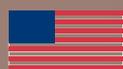


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# WELCOME MESSAGE

Congratulations to all of our 2016 Fulbrighters, and welcome to Hong Kong and Macau!

Seventy years ago, deeply impressed by experiences in his own travels, Senator J. William Fulbright introduced legislation to create the Fulbright Program. He understood that people-to-people and educational exchanges are at the core of promoting mutual understanding and international cooperation.



Today, the Fulbright Program remains the United States of America's flagship academic exchange. It connects top scholars from around the world, building bridges and sparking productive intellectual collaboration across disciplines.

The generosity of our partners in Hong Kong and Macau is critical to the success and growth of the Fulbright Program locally. We are proud to work with the area's top-caliber institutions and the Hong Kong - America Center, and we are especially thankful for the continued support of the Research Grants Council. We are also grateful to strategic partner and sponsor, Lee Hysan Foundation for making it possible for outstanding young Hong Kong scholars to travel to the United States on the Fulbright Program.

We are excited to have such distinguished scholars join us in Hong Kong and Macau this year. We look forward to the unique contributions each of you will make to the strong partnership between the United States and Hong Kong and Macau. Best wishes for your Fulbright year!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Darragh Paradiso', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Darragh Paradiso

*Director, Public Affairs*

*U.S. Consulate General in Hong Kong and Macau*

# FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR PROGRAM

The Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange program aimed at increasing mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. The Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program sends approximately 1,100 American scholars and professionals per year to approximately 130 countries, where they lecture and/or conduct research in a wide variety of academic and professional fields.

## FULBRIGHT U.S. SCHOLAR AWARDS



**Lily Chen-Hafteck**  
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Lily Chen-Hafteck is a Professor of Music Education at University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). She is also Chair of the Faculty of the UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music. She has lived and worked in Hong Kong, U.K., Mozambique and South Africa before immigrating to the USA fifteen years ago. Her research interests include early childhood music education and the enhancement of cultural understanding through studying multicultural music. As a Visiting Fulbright Scholar at Hong Kong Baptist University during Fall 2016, she will start an action research project in Hong Kong preschools, working with the local teachers to develop a comprehensive, creative and culturally responsive early childhood curriculum that integrates music education.



**Randall Schumacker**  
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Randall Schumacker is a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Macau. His teaching and research will include teaching a course in quantitative methods and conducting workshops in structural equation modeling. He will be assisting faculty and graduate students in their research. Dr. Schumacker was the founding editor of the Structural Equation Modeling journal, created the SEM:SIG at the American Educational Research Association, and has recently authored/co-authored several books including, *A Beginner's Guide to Structural Equation Modeling* (4th Edition; Routledge, 2016); *Using R with Multivariate Statistics* (SAGE Publishing, 2015); and *Learning Statistics Using R* (SAGE Publishing, 2014). His research interests include Chinese medicine, gambling behavior, and longitudinal growth modeling.



**Frederick Rowe Davis**  
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Frederick Rowe Davis is a professor and the R. Mark Lubbers Chair in the History of Science in the Department of History at Purdue University. Davis previously taught at Florida State University, where he spent fourteen years. He studied the history of science and medicine at Harvard, the University of Florida, and Yale where he received his Ph.D. His research interests lie at the intersection of the history of environmental science, environmental health, and environmental history. Davis recently published *Banned: A History of Pesticides and the Science of Toxicology* (Yale University Press). He will spend the academic year at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, where he will teach and study pesticides policy around the world.

# U.S.



## Grace Wang

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Grace Wang is a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Hong Kong's School of Modern Language and Culture (HKU). She is an Associate Professor of American Studies at the University of California, Davis and author of *Soundtracks of Asian America: Navigating Race through Musical Performance* (Duke University Press, 2015). Wang's current research project examines how Asian Americans negotiate transnational connections between the U.S. and Asia through their cultural productions. During her Fulbright residency, she will be teaching courses in HKU's American Studies Program and looks forward to gaining a more international perspective of how research in American Studies and Asian American Studies is taught and understood outside of the United States.



