

Eskişehir Yolu 9. Km. Tepe Prime İş Merkezi B Blok No: 124 06800 Çankaya – Ankara Ph: (0312) 427 13 60 - 428 48 24 Fax: (0312) 468 15 60 facebook.com/FulbrightTurkiye

## A LIFE DEDICATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

**Carnot E. Nelson, Professor Emeritus of Psychology at the University of Florida received his Ph.D Degree at Columbia University in Social Psychology in 1966. Dr. Nelson received the Fulbright Scholar Program as the Senior Lecturer at the 2006-2007 academic year and taught at Hacettepe University. Following his first visit to Turkey, he returned as a Visiting Professor, teaching at Middle East Technical University, again at Hacettepe University. He is currently teaching at İhsan Doğramacı Bilkent University and is the Acting Chair of the Department of Psychology. Dr. Nelson's academic career is full of achievements in his field. He wrote many articles and took positions at various leading professional associations. Dr. Nelson and his Turkish colleagues are taking the lead in the development of the Industrial Psychology in Turkey.**

Dear Friends,

We are very excited to be celebrating the Commission's 65th Anniversary this fall, with various events and new initiatives. The filming of our commemorative documentary is nearly complete, and will be released in the fall. In September, we will be holding an international workshop together with the Hollings Center for International Dialogue, on the role of educational exchange in promoting peace and development. We have also announced a new scholarship, the first of its kind, to sponsor two American citizens for full graduate studies in Turkey. Finally, I am happy to note that interest in all our programs is up yet again this year, setting all new records.

I wish you all a very happy and relaxing summer season.

Dr. Ersel Aydinlı  
Executive Director  
The Turkish Fulbright Commission

### Fulbright in History

Turkish-American Cultural Agreement

### *Türk - Amerikan kültür anlaşması*

**Amerika'dan da Türkiye'ye öğrenci gelecek**

İki memleket arasındaki münasebetlerin inikşafında büyük bir rol oynuyacak olan "Fulbright" anlaşmaları tipindeki bu anlaşma neticesinde kurulan Türk - Amerikan kültür anlaşması bugün tescil edecek. Bu anlaşmanın imzalanmasından itibar ile Türkiye'ye gelen öğrencilerden sonra Amerika'dan da Türkiye'ye öğrenci kalfileri gelecektir.

*Ulus Newspaper December 28, 1949*

Students from the United States will come to Turkey: Negotiations on Turkish-American cultural agreement have ended, and an agreement which has been going on for about two years has been signed at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Ankara yesterday morning. This cultural agreement will play a great role in developing a mutual understanding between the two countries. The establishment of the binational commission will enable the U.S. students to come to Turkey as well.



Dr. Carnot E. Nelson at his office at İhsan Doğramacı Bilkent University in Ankara on April 28, 2014

Continued on pages 16-17

# MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL EDUCATION

Strife between people and communities is as old as human history itself. Mankind chose conflict before dialogue, warfare before accord which has led to great loss. They have failed their duty to posterity. If only notions such as dispute, strife and war did not exist. If only friendship, cooperation and partnership were the cornerstones of our lives. I believe that even if civilized people are not capable of first effacing misery, war and death from the pages of history, they cannot have the capacity to build friendship, cooperation and collaboration.

Especially after the destruction and misery caused by the great wars, the importance of collaboration among countries as well as understanding and familiarity between cultures is evident. When considering the effects of globalization that make borders indistinct, the need for a common notion and understanding is felt even more.

Over time, this need has added a new integrative mission to change societies through education. The Fulbright Program was established in the U.S.A. with the mission to develop an understanding among nations.



*Assoc. Prof. Ömer Açıkgöz, Deputy Undersecretary, Ministry of National Education, Turkish Fulbright Commission Board Member*

Since 1946, it has garnered respect throughout the world with its efforts. The Fulbright Program has been an important means of cooperation between the United States and Turkey for 65 years. In addition to bolstering channels of communication and rapport between the two cultures, it contributes further to the professional development and leadership skills of teachers, academics, students, artists and public officials.

As a nation we attach great importance to bridges of trust and cooperation such as Fulbright. Such collaborative endeavors allows for the development of a work force capable of forming bonds free of prejudice and enmity. They foster peaceful and rational collaboration. Scholarship holders who return to their countries after completing the program take part in important duties and become leaders of advancement and social transformation. This fact leads us to ascribe more importance to and support the partnership. Upon closer inspection one can see the surge in interest towards the Fulbright Program in both countries. This should be considered gratifying due to the contributions it will make to art, science and intercultural communication in both countries.

The Fulbright Program has had a positive impact on Turco-American relations since 1950. I am happy to be a part of such an organization and to be able to make a contribution. I sincerely thank everyone who has contributed since the outset of the program and am hopeful for the continued cooperation between our countries.

*"Of all the joint ventures in which we might engage, the most productive, in my view, is educational exchange. I have always had great difficulty-since the initiation of the Fulbright Scholarships in 1946-in trying to find the words that would persuasively explain that educational exchange is not merely one of those nice but marginal activities in which we engage in international affairs, but rather, from the standpoint of future world peace and order, probably the most important and potentially rewarding of our foreign-policy activities."*

Senator J. William Fulbright, *The Price of Empire*

# AMERICAN PROGRAMS

## Grant Opportunities for U.S. Citizens

American Programs of the Turkish Fulbright Commission administers various Fulbright grant programs awarded to the U.S. citizens. These programs are; U.S. Scholar Program, U.S. Student Program, English Teaching Assistantships Program and the Senior Specialist Program.

**The Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program** is designed for American administrators, scholars and professionals who would like to come to Turkey to lecture or conduct research in a wide variety of academic and professional fields. The U.S. Scholar Program in Turkey offers grants in two categories; Senior Lecturer and Senior Researcher. Teaching English as a Foreign Language, American Studies and American Literature, Business Administration and Economics, Science and Technology and Social Sciences and Humanities and their subfields are some of the eligible fields. The Turkish Fulbright Commission awards grants from periods ranging from four and a half to nine months.

Within this program, U.S. Scholars either teach at a university or conduct a research at the affiliated host universities in Turkey.

