

UCA Graduate Receives Fulbright Award



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Cassandra "Casey" Gambill of the University of Central Arkansas has been awarded a Fulbright U.S. Student Program scholarship to Spain, the U.S. Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board recently announced.

Gambill will be a teaching assistant in a secondary school in metropolitan Madrid, Spain. She is one of over 1,500 U.S. citizens who will travel abroad for the 2010-2011 academic year through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program.

"I am honored to receive a Fulbright Teaching Assistantship to Spain, and look forward to sharing my culture and language with Spanish students," Gambill said. "As an Arkansan, I am especially thrilled to continue the global conversation that was first envisioned by Senator J. William Fulbright."

Gambill, 22, grew up in Conway and Greenbrier, Ark. She graduated in 2005 from Greenbrier High School and from UCA in December 2009. Her global perspectives have been shaped by Spanish, Linguistics, and Honors courses, as well as study abroad stints in Costa Rica, Italy, and Spain. She currently tutors English as a Second Language (ESL) students for the Pulaski County Special School District.

At UCA, she became interested in linguistics, and holds the distinction of being UCA's first Linguistics major. Casey has been very active in campus programs, welcoming foreign students with Team Global, interning for The Oxford American magazine, and tutoring in the campus writing center.

Gambill is the daughter of Michael and Cindy Gambill.

The Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government and is designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. The primary source of funding for the Fulbright Program is an annual appropriation made by the U.S. Congress to the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Participating governments and host institutions, corporations and foundations in foreign countries and in the United States also provide direct and indirect support. Recipients of Fulbright grants are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership potential in their fields. The Program operates in over 155 countries worldwide.

Fulbright recipients are among over 40,000 individuals participating in U.S. Department of State exchange programs each year. For more than sixty years, the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs has funded and supported programs that seek to promote mutual understanding and respect between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. The Fulbright U.S. Student Program is administered by the Institute of International Education.

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