulbright as a Platform for Policy: Rethinking Cultural Exchange through Global Health**  
Joseph Ekpo, Aidan Kenney
- 7 Brazilian and American Jurors' Understanding of Children's Testimony**  
Deborah Goldfarb, Sidnei Priolo Filho
- 8 Podcasting Culture in the Turkish Language Classroom: A Fulbright FLTA Experience**  
Elif Zühre
- 9 Increasing Biodiversity in Urban Areas**  
Ignacio Guarachi

- 10 The Khater–Hills Assisted Reminiscence Project: Intergenerational connections for college students and older adults**  
William E. Hills, Mohamed S. Khater, Karen T. Hills
- 11 Lived Experiences of Female International Graduate Students on Fulbright in the USA, a Phenomenological Study**  
Aqsa Tahir
- 12 From Home to Homepage for Women in Conflict and Restricted Societies**  
Manizha Wafeq
- 13 Is Rural Tourism Ready? Insights from Five Decades of Rural Tourism Research**  
Arini Murwindarti
- 14 Op-Eds: The Power of Public Writing to Connect History and Politics**  
Ena Ozaki
- 15 From Aristotle to Algorithms: Persuasion Power for Fulbright Advocacy**  
Parviz Jamalov

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Thank you to our peer reviewer volunteers who gave their time and attention to review the numerous proposals for this year's annual conference. We thank them for their dedication to the Fulbright community.

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# SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

## ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

8:30 AM - 9:15 AM

SIPA II 258 & 259



- 1 United by Voice: Bridging Cultures Through Art Song**  
Lori Sen
- 2 Building Bridges Through Science: How Fulbright Shaped Climate and Water Cooperation in the Nile Basin**  
Assefa Melesse
- 3 Reflections on Aging, End-of-Life, and Belonging in a Foreign Land**  
Kenzo Kimura
- 4 Taking the Humanities Global Through the Fulbright Scholar-In-Residence Program**  
David Alvarez
- 5 Sharing Fulbright Specialist: Adding Credibility**  
Andrej Milic
- 6 The Heterogeneity of Sustainability: Examples from Suriname and Kerala, India**  
Nancy Wright
- 7 The Fulbright FLTA Experience as a Transformative Pedagogical Journey: Identity, Challenges, and Growth**  
Hilal Peker, Hidayat Angga, Clarisse Halpern
- 8 Becoming the Mentor You Needed**  
Bryce Moulton, John DeFraites III

- 9 Between Two Nations: Building Human Bridges, Not Political Walls**  
Wendy Anel Vázquez Gómez
- 10 AI for Productivity: Practical Tools and Strategies**  
Julia Totskaya
- 11 Fulbright Innovation Hub: Advancing the Mission through Local Engagement by Redesigning the Purpose of Exchange, Education and Engagement for a Virtual Society with Shared Global Fulbright Values**  
Arthur Piszczatowski
- 12 Opening Doors to the World: Encouraging Aspiring Teachers to Go Global through Fulbright**  
Sabrina Caldwell
- 13 Creating Connections**  
Aileen Hale
- 14 Lafayette Fellowship - A New Graduate Scholarship in France for Tomorrow's Leaders**  
Florence Botello

## PANEL: ADVOCATE

9:30 AM - 10:15 AM

## SIPA I 125 AUDITORIUM

### Advocacy in a Time of Global and Domestic Headwinds

How are advocates for international exchange, human rights, and education navigating today's polarized political climate? What strategies work when public support fluctuates and policymakers' priorities shift?

**Adrienne Jacobs**, Asst. Director/Head of Advocacy, Alliance for International Exchange

**Sarah Yager**, Washington Director, Human Rights Watch

**Moderator: Angela Schaffer**, Executive Director, Fund for Education Abroad

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

### SELMA JEANNE COHEN DANCE LECTURE: SASHAR ZARIF

10:30 AM - 11:15 AM

#### SIPA I 125 AUDITORIUM

Zarif's groundbreaking, decades-long practice spans 40 countries, bridging tradition and contemporary expression shaped by revolution, war, displacement, and exile. Through Moving Memories and the Dance of Mugham, he fuses movement, sound, poetry, and thought. Rooted in Sufi, Shamanic, and Central Asian lineages, his collaborative work reimagines heritage.



