

Fulbright-Nehru Fellowship allows Jepsen to conduct research

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An assistant professor of political science at USD said his recent receipt of a nine-month Fulbright-Nehru Fellowship is the result of two things.

First, Eric Jepsen said, it's the training he received as a student in Texas and New Mexico.

Second, it's the "tremendously supportive environment" fostered by the university that allowed him to explore and engage in subjects he's passionate about.

"I'm standing on the shoulders of others," Jepsen said.

The fellowship he received was awarded by the United States Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship board.

It will allow him to conduct research for a book project tentatively titled, "Kerala in the Economic Reform Era: Ideas, Institutions and Interest Groups," and lecture at Kerala University in Kerala, India.

"I'm mostly interested how around the world, but in India in particular, how states, provincial governments, municipal governments or local governments are responding to the competitive pressures of the global economy," Jepsen said. "I seek to explain why states have been

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doing what they've been doing in terms of how they intend to court investment and develop their local economy. ...

"The Kerala case has been particularly interesting because it has been wildly successful in development, meaning it has the highest literacy rates, the highest child inoculation rates in the country, it has effectively universal access to education," he said. "That differentiates it from the rest of the Indian state, which is slightly below or significantly below Kerala in terms of many of those health and education concerns."

Jepsen's wife, Kaiya Ansoorge, and their four-year-old son will accompany him to India for the 2012-2013 academic year.

"That makes it a very nice adventure/opportunity to get work done on this book project, and to interact with scholars in and outside the classroom there," he said.

He earned his BA in political science from Texas

Lutheran University in 1994, followed by an MA in the subject from the University of New Mexico in 1996.

Jepsen earned his Ph.D. in political science from the University of New Mexico in 2006, the same year he joined the staff at USD.

The classes he teaches deal with world politics, comparative politics, globalization and political economy, among other subjects.

In addition, he is chair of the Global Learning Council, faculty advisor for the Political Science League, founder of USD's International Film Series and oversees high distinction projects in the Honors program.

Jepsen said global politics and economics both are long-term interests.

"I was always a compulsive reader of the newspaper," he said. "Maybe in the seventh or eighth grade I actually stopped reading the sports page for breakfast and switched over

to the front page of the business page.

"Since then I've switched back, but that's just the changing nature of getting older," he said.

When he's not in class, Jepsen and his family enjoy hiking, backpacking and camping.

"We try to spend multiple weekends during the summer in a tent each year," he said. "The goal is always to spend at least 25 days sleeping outside per year, and we're usually able to do that, especially when the weather's been so nice."

Jepsen also enjoys endurance running, and has a collection of "a couple thousand" records and CDs.

"I am thankful that Kaiya allows this," he said in an e-mail.

As for working at the university, Jepsen said his favorite aspect as interacting with the students, both in and out of class.

He also appreciates his coworkers.

"I love being part of a



scholarly community ... among my colleagues in the department, and then also other departments around campus. It's a tremendous honor," he said.

"Hardly a day goes by that I don't think of how lucky I am to live in this world of ideas, and to be able to converse with my fellow faculty members."

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