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Distinguished Professor of American Studies, Belgium 2014

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• Teaching and Research
• University of Antwerp (2014)
• Universities of Ghent, Brussels, and Liège (1983-84)
• EU response to contemporary wit and humor; mind-science in American culture
Why I Chose to Apply

- Sustained on-site encounters with EU university students, to learn how they access, understand, and respond to contemporary **American wit and humor**

- Cross-cultural research and conversations related to how provocative ideas from the **mind-sciences are received, transformed, and exploited in mass culture**

- Adventure, new colleagues, and refreshment as a scholar and teacher
Seminars:
“The British and American Comic Tradition”
(c.20 advanced undergraduates)

“The Mind-Sciences and Modern Cultural Response”
(c.35 graduate students, Master’s and Doctoral)
Two recent published essays on wit and humor in American culture in a global context

Book-length translation of a work by Georges Clemenceau, stemming from academic conferences and conversations with new colleagues in Paris

Overhaul and updating of two courses I continue to teach at my home university

Continuing, lively relationships with other Fulbrighters (American and EU) and the Fulbright team in Washington DC
Institutional Impact

At Antwerp:

• Gentle but effective exposure of Flemish undergraduates to American styles of classroom interaction and research

At Home:

• Continued strengthening of my own scholarly profile
• Stronger presence on our Global Studies Faculty
• Better, more informed advocacy for study abroad experiences for our undergraduates, graduates, faculty and staff
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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

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