## Sheng-Guo Wang

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Sheng-Guo Wang, a full professor in electrical engineering technology from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, is a Fulbright Scholar at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University where he will teach and research for "Dynamic System Data Analysis and Its System Modeling and Robust Control for Infrastructure and High-Speed Railway System Safety". Dr. Wang is an innovative researcher in his field. He received the China National Science Conference Prize in 1978, one of China's highest academic awards. His recent NCDOT research project "Improvements to NCDOT's Wetland Prediction Model" (2012-2014) won the 2015 national "Sweet 16 High Value Research" award and was also recognized at the Transportation Research Board's 95th Annual Meeting, National Academies of Sciences-Engineering-Medicine in 2016.

# FULBRIGHT STUDENT PROGRAM

The Fulbright Program supports U.S. students to study and conduct research abroad. The Fulbright U.S. Student Program provides grants for individually designed study/research projects. The Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship (ETA) places ETAs in a classroom abroad to provide assistance to English teachers while serving as cultural ambassadors for U.S. culture in a foreign country.

## FULBRIGHT U.S. STUDENT AWARDS



**Rachel Young**

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Rachel Young recently graduated from Occidental College with a major in Urban and Environmental Policy and minor in Biology. During her time at Occidental, Rachel grew a strong interest for the public health sector and environmental sustainability. Starting in fall 2016, she will be using her Fulbright research to study how Hong Kong universities can serve as a model for change to mitigate food waste. She hopes her research will spark more conversation about food waste and challenge perceptions to see how this topic can be viewed as a public health issue as well. She is looking forward to collaborating with students with similar interests and embracing everything Hong Kong has to offer.



**Jia Li Liu**

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Jia Li Liu is a PhD candidate in Human Development and Family Studies at The University of Connecticut. As a Fulbright student scholar, she will collaborate with Professor Florrie Ng of The Chinese University of Hong Kong on a mixed method study on mothers' and teachers' perceptions of children's shyness. During her stay, she will explore how caregivers' beliefs and practices shift in the context of immigration and urbanization. Jia Li's research interests are in culture, health, and human development—and more specifically, the ways that parents' cultural beliefs systems guide parenting and child development. She hopes this research will provide insight into the development of culture-sensitive programming for educators and families.

# H.K.



**Cherisse Smith**

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Cherisse Smith graduated cum laude from Villanova University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History. She has received a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship (ETA) at the Macao Polytechnic Institute where she will assume the responsibility of strengthening language as a foundation of communication while promoting cultural empathy between Macau and the United States. She served her community with New York Cares as a tutor and College Preparation Advisor for underprivileged youth. While in Macau, Ms. Smith hopes to pursue her passion for public service, language and the arts by volunteering in the local community, taking Cantonese language classes, and building her students' self-expression and confidence with the English language through organized performing arts workshops.



**Liliana Lim Lam**

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Liliana Lim Lam graduated from Emory University with a degree in Economics (with a concentration in international trade and finance) and Chinese Language and Literature. During her time at Emory, she has played a prominent role in strengthening the presence and involvement of international students and groups at Emory University as well as in the Atlanta community by volunteering with Project SHINE and other local organizations, serving as an Academic Fellow to mentor incoming international students, tutoring ESL students through various programs, and collaborating with student groups to create a polycultural community. Liliana Lim Lam has received a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship (ETA) to spend ten months at the Macao Polytechnic Institute. She hopes that during her time in Macau she will not only assist students in learning the English language but also continue promoting cross-cultural understanding and relationships abroad.



**Zachary Peak**

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Zachary Peak graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Virginia (UVA) with a major in Political & Social Thought and a minor in Urban & Environmental Planning. During his time at UVA, he was involved with many community development issues, including biking across the United States to raise money and awareness for affordable housing and focusing his senior thesis on the possibilities and tensions surrounding the revitalization of an urban warehouse district in Washington, DC. Zack will serve for 10 months as a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant at Macao Polytechnic Institute where he hopes to engage with students and experiencing the unique urban environment that Macau provides.



