Charles Ferguson is Alumnus of the Year

Academy Award winner honored at 80th Anniversary Gala

Charles Ferguson, a resident of I-House from 1973–76, received the 2011 Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature as director of Inside Job, a film that explores the 2008 economic crisis. In accepting the Oscar, Ferguson said, “Forgive me, I must start by pointing out that three years after a housing financial crisis caused by fraud, not a single financial executive has gone to jail, and that is wrong.” The documentary, narrated by Matt Damon, has been praised for its global scope and intense interviews with politicians, journalists, academics, and financial insiders. The film reveals that there are now five lobbyists for every lawmaker in Congress and that American financial industries invested $5 billion in their lobbying efforts. Ferguson says that parts of the American economic profession had a supporting role in causing the economic crisis.

“I thought I was prepared,” says the documentary filmmaker about what he was to learn of Wall Street insiders, “but I had grossly underestimated the level of extraordinarily unethical and even fraudulent behavior that occurred on such a large scale.” For more than 20 years, Ferguson had been intensely interested in film and regularly attended film festivals. After learning that no major documentary film was being planned to examine U.S. policy in Iraq, he founded Representational Documentary Film as director of Inside Job, a film that explores the 2008 economic crisis. In accepting the Best Documentary Feature award, Ferguson said, “Forgive me, I must start by pointing out that three years after a housing financial crisis caused by fraud, not a single financial executive has gone to jail, and that is wrong.”

Because of I-House

Residents Create Davis Peace Projects in Ethiopia and the Philippines

More than 750 children in Kaliti, Ethiopia, now arrive three hours before school starts to use solar-powered computers in a new learning center at a school with so few resources that there are no textbooks and electric power is sporadic at best. “The two computers—one used primarily by girls and one primarily by boys—are the focus of amazing collaborative learning communities,” says Jason Atwood, Ethiopia ConnectED project organizer. “Hundreds of students benefit by watching each other and teaching each other.”

In rural Abay, Philippines, Jacqueline Barin recruited local community “motivators” who, in turn, recruited women from the community to attend weekly classes on topics including nutrition, maternal health, family planning, mental health, child development, and disease prevention. “Better informed mothers are making better decisions that benefit the health and well-being of their families and the entire community,” says Jacqueline who initiated the Healthy Ka Pamilya (Your Healthy Family) project.

Jacqueline Barin (center) with the community “motivators” who helped her implement a series of family health workshops in rural Abay, Philippines.

As testimony to how Jason’s project promotes peace, one parent said, “You are not from our country, we don’t speak the same language, we’re not even of the same race. And yet, you did more with us and for us in five weeks than the government has done in five years. Every child in this school, as well as their siblings and parents and neighbors, are forever inspired by the spirit of generosity you shared with us through this project.”

Jason is expanding Ethiopia ConnectED into a non-profit organization to build computer learning centers in under-sourced communities throughout the world. His first priority is to provide more computers to the Sinai School in Kaliti, Ethiopia, while continuing to evaluate the impact on student achievement and motivation. To get involved, contact Jason at jasonatwood@gmail.com

Projects for Peace gave Jacqueline Barin the opportunity to use the skills she developed as a public health undergraduate to inspire people to create positive change in their communities. Soon after graduating from Cal, Jacqueline—who is of Chinese-Filipino heritage—was in the Philippines preparing lessons plans for weekly classes, conducting meetings, and building bridges between cultures. “This was my very first time in the Philippines,” says Jacqueline. “I chose this particular province of Ethiopia because of I-House.”

Letter from Japan

Mohamed Aly Moustafa

During the weeks of protest in Egypt that led to President Mubarak’s resignation, resident Mohamed Aly Moustafa from Egypt was asked by many about his perspective on events in Egypt. “I was super excited and wanted to share this with everyone,” says Mohamed. “I am still a little worried, but very optimistic about the future of my country.”

Mohamed, a Ph.D. student in Civil and Environmental Engineering, plans to be

Programs Focus on Middle East

With hopes for democracy sweeping the Middle East, International House programs explored the politics and celebrated the cultures of the region.

Traditional Wednesday night Coffee Hours are popular events for celebrating cultures. An Israeli-Iranian Coffee Hour showcased the connections between Israeli and Iranian cultures at an event sponsored by Cal’s Iranian Student’s Cultural Organization and the Hillel Jewish Student Center. A Lebanese Coffee Hour featured Lebanese food, presentations, and dancing.

