

UNH Fulbright Scholarship Winner for 2005-2006



John C. Carroll, a University of New Hampshire 2005 graduate from Hampton, NH, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to teach English as a Second Language and American studies in Germany during the 2005-2006 academic year. Mr. Carroll graduated from UNH in May 2005 with a B.A. in History and German. John was also a member of the UNH Honors Program.

Mr. Carroll believes that “knowing where we have come from is essential to understanding where we are going,” and that “the culture and history of a land are necessarily tied together.” He sees the importance of studying the history of slavery when thinking about modern forms of music, like jazz and hip-hop. “A familiarity with the basics of American history is in fact quite relevant to the Germans of today,” explains Carroll, “especially given the strong economic ties between the two countries.”

Thinking ahead to the techniques he will use with his students, Mr. Carroll says that he will incorporate American film, music and art because they are great resources for idiom, culture and history. He sees film in particular as being important for teaching language and culture. “What better way to provide an example of a Bostonian accent than to show excerpts from *Good Will Hunting*?” asks Carroll. “How can a European understand the meaning of the Vietnam War in American culture without seeing *Platoon* or *Born on the Fourth of July*?” Mr. Carroll believes strongly in using various forms of media to aid in his instructional methods while in Germany, and he is excited to begin this first step in what he hopes will be a lifetime of teaching.

*Each year, the Fulbright U.S. Student Program awards grants to exceptional students from across the U.S. for study in over 120 countries. Recipients include students from all fields of study who will have earned a bachelor's degree by the start of the award year, and who wish to spend a year studying, conducting research and/or teaching English abroad. The next competition is scheduled for fall 2005 and will provide scholarships for post-baccalaureate study abroad in 2006-2007. **The campus deadline is September 26, 2005.** Interested students should begin work with Fulbright advisor Sheila McCurdy, Hood House 224, by mid-April 2005.*