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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
6:30 pm – 6:45 pm Lifetime Achievement Award
6:45 pm – 8:00 pm Opening Reception
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

8:00 am – 6:30 pm Conference Check-In & Fulbright Store Open
8:30 am – 12:00 pm Youth Summit
8:30 am – 9:15 am Poster Presentations
8:30 am – 9:15 am Roundtable Discussions
8:30 am – 9:15 am Exhibitors
8:30 am – 10:15 am Panel: Advocate - Advocacy in a Time of Global and Domestic Headwinds
10:15 am – 10:30 am Break
10:30 am – 11:15 am Selma Jeanne Cohen Dance Lecture: Sasha Zarif
11:30 am – 12:15 pm Poster Presentations
11:30 am – 12:15 pm Roundtable Discussions
11:30 am – 12:15 pm Exhibitors
11:30 am – 12:15 pm Resume Review
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm Luncheon (for all conference attendees)
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm Chapter and Interest Group Awards
2:00 pm – 2:45 pm Panel: Learn - Global Academic Exchange in a Changing Higher Ed Policy Landscape
3:00 pm – 3:45 pm Poster Presentations
3:00 pm – 3:45 pm Roundtable Discussions
3:00 pm – 3:45 pm Exhibitors
4:00 pm – 4:45 pm Panel: Engage - Global Ideas, Local Impact
4:45 pm – 5:00 pm Break
5:00 pm – 5:45 pm Plenary Fireside Chat: Grow - The Future of Work and the Skills to Thrive in It

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

8:45 am – 12:15 pm Conference Check-In & Fulbright Store Open
9:15 am – 10:00 am Panel: Empowering Youth for Global Action
10:15 am – 11:00 am Poster Presentations
10:15 am – 11:00 am Roundtable Discussions
10:15 am – 11:00 am Exhibitors
10:15 am – 11:00 am Resume Review
11:15 am – 12:00 pm Panel: AI's Impact on Academia, Business, & Global Governance

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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.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

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5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

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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

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OPENING RECEPTION

6:45 PM - 8:00 PM

SIPA I & II COURTYARD

1946 SOCIETY DINNER (INVITATION ONLY)

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

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HAPPY HOUR FOR YOUNG FULBRIGHTERS (INVITATION ONLY)

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

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

POSTER

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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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

TABLE

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 Piszcztowski

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

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 PKCδ**

Maria Grazia Mejia M

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

Chippewa Thomas, Muralikrishnan Dhanasekaran

POSTER

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

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

11:30 AM - 12:15 PM

SIPA II 258 & 259

1 **From Fulbright to the Frontlines: Bridging Global Legal Education and Local Human Rights Advocacy.**

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

TABLE

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 Boungou

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

3:00 PM - 3:45 PM

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

POSTER

- 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**
Marcelo Caplan, Aaron Cortes

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

3:00 PM - 3:45 PM

SIPA II 258 & 259

1 **Extending the Fulbright Impact: Post-Award Collaboration and Virtual Internationalization**

John Donnellan

2 **Sustaining the Fulbright Impact through Post-Assignment Passion Projects**

Patrice Moulton, Michael Malinowski, Kevin Quigley

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

TABLE

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

13 **Exploring the Fulbright Experience Through Autoethnography**

Kimberly M Johnson

14 **Becoming a Global Leader: The Impact of Fulbright on U.S. Higher Education Presidents**

Carolyn J Stefanco

15 **Two Voices, One Hope: Fulbright Afghan Women Discuss Resistance, Education, and Loss**

Sudaba Parnian, Hassina Neekzad

16 **Barriers, Laws, and Leadership: Women's Pathways to Equity in India**

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

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Kelly La Venture

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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

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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

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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

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

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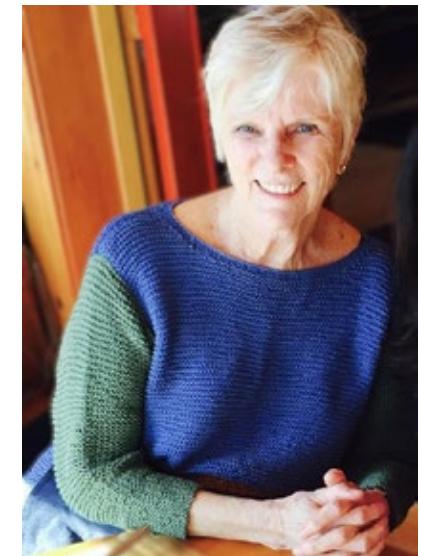
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