UNH Faculty Excellence Seminar and Networking Reception
“International Research and Teaching as a Fulbright Scholar”

The Fulbright Scholar Program is a premier program of the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Since 1981, 70 Fulbright Scholar awards have been made to 60 UNH faculty to teach and/or conduct research in 42 countries. The international experiences of these scholars have enriched their lives, their UNH classrooms, and our UNH community in untold ways. In this seminar, UNH faculty Monica Chiu, Andrew Kun, and Tom Safford will share their Fulbright Scholar experiences, insights and perspectives.

**Date and Time:**
Monday, March 2, 4:00 – 6:30 p.m.
- Presentations and discussion: 4:00-5:30 p.m.
- Networking reception with refreshments: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

**Location:**
Squamscott Room, Holloway Commons

**Presenters:**

**Monica Chiu,** Professor of English, specializes in Asian American studies with a current focus on Asian/American graphic narratives. Her monographs include *Filthy Fictions: Asian American Literature by Women* (Alta Mira, 2004) and *Scrutinized! Surveillance in Asian North American Literature* (University of Hawai’i Press, 2014). As a Fulbright Scholar in 2011-12, she taught Asian American studies and American literature at The University of Hong Kong. The international Fulbright seminar she organized led to her edited collection *Drawing New Color Lines: Transnational Asian American Graphic Narratives* (Hong Kong University Press, 2014). Her essays have been published in journals such as *Mosaic; LIT: Literature, Theory, Interpretation; The Hmong Studies Journal; The Journal of American Literature; MELUS; English Language Studies; and The Lion and the Unicorn.*

**Andrew Kun,** is an Associate Professor in the department of electrical and computer engineering. His research is in speech user interfaces and pervasive computing. In January of 2014 Kun returned to his native Hungary to teach and do research at the Technical University of Budapest as a Fulbright Scholar in the area of cognitive load of assistive technologies for the elderly. Recently, Kun and UNH professor Tom Miller were awarded an NSF International Research Experiences for Students grant. Each summer between 2014 and 2017, three undergraduate and three graduate students will conduct research under this grant at the Human Computer Interaction Lab of Professor Albrecht Schmidt at the University of Stuttgart in Germany. Professor Schmidt and his lab are among the world leaders in the field of HCI. Student research will focus on two areas: in-vehicle speech interaction and speech interaction with public displays.

**Tom Safford,** associate professor of sociology, received his Fulbright Scholar award to study science and coastal development planning in Brazil in the Fall of 2014. He collaborated with faculty members and graduate students at two Santa Catarina universities (Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina and Universidade do Vale do Itajaí) to implement his new research project. “With one of the world’s longest coastlines, the interface between the land and the sea is central to life in Brazil. Population growth, a booming tourism industry, the discovery of offshore oil reserves, and increased demand for fishery resources has created a complex set of competing interests seeking to influence the course of development in coastal Brazil,” Safford said. As a Fulbright scholar, he drew on his expertise in the sociological study of science, the environment, and organizations to better understand how access to and assessments of scientific and technical information shape the behavior of organizations engaged in development and environmental planning.