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# THE UNITED STATES STUDIES CENTRE



**E-Newsletter**

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## US Studies Centre CEO Welcome

Professor Geoffrey Garrett commences from April as the Centre's chief executive officer.

"After living in America for the past 20 years, it is an honour and privilege for me to return to Australia to lead one of the most important initiatives ever undertaken in Australia-US relations."



[Learn more about Professor Garrett.](#)

[Access Professor Garrett's recent commentary on the US elections in the Australian media.](#)

## Research Seminar Series Launched

The Centre's research seminar series highlights academics' current research on the US. The program's first semester includes a multimedia analysis of Oriental influences on Hollywood, a Harlem retrospective and findings on US public diplomacy.

[View details of the seminar series.](#)

[Call for presentations.](#)

## US Business Leadership Program

The US Business Leadership Program has been established, offering a diverse range of forums and seminars for senior executives of Australian business and government to meet with outstanding US leaders to exchange views on topics of importance to the two countries.



The program is headed by Professor Bruce McKern, an Australian academic who for the past six years served as Director of the Stanford Sloan Master's Program in the Stanford University Graduate School of Business.

[Details on the US Business Leadership Program and Professor McKern.](#)

## Prime Minister's Invitation

Associate Professor Lyn Carson, Academic Program Director with the United States Studies Centre, is one of a select few invited to participate in the 2020 Summit chaired by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd to discuss Australia's future.



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## > Upcoming Events

[18 April: Yellow Future-Oriental Style in Contemporary Hollywood Cinema](#)

[05 May: Coral Sea Reception](#)

[16 May: Black Metropolis - Harlem 1915-1930](#)

[25 May: Shoot the President](#)

[28 May: US Foreign Policy After Bush - Francis Fukuyama](#)

[30 May: The Public Interest Defence in](#)

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## Postgraduate Program Begins

18 students have commenced in the inaugural semester of the Centre's Master of US Studies, a record achievement for the first degree of its kind in Australia. The diverse group hails from Australia, the US, New Zealand, Germany, Greece and China, ranging in age from recent graduates to mature age students. Students' backgrounds include solicitors, electoral officers, teachers, UN and Capitol Hill staff, among others. Our students will be profiled in future newsletters.

[Learn more about the US Studies postgraduate program.](#)

## Super Election Watch

Whether fans of the left wing, right wing or the West Wing, a large and diverse group gathered on campus on 6 February to watch the returns from Super Tuesday. The event's voting centre revealed interesting facets about the election watch guests and their ability as political pundits to guess the day's outcomes.



[View the election watch voting centre results.](#)

## Yale Professor's State of the Union

Professor Peter Schuck from Yale University addressed the Centre in January. His lecture provided a constitutional and historical framework of the American electoral system and insights into American thinking as the nation heads to the polls. [Listen to the Professor Schuck's lecture.](#)

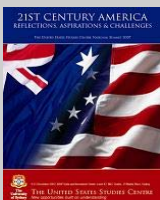
## Harriet Fulbright Lecture

In December, Mrs. Harriet Fulbright, wife of the late U.S. Senator J. William Fulbright and President of the J. William & Harriet Fulbright Centre, addressed the Centre on **The Role of Arts and the Humanities In Building International Understanding.**



[Download Mrs. Fulbright's lecture.](#)

## National Summit & Public Forum



The Centre's first national summit explored the theme of **21st America: Reflections, Aspirations and Challenges.** The December event featured keynote speakers from UC - Berkeley, Princeton, Harvard and Duke universities and respondents from Austrade, the Lowy Institute and the University of Sydney.

The summit's keynote speakers joined Michael Gawenda (former editor of The Age) and Peter Thompson (ABC Television) for a lively discussion on the United States.

[Download the summit and public forum podcasts.](#)

[US and Australian Media Law](#)

03 June:  
[The Idea of Freedom in the US](#)  
-Eric Foner

20 June: [US Public Diplomacy & International Public Opinion](#)

## > Partnerships

The US Studies Centre is a partnership between the University of Sydney and the American Australian Association. Learn more about the AAA by clicking on the AAA logo.



## National Survey

The United States Studies Centre national survey, **Australian Attitudes Towards the US**, represents the most comprehensive survey of its kind in Australia.

[Learn more about the survey and view its findings.](#)

[National and international media coverage of the national survey.](#)

## Centre's New Home

The US Studies Centre has taken up residency in its permanent facilities on campus in the John Woolley Building. Refurbishment of the heritage-listed site blends the building's Federation Arts and Crafts features with modern facilities. Completion of the Centre's offices is scheduled for mid-year.

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