**Christopher Franklin**

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Christopher Franklin is a 2015 alumnus from the University of Maryland with a degree in Chinese and International Development and Conflict Resolution. He has received a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship (ETA) to spend ten months at the Macao Polytechnic Institute where he hopes to build on his previous teaching and study experiences in China to immerse himself in the multicultural environment that Macau hosts. After his return to the U.S., he will begin a master's program in international affairs.

**Deadline: Monday October 31, 2016**

# **ANNOUNCING FULBRIGHT HONG KONG AWARD PROGRAM**

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# **2017-2018**

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The Fulbright Hong Kong Program announces the 2017-2018 awards for senior scholars and advanced post-graduate students of Hong Kong universities to conduct research.

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## FULBRIGHT-RGC HONG KONG SENIOR RESEARCH SCHOLAR AWARD PROGRAM

The Fulbright-RGC Hong Kong Program invites applications from senior scholars in Hong Kong universities for research awards in the United States in the academic fields of the arts, humanities, social sciences, business studies and law. The Research Grants Council (RGC) provides the funding for this Fulbright fellowship program. Two awards

will be on offer in 2017-2018. Award periods range from four to ten months, and the basic award for a ten-month grant is HK\$350,000 with supplementary awards up to HK\$150,000 for research expenses as justified in the proposal. This award may be used in combination with sabbatical leave or other research grants.

## FULBRIGHT-RGC HONG KONG RESEARCH SCHOLAR AWARD PROGRAM

The Fulbright-RGC Hong Kong Research Scholar Awards are funded by the Research Grants Council (RGC) in partnership with private donors. All academic fields are eligible. Applicants must be permanent residents of HKSAR or Chinese citizens, who are currently enrolled in PhD programs at UGC-funded universities in Hong Kong. They must have completed at least two years of advanced

coursework in Hong Kong prior to their planned departure for the United States. The awards will provide US\$1,600 per month, which may be augmented by studentship funds provided by the Hong Kong universities for post-graduate students. The Awards range from six to ten months. Sojourns in the U.S. can begin in September 2017.

The deadline for receiving online application for both Fulbright awards is Monday October 31, 2016.

Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed in December and application results will be announced early in 2017.

Further information and online application forms can be downloaded at:

Senior Research Scholar Award:

<http://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/scholars>

Research Scholar Award:

<http://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/international/20>

Interested applicants may contact Ms. Pauline Lau of the Hong Kong America Center at email: [paulinelau@cuhk.edu.hk](mailto:paulinelau@cuhk.edu.hk) for guidance in preparing their applications.

# FULBRIGHT HONG KONG AWARDS

This Fulbright-Hong Kong Award Program supports scholars in Hong Kong to undertake research and lecture activities in the United States in the fields of the arts, humanities and social sciences, ranging from a period of four to ten months at major universities and research institutes in the United States.

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## FULBRIGHT HONG KONG AWARDS



**King-wa Fu**

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**King-wa Fu** is Associate Professor of the Journalism and Media Studies Centre at The University of Hong Kong. He has been awarded the Fulbright-RGC Hong Kong Senior Research Scholar Award to conduct research at Massachusetts Institute of Technology for ten months. His research, entitled “Keeping Journalists in the Loop: Social Media Analytics for News Gathering and Storytelling,” focuses on the use of social media analytics in the newsroom and the journalism. Dr. Fu received his master’s degree from The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and his PhD in Journalism from The University of Hong Kong.