**The Fulbright U.S. Student Program** offers recent graduates, post-graduate candidates, developing professionals and artists an opportunity to conduct career-launching studies and research within Turkey. Grantees have nine months of study to carry out research or obtain professional training in their areas. U.S. Student Program is an excellent opportunity for students who plan to pursue academic or independent research careers because an academic year in Turkey provides greater knowledge and experience of the country.

**The English Teaching Assistantships (ETA) Program**, an element of the Fulbright U.S. Student Program, places U.S. students in positions as English Teaching Assistants within the developing universities in Turkey. The ETA Program in Turkey started in 2001

with two ETAs who were placed at universities in Ankara. In the 2010-2011 academic year, the Commission signed an agreement with the Turkish Higher Education Council to administer the program together. Since then, the program has been administered jointly by the Turkish Fulbright Commission and the Turkish Higher Education Council and executed by the participating universities.

Interest in the program has grown over the past years and the number of grantees increases each year. Currently, 74 grantees are participating in the program at 28 different universities throughout Turkey. ETA grantees spend approximately 21 hours per week teaching English (with a focus on Speaking/Listening skills) at their host universities. ETA grantees help Turkish students to improve their English Language abilities and their knowledge of the United States. In return grantees learn about Turkish Culture and the Turkish education system.

**The Senior Specialist Program** promotes linkages between U.S. academics and professionals and their counterparts at host institutions in Turkey. The program is designed to award grants to the qualified U.S. faculty and professionals, in select disciplines, to engage them in short-term collaborative two to six week projects at universities in Turkey.

Turkish universities are welcomed to host U.S. scholars and students on their campuses. The application deadline for each program differs and universities interested in hosting a scholar or a student on their campuses, can write to the American Programs of the Commission at [amprog@fulbright.org.tr](mailto:amprog@fulbright.org.tr) for detailed information.



Dr. Barbara S.S. Hong, 2014 Senior Specialist Grant recipient, conducted her research project in Education at Zirve University between February-March 2014 in Gaziantep

## End of Year Evaluation Meeting for U.S. Grantees



*Senior Lecturers, Senior Researchers and Student Researchers attended the End of Year Evaluation Meeting in Antalya on May 29-June 1, 2014 with the Commission Board Members and the Commission staff*



*Dr. Ersel Aydinli, Executive Director of the Turkish Fulbright Commission, at the opening meeting of the End of Year Evaluation Meeting*

The event provided grantees the opportunity to share their academic and cultural experiences during their grant periods, to discuss their individual experiences and evaluate their overall Fulbright experiences. All grantees made presentations about their experiences and academic works, which showed how fruitfully they spent their year at their host universities and institutions both academically and culturally.

The End of Year Evaluation Meeting for the 2013-2014 academic year U.S. Grantees was held at the Pirate's Beach Club in Antalya on May 29-June 1, 2014. U.S. Grantees and their family members were at the meeting as well as the Commission Board Members and staff of the Turkish Fulbright Commission.



*A group of grantees and the Commission staff at the End of Year Evaluation Meeting for U.S. Grantees Farewell Dinner in Antalya*

# Stories from our U.S. Fulbright Grantees

## Dr. Teresa Franklin

2013-2014 Senior Researcher

Ohio University / Sakarya University, Sakarya

### “Riding the Dolmuş in Sakarya”

It may seem like an odd thing, but in Sakarya if you do not have a car, the bus is the major way to move around the area from the university to Adapazarı, the main city. The most interesting bus in Sakarya is the dolmuş. Sakarya students receive the ride of a lifetime down the steep hill to Serdivan in a twelve-person dolmuş packed with 26+ people. Everyone is crammed in so tightly that even if we had an accident, we would cushion each other and survive.

The most amazing event that occurs on the dolmuş is the payment for the ride. As people get on the bus, they pass money back and forth to the driver who drives, makes change, and talks to them and others all at the same time. The passing of the money is unique. Everyone diligently passes the coins and bills to the driver and the change back to the individual...without even thinking of pocketing it. My belief in the goodness of humanity is encouraged each time I ride the dolmuş, while the ride is terrifying, it reminds me that people are basically good.



Dr. Teresa Franklin next to a dolmuş at the dolmuş station at Sakarya University Campus

### “An Ankara Adventure”



Meredith Rahn-Oakes is dancing with refugee women in a cave in Cappadocia

## Meredith Rahn-Oakes

2013-2014 Student Researcher

Georgetown University / Koç University, İstanbul

As part of my Fulbright research on the implementation of Turkey's newest immigration legislation, I completed an internship at the Association for Solidarity with Asylum-Seekers and Migrants (ASAM) in Ankara. Working with a Turkish colleague, I edited an English translation of a document intended to introduce refugees to Turkey, which included many passages from the new law and other pieces of Turkish legislation. Given that my Turkish legal vocabulary is non-existent and my English legal vocabulary is limited, this was a challenging but very rewarding undertaking. My internship culminated with a trip ASAM organizes annually, in which they take 1,200 refugee women and children to Cappadocia. I can imagine few experiences more memorable than dancing with refugee women from all over the Middle East and Africa to music from their home countries in a grotto in Turkey.

# The English Teaching Assistantships (ETA) Program



*ETA Grantees at the opening ceremony of the Mid-Year Evaluation Meeting*



*ETA Grantees are practicing their traditional Turkish dance skills*

The Mid-Year Evaluation Meeting of the 2013-2014 academic year English Teaching Assistantships (ETA) Program was held in Ankara between February 21-22, 2014. The opening ceremony of the meeting was held with the participation of Dr. Ersel Aydinli, Executive Director of the Turkish Fulbright Commission and Prof. Muhittin Ataman, former International Relations Office Coordinator of the Turkish Higher Education Council.

74 ETAs who have been teaching at 28 different Turkish state universities attended the meeting, both sharing their experiences and evaluating the program by discussing their individual views and suggestions for future practices. The Mid-Year Evaluation Meeting created a platform to witness the grantees' enrichment gained through their academic and cultural exchanges.