### POSTER PRESENTATIONS

11:30 AM - 12:15 PM

#### SIPA II 103

# POSTER

- 1 **Influence of Oceanographic Variability on the Foraging Area Selection of Loggerhead Turtles (*Caretta caretta*) in the Eastern Gulf of America (2019–2024)**

Allison Centeno-Chaves

- 2 **Fulbright Eats: A Case Study in Culinary Advocacy**

Kayla Alexander, Ryan Sutherland

- 3 **Active Shooter Preparedness in University Settings: From Guayaquil, Ecuador to Eastern North Carolina**

Sarah Maness

- 4 **A Novel Approach to Treat Trastuzumab-Resistant HER2+ Breast Cancer: Activation of PKC $\delta$**

Maria Grazia Mejia M

- 5 **Healthcare Without Borders for Humans and Animals**

Chippewa Thomas, Muralikrihnan Dhanasekaran

- 6 **Affordable Resilient Living: Modular Climate-Proof Housing for Vulnerable Coastal Communities in Florida**

Ulfa Kun Aulia

- 7 **Positioning Your Fulbright Experience to Create Amazing Professional and Personal Opportunities!**

Maryalice Mazzara

- 8 **Transforming English Education: A Fulbright Scholar's Research Drives Inclusive Classrooms in Ukraine**

Olena Tanchyk

- 9 **Lead with Intuition: Global Research Demonstrates That EQ and Intuition Drive Exceptional Leadership Results and Also Contribute to the Burnout Epidemic**

Christina Clinton

- 10 **It Takes a Village**

Karolyn (Kay) Stonefelt

- 11 **Immigrants' Voting Rights in the United States as a Vehicle for Their Integration**

Miroslava Colan

- 12 **The Challenge of Managing Emerging Technologies**

Francisco Suazo

- 13 **A Network of Laws to Support Management of a Regional Aquifer in South America: Advances in Governance**

Catherine Tinker, Pilar Carolina Villar

- 14 **Once Rejected, Twice Fulbrighter, Forever a Scholar**

Rocío López Caicedo

- 15 **Social Solutions to Cyber Challenges**

Patrick Kyhos

- 16 **Rethinking Assessment: How Educational Principles Can Improve Real-World Problem Solving**

Nisrina Nurika Agustin



# SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

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Isabella Leal Aguilar
- 2 Bridging Continents: Advancing Academic Literacy Through Fulbright Collaborations**  
Mariyeni Matariro
- 3 Bridging Differences, Building Understanding: Child Participation and Cross-Cultural Dialogue**  
Angela K. Salmon
- 4 Inclusive Voices in Action: A Case Study of Disability Advocacy through Educational Podcast Series and Dialogue in Mozambique**  
Vanessa Macamo
- 5 Sowing Seeds Across Borders: The Fulbright Program's Role in Advancing Agricultural Research**  
Shikha Dixit
- 6 Piggybacking: Virtual Exchange for Global Arts Education**  
Heidi C. Powell
- 7 Bridging Cultural Divides Through Music**  
Caroline Pearsall
- 8 "Lessons Learned" in Education, Advocacy, Service: Do current events present opportunities for advancing the Fulbright Mission?**  
Jim B. Fatzinger
- 9 From Setback to Success: A Tale of Two Fulbright Trips**  
Alan Buck

- 10 Fulbright Eats: A Case Study in Culinary Advocacy**  
Ryan Sutherland, Kayla Alexander Huhn
- 11 How My Fulbright Experiences Led to a Historic Meeting with Living Descendants of My Family's Former Enslavers**  
Nadira Branch
- 12 The Bi-Directional Impact of Fulbright: Culture Shock at Re-Entry May Be an Overlooked Outcome**  
Darlene DeMarie, Jennifer Bugos, Vlada Lisenco
- 13 Fresh Eyes, New Voices for Old Stories**  
Denise Elaine Heap, Alaina Tennant, Jennifer Rosenfeld
- 14 Adversity as an Entrepreneurial Innovation and Creativity**  
Masachs Bounboua
- 15 Cultivating Changemakers & Bridgebuilders: Centering Student Voice for Engagement and Impact**  
Shanaal Greene
- 16 Teacher Professional Development Challenges in Kenya**  
Lyndah Naswa Wasike
- 17 From Academics to Global Leaders: the Role of Cybersecurity in an Interconnected Present**  
Luciano Monchiero