Students enjoyed the Lebanese Coffee Hour.

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Executive Director’s Message

One memorable moment of I-House history involves the night the House became unambiguously co-educational. For decades, imposing doors separated the genders at I-House, presumably for mutual protection. Then on the evening of December 3, 1968, the doors mysteriously vanished. Executive Director Sherry Warrick wisely treated their disappearance with benign neglect and the barriers faded into legend, thus ending a long tradition.

In fact, change is our most enduring tradition. Change that takes place inside us as we remove barriers to other cultures and peoples. Change happens as we become fast friends with people we never imagined meeting and whose names we could not pronounce at first. We carry change with us to the world beyond the walls of I-House.

A chunk of concrete graces my office table. While its presence calls into question my taste in decoration, I happily inform visitors that this piece of concrete was chipped by me years ago from the Berlin Wall. It serves as my daily reminder of how I-House was about removing barriers, helping our residents to change the way they experience the world.

This is the year of 80th Anniversary celebrations and I have just returned from the I-House reunion in Seattle. As we gazed over the beautiful waters of Lake Washington, alumni reminisced about the shared experience that brought them together. As always, I am impressed by how quickly we coalesce into community. For me the most poignant moment of these gatherings of the I-House community is when alumni discuss how the I-House experience changed their lives, how I-House helped them to acquire a perspective on life that they value deeply. I hope you enjoy reading the “Because of I-House” statements on page 4 that reflect the impact I-House has had on so many lives and I invite you to submit your own “Because of I-House” reflection.

In a 1930 letter to UC President Robert Gordon Sproul, the donor who made I-House possible, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., wrote: "International House is a...new kind of experiment – the day to day practice of international fellowship among men and women. Such a community of university students, representing all nations living together beneath one roof, will further the cause of peace throughout the world; for peace is the product of knowledge and understanding...It is difficult to overvalue the importance of this service for the well being of the world."

For 80 years, I-House has created an environment that nourishes openness to others, embracing change within ourselves as we reach out to different cultures and traditions. We are committed to ensuring that the next eight decades of I-House will be just as meaningful as the first eight. However, these years occur against a very different backdrop. The University of California is becoming more of a national university featuring ever more students from abroad and from other regions of the U.S. Global links among students are becoming the norm.

As the globe becomes ever more interdependent, the ability of I-House alumni to remove barriers to cooperation becomes ever more important. We strive to better provide our residents the critical cross cultural skills they need through workshops and courses. Our hope is that I-House will always be a “new kind of experiment” that furthers the cause of peace and that I-House will always be the change we want to see in the world.

80 Years of Removing Barriers

Resident Room Dedication Honors Remarkable Alumni Couple

Helen and Raj Desai met in the I-House Dining Hall. Recently, they celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary. Generous champions of International House and its mission - in word, voice, deed, and philanthropic support - International House is pleased to confer a resident room naming opportunity to honor the Desais. A mahogany-mounted brushed brass plaque engraved as follows will adorn the fifth floor hallway:

DEDICATED TO HELEN & RAJ DESAI

Helen, a native Caliianfornia, was an undergraduate in 1952, when she met Raj, a graduate student in Structural Engineering who had arrived recently from his native Bombay. As fellow residents, they fell in love. Raj completed his Masters degree at Cal while Helen completed both her B.A. and Masters degrees in Art History, and together they established the many lifelong friendships that sustained and enriched their remarkable partnership, including world wide travel, productive careers, and raising their three children and seven grandchildren, including two new generations of I-House residents.

I-House is honored to dedicate Raj’s honorary room, 547, in their honor.

80 Years of Removing Barriers

Name your room or inscribe a brick through your gift to International House. Contact Shanti Corrigan at 510.642.0124 or shanti@berkeley.edu

Inscribed Bricks Celebrate I-House, Alumni, and Friends

Alumna Barbara Cohen-Schweitzer (1959-62) recently inscribed a brick on the 1-House patio, only a few months after her 70th birthday. She celebrated the milestone in London with a long-time I-House friend, Peter Dickerson and family. Peter had been among friends celebrating her 21st while she was a resident of I-House in room #457.

During a recent visit, Barbara met the current resident of her former room, Connie Ing from California, a student in Environmental Engineering Science.

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Board member Atef Eltoukhy being interviewed by ABC News at the Egyptian Performance on February 1st.