**Wai Kai Hou**

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**Wai Kai Hou** is Assistant Professor at the Department of Psychological Studies of The Education University of Hong Kong. He has been awarded the Fulbright-RGC Hong Kong Senior Research Scholar Award to conduct research at Columbia University for eight months. His research, entitled “Drive to Thrive Theory: Processes and Outcomes from a Flexibility Perspective,” focuses on developing a new framework and empirical evidence for explaining human stress resilience. Dr. Hou’s previous research sought to explain the dynamics between resource change and vulnerability and resilience in adaptation to stress. Built upon his previous work and the Drive to Thrive Theory, his ongoing research has been studying everyday psychological, emotional, and social processes that could be translated into courses of action for facilitating thriving across different populations, ranging from medical patients to refugees and post-conflict populations.

**Xi Chen**

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**Chen Xi** is a PhD candidate in Building Services Engineering at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. He has received the Fulbright-RGC Hong Kong Research Scholar Award to conduct research at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory for six months. His research focuses on comprehensive sensitivity and multi-objective optimization studies on passively designed high-rise residential buildings to facilitate architects and engineers in delivering an optimum preliminary design to fulfil both energy efficiency and indoor environmental quality requirement in the green building rating scheme.

**Jia Li**

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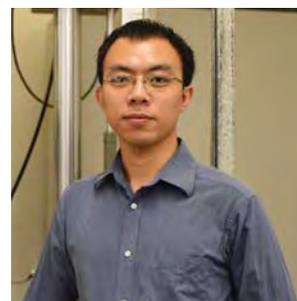
**Jia Li** is a PhD candidate in Social Work and Social Administration at The University of Hong Kong. She has received the Fulbright-RGC Hong Kong Research Scholar Award to conduct research at the University of South California's School of Social Work for ten months. Her research specializes in the structural integration, identity negotiation and transnational mobility of Chinese immigrants and their offsprings. She hopes her research will contribute to a better understanding of Chinese diaspora across the world and its potential role in promoting the development of both sending and destination areas.

**Xu Wang**

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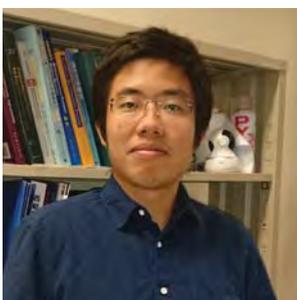
**Xu Wang** is a PhD candidate in Urban Planning and Design at The University of Hong Kong. He has received the Fulbright-RGC Hong Kong Research Scholar Award to conduct research on the employment of rural migrant workers in Chinese cities. Often facing unemployment and inferior working conditions, rural migrant workers are one of the most vulnerable groups in China. Mr. Wang attempts to raise the issues with suggestions for policy makers to improve social inequality and poverty. He will be based at Harvard University's Law School for ten months.

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**Jing Yu** is a PhD candidate in Civil Engineering at The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. He has received the Fulbright-RGC Hong Kong Research Scholar Award to conduct research with the guidance of Professor Victor C. Li at the University of Michigan for six months. His research interests are high-performance cementitious materials, with particular focus on bendable fiber-reinforced concrete, i.e., Engineered Cementitious Composites (ECC). During his stay in the U.S., he expects to explore the synergistic effect and model the constitutive relation for the hybrid-fiber ECC.

**Ka Ho Yuen**

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**Ka Ho Yuen** is a PhD candidate in Physics at The Chinese University of Hong Kong and is a member of the University's Star Formation Group (CUHKSFSG). By doing multi-fluid self-gravitating magneto-hydrodynamic (MHD) simulations, he researches on how stars are born in interstellar medium (ISM). In particular, Mr. Yuen investigates strong magnetic field simulations and if this may reproduce the observed population and characteristics of newly-born stars. He has been awarded the Fulbright-Lee Hysan Hong Kong Research Scholar Award to conduct his research on magnetized turbulence simulation with Professor Alex Lazarian at the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Department of Physics for ten months.

**Ka Shing Cheung**

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**Ka Shing Cheung** is a PhD candidate in Real Estate at The University of Hong Kong. He hopes to become a housing policy specialist to provide useful professional input into housing policy formulation so that affordable housing can be provided more efficiently and fairly among the people in need. He has received the Fulbright-Lee Hysan Hong Kong Research Scholar Award to conduct research at the Luskin School of Public Affairs, Department of Urban Planning, at the University of California, Los Angeles for six months.

