

Letter from the Editor

Dear readers,

It is my pleasure to present the “Vínculos – ESPE Volume 3 No. 2 and 3” editions, which are dedicated to celebrating the work of the Fulbright Commission in Ecuador. 2017 was a special year for Fulbright Ecuador as it marked 60 years of building lasting connections and fostering mutual understanding between the people of Ecuador and the United States through cultural and educational exchange. The program offers “Fulbrighters” the opportunity to achieve their professional and personal dreams; resulting in new developments in a diversity of academic fields and lifelong friendships that continue to impact their communities.

What started on February 2017, during the anniversary celebration with a small group of enthusiasts, grew over 11 vibrant contributions from Fulbright Alumni that can be read in this journal. The contributions celebrate the legacy of Senator Fulbright, and the work of the Director of the Fulbright Commission in Ecuador, who inspired all of us. The essays and articles reflect the impact of the scholarship in different science fields.

Thanks to all contributors to these editions, whose life story proves that the saying holds true: “Fulbrigh is a family”. I am also grateful to the editorial team, graphic designer and proofreaders. To conclude, we hope these editions provoke insights into the challenging, but rewarding task of building and maintaining an active Alumni community, as well as advocate for the Fulbright Program.

Enjoy reading!