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25**

**LUNCHEON (OPEN TO ALL CONFERENCE ATTENDEES)**

**12:30 PM - 1:30 PM**

**SASC 100**

**CHAPTER AND INTEREST GROUP AWARDS**

**1:30 PM - 2:00 PM**

**SASC 160 AUDITORIUM**

**PANEL: LEARN**

**2:00 PM - 2:45 PM**

**SASC 160 AUDITORIUM**

**Global Academic Exchange in a Changing Higher Ed Policy Landscape**

International student mobility and academic exchange programs face new pressures: demographic changes, financial challenges, visa policy shifts, and geopolitical tensions. What is the data telling us — and how can institutions adapt?

**Rodrick Miller**, CEO, Miami-Dade Beacon Council

**Sarah Spreitzer**, VP/Chief of Staff, American Council of Education

**Moderator: Dr. Hilary Landorf**, Asst. VP for Global Learning Initiatives, FIU

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## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

### POSTER PRESENTATIONS

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#### SIPA II 103



- 1 A Theatrical Journey from Outback to Opening Night with Australian Aboriginals and Native Americans**  
Gretchen Ward Warren
- 2 Critical Thinking, Artificial Intelligence (LLM's) and Global Engagement: Models for Fulbright Fellows**  
Robert Winston Taylor
- 3 Greece at the Turning Point: How US Marshall Plan Officials Piloted US Aid Programs during the Greek Civil War**  
Harrison Blackman
- 4 Nature-based Solutions for Drought Resilience in the MENA Region**  
Amin Shaban
- 5 Global Forces Changing Local Beliefs: The Diversity Revolution and the Agency of the Consumer in the Age of Streaming Services**  
Ana-Maria Calancea
- 6 Adīšanas Stāsts: A Latvian Knitting Book Exploring Traditions, Histories, and People**  
Paul Haesemeyer
- 7 Therapeutic Potential of Indian Classical Raga in Autism Spectrum Disorder**  
Neelima Chauhan
- 8 Resting-State Connectivity Alterations in Female Anorexia Nervosa Patients: The Role of the Body Image Distortion Phenotype**  
Sreyas Yennampelli
- 9 Mapping AI Governance in U.S. States: Policymakers' Priorities**  
Ganchimeg Namsrai
- 10 The Magical Anans in Awajun Indigenous Culture in Peru**  
Maia Lamarque

- 11 Global Immersion Through Fulbright-Hays: A Model for Transformative Learning**  
Amy Roberts, Dilnoza Khasilova
- 12 Reframing Disinformation: A Fulbright Collaboration on Global North Assumptions and Global South Realities**  
Mario Cerna, Ashera Barron
- 13 Connecting Communities and Water Quality along Colombia's Caribbean Coast**  
Margot Mattson
- 14 Still Dancing, Still Connected: The Enduring Impact of a Fulbright Experience in Taiwan**  
Lisa Fusillo
- 15 Let's Talk About the Air We Breathe: Finding Global Solutions to Local Problems**  
Muhammad Shehzaib Anjum Ali
- 16 Cybersecurity Research and Teaching Experiences at the University of Iceland (UI)**  
Rakesh Verma
- 17 Navigating the Infodemic: Reflections on Indonesian University Students' Digital Literacy and Fact-Checking Initiatives During COVID-19**  
Zainuddin Muda Z. Monggilo
- 18 Sustainable Groundwater Management Around the Globe: Avoiding Groundwater Overdraft, Land Subsidence, and Contamination**  
David Sandino
- 19 Decolonial AI Pedagogy in Practice: Lessons from a Fulbright Scholar's Intervention in South African Higher Education**  
Jill M. Humphries, Anele Dloto
- 20 Empowering Global Youth Through STEAM: A Binational Underwater Robotics Experience in Colombia**  
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## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

