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Why I Chose to Apply

• Encouragement and Curiosity!

• Sabbatical Opportunity: Perfect opportunity for an intellectual activity that paired well with a sabbatical

• Professional Development: Dynamic opportunities; challenges, obstacles; involvement; interaction.

• Culture, People and Place: Opportunity to gain in-depth prolonged perspective of another culture - what can I learn/impart given the culture, people, country and relationship.

• Make Meaningful Difference: Symbiotic educational perspective/experience.

“If you think you can do a thing or think you can't do a thing, you're right.” - Henry Ford
**Education and Outreach**

- **Lecture:** Taught several Formal and Informal classes as identified by host institution.

- **Outreach/Extension:** Worked to meet pre-identified community wants/needs via Informal Education presentations.

- **Seminars:** Taught several informal (Q/A) sessions with students/faculty/community.

- **Recruitment:** Worked with faculty and administrators to recruit potential students from remote areas.
Personal Impact

- **NO Regrets**: “You are more likely to regret the things you don’t do…” If not now, when? What if? They did - I can?
- **Better Understanding of Culture**: Not only a foreign/new culture; but how others see Americans.
- **Similarities**: We are more alike than different!
- **Perspectives**: Comfort zone and like-minded paradigms.
Professional Impact

- **Innovation and Diffusion of Ideas and Information**: Linear and Reciprocal.
- **Growth**: Develop/hone new and existing skill sets and personal/professional coping strategies and skills.
- **Shared Wisdom & Knowledge**: Assist in provision of a needed/requested specialized skill or knowledge set.
- **“No one of us is as smart as all of us.”**
- **Vitality**: Change, renew, recharge, rediscover, reinvigorate, challenge.
Question & Answer
Other Fulbright Programs

**Fulbright U.S. Student Program**
- Recent graduates, postgraduate candidates through dissertation level, developing professionals and artists to study and research abroad

**Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Program**
- Principally for primary- and secondary-level educators

**Fulbright-Hays Awards**
- Faculty research, group projects and seminars in designated social sciences and humanities fields

**Fulbright Specialist Program**
- Short term grants that promote linkages between U.S. scholars and professionals and their counterparts at host institutions overseas
Stay Engaged!

- Sign up for MyFulbright to receive tailored messages regarding the Fulbright Scholar Program
- Invite a Visiting Scholar to your campus through the Outreach Lecturing Fund
- Register for an upcoming Webinar

Questions?
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