Dr. Afain Saha who was raised in Libya, reflected on efforts to bring democracy to his country and said, “After the first time in decades, it feels good to be an Arab.”

Dr. Aftim Saba from Libya.

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If one day a people desire to live
Then fair must answer their call
And their night must then begin to fade
And their chains break and fall.

Dr. Shiri adds, "This poem goes against the fatalistic approach to life that people often adopt in the face of adversity – hence its appeal and its seemingly impossibility. This line inspired Arabs elsewhere and they started to believe that their... wishes can come true when they decide they are a people.”

Dr. Larry Michalak, retired Vice Chair of the U.S. Center for Middle East Studies, moderated the panel. Zohr Salemian, an Iranian American and UC visiting scholar, and Yosannah Daifallah, a Ph.D candidate in Political Science from Egypt, also participated. The Center for Middle Eastern Studies and the Peace and Conflict Studies joined I-House in sponsoring the program.

Dr. Liliane Koziol, I-House Program Director, says, "The many regions represented allowed the audience to compare and contrast different perspectives. We all left inspired with a great sense of what the meaning of hope is in the Middle East and the rest of the world.”

Necnost Persian New Year was celebrated on March 18 with a festive meal and entertainment in the Dining Room. This is one of many theme dinners held throughout the year to celebrate the world’s cultures.

The Berkeley Forum on the Middle East: from Pennia to Iran is the tile of the Road Scholar (Elderhostel) program, June 5-14. For details visit ihouse.berkeley.edu/roadshow
Meet I-House Residents

I-House is home to 575 residents. Ajay and Emily are representative of the diverse talents, backgrounds, and promise of I-House students, and are among 84 residents who receive full or partial room and board scholarships.

Ajay Kumar Yadav

From: Kanpur, India

Degree, Field of Study: Ph.D., Materials Science and Engineering

Accomplishments: Ajay grew up on the campus of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in Kanpur, India, where his father taught. He completed his Bachelor of Technology in Materials and Metallurgical Engineering at IIT where he was awarded the Birla Gold Medal and recognized for the Best Academic Performance in 2009. After a year of research, he came to Berkeley to follow his passion for the fields of Multiferroics and Thermoelectrics.

Future: "After graduation, I plan to stay in academia and return to my home country as I strongly feel that there is need for more research and teaching in India."

Because of I-House: "Living in I-House is the most enriching experience of my life. I never thought I would learn so much about different cultures. It has definitely broadened my perspective on life."

I have truly honored to be a recipient of Rafael Reif/Google Golden Age Foreign Student Scholarship. I would like to give my sincerest thanks to all of the donors who make this scholarship possible, especially Professor and I-House Golden Age alums Marion Ross.

Emily Tung

From: Sao Paulo, Brazil

Degree, Field of Study: B.S. Business Administration with a minor in Spanish Language

Accomplishments: Emily immigrated to the U.S. with her family in pursuit, as she says, "of the American Dream." She has led service projects, including the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program for which she helped prepare volunteers in tax return preparations and is a facilitator of a student-taught class, the Microfinance Decal. Currently she is in Asia to learn about the rise of the Southeast Tiger economies.

Future: "After graduation, I am moving to New York to start a career in management consulting and would like to pursue projects in developing countries in Latin America and Asia. After a few years, I plan on returning to graduate school for a Master's in Developmental Studies and Public Policy."

Because of I-House: "I’ve had the experience of a lifetime. Belonging to a tightly-knit community allowed me to find many like-minded people who will always be in my heart. I have met some of the most wonderful and extraordinary people!"

The I-House Scholarship has tremendously helped my family, and has added me on my quest of becoming a global citizen."

Resident Debates Foster Intercultural Respect

Provocative and intriguing discussions informed by multiple cultural perspectives are a hallmark of life at I-House. Residents from 2010-11 have re-established a formal Debate Club with regular public-access discussions of controversial subjects of international importance.

Last fall a discussion regarding legalizing prostitution garnered considerable resident attention, and the spring topic was: Should International Actors Promote Democracy in the Middle East?

Cal Alumni Association Honors I-House’s Victor Pineda

"I-House was the birthplace of the Victor Pineda Foundation," reported Victor Pineda on a recent visit to I-House. Victor was awarded the Mark Bingham Award for Excellence in Leadership by a Young Alumus at the Cal Alumni Association’s (CAA) 2011 Charity Gala in recognition of his leadership in international disability rights, including founding the Victor Pineda Foundation. The foundation educates and inspires young people with disabilities, particularly in poor countries, to help them overcome their challenges.