# FULBRIGHT EXPERIENCES



## Professor Agnes Tiwari

*Fulbright scholar at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA*

Professor Agnes Tiwari is Head and Professor of School of Nursing of the University of Hong Kong. She received the Fulbright-RGC Hong Kong Senior Research Scholar Award to conduct her research on the cultural adaptation of a safety decision iPlan App for abused Chinese women at the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing. In the last two decades, she has focused her research on the prevention of family violence including primary prevention of violence against women and their unborn child by engaging men in antenatal care, secondary prevention of intimate partner violence victimization and child abuse among community-dwelling immigrant women from Mainland China, and tertiary prevention of adverse health effects from recurrent violence among women taking refuge in shelters for battered women in Hong Kong. She has published extensively on the impact of violence and abuse on health across the lifespan.

Little did I realize when I left Hong Kong for Baltimore on January 5, 2016 that my six months as a Fulbright scholar would transform so many aspects of my professional and personal life!

In six months, my research focus was transformed from a local concern (cultural adaptation of a safety decision iPlan App for abused Chinese women) to a global undertaking (measurement of psychological abuse / emotional violence under the auspice of the World Health Organization for the accomplishment of the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals by 2030) as a result of working with the world's best researchers at Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing.

The Fulbright experience has also transformed the way I lobby politicians and policy makers as an advocate on prevention of child abuse and violence against women. On May 10, I joined the National Health Collaborative on Violence and Abuse (a collaborative of over 30 professional societies sharing a common goal of engaging health professionals in addressing violence and abuse) for a congressional briefing on "Building partnerships to reduce violence and abuse and improve health care across the lifespan", in cooperation with Congresswomen Louise Slaughter, Lois Capps and Congressman Richard Hanna. The experience was transformational!

The 2016 Fulbright Visiting Scholar Enrichment Seminar on "Seattle: Where international efforts to combat climate change converge" (April 14-17) has radically transformed me as someone with an interest in climate change to an

activist in environment protection. If the Duwamish River can once again become a living urban river after years of pollution (Mark Powell @mpwl) and when youths led the way to advance environmental policies through the court system (<http://www.westernlaw.org/andrea-rodgers>), can we afford not to play our part in combating climate change and protecting the environment?

Through following the Fulbright Scholars (@FulbrightSchlrs) and Fulbright Programs (@FulbrightPrgrm) on Twitter in the past six months, I am now a "devoted" Twitter user (@AgnesTiwari). Hopefully, the virtual social networking will keep me on the same planet as my digitally savvy students and slow down the disappearance of the synapses in my brain! I am also working on my 86-year-old mother so that she can use Twitter to keep up with her globe-trotting children and grandchildren.

My six months as a Fulbright scholar has taken me to nine cities in the US covering more than 22,000 miles. There are so many "first" experiences – my "first" baseball game (the Baltimore Orioles, which was very different to cricket as I soon discovered), "first" UBER ride (and the joy of exchanging life stories with many wonderful UBER drivers subsequently), "first" time working with the homeless in Washington DC (and discovered how bitterly cold it can be on New York Avenue in January), "first" Fatality Review meeting (and learned from Baltimore's well-established policies and procedures in fatality prevention), "first" meeting with Congresswomen and Congressmen (on Capitol Hill) ... and the list goes on. It has truly been a



*2016 Fulbright Visiting Scholar Enrichment Seminar*

transformational process!

I want to thank the Fulbright Scholar Program, the US Consulate General in Hong Kong and Macau, the Research Grants Council of Hong Kong SAR Government, and all those who have made it possible for me to have this once-in-a-life-time Fulbright experience. It is the most enjoyable exposure and the most rewarding experience that I have ever had!



