

# Discover the Fulbright Spirit



## Fulbright Young Leaders Meeting Munich, December 5<sup>th</sup> 2015

Participate in a half-day seminar with fellow Fulbrighters. Inspire us with your passion or come and get inspired by others. The presentations cover a wide variety of topics addressing our interaction with culture, society, and technology.

Exchange inspiring work and expand your private and business network. Register now as a participant or contact us to share your experience.

**Location:** Ludwig-Maximilian University  
Schillerstraße 46, Room CO.07, use entrance on Pettenkoferstr. 12

**Registration:** <http://fulbright-alumni.de/> and click on [sign up](#)  
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### Agenda: Saturday, December 5th

1:00 pm **Registration**

1:15 pm **Official welcome**

- Welcome remarks by the Fulbright Alumni e.V.
- Welcome remarks by Consul Anthony Miranda

1:30 pm **Our society and its future**

- Ning Wang on the Future of Aviation
- Florian Grigoleit on Artificial Intelligence
- Simon Wimmer on Social Media
- Jonas Wilzewski on Astronomy

2:30 pm **Coffee Break**

2:40 pm **Perspectives of the Fulbright Program**

- Bernd Riedel is a former art student in the U.S.
- Esther Täubert is a former teaching assistant in the U.S.
- Katherine Protano is a current teaching assistant in Germany
- Jinhoon Jeong is a former student of the Diversity Initiative

3:50 pm **Networking activity / Group picture**

4:30 pm **Coffee Break**

4:40 pm **Career advice. A panel discussion with**

- Annika Laser, PhD student (Helmholtz Zentrum Munich)
- Kaili Shen, consultant (BCG)
- Lena Prummer, communication manager (Allianz SE)
- Philip Häusser, TV moderator (ProSieben)
- Sebastian Hilsenbeck, co-founder (NavVis)

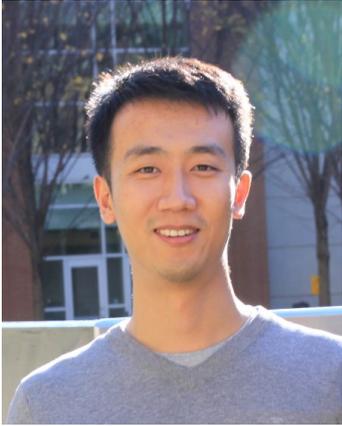
5:50 pm **Closing**

6:00 pm **Going out for dinner (unofficial)**

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**Ning Wang** - Organizer & Speaker

Ning majored in Aerospace Engineering at University of Stuttgart and completed his Diplom in 2013. Currently, Ning is writing his PhD thesis at his former university in cooperation with Airbus Group Innovations in Munich.

During his Fulbright year in 2011-2012, Ning completed a MS degree in Aerospace Engineering at Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta.

In February 2015, Ning was elected vice president members. As vice president members, Ning is in contact with regional chapters. He oversees the portfolio of activities and suggests programs to reach out to Fulbright grantees.



**Andrea Freiberger** - Organizer

Andrea finished her bachelors degree in Social Work in 2011. She spent afterwards her Fulbright year (2011-2012) at the University of North Carolina, where she finished with an Post-Bacculaureate Certificate in Peace and Conflict Studies. After returning back to Germany she continued her studies on Master level in Conflict Research at the University of Augsburg with a focus on ressource conflicts and conflicts within the "Energiewende".

Currently she works as project manager within the automotive industry at Webasto GmbH.



**Florian Grigoleit** - Organizer & Speaker

Florian studied mechanical engineering and computer science in Munich. He spent his Fulbright year 2010-2011 at Washington State University Pullman, where he obtained a M.S. in Computer Engineering.

Today, Florian is a Ph.D. student in artificial intelligence at the Technische Universität München.

After returning from his Fulbright year, he participated in regional and national events of the Fulbright Alumni Association.

In 2015, he was elected as treasurer of the Fulbright Alumni association. He enjoys the Fulbright spirit among fellow alumni at events like the Winterball.



**Anthony Miranda** - Special guest

Consul Anthony Miranda has been the head of the consulate's cultural and press section since July 2014. He previously served in Kabul, Afghanistan as the director of public diplomacy field programs. Before going to Kabul, Mr. Miranda worked at State Department headquarters in Washington, D.C., for four years: as an assistant to then Secretary of State Hillary Clinton coordinating her overseas trips and as an assistant to two Assistant Secretaries for Western Hemisphere Affairs. He also has served as the cultural attaché in Sofia, Bulgaria and as a consular officer in Madrid, Spain.

Mr. Miranda has a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Washington and a Juris Doctor (cum laude) from Boston University. A first-generation American, he hails from Miami, Florida.





**Simon Wimmer - Speaker**

Having grown up in Dingolfing, Bavaria, Simon started studying towards a Bachelor of Science in Informatics at the Technical University of Munich in 2011. After finishing his degree in August 2014, he went on to the University of Pennsylvania as a Fulbright grantee and to study towards a Masters degree in Computer Science. After staying there till June this year, he had the ability to intern at Facebook Inc. in Menlo Park, CA, for three months this summer, where he worked on software infrastructure for ad targeting. He is now a doctoral student in logic and formal software verification at TUM.