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3:00 PM - 3:45 PM

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- 2 Sustaining the Fulbright Impact through Post-Assignment Passion Projects**  
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- 3 From Global to Local: Relational Engagement for Rural Community Development**  
Heather Bandeen
- 4 Where From Here? Weaving Indigenous Knowledge into Interventions for Inclusive Mathematics Education**  
Toni Ariwijaya
- 5 From Trauma to Triumph: The Use of Storytelling in Disaster Recovery**  
Roshan Khatri
- 6 After the Dismantling: Reimagining Foreign Assistance for a New Era**  
Anjali Kaur
- 7 Expanding Interfaith Dialogue in Pakistan**  
Iqbal Akhtar
- 8 Biomechanics for Community Health: A Student-Led Approach to Data Collection and Professional Development**  
Javier Batista

- 9 United World Citizens: Fulbright and the Fight for Diplomacy and Against Provincialism**  
Andrew Martino
- 10 Beyond Best Practices: Co-creating Capacity through Context and Community**  
Joy Makua
- 11 "In Times When We Need Each Other Most"**  
Lia Uribe
- 12 Connecting Across Cultures: The Fulbright Chicago Mentoring Program**  
Meghan McAuliffe, Marina Oberemok
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Kimberly M Johnson
- 14 Becoming a Global Leader: The Impact of Fulbright on U.S. Higher Education Presidents**  
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- 15 Two Voices, One Hope: Fulbright Afghan Women Discuss Resistance, Education, and Loss**  
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Alexandra Blitzer, Anagha Kikkeri



## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

### PANEL: ENGAGE

4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

#### SIPA I 125 AUDITORIUM

##### Global Ideas, Local Impact

How organizations leverage international perspectives to address challenges at home—and how to navigate the tension between global vision and local realities.

**Matthew Hughes**, President, World Affairs Councils of America

**Khadija Ghazi**, VP of Innovation and Development, Draper University

**Moderator: Francesca Quesada de Covey**, VP of Community Impact, Knight Foundation

### BREAK

4:45 PM - 5:00 PM

#### SIPA II LOBBY

### PLENARY FIRESIDE CHAT: GROW

5:00 PM - 5:45 PM

#### SIPA I 125 AUDITORIUM

##### The Future of Work and the Skills to Thrive in It

Technological disruption, climate change, and shifting demographics are transforming the global labor market. What jobs will define the next decade, and how can Fulbright alumni position themselves to lead?

**Sam Vaghar**, Executive Director, Millennium Campus Network

**Mark Grobmyer**, Chairman, Global Solutions Institute

**Moderator: Sarah Happel**, Spectrum Leadership Solutions

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

### PANEL: EMPOWERING YOUTH FOR GLOBAL ACTION

9:15 AM - 10:00 AM

#### SIPA I 125 AUDITORIUM

How do we move youth from participants to policymakers? Evidence-based pathways for young people to shape agendas at home and abroad, with concrete commitments across public, private, and philanthropic partners.

**Natalia Zea**, Chief Public Policy & Engagement Officer, The Children's Trust

**Clinton White**, Founder & CEO, Counselor Global Solutions

**Moderator: Gioia Gentile**, Miami-Dade College Dual-Enrollment Student

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## POSTER PRESENTATIONS

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- 1 From Finland to the Front Range: Project Happiness and the Local Impact of Global Education**  
Amy Robbins
- 2 Shared Roots: Music of the Jewish Spanish Diaspora and the Middle East/ North Africa**  
Vanya Green Assuied
- 3 From Legacy to Virality: Leveraging TikTok to Engage the Next Generation of Fulbright Scholars**  
Akyunia Labiba, Najah Raniyah
- 4 I Found Home in Unexpected Places — Fulbright Student's Journey of Identity and Belonging in the U.S**  
Anitha Dushimirimana
- 5 Wireless Security for a Global Future**  
Amna Gillani
- 6 Strengthening the Continuum of Primary, Emergency Maternal and Newborn Referral Care Systems in Rural Ghana Using Embedded Implementation Research**  
Rohit Mukherjee, Justin Benton
- 7 Building Local, Thinking Global: Advancing Sustainable Construction through Mass Timber**  
Shakira Nyiratuza, Deasy Pasaribu
- 8 "No One Told Us": Realities of Reproductive Health in Sierra Leone**  
Georgina Adatsi