Created in 2002 by Victor while completing his Cal bachelor’s degrees in Business and Political Economy, and a master’s in City Planning, the foundation now provides over $200,000 in annual awards, just part of Victor’s tremendous achievements as an international disability rights advocate, including presentations at the U.N. Originally from Venezuela, Victor recently completed a book, a collection of essays with others entitled Philosophy of Disability: Reflections on Invisibility. He is now a Ph.D. candidate at the UCLA School of Public Affairs. "Nobody is perfect, we’re all born with constraints and challenges. It’s how we use those that define us," says Victor Pineda, CAA honoree and I-House notable alumnus.

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From left: Sadako Ogata (IH 1956-57), United Nations; Jerry Brown (IH 1960-61), California Governor; Chitra Divakaruni (IH 1978-79), Best Selling Author; Eric Schmidt (IH 1976-80), Google Chairman and former CEO.

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-Korel Sang V, IH 1961-65

Because of I-House | A New Friendship!

I have traveled the world for 10 months straight — visiting many friends in many countries... accompanied by an amazing wife who I met in the Great Hall! Thank you! Shares — Giovanni Gonzalez, IH 2003 & Sara Bahkhtyari, IH 2004

Because of I-House the world was opened up to me. As a 19 year old undergrad, I was a protected young girl and after 3 years as a resident I left I-House as a self assured young woman. The opportunity to interact with international graduate students gave me the interactive skills I use today in our small business (English Studies Institute).

—Bonu Ghosh, IH 1982-85

I've been given a unique opportunity to enjoy the wonders of the vast cultural diversity the world has to offer!

— Lars Folkeide, current resident

I have met so many beautiful people here, and I will always cherish them in my life.

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My years at I-House were pivotal. I met my wife, Eleanor “Bunny” Dodson, of 57 years. I made friendships that lasted all my life. I chose a legal career dedicated to international relations and peaceful settlement of disputes. The exposure to people of different ethnic, racial, religious and social orientation imbued me with a deep respect for others and a desire to understand how we can accommodate our differences.

—Irving G. Tragen (IH 1942-43 & 1947)
### 1990s Reunion in January Led by I-House Friends Trang and Sam

Trang Nguyen and Samantha Abbato organized a reunion of 1990-92 residents held January 16 at I-House. The event brought together 30 I-House alums plus spouses and children (future residents likely among them!), and included a Dining Room brunch followed by reminiscences, videos, and remarks by Executive Director Martin Brennan in the Great Hall.

Although Sam and Trang have stayed in touch, the reunion was the first time they had seen each other in person since their days as residents. Sam, who lives in Australia, and Trang flew to the reunion with her family. “When we met as students in 1990, Trang, who lives in Seattle, WA was also accompanied by her family.”

"Because of I-House, I have made some of the most valuable life-long friendships I have today, especially Trang, whom I met on my first day at I-House. We have been in close contact for 20 years even though we live on opposite sides of the world," said Sam. She also credited I-House with influencing her career path, helping Australian nonprofits and government agencies provide culturally-appropriate services to diverse constituents, including newly arrived refugees.

Trang admitted that seeing Sam again and hearing her words choked her up. "The many friendships I have made at I-House opened my eyes and awakened in me a curiosity about the world and its many cultures, which I have explored through travel, learning a new language, and living abroad," said Trang. "Some of my closest friends are still those I have made at I-House and through friends of I-House. It was, without doubt, a highlight and turning point in my life."

### Letters From....

**Letter from: Katie Bokan-Smith (IH 2007-08)**

*In Takasaki, Japan*

My experiences at I-House fueled my aspirations to teach overseas and immerse myself in new cultures. Living at I-House allowed me to converse with people from around the world and instilled in me a passion for international cultural exchange and global understanding. My time there will certainly inspire and positively affect the decisions that I make in the future. I will never forget my incredible year at I-House. It was the best year of my life.

On March 11, Japan suffered a horrific 9.0 earthquake and terrifying tsunami that has severely damaged and wiped away several towns and cities on the coast east of Japan. However, despite these tragic events, the Japanese people continue to survive and inspire me by carrying on with their daily lives in calm and respectful ways, helping rather than fighting their neighbors to survive. The earthquake lasted several minutes and many of us quickly retreated under our desks. Luckily, at this time, only after school sports clubs remained at school. After the first shake, we ran outside to make sure our students were safe.