*ETA Grantees at an English Language Teaching Methods workshop session*



*ETA Grantees presenting their group presentations*

# Stories from ETA Grantees

## Kayla Friedman-Barb

2013-2014 ETA Grantee  
Pitzer College / Hittit University, Çorum

### “Road Trip from Çorum to Çini City”



ETAs Kayla Friedman-Barb and Victoria J. Sun  
are making çini in Çorum



Çini works of Kayla Friedman-Barb

In early April, I found myself on a minibüs, surrounded by fifteen middle-aged women, on my way to Kütahya. This field trip, organized by my *çini* (enamelled tile) course at the local women's non-profit center in Çorum, to a city famous for its porcelain and *çini* wares, would turn out to be an incredible cultural experience. Although I had been nervous about spending three days relying on my limited Turkish to communicate, in the end, the only thing I regretted was that I had not gotten to know my fellow students earlier. Together we overcame the communication barrier with a Turkish style potluck on the bus, dancing and practicing our halay in the dormitory, and getting a look behind the scenes of porcelain manufacturing.

## Thomas Nicholas Janis, Lehigh University

2012-2013 ETA Grantee at Cumhuriyet University, Sivas  
2013-2014 Renewal ETA Grantee at Abant İzzet Baysal University, Bolu



Thomas N. Janis and his former roommates  
on their farm in Çırçır, Yıldızeli, Sivas

### “Notes from the Second Year”

Turkey, for me, is at times what I imagine the 1970s were in North America: seat belts are out, smoking is in, Coca Cola comes in glass bottles, and mustaches, lots of mustaches. I have relished in straight edge razor shaves, given my bus seat to “yaşlı”, and witnessed some good ol’ fashioned protesting. So, coming back to Turkey after a Fulbright year in Sivas was exciting but still held many unknowns for me, especially starting anew in Bolu. Yet, the 1970s cultural overtones of Turkey has been a friendly familiarity to balance out anything that goes less than perfectly. In fact, it is that 1970s-esque sense of community and friendship shared among people here that makes all the difference sometimes. Strangers hold babies, drivers pick up hitchhikers, even bus drivers, and one can meet the farmers that produce their all natural food (or in my case, be their roommate). The countless çays, rides, food, borderline adoption, and many more generous offerings of time and friendliness have made up some of the most memorable moments of my Fulbright experience. So what’s next? Buy a VW Bug and bring back Turkish Psychedelic music.

# TURKISH PROGRAMS

**The Student Core Program** offers grants to students towards the Master's Degree, Ph.D Degree and Ph.D Dissertation Research. The Commission received applications for the 2015-2016 Fulbright Student Core Program

Cycle until March 22, 2014. There is a 24% increase in the number of applications compared to last year. Applications from 44 different fields of study were received. The selection committees have already started

to evaluate the dossiers to determine the candidates to be interviewed. Regarding last year's nominees, the program is still in the process of placing the nominees, and to date 35 of our grantees have been placed.

**The Visiting Scholar Program** awards researchers who have doctoral degrees with a grant to conduct full-time advanced research at the post-level at a U.S. university or a institution. Applicants must have an excellent command of English in order to do scientific research and to attend educational and cultural events and seminars. Applicants must have started a Post-doc research project and must have completed the research part in Turkey. The program is open to all fields except for fields and projects which require clinical research. Fourteen researchers were nominated for the 2014-2015 academic year and received nominations for three months to nine months grants. Visiting Scholar Program Initial Orientation Meeting was held on January 29, 2014 in Ankara with the grantee candidates. 2014-2015 grantees are going to depart for the U.S.A. starting in July 2014.



*The Visiting Scholar Program Nominees and the Commission Staff at the Initial Orientation Meeting held in Ankara*

**The Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program** is a non-degree program for early career English teachers or professionals in related fields. FLTA Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and administered by the Institute of International Education. The main purpose of the program is to provide young teachers of English an opportunity to increase their English language proficiency and extend their knowledge of society and culture of

the United States while teaching their native language to U.S. students and strengthening foreign language instruction skills at U.S. colleges and universities. Fulbright FLTA participants may assist in up to twenty hours of language classes a week and are required to enroll in at least two courses per semester, one of which must be in U.S. Studies. Coursework is offered on either an audit or credit basis. Fulbright FLTA participants are expected to facilitate cultural events and language clubs.

The Initial Orientation Meeting for the 2014-2015 academic year FLTA nominees was held on November 25, 2014 in Ankara. The nominees of the 2014-2015 academic year are waiting to be placed to the U.S. colleges and universities to teach Turkish Language and Culture for a nine-month period. This year, nominees were able to rank the institutions they wanted to go as a teaching assistant. However, the result may not necessarily be as they have selected in the ranking.

**The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program** is offered to young and mid-career professionals in leadership positions who have a commitment to public service and the potential for professional advancement.

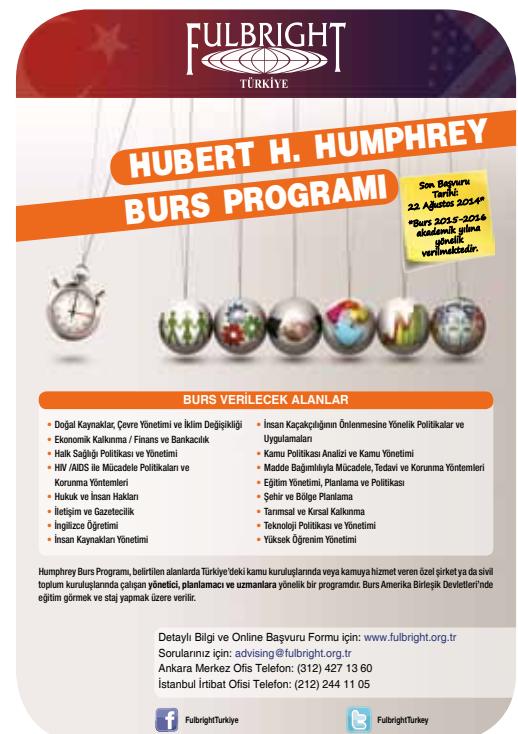
Applicants from the Ministry of Development in Urban and Regional Planning, Ministry of Interior Affairs in Law and Human Rights and from the Tigris Development Agency in Agriculture and Rural Development were selected as candidates. The candidates have been placed at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, American University and Cornell University. Among the selected candidates, one will attend the Long Term English Training Program for four months in the U.S.A. before the program starts.