**Jonas Wilzewski - Speaker**

Jonas grew up in Gießen, Hessen, and graduated high school in 2010. He went on to do a "voluntary social year" at a homeless shelter in Mainz. He then took up his studies of physics at the universities of Mainz and Dresden, where he earned his Bachelor's degree in 2014. Last year, Jonas was a Fulbright student at Harvard University's Astronomy Department, where he learned a lot about spectroscopy of planetary atmospheres and got seriously interested in spectroscopy. Currently, Jonas is pursuing his Master's degree in physics at LMU Munich and he works part time in a spectroscopy lab at the German Aerospace Center (DLR) in Oberpfaffenhofen.



**Bernd Riedel - Speaker**

Bernd spent two Fulbright years (2011–2013) at the Parsons School for Design in New York City. As a Parsons Dean's Scholar, he completed a MFA in Transdisciplinary Design and was a DARPA funded researcher at the Parsons Institute for Information Mapping.

Back in Berlin, he teamed up with a fellow German Fulbrighter, his former Brooklyn roommate, to found the Ellery Studio for Creative Strategy and Design Thinking.



**Esther Täubert - Speaker**

Esther holds a Master of Education and is currently teaching English and Geography at a secondary school in Hamburg. Esther Täubert took part in the Fulbright Program 2014/15 as one of 14 foreign language teaching assistants (FLTA). She taught German at Lycoming College in Pennsylvania for two semesters. Studying and teaching at the same time offered a different perspective than most of the researchers and students get to experience during their stay. The FLTA community during that year brought together FLTAs from more than 50 countries. This community fostered intense cultural exchange and understanding. Moreover, as teaching is every FLTAs main task, more than 400 young people worked together on one goal all over the USA – fostering cultural understanding through language teaching.





**Katherine Protano** - *Speaker*

After finishing her bachelors degree in Global Studies, with focuses on developing economies and Conflict resolution, Katie moved to Vietnam to work for the Hanns Seidel Foundation. During her 8 months in Hanoi (as well as around Asia) she researched climate change mitigation and policy recommendations within the Mekong Delta Region. Currently she is a Fulbright ETA in Munich.



**Annika Laser** - *Speaker*

Annika works in the Research Unit of Molecular Epidemiology at the Helmholtz Center Munich since April 2014 and is a PhD student at the HELENA graduate school of Technical University of Munich. In her research, she deals with the combination of several biological characteristics and their association to widespread diseases. Before joining Helmholtz Center, Annika graduated with a Master of Science in Mathematical Biometrics from the University of Ulm, Germany.

As a Fulbright scholar, she studied at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM) from 2012 until 2013 and she holds a Master's degree in Mathematics from UWM.



**Jinhoon Jeong** - *Speaker*

Jinhoon Jeong is 22 years old and is currently studying law at the LMU in his third year. Directly after finishing his Abitur in 2012, he participated in the Fulbright Diversity Program, which brought him to the university of Kentucky in the summer of 2012. Since then, he participated in an exchange program at the Seoul National University and continues international law study.



**Kaili Shen** - *Speaker*

Kaili majored in Electrical Engineering at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology and UC Santa Barbara. In 2014, he started working as a management consultant at The Boston Consulting Group.

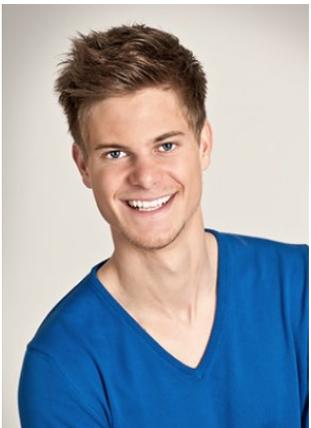
During his Fulbright year in 2012-2013, Kaili obtained his M.Sc. degree in Electrical Engineering from University of California - Santa Barbara.





**Lena Prummer** - *Speaker*

Lena spent her Fulbright year in Newark, New Jersey in 2010-2011, studying American Studies and Education at Rutgers University. After returning to Germany, she obtained an M.A. in American Studies, Communications and Political Science at LMU in Munich. Since then, she has been working in the communications department of the global headquarters of Allianz, where she is responsible for designing and delivering communication trainings for managers and staff.



**Philip Häusser** - *Speaker*

Philip started his studies in physics at LMU Munich and completed his Master's degree at the University of California, Santa Cruz with a Fulbright grant. His fields of research were quantum optics and retinal implants. After returning back to Germany in 2014, Philip continued his scientific career as a PhD student in computer science at TU Munich with a focus on deep learning for computer vision. Recent publications comprise the application of artificial neural networks on optical flow estimation and scene understanding.

Since 2011, Philip has hosted various national TV programs, such as "Planet Wissen" or "Galileo" where he conveys his enthusiasm for science to a broad audience.



**Sebastian Hilsenbeck** - *Speaker*

Sebastian is one of four co-founders of the TUM spin-off NavVis GmbH. Founded in 2013, the company specializes in large-scale digitalization of indoor spaces and location-aware services. Sebastian has a background in electrical engineering and computer science and graduated from TUM in 2011 with a Dipl.-Ing. as well as from GeorgiaTech, USA, in 2010 with a Master's degree.

At NavVis, he is responsible for NavVis' indoor navigation technology and mobile app development.

