



# Alumni Newsletter



Spring 2015

U.S. Embassy  
Ljubljana

*Happy Spring!*

## Who are alumni?

1. Slovenians who went on a US government-sponsored program like the **Fulbright, Ron Brown Fellowship Program, Ben Franklin, or IVLP** or who participated in the **Summer Economics Institute** are automatically our alumni!
2. Slovenians who completed their **university degree** (B.A./B.S., M.A./M.S., PhD, M.D., J.D., etc.) at a US university in the USA and/or **worked in a company in the US** in a management position for 1 year or more may also contact our Alumni Coordinator to become a part of our USAlumni club.

## Why am I getting this newsletter?

The goal of our US Embassy Alumni Outreach Program is to stay in contact with you.

- ◆ to meet you and hear what you have to say
- ◆ to include you in some of our Embassy events
- ◆ to inform you of upcoming Alumni programs, grants, educational opportunities, etc.
- ◆ to organize activities that are of mutual benefit to the US and Slovenia

## Where are Alumni within the Embassy?

The Alumni Outreach Program is in the **Public Affairs Section (PAS)** of the Embassy.

Your emails and phone calls are **always** welcome, so please do not hesitate to be in touch!

Kind regards,

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## Important Dates

**April 21: Step Afrika!**  
at Španski Borci

**April 22: Lecture by US Fulbright Scholar Dr. Marin Sands Robinson**

**May 28: Reception at Ambassador's Residence for Alumni**

**June 8: Application deadline for Slovenians wishing to participate in 2016/17 Fulbright Program**



## Save the Date: May 28—Alumni Reception

This year marks 50 years of Slovenians on the Fulbright program and 75 years of US government sponsored International Exchanges.

In celebration of these two landmark anniversaries, Ambassador Brent R. Hartley will be hosting a reception at his residence on May 28, 2015, for Slovenian alumni

of US Government sponsored programs such as Fulbright, IVLP, Ron Brown Fellowship & Ben Franklin.

We would kindly ask that you mark your calendars and save the date.

Official invitations will be sent out closer to the event.



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## Invitation to US Fulbright Scholar Lecture

### Fulbright Climate Change Lecture Series

**Dr. Marin Sands Robinson**

**US Fulbright Scholar to Slovenia 2015**

**April 22, 2015,  
13.00**



More information for Slovenians wishing to apply for a Fulbright grant to the USA is available at: [http://slovenia.usembassy.gov/fulbright\\_exchange.html](http://slovenia.usembassy.gov/fulbright_exchange.html)

Dr. Marin Sands Robinson will give an **Introduction to Atmospheric Particulates: Human Health, Visibility, and Climate Change** as part of the US Embassy Fulbright Climate Change Lecture Series in cooperation with the National Institute of Chemistry of Slovenia.

**Location:** Big Lecture Hall, National Institute of Chemistry, Ljubljana

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, April 22 at 13.00.

Dr. Robinson is a Professor of Chemistry at Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ, USA and is currently a Fulbright Research Scholar at the National

Institute of Chemistry, Ljubljana, Slovenia

This lecture is intended for a general audience. It will include a brief introduction to atmospheric particulate, explain why studying particulates is important, describe Dr. Robinson's past research involving particulates, and briefly introduce her Fulbright project at the Institute.

**Biography:** Dr. Robinson is a Professor of Chemistry at Northern Arizona University (NAU) in Flagstaff. She completed a PhD in physical chemistry in 1993 at the University of Colorado, Boulder with Dr. Charles DePuy followed by a

two-year NSF post-doctoral fellowship in atmospheric chemistry at the same institution with Dr. Margaret Tolbert.

She joined the faculty at NAU in 1995, where she conducts research in atmospheric chemistry and teaches organic chemistry, atmospheric chemistry, and chemistry-specific writing. She also served as Chair of the Chemistry Department from 2009 to 2014.

She is currently completing a 6 month Fulbright Research Fellowship at the National Institute of Chemistry in Ljubljana with Drs. Johannes T. van Elteren and Irena Grgič.

## Fulbright Program Slovenia Call for Applications 2016/17

There are two categories of Fulbright grants available for Slovenians:

1) **Fulbright Scholar Program:** Post-Doctoral research (up to four one semester grants)

2) **Fulbright Student Program:** Pre-Doctoral research (up to five nine-month visiting research

grants)

**Priority will be given to candidates in the following areas:** law and public administration, economics, business, pure and applied sciences, social sciences, and humanities.

The exact number of grants awarded in each category depends on the amount of final funding available.

Preference is given to candidates without recent experience in the United States.

Recipients of Fulbright Scholarships within the past 5 years will not be considered. Persons who are citizens of both Slovenia and the United States are also ineligible.

**The deadline for applications is JUNE 8, 2015.**



## AT SPANSKI BORCI IN LJUBLJANA, APRIL 21ST AT 8 PM



The U.S. Embassy, together with EN-KNAP Production, is organizing a dance performance by "Step Afrika!" taking place on April 21 at 8 pm at the Španski Borci Cultural center in Ljubljana.

Step Afrika! is one of the top African American dance companies in the United States and the only professional one in the world dedicated to traditional step.

The company blends percussive dance styles practiced by historically African American fraternities and sororities, African traditional dance, and influences from a variety of other dance and art forms.

Tickets: 5€

<http://www.mojekarte.si/si/step-afrika/vstopnice-98594.html>

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**Alumni, let us know your news and if we can help you in any way!**

- ◆ **Awards:** Let us know if you have gotten an award or other recognition
- ◆ **Updates:** Have you changed jobs, started a new company, left/returned to Slovenia, gotten your PhD, etc.
- ◆ **USA & English Language:** Anything you do connected to the USA or the English language is also most welcome!
- ◆ **Ideas:** Any ideas you have for alumni projects, events or ways we can work together on mutually beneficial projects are welcome!
- ◆ We would be happy to **publicize your news & your successes on the US Embassy Facebook page**, if desired and where appropriate.

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## Quick links

### US Embassy:

US Embassy Ljubljana:

<http://slovenia.usembassy.gov>

US Embassy Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/slovenia.usembassy>

US Embassy Consular Section: <http://slovenia.usembassy.gov/visas.html>

[slovenia.usembassy.gov/visas.html](http://slovenia.usembassy.gov/visas.html)

US Embassy Cultural and

NGO grants: <http://slovenia.usembassy.gov/grants.html> Also open to

Alumni!

### Study, Work, Research in the USA links:

Studying in the USA: <http://slovenia.usembassy.gov/studyusa.html>

Fulbright Program: [http://slovenia.usembassy.gov/fulbright\\_scholarship.html](http://slovenia.usembassy.gov/fulbright_scholarship.html)

**J1 Visa Summer Work Travel Program: (ages 18-29)**

<http://www.staljubljana.com/delo-v-tujini/poletno-delo-zda>  
**Deadline for Summer 2015**  
**April 17, 2015!**

### AmCham Slovenia:

American Chamber of Commerce of Slovenia: <http://www.amcham.si/en/Default.aspx>