**The deadline for the 2015-2016 academic year Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program is August 22, 2014.**

**The Community College Initiative (CCI) Program** provides opportunities for young adults from vocational schools in Turkey to develop leadership, professional skills and English language proficiency, while studying for one academic year in the U.S.A. The Commission selected nine candidates for the 2014-2015 academic year for the CCI Program. The initial Orientation Meeting was held on February 7, 2014 in Istanbul with the grantee candidates. The candidates are currently waiting to be placed in U.S. community colleges for one academic year. The grantees will begin departing for the United States in June, 2014. The CCI Pre-Departure Orientation Meeting was held with the nominees on June 13, 2014 at Fulbright Ankara Head Office. Ms. LaRita Hagar, Program Officer at the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs; Mr. Syedur Rahman, Director at the Community College Consortium; Ms. Jessica Lane, Program Associate at IREX and Ms. Amanda Fletcher, Associate Director at the Northwest Community College Initiative, joined the Pre-Departure Orientation Meeting through video conference.

**Scholar in Residence Program** brings scholars and professionals to lecture at U.S. colleges and universities for one academic semester or one academic year.

Two Turkish applicants are nominated for the 2014-2015 academic year Scholar in Residence Program to teach in the U.S. universities for one academic year. They are



**HUBERT H. HUMPHREY  
BURS PROGRAMI**

**Son Başvuru Tarihi: 22 Ağustos 2014\***  
\*Burs 2015-2016 akademik yılına gönülük verilmektedir.

**BURS VERİLECEK ALANLAR**

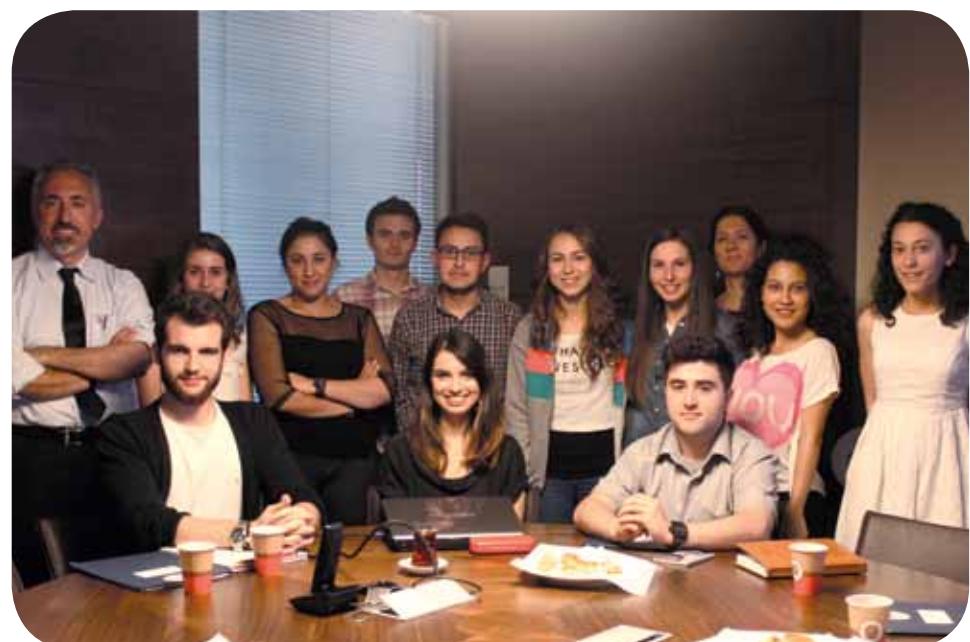
- Doğal Kaynaklar, Çevre Yönetimi ve İklim Değişikliği
- İnsan Kacaklığınn Öncemesine Yönelik Politikalar ve Uygulamaları
- Ekonomik Kalkınma / Finans ve Bankacılık
- Kamu Politikası Analizi ve Kamu Yönetimi
- Halk Sağlığı Politikası ve Yönetimi
- HIV/AIDS ile Mücadele Politikaları ve Koruma Yonetimleri
- Madded Bağımlılığa Mücadele, Tedavi ve Koruma Yönetimi
- Hukuk ve İnsan Hakları
- Eğitim Yönetimi, Planlama ve Politikası
- İletişim ve Gazetecilik
- Tərəsməl və Kəsəli Kalkınma
- İngilizce Öğretimi
- Şəhər və Bölgə Planlaşdırma
- İnsan Kaynakları Yönetimi
- Teknoloji Politikası ve Yönetimi
- Yüksek Öğrenim Yönetimi

Humphrey Burs Programı, belirtilen alanlarda Türkiye'deki kamu kurumlarından veya kamuya hizmet veren özel şirket ya da sivil toplum kuruluşlarında çalışan yönetici, planlamacı ve uzmanlara yönelik bir programdır. Burs Amerika Birleşik Devletlerinde eğitim görmüş ve staj yapmak üzere vorılır.

Detailli Bilgi ve Online Başvuru Formu için: [www.fulbright.org.tr](http://www.fulbright.org.tr)  
Sorularınız için: [advising@fulbright.org.tr](mailto:advising@fulbright.org.tr)  
Ankara Merkez Ofis Telefon: (312) 427 13 60  
İstanbul İrbat Ofisi Telefon: (212) 244 11 05

 FulbrightTurkey  FulbrightTurkey

*The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship  
Program Recruitment Poster*



*Community College Initiative Program Candidates and the Commission Staff at the Pre-Departure Orientation Meeting held at the Commission's Head Office in Ankara on June 13, 2014.*

from İhsan Doğramacı Bilkent University in Ankara and Dokuz Eylül University in İzmir in the fields of Economics and Computer Science.

## News from Our Turkish Fulbright Grantees

**Hasan Güneş Sofuoğlu**, Houston Community College  
2013-2014 Community College Initiative Program Grantee



*Hasan Güneş Sofuoğlu and his friends visited Native Americans in Louisiana*

Attending the Community College Initiative Program has changed my life in a good way. The best outcome of this program for me was that I learned how to live and communicate with people from different cultures. At first, living in the same house with people from different countries was difficult, but as we lived together we learned a lot from each other. The real life in the States was different than what we see in Hollywood movies. As

a foreign student, at first it was very difficult for me to understand people's accents. I was always asking questions about the meanings of the words they were using. Everybody helped me a lot throughout my adaptation period. I never stopped learning and was happy to hear from my teachers about the progress in my English.