*Farewell Dinner*



*SOME\_Feeding the Homeless*

EXPERIENCES

# FULBRIGHT EXPERIENCES



## Kevin Chan

*Fulbright English Teaching Assistant at Macao Polytechnic Institute, Macau*

Kevin Chan graduated from New York University (NYU) with a degree in Economics and completion of the pre-medical curriculum. He served as a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship (ETA) at Macao Polytechnic Institute (MPI) last year where he contributed to cross-cultural exchange through pick-up sports, taking classes in traditional Chinese medicine and English teaching. Mr. Chan has returned to the U.S. and will start his study program in medicine at Weill Cornell Medical College in New York City this fall.

Having recently returned from my Fulbright ETA grant, I have been tasked with finding the right way to answer the universally asked question, "How was Macau?" I sometimes start with my teaching assignment at Macau Polytechnic Institute (MPI), or stories of getting lost in the labyrinthine streets of Macau peninsula, or even that one time I decided to try dragon boating in Nam Van Lake. So much has happened in my time in Macau that even after one-month back in the United States, I am still trying to make sense of it all.



As an ETA I worked with college students primarily through the MPI-Bell Centre of English and the School of Languages and Translation (ESLT). My course load included classes like English for Bio-Medical Majors and English Translation in Mass Media. In addition, my fellow ETAs Emanuele Berry, Clancy Connolly and Jacob Myers helped run extracurricular activities like the Writing Clinic, English Debate Team, English Speech Team, and American culture based social events called "English Saloons."

At MPI, I also found myself in the classroom as a student learning about traditional Chinese medicine (TCM). Here, I learned the basic principles of a practice that has

long intrigued me in order to better my understanding of alternative medicines and ultimately help me become a better physician. As a bonus, the class was taught in Cantonese which vastly improved my spoken and written Chinese.

Outside of MPI, I explored the culinary delights of Macau including my favorite roast duck at Chan Kong Kei and Portuguese egg tart at Margaret's Cafe e Nata. I also found myself exploring the wet markets where the abundance of affordable and diverse produce enabled me to hone my cooking skills. In addition, I became close with the janitor of my dormitory who gave me countless recipes, feedback on my finished dishes, and even taught me how to perfectly stir-fry eggplant! Finally, to work off all these calories, I spent most weeknights on the basketball courts and soccer pitches at MPI as well as Macau Tower. Turns out Macau people love their sports just as much as Americans!

My time in Macau has challenged me to think differently, to gain new skills, and to connect with others in ways I have not before. It is an experience that I truly believe has ultimately made me a better person. So as challenging as it may be to describe my ten-months in Macau to my friends and family, it is a problem I am most grateful to have.



# HIGHLIGHTS

## FULBRIGHT REGIONAL CONFERENCE

On March 6, 2016, more than 70 alumni from the greater-China regions gathered in Hong Kong for the first Fulbright Regional Conference hosted by the Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Consulate General for Hong Kong and Macau. Representing both the Fulbright and IVLP programs, participants enjoyed sharing of their post-exchange experiences, as well as detailing their individual works based on their disciplines across media, government, NGOs and more. Vigorous discussion, covering topics in social entrepreneurship, women's rights, youth education, and civil society, called for further cross-region alumni cooperation.



## FULBRIGHT RETREAT

On January 29 and 30, 2016, the Consulate organized a two-day retreat program for all current Fulbright U.S. scholars, students, and English Teaching Assistants to gather together with Hong Kong Fulbright alumni and meet for a cultural exchange. Former Consul General Clifford A. Hart Jr. opened the retreat with a welcome lunch honoring the outstanding public diplomacy work that the



Fulbrighters are carrying out in the region. Gathered at the historic heritage lodge and Jao Tsung I Academy, about ten Hong Kong Fulbright alumni met up at the retreat and exchanged views on their different research interests with one another. Among topics discussed by former Hong Kong Fulbright alumni and American officers were social issues concerning the recent Hong Kong democratic movement; city planning and development, and Hong Kong's history – from the port's opening, to China's rise and impact on the region.