Daily life in Takasaki has definitely changed with long lines at the gas station and reduced gas allowances, scheduled rolling blackouts to conserve energy, food shortages at the grocery store, and a general fear that the nuclear plants in Fukushima may explode and emit dangerous radiation.

I live in Gunma, prefecture, an inland prefecture northwest of Tokyo and 300 km from the Fukushima nuclear plants. I currently feel safe and school continues as normal with daily classes, except for reduced school lunches. Despite the shock of the earthquake, the students still come to school with smiles on their faces and an eagerness to learn English.

I began my overseas pedagogical adventure seven months ago and now feel settled in my role as a teacher, language assistant, and international ambassador from the U.S. As a Japan Exchange Teaching Program (JET) participant, my goal are to foster cultural exchange and global awareness between my home country and Japan.

My job is never dull, especially when students approach me with entertaining questions such as “Do you eat sushi?” or “Do you have a boyfriend?” I create lessons that introduce new vocabulary and cultural ideas that my elementary and middle school students can learn from and enjoy. I began without any knowledge of Japanese, and was introduced into a Japanese teaching-work environment. Since then, I have been attending a Japanese class, learning to play the koto (a traditional stringed instrument), and playing the violin in the community orchestra.

My heart goes out to those who have lost loved ones and to those who continue to search for those that are missing. I live in I-House in 1973 and while still a Cal student established a North Berkeley sushi bar that was owned by a trio of struggling students. With growing success, Yoshi’s moved first to Claremont Avenue in Oakland where live music was incorporated and then to Jack London Square. Yoshi’s San Francisco opened in 2007. Over the years, Yoshi’s earned a reputation as the Bay Area’s premier location for great food and world-class jazz.

Yoshi Bokan-Smith graduated with honors from UC Berkeley in May 2008 with bachelor’s degrees in English literature and French. Following graduation, she completed a teaching credential program at Saint Mary’s College of California followed by a Master’s in Education. In the fall of 2012, Katie plans to pursue a Ph.D. on International Education with an emphasis on second language learning.

Update: Later in March, Katie wrote that she was preparing to leave Japan but hoping to return when conditions improves.

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### Yoshi Hosts All Decades Reunion

More than 200 bay area alumni joined current residents to celebrate I-House past and present at an 80th Anniversary All-Decades Reunion held at Yoshi’s just Club and Japanese Restaurant in San Francisco. The January event was hosted by I-House Board members Diane Dwyer, NBC Bay Area News Anchor, and Yoshi Akiba (IH 1973), founder and namesake of Yoshi’s.

As alumni reconnected and enjoyed the “sushi, sake, and jazz” theme of the event, a new I-House historical retrospective film played on monitors. Executive Director Martin Brennan welcomed guests and was invited on stage by Executive Director Emeritus Emerita Sherry Warrick who shared her memories of I-House. Host Diane Dwyer invited guests to commemorate the 80th anniversary by writing their reflections beginning with “Because of I-House…”

More sincere thanks go to Yoshi Akiba for providing a spectacular venue for the gathering. Yoshi, who was orphaned during World War II, came to the U.S. to study fine arts, dance, and dance therapy. She lived in I-House in 1973 and while still a Cal student established a North Berkeley sushi bar that was owned by a trio of struggling students. With growing success, Yoshi’s moved first to Claremont Avenue in Oakland where live music was incorporated and then to Jack London Square. Yoshi’s San Francisco opened in 2007. Over the years, Yoshi’s earned a reputation as the Bay Area’s premier location for great food and world-class jazz.

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### Gatherings in LA, New Mexico, Seattle

Alumni gatherings outside the Bay Area celebrated I-House’s 80th Anniversary. Alumni gathered at Shutters on the Beach in Santa Monica, CA, on November 8, 2010 following a “Discover Cal” everyone sponsored by campus, and shared an informal and quite lively dinner. Executive Director Martin Brennan attended the event and also hosted similar gatherings in Albuquerque, NM on February 18 and in Seattle, WA on March 18th, a night co-hosted with alumni Kamran Nemati. “To really is inspiring to find that through so many different ways, I-House has made an important impact on the lives of alumni, in every academic field and from every cultural background,” says Brennan.

80th Anniversary gatherings will continue throughout 2011 (see http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/80).