One of the interesting things that I came across during my grant period is that one

night when I was going home, I was stopped by a homeless guy. He asked for some money and asked me where I was from. I found it very interesting because we learned not to ask personal questions to people. I was also invited to an event organized by the Houston Community College as an international student. In the event, I danced our traditional dance and was honored to show a part of my culture to the participants.

**Dr. Diler Öner**, Drexel University  
2013-2014 Visiting Scholar Program Grantee

I attended one of the Fulbright Enrichment Seminars in Austin, Texas in March 2014. After dividing into different groups, we examined social organizations in the Austin area. Our team visited a homeless shelter in downtown Austin and learned about

their services. Hannah, an employee of the organization and our guide spent her whole afternoon with us. It was very inspiring to meet someone like her. It was similarly a great pleasure to meet with the invited speakers of the seminar, whose work

influenced the lives of the less fortunate. I feel very lucky for crossing paths with these incredible individuals. Overall, the seminar gave me food for thought for the nonprofit organization I volunteer in Turkey, İLKÝAR (<http://www.ilkyar.org.tr/English.aspx>).

## ALUMNI AFFAIRS

### Alumni Project from an Alumna

Assist. Prof. Dr. Banu Öztürk Kurtaslan, Department of Landscape Architecture, Selçuk University, who was awarded a Visiting Scholar Program Grant in 2010, is carrying out a project called "Gaining Pre-School Children Sensibility and Consciousness of Nature and Sustainable Environment" funded by the U.S. Embassy within the context of 2013 Alumni Small Grant Projects. As a part of her project, an event was organized in Konya at the Japan



*Local kids at an event which took place at the Japan Kyoto Park in Konya on April 21, 2014*

Kyoto Park on April 21, 2014. The purpose of the event was to emphasize the importance of gaining pre-school children positive senses, attitudes and ecologically friendly habits.

### Turkish Humphrey Alumni Association

Twelve members of the Turkish Humphrey Alumni Association got together over a dinner meeting with Ms. Phaedra Gwyn, Deputy Cultural Affairs Officer, U.S. Embassy, on April 1, 2014 in Ankara. Participants to the meeting had the opportunity to talk about their experiences during their stay in the U.S., alumni activities and future plans of the Turkish Humphrey Alumni Association.



*Ms. Gözenman is preparing a participant for a High Density EEG experiment*

### Winner of the 2013 Institute of International Education Photo Contest

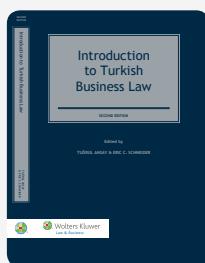
Ms. Filiz Gözenman, who is currently enrolled in a Ph.D program at the University of Nevada in the field of Cognitive and Brain Sciences, won the Grand Prize at the 2013 Institute of International Education Photo Contest. The aim of the contest was to share the importance of grantee's work. Ms. Gözenman is investigating neural correlates of working memory and internal attention, and interested in what happens in our brain when we engage in more than one task at a time, and how our working memory deals with this situation. Different neuroimaging techniques are used in her research to be able to understand the neural basis of memory.



*Ms. Canan Dağdeviren with a 3D heart model which includes her flexible device*

### Recipient of many Awards

Ms. Canan Dağdeviren, Commission's Ph.D Program grantee in 2009 in Physics and Material Sciences, received many awards for her research at the University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign. Ms. Dağdeviren has recently developed a new class of biocompatible piezoelectric mechanical energy harvester that are soft and flexible, with low bending stiffness, allowing them to conform to and laminate on the heart as well as on other soft tissues. These devices are first of its kind polymer-based flexible nano-generators that convert mechanical energy from internal organ movements into an electric energy to power medical devices.



*Cover picture of Prof. Tuğrul Ansay's new book*

### A New Publication from a Fulbright Alumnus

Prof. Tuğrul Ansay, 1978-1979 Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program Grantee to University of California, Berkeley, has published the second edition of his book on "Introduction to Turkish Business Law" with Eric C. Schneider.

# ADVISING PROGRAM

The Advising Section of the Turkish Fulbright Commission is run by an Advising Coordinator and one Educational Adviser who provide information about both the Fulbright Grant Programs for citizens of the Turkish Republic and general information about study in the U.S.A.

All the activities of the Advising Section are announced on the activity calendar on the Commission's web site, [www.fulbright.org.tr](http://www.fulbright.org.tr).



*Seminar on Undergraduate Education in the U.S.A. in Doğa Koleji in İstanbul*

## Outreach Activities & Office Seminars - Meetings

Our Educational Advisers visited 41 universities in twenty cities in Turkey, and informed university students about Fulbright Programs and higher education as well as English language courses, short programs and internships in the U.S.A. Apart from the visits of our Educational Advisers, the Rectors, Deans and Heads of Departments of all the universities in Turkey were sent official letters, written and signed by the Executive

Director of our Commission, together with the Fulbright Student Program posters.

Since more and more high school students are interested in pursuing a degree in the U.S.A., some high schools were also visited and seminars on "Undergraduate Education in the U.S.A." were given. In the upcoming months, plans have been made to visit more high schools.

The seminars and meetings in our offices are held on an ongoing basis and more students

attend these seminars to be informed about the admissions exams, how to write statements of purpose and the general application process to Fulbright Programs and U.S. universities. If students cannot attend the seminars that we hold in our offices, they can use the online and virtual advising systems which can be accessed through our web site, send e-mail messages to our Educational Advisers or call our offices to ask questions.

## Interview Techniques

Our Educational Advising team started giving a new seminar on "Interview Techniques". This seminar is mainly designed for those who applied for the Fulbright Student Core Program. The main objective of the seminar is to provide the candidates with information on how to get prepared for the interview and the possible questions that they may need to answer. The Interview Techniques seminars are also held as webinars to help the candidates living in many different cities of Turkey.



*Seminar on Interview Techniques at the Commission's Ankara Head Office*



*Seminar on Admissions Exams at the Turkish Fulbright Commission Head Office in Ankara*

## Webinars

In today's world technology has become an integral part of our lives. We can do many things online from grocery shopping to paying our bills. That's why nowadays many students prefer staying at home and taking online courses or listening to online seminars.

