

## F U L B R I G H T P R O G R A M

**T**he Fulbright Program, the premier U.S. government exchange initiative, has always been brilliant in its simplicity. Fulbright has built a reputation synonymous with integrity and achievement. One reason is that as national priorities change, here and abroad, so too does the Program. It sends U.S. students abroad and brings foreign students to the United States for study and leadership development, fostering — on an individual level — international understanding and mutual respect.

IIE has administered the Fulbright Student Program since its inception fifty years ago — now in cooperation with its lead sponsor, the United States Information Agency (USIA) — and dozens of binational Fulbright commissions worldwide. This year, at the request of USIA, IIE also assumed responsibility for the Fulbright Scholar Program through an administrative affiliation with the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES). Fulbright scholars are among the most respected thinkers in their fields, and this program sends exceptional U.S. scholars abroad and brings international scholars to U.S. institutions to lecture and/or conduct research for up to one year.

IIE's traditional ties to the Fulbright Student Program, its new responsibilities for the Scholar Program, and its work with the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program for mid-career professionals strengthen the Institute's relationship not only with the Fulbright Program, but also with its many public and private sector partners who participate in this unmatched international endeavor. This year close to 5,000 individuals participated in these programs.



Christina Thomson

### FULBRIGHT VISITING SCHOLAR PROGRAM

#### SUSAN McDONNELL

Susan McDonnell cannot remember a time when she was not interested in science, a fortuitous circumstance that led to university, a path in which she was encouraged by her high school teachers. Dr. McDonnell, a native of Dublin, is the fourth of seven children and the first in her family to attend college. Dr. McDonnell originally trained as a molecular biologist, and is now a cancer researcher with a particular interest in the process of tumor invasion and metastasis. She earned her doctorate at Dublin City University, where today she is on the faculty. Dr. McDonnell also did post-doctoral work at the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. This year she spent her sabbatical as a Fulbright Scholar at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City.

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# students



Adam Hefty with fellow Fulbrighter Michael Allison at the Universidad Centroamericana in San Salvador.



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## U.S. STUDENT FULBRIGHT PROGRAM

### ADAM HEFTY

Growing up poor in Lawrence, Kansas, had a profound impact on Adam Hefty. It served as a springboard for an intellectual journey that took him from tiny Deep Springs College — where he discovered liberation theology — to Harvard University to El Salvador. His Fulbright enabled him to study with a preeminent thinker in the field at the Universidad Centroamericana. In addition, he worked in poor neighborhoods, learning firsthand how this philosophy can be used to engage marginalized individuals in the national dialogue in a meaningful way. He is pictured here in San Salvador, in an impoverished community at the edge of the city. Upon his return home, and after he finishes his schooling, Mr. Hefty hopes to pursue an activist role in public service and is considering a career either in the ministry or as a legal advocate.



# enrichment

## Added Value for Fulbrighters

*What might a Minnesota university, a family foundation, a foreign government, and a U.S. airline all share? At IIE, each may play a role in a student's Fulbright experience. For fifty years the Institute has given Fulbright students both expected and unexpected services, acting variously as program administrator, fundraiser, and, not least, academic mentor.*

*For each Fulbrighter, IIE staff develop a personally-tailored support plan. For one student this might mean free air travel to the United States, for another supplemental funds from their home country or a private foundation, and, for more than two-thirds of incoming Fulbrighters, IIE negotiates and administers university cost-sharing that ranges from partial tuition assistance to full scholarships.*

*In addition to practical financial matters, IIE also monitors students' academic progress and offers a variety of professional, cultural, and social events — everything from meetings with business and community leaders to development seminars to free theatre tickets.*

*At IIE, administering Fulbright is far more than forms and deadlines. It is the opportunity to enrich — in the most significant way possible — each student's singular experience.*