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**Paul Arthur Berkman Receives Fulbright Arctic Chair 2021-2022 to Norway for
SCIENCE DIPLOMACY AND INFORMED DECISIONMAKING FOR ARCTIC OCEAN SUSTAINABILITY**

The U.S. Department of State and the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board are pleased to announce that Paul Arthur Berkman of Massachusetts with the Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School and United Nations Institute for Training and Research has received a Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program award to Norway. Berkman will research and lecture at UiT | The Arctic University of Norway as part of a project to apply “Science Diplomacy and Informed Decisionmaking for Arctic Ocean Sustainability.” This Fulbright Arctic Chair project will focus on the Arctic Ocean, contributing to the “common Arctic issues” of “sustainable development and environmental protection” established with the Arctic Council by the eight Arctic States and six Indigenous Peoples’ Organizations with their 1996 Ottawa Declaration. As a region, the Arctic also is a “common concern of humankind” as shared with the 1992 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Background for this project emanates from Antarctica, where nations have been consulting continuously on “matters of common interest” since the 1959 Antarctic Treaty, facilitating cooperation between allies and adversaries alike throughout, especially with Russia and the United States.

As a Fulbright Scholar, Berkman will share knowledge and foster meaningful connections across communities in the United States and Norway. 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. Upon returning to their institutions, labs, and classrooms, in the United States, 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. Fulbright alumni include 60 Nobel Prize laureates, 88 Pulitzer Prize recipients, and 39 who have served as a head of state or government.

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