Since the Commission has two offices in Turkey, we want to reach out to more students and individuals who wish to learn about Fulbright Programs and study options in the U.S.A. As a result, this academic year we have started organizing webinars for those who cannot physically attend our seminars. These webinars have the same content as the seminars we give at local schools, universities and in our offices, and participants can ask their questions during the webinars.

We share the dates, times and content of these webinars on the activity calendar on our web site and also on our social media accounts. We are planning to hold Pre-Departure Orientation webinars as well.

If you are interested in learning more about Fulbright Programs and study in the U.S.A., stay tuned. You can always follow our calendar and our Facebook/Twitter accounts.

The Commission's official accounts on Facebook and Twitter are as follows:



FulbrightTurkiye



FulbrightTurkey

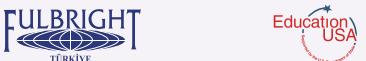
## Pre-Departure Orientation Seminars

Going to the U.S.A. for educational purposes is the beginning of a new and exciting phase in a student's life even if the student has been to the U.S.A. before as a tourist or for short programs.

We, as the Educational Advising Team of the Commission, know how important it is to learn about a few things regarding life in the U.S.A. and how to get prepared to start that life. That's why we will be organizing

Pre-Departure Orientation Seminars in June and July in our Ankara and İstanbul offices. In these seminars, we will be giving information about student visa and SEVIS application processes, vaccination before leaving Turkey and health insurance in the U.S.A., planning your travel, what to pack and what not to pack, forms to be filled in on the plane, how to overcome jetlag, ways of communication with family and friends in Turkey while in the U.S.A., how to find accommodation, orientation programs at universities, local transportation, opening a bank account, money transfer options, using credit cards and checks, culture shock and how to overcome it and practical information about daily life in the U.S.A.

These seminars are open to students at all levels of study as well as their parents if they wish to be informed about the above mentioned topics.


  
**AMERİKA'YA GİTMİYE HAZIR MISİNİZ?**

Amerika'da eğitimlerine başlayacak tüm öğrencileri Türkiye Fulbright Eğitim Komisyonu tarafından düzenlenen **Amerika'ya Giriş Öncesi Oryantasyon Seminerlerine** (Pre-Departure Orientation) davet ediyoruz.  
Bu Seminerler tüm öğrencilere ve velilerle açık olup, katılım ücretsizdir.

**Amerika'ya Giriş Öncesi Oryantasyon Seminerlerimizde** bilgi verilecek konular:

- Gitmeden önce yapılacak resmi işlemler (Öğrenci Vizesi başvurusu)
- Sağlık sigortası ve asılar
- Yolculuk planlama, götürülmemeleri
- Amerika'da banka hesabı açma, para transferleri
- Kalacakları arakən dikkat edilecekler noktaları: yurt, ev, diğer imkânlar
- Günlük hayatı ile ilgili pratik bilgiler
- Akademik ortam ve sorumluluklar - neler Türkiye'den farklı?
- Kültür şoku ve yeni kültüre uyum süreci



<b>Ankara</b> 11 Haziran 2014 • 16 Temmuz 2014 Seminer yerini Komisyonun web sitesinde ilan edilecektir. <i>Kayıt yapmak için:</i> <a href="mailto:advising@fulbright.org.tr">advising@fulbright.org.tr</a>	<b>İstanbul</b> 12 Haziran 2014 • 17 Temmuz 2014 Türkiye Fulbright Eğitim Komisyonu Dümen Sokak No: 3/11 Gümüşsuyu <i>Kayıt yapmak için:</i> <a href="mailto:fub-is@fulbright.org.tr">fub-is@fulbright.org.tr</a>
--	--

Katılım için detaylı bilgiye [www.fulbright.org.tr](http://www.fulbright.org.tr) adresinden ulaşılabilir.

*Pre-Departure Orientation Seminars Poster*



# EDUCATIONUSA



*EducationUSA Training Institute Advisers  
at the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C. on January 28, 2014.*

## **EducationUSA Training Institute Program**

Our Advising Coordinator Ms. Bahar Deniz Türkaslan and Educational Adviser Ms. Merih Uğurel Kamişlı were selected for the EducationUSA Training Institute Program in the United States, which was held between January 27 and February 7, 2014.

The first week of the training took place in Washington, D.C. at the Institute of International Education (IIE) Office, while the second week was in California at different university campuses. In Washington, D.C., our Educational Advisers had the chance to meet Ms. Evan Ryan, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State; Mr. Mark Lazar, Vice President, IIE; Mr. Mark Cameron, EUR Press and Public Diplomacy Deputy Director; Ms. Heidi Arola, Branch Chief, Office of Global Programs U.S. Department of State, and other regional directors at the lunch organized by the State Department. In addition, Ms. Türkaslan and Ms. Uğurel Kamişlı had a meeting with Mr. Todd Miyahira, EUR Press and Public Diplomacy Desk Officer and Mr. Joseph McCormick, Fulbright Program Officer

for Turkey, about advising activities, recent economic changes and study abroad trends in Turkey as well as Fulbright Program achievements.

In California, our Educational Advisers had the opportunity to gain first-hand experience at university campuses, gleaning insight into the admissions processes for

the undergraduate and graduate programs, financial aid and scholarship opportunities.

## **New REAC in Turkey**

Regional Educational Advising Coordinators (REACs) lead the EducationUSA network of advising centers in their world region to foster international student mobility, guide and train EducationUSA advisers, and advance ECA's (the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs) public diplomacy efforts (<http://www.iie.org/Our-Global-Reach/REAC>). The REAC for Turkey has been Mr. Christopher Medalis since March 2014. Mr. Medalis is also the REAC for Northern and Central Europe, and he will be working in İstanbul from the Commission's İstanbul Branch Office. We are very pleased to have him here in Turkey, and believe that he will contribute a lot to the advising activities in Turkey with his expertise.

In addition to this change, we will be receiving more funding from the ECA for our educational advising activities as part of our annual strategic plan. This funding will help improve the quality of educational advising activities we have been doing.



