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*University of Colorado College of Nursing Faculty Awarded Fulbright Scholarship*

**AURORA**, Colo. (June 5, 2023) – The University of Colorado College of Nursing at the Anschutz Medical Campus is pleased to announce that Associate Professor Christina Sun, PhD, has received a Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program award in LGBT health research in Botswana and Taiwan for the 2023-2024 academic year from the U.S. Department of State and the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

Dr. Sun’s research is focused on reducing health inequities through the application of community-based approaches and interventions. She has partnered with a variety of different communities, including transgender and gender diverse adults, adolescents, and Black gay men living with HIV, to address community priorities including HIV and tobacco use. She is currently conducting research in domestic and international settings. Her research has been funded by the National Institutes of Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

For her Fulbright research project, she will be working with community partners and conducting interviews with LGBT adults that utilize their photographs to understand continued LGBT health disparities and reveal perspectives that have been understudied and underrepresented. Findings can inform policies and programs to improve quality of life and reduce health disparities experienced by marginalized communities.

“We are extremely proud of Dr. Sun, her research and accomplishments. What an honor to be selected in such esteemed company,” says CU Nursing Dean Elias Provencio-Vasquez, PhD, RN, FAAN, FAANP.

Dr. Sun is among over 800 U.S. citizens who will teach or conduct research abroad for the 2023-2024 academic year through the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program. Fulbrighters engage in cutting-edge research and expand their professional networks, often continuing research collaborations started abroad and laying the groundwork for forging future partnerships between institutions, labs, and classrooms, they share their stories and often become active supporters of international exchange, inviting foreign scholars to campus and encouraging colleagues and students to go abroad.

As Fulbright Scholar alumni their careers are enriched by joining a network of thousands of esteemed scholars, many of whom are leaders in their fields. Notable Fulbright alumni include

62 Nobel Prize laureates, 89 Pulitzer Prize recipients, 78 MacArthur Fellows, and 41 who have served as a head of state or government. Since 1946, the Fulbright program has provided more than 400,000 participants from over 160 countries – chosen for their academic merit and leadership potential – with the opportunity to exchange ideas and contribute to finding solutions to challenges facing our communities and our world.

### **About the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus**

The University of Colorado College of Nursing is located on the Anschutz Medical Campus – a world-class medical destination at the forefront of transformative science, medicine, education and patient care. The campus encompasses the University of Colorado health professional schools, more than 60 centers and institutes, and two nationally ranked independent hospitals – [UCHealth University of Colorado Hospital](#) and [Children's Hospital Colorado](#) – that treat more than two million adult and pediatric patients each year. Innovative, interconnected and highly collaborative, the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus delivers life-changing treatments, patient care and professional training and conducts world-renowned research fueled by over \$650 million in research grants. For more information, visit [www.cuanschutz.edu](http://www.cuanschutz.edu).

### **About the Fulbright Program**

The Fulbright Program is the U.S. government's flagship international educational exchange program and is supported by the people of the United States and partner countries around the world. The Fulbright Program is funded through an annual appropriation made by the U.S. Congress to the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Participating governments and host institutions, corporations, and foundations around the world also provide direct and indirect support to the Program. In the United States, the Institute of International Education supports the implementation of the Fulbright U.S Student and Scholar Programs on behalf of the U.S. Department of State, including conducting an annual competition for the scholarships.

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