- 9 Prototype Your Life: Empowering Youth and Expanding Impact in International Contexts**  
Marcia J. Harr Bailey
- 10 Sub un Singur Acoperiş: Fostering LGBTQ+ Belonging in Our Romanian Classrooms**  
Oleander Reagan-Artemis
- 11 Beyond the Algorithm: A Framework for Implementing Equitable Digital Health in Diverse Global Health Settings**  
Lamine Chikhaoui
- 12 Evolution of Higher Education in Tanzania**  
Gerald F. Murphy
- 13 Therapeutic Role of  $\Delta 8$ -THC in Experimental Autoimmune Hepatitis Through Regulation of miR-199a-3p and miR-100-5p**  
Hamida Hamida
- 14 Growing with the Film Industry in Paraguay**  
Mariana Pineda
- 15 Bridging Design, Research, and Community Resilience: Fulbright Experiences in Self-Built Settlements in Mozambique and Côte d'Ivoire**  
Jean-Martin Caldieron
- 16 Code Meets Culture: Building Indonesia's Sustainability Tomorrow**  
Syarifah Ismailiyah Al Athas



## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

### ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

10:15 AM - 11:00 AM

#### SIPA II 258 & 259

- 1 Lessons from Weimar Germany: Resisting Erasure and Defending LGBTQIA+ Rights**  
Alex Yakacki
- 2 Global Classrooms, Local Impact: Inquiry-Based Learning for Engagement, Relevance, and Equity**  
Rochelle L. Darville, Ph.D, Vickie M. Crockett, EdS
- 3 Leveraging Virtual Approaches to Support Programming and Knowledge Sharing: A Fulbright Association Chapter Approach**  
Tom Butkiewicz
- 4 Cultural Intelligence as Currency: The Exchange Rate for Innovation, Trust, and Competitive Edge**  
Kristen Magni
- 5 Our Blue Commons: Sustaining and Renewing the Ocean and Seabed**  
Kathleen Lusk Brooke
- 6 Nisidotaading in Action: Centering Mutual Understanding in Fulbright Outreach and Impact**  
Kelly La Venture
- 7 From Field Insight to Global Collaboration: A Fulbright-Informed Initiative on Gendered Climate Resilience**  
Ammcise Apply
- 8 Local to Global Knowledge: A Fulbright COIL Project Connecting Learners in Taiwan and Wyoming Through the Study of Inventions**  
Amy Roberts, Makena Cameron, Andrea Gabathuler

### # TABLE

- 9 Protecting the vulnerable: A Critical Analysis of Mental Capacity Assessment in Tanzania.**  
Tusekile Mwaklundwa
- 10 From Exchange to Transformation: Extending Fulbright Through Justice-Oriented Higher Education Literacy Projects**  
Kristian Stewart
- 11 Engaging the Fulbright Community via a First-ever Statewide Symposium in Michigan**  
Richard Scott Cohen, Nailya Delellis, Daniel Hayes
- 12 From Shame to Strength: Fulbrighters Advancing Heritage Language Equity, Healing, and Belonging Through Social Innovation**  
Persis Naumann
- 13 Mediating Meaning Online: Insights from Pakistan's Women's March**  
Shewar Shikoh Khan
- 14 Crafting Your Fulbright Story: An Interactive Workshop on Amplifying Fulbright's Lasting Impact**  
Christina Rozek

### PANEL: AI'S IMPACT ON ACADEMIA, BUSINESS, AND GLOBAL GOVERNANCE

11:15 AM - 12:00 PM

#### SIPA I 125 AUDITORIUM

From hype to value—rapid upskilling and verifiable credentials, responsible-use guardrails, and cross-border norms that boost productivity without widening inequality.

**Kat Duffy**, Sr. Fellow, Digital/Cyberspace, Council on Foreign Relations

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