*Ms. Bahar Deniz Türkaslan and Ms. Merih Uğurel Kamişlı with Fulbright Program Officer for Turkey Mr. Joseph McCormick and EUR Press and Public Diplomacy Desk Officer Mr. Todd Miyahira.*

## SCENES FROM THE COMMISSION'S ADVISING ACTIVITIES AND SCHOOL VISITS



İstanbul Branch Office Educational Advisor Ms. Merih Uğurel Kamışlı at a Study Abroad Fair in İstanbul



Seminar on Fulbright Grant Programs and Study in the U.S.A.  
for Psychology Department Students around Turkey at İhsan  
Doğramacı Bilkent University in Ankara



Seminar on Fulbright Grant Programs and Study in the U.S.A. at  
Cumhuriyet University in Sivas



Seminar on How to Make an Effective Application to Fulbright  
Student Programs at Uludağ University in Bursa



Seminar on Fulbright Grant Programs and Study in the U.S.A.  
at Selçuk University in Konya



Seminar on How to Write an Effective Statement of Purpose  
at the Commission's Ankara Head Office

# AN INSPIRING STORY

*(Continued from cover page)*

*Could you please tell us about yourself, including where and when you were born? How was your school life?*

I was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and lived there until I started college. I spent the first year at the United States Naval Academy. Then I was involved in an unfortunate wrestling accident and lost hearing in one ear, was discharged and went to the University of Wisconsin. As a third year student, I became a Psychology major and graduated from there and started graduate school in Social Psychology at Colombia University in New York. At that point, after I finished my degree, I spent a year at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia in the Sociology Department and then went to the Johns Hopkins University. I was there for four years until the center lost its funding. From there, I went to South Florida in 1971 and from 1976 to 1978 my wife and I, and our two boys went to the Washington, D.C. area where I was an Intergovernmental Personal Act Fellow. This is a program in the U.S. where a faculty member can work for the U.S. Federal Government for up to two years. I was in the Institute of International Education Dissemination Unit for two years and then went back to South Florida and stayed there until my retirement in 2006.



*Dr. Nelson and his wife Ms. Alice K. Nelson, 2009-2010 academic year Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program Alumna in Turkey, at the Diyarbakir Castle in 2009 with the local kids*

*How did you hear about the Fulbright Program, and how did you choose Turkey as your host country?*

This is an interesting story. In the spring of 2005, three students from Hacettepe University had written to a number of U.S. institutions in Industrial Organization of Psychology, which I moved in that area in our department. Our program said we would love to have them, and we did. They turned out to be fabulous students, one of whom I am still working with, Savaş Çalan. And so, what happened was, at the end of the year, they had a great academic experience. They took four courses we only charged them for two. I did not have much contact with them. The

university wanted to continue this relationship and they said to me "Wait a minute! You are retiring in a year. Why don't you go and teach in Turkey?" So, I laughed and said "Do they want me?" and an e-mail went and an e-mail came back and that was the reason I applied to Turkey. It was in November when I found out that I had gotten through the first stage in the U.S. Fulbright process and then we waited and waited. I think late March or early April, I went out to the mail box and there was a really thin letter from the Turkish Fulbright Commission. I looked at it and said to myself "No, I didn't get it!", because normally if you are accepted you get a thick thing. So, I opened it up and the first word was "Congratulations!". I screamed outside. The first time I had ever been to Turkey was the day we walked off the plane at the old airport here with our eleven suitcases.

*When you first came to Turkey, what was your first impression about Turkey?*

I had no expectations about Turkey. I had done some reading, and I was a History major, so I knew about Atatürk. We had no idea what to expect when we came here. We got off the airplane and Savaş and one of the students met us at the airport. They arranged a hotel for us and a real estate agent helped us the next day with apartments. So, it was an easy transition and I think, we probably were somehow surprised by how modern it was here.



*Dr. Nelson with Prof. Nebi Sümer at the Caves of Heaven and Hell in Mersin in 2010*



Dr. Nelson and his students at the 18th National Psychology Congress held in Bursa in April 2014

**You have been teaching in Turkey for a long time. How would you compare Psychology education in the U.S. to Turkey?**

Turkish students because of the structure of the university, take more Psychology courses. The big difference is that in most places, they do not get research experience. The students at University of South Florida are better students because they are doing research. That's what we have tried to do here at Bilkent University. We want our students to have the research experience even if they don't go on graduate school. Research becomes crucial if they do go on to the graduate school, because the experience they have allows them to finish. The other one is, in the U.S. we do more critical thinking than Turkey. There is a lot of memorization here, so these are the two aspects I have talked to colleagues about. The other big difference I think is, in the U.S. Psychology is a big field, and in Turkey it's just developing. With new universities many of just started and the departments are ten years old, it is nothing. So, it really makes a big difference.

**You have received many awards and grants from different institutions. What do you think separates the Fulbright Scholarship Program from the other grants you received?**

Prestige, when you say Fulbright, even my relatives have heard about it. No, it is a big deal. What it does is, it's a different kind of award, because of the international aspect and the ability to go somewhere and live there which is so important.

**Have you had any visitors from the U.S. apart from your immediate family?**

We had few friends of ours come. A colleague came and a faculty member. Next year, two faculty from University of South Florida

have received Fulbright, Dr. Roberta D. Baer is coming in the first semester and Dr. Michael T. Brannick is coming in the second semester. I can guarantee that I was consulted by them and I think I was part of the reason they decided to come here.

**And finally, what would you like to add?**

First of all, it has changed my life, let's be honest. Here I am at my age and if you said to me in 2004 that I will be spending much of my retirement in Turkey, I would have said we will send you to the Chattahoochee State Mental Hospital in Florida. It really has changed my life, my wife certainly, my family, friends, people look at this in a different way. It certainly has broadened my horizon; it is giving me the opportunity not only to travel in Turkey but also to travel to Europe. We are going to Budapest during the summer. When you are here, you can do it. All kinds of things have happened. The experience and the impact of my little Fulbright had and the students I have touched and eventually their students, the colleagues and the relationships. I think it's incredible.



Dr. Nelson at his office at İhsan Doğramacı Bilkent University in Ankara in April 2014

## NEWS FROM THE COMMISSION



### Farewell to our colleagues at the İstanbul Branch Office

Ms. Halide Ülkü İnal, who worked as the Educational Adviser and recently as the Acting Director of the İstanbul Branch Office for 26 years, and Mr. Yücel Abay, who worked as the Messenger for 26 years have retired. A reception was held at the İstanbul Branch Office on April 15th, 2014 for their retirement. The Turkish Fulbright Commission is thankful for their many contributions over the years.



### European Fulbright Executive Directors Meeting

Dr. Ersel Aydınlı, Executive Director of the Turkish Fulbright Commission, attended the European Fulbright Executive Directors Meeting held in Prague, Czech Republic on March 9-12, 2014. Executive Directors from 22 European Fulbright Commissions attended the meeting with the officials from U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the recent trends and developments in the Fulbright Program and the effects of the outcomes on the commissions in Europe.

Dr. Aydınlı, in a "Selfie" picture with the Belgian, Greek, Italian and Spanish Fulbright Commission Executive Directors.

### New Members of Our Staff

Ms. Begüm Nebol has joined the Commission's Ankara Head Office as the Program Assistant and Mr. Hakan Kocabıçak has joined the Commission's İstanbul Branch Office as the Office and Advising Assistant in May 2014.



### Cooperation Protocol for the English Teaching Assistantships Program between the Turkish Higher Education Council and the Turkish Fulbright Commission

Prof. Gökhan Çetinsaya, President of the Turkish Higher Education Council, and Dr. Ersel Aydınlı, Executive Director of the Turkish Fulbright Commission, signed the English Teaching Assistantships (ETA) Program Cooperation Protocol on February 24, 2014 in Ankara. The Turkish Higher Education Council and the Turkish Fulbright Commission have been jointly administering the ETA Program since the 2010-2011 academic year.

### The Turkish Fulbright Commission 65th Anniversary Documentary

In 2014, the Turkish Fulbright Commission is celebrating its 65th year. As one of the oldest commissions in the world and with thousands of American and Turkish alumni, we are marking the occasion with a documentary dedicated to the 65th Anniversary. The aim of the documentary will be to celebrate this significant milestone in the Commission's history and to promote the Commission both in the U.S. and Turkey. The documentary will feature interviews with various American and Turkish alumni.

### The Turkish Fulbright Commission 65th Anniversary Graduate Study Grant Announcement

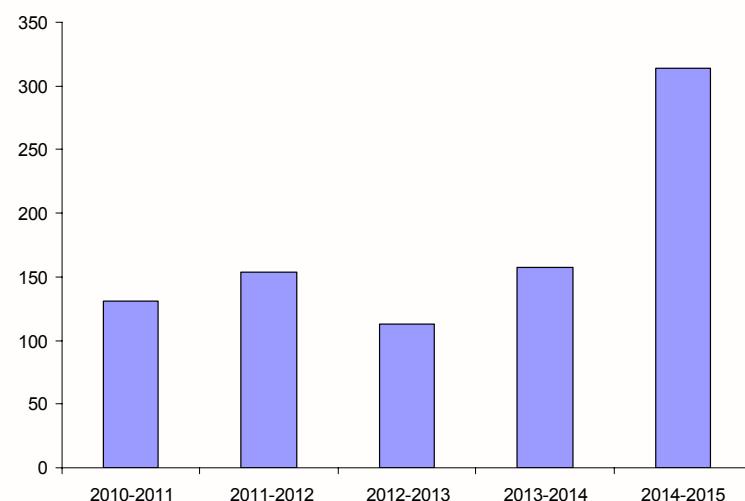
The Turkish Fulbright Commission is pleased to announce two awards, one at the Master's level, one at the Doctorate level in honour of the Commission's 65th Anniversary. The scholarships are open to U.S. students who wish to pursue a degree at a Turkish university on their research topics. The detailed information about the awards can be found at <http://www.us.fulbrightonline.org/countries/selectedcountry/turkey>

# THE TURKISH FULBRIGHT COMMISSION GRANTS IN NUMBERS

## THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE INITIATIVE PROGRAM

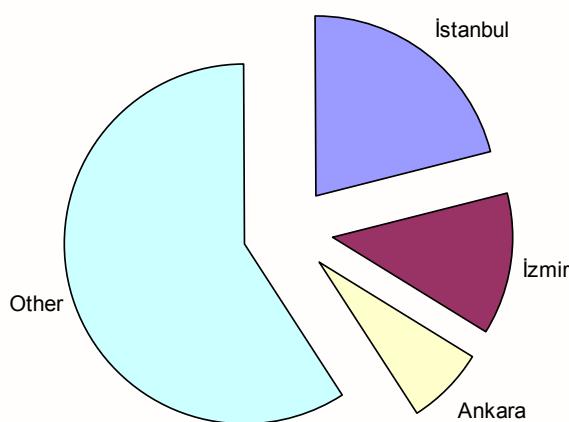
The Community College Initiative (CCI) Program aims to foster mutual understanding between the citizens of the United States and the citizens of participating CCI countries. The CCI Program provides participants with non-degree academic-year program at a U.S. community college designed to build participants' technical skills in applied fields, enhance their leadership capabilities, and strengthen their English language proficiency by providing opportunities for professional internships, service learning, and community engagement.

### Applications from 2010-2011 to 2014-2015 Academic Years



*The number of applications for the Community College Initiative Program for the 2014-2015 academic year increased significantly compared to the last five years. The chart shows the number of applications received over the past five years.*

### 2014-2015 Application Cycle Applicants' City of Application



The amount of applications to the Community College Initiative Program for the 2014-2015 academic year increased significantly compared to the last five years.

The Commission has received applications from 45 different cities for the 2014-2015 academic year for the Community College Initiative Program. Applications for the 2014-2015 academic year show the highest diversity within the last five years.

*The Commission has received applications from 45 different cities for the 2014-2015 academic year for the Community College Initiative Program.*



The Turkish Fulbright NEWSLETTER is published by the  
Commission for Educational Exchange between the United  
States and Turkey.

Please send contributions and comments to:

Fulbright Eğitim Komisyonu  
Eskişehir Yolu 9. Km.  
Tepe Prime İş Merkezi B Blok No: 124 06800  
Çankaya - Ankara - Turkey  
Ph: (0312) 427 13 60 / 428 48 24 • Fax: (0312) 468 15 60  
e-mail: newsletter@fulbright.org.tr

All submissions are subject to editing.