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### 1980s Alumni Reunion - Oct. 29-30, 2011

Calling all 80s alumni! Al Brand (IH 1985-87) is helping organize a reunion the last weekend of October in 2011 – centered around Sunday brunch on the 30th. For looking for details at http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/80 and I-House’s Facebook page.
Congratulations to my years at I-House and the friends I made. I
am happy life."

Roslyn, passed away on June 22, 2008, one week short of our 61st anniversary. We met at I-House
writes, "My dear wife, Betty Koehler Burton-Loop
and the City of Palo Alto in
Aid – 18 years in Africa, teaching and training,
and new experiences add to great memories of my
is happy to be back in his

Leslie John,
moved to I-House…
renowned for its remarkable ability to
and lasting affection for his favorite team. GO

Career in Redondo Beach CA.
with plans to install more in low-income

Soroush Aazami enjoyed a hiking trip near Lake

Ferrin Bergadas is happy to be back in his

in the fall newsletter. She writes, "I had my first

Bob Wollberger

Mamba.

we are more convinced than ever of the need to get to

in the 1940s

1950s

1960s

1970s

1980s

1990s

2000s

Nancy Ayer
writes, "I enjoy reading about
former and current residents - their activities, interests, associations. The young ones are our future. Thanks for your efforts for peace."

Divination Year">I have the best memories of I-House where I met my husband, Byron. I recently went to I-House where I had a wonderful time - everything was so friendly. I am more convinced than ever of the need to get to know each other."
Your news for the next newsletter:

Stay involved in International House!

- Send me news and announcements at the email address below.
- Include me in the mailing list for future alumni-resident Lodestar programs.
- Add us to the list of I-House Couples
  (see http://libouse.berkeley.edu/alnotes/alnotes.html)
- I can identify potential corporate/foundation sponsors. Please contact me for details.
- Send me the I-House T-shirt. $15 US / $28 International. Enclosed is my check drawn on a U.S. bank or credit card number, expiration date, and security code.

Women's V-Neck __S__ __M__ __L__ __XL__
Men's Crew Neck __S__ __M__ __L__ __XL__
Child/Youth __2__ __4__ __6__ __8__ __10

Baby Onesie __3__ - __6__ mo. __6__ - __12__ mo. __12__ - __18__ mo.

Please send information on charitable estate and gift planning.
I have included an I-House in my estate plans.

Please Update your record:

Please circle:
- Ms./Mrs./Mr./Dr./Prof./other:
- First name
- Middle initial
- Last name
- Name when enrolled, if different

Street address (if not printed on reverse)

City
State/Province
Postal code
Country

Email
Phone
Years at I-House 19/20________ to 19/20________
Occupation
Employer
Sponsor type: male/female/other
Sponsor name:
Sponsor relationship:
Sponsor email:
Sponsor phone:

If applicable, his/her years at I-House: 19/20________ to 19/20________
2011 Calendar of Events

Calendar events and dates are subject to change. Please visit http://ihouse.berkeley.edu to view details and more events added daily.

May 2
Festival de Sevilla Dinner 6-8 pm

May 4
International House Gala Soirée honoring Charles Ferguson (IH ’73-’76): Director of Academy Award-Winning Documentary Inside Job, 6-9 pm

May 5
Cinco de Mayo Lunch 11:30 am - 1:30 pm and Dinner 6-8 pm

May 12
Barbecue Lunch 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

May 18
Washington DC Reunion (see http://house.berkeley.edu/80/)

June 1
Alumni Coffee Hour in San Francisco at Bernstein offices 6 pm (see http://house.berkeley.edu/80/)

June 9-11
Road Scholar Program: The Berkeley Forum on the Middle East: from Persia to Iran

June 16
Barbecue Lunch 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

June 22
Mitz “T” the Gypsy Cowbelle: Sunset Concert in the Home Room

June 23
Filipino Night Dinner 6-8 pm

July 4
American Birthday Barbecue Dinner 6-8 pm

July 6
Randy Craig: Sunset Concert in the Home Room

July 14
 Bastille Day Dinner 6-8 pm

July 20
Biscuits & Honey: Sunset Concert in the Home Room

July 21
Barbecue Lunch 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

August 9
California Bounty Sustainable/Organic Dinner 6-8 pm

August 25
Barbecue Lunch 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

September 1
Robert Reich Globalization Series Lecture 8 pm

September 16
Mexican Independence Day Dinner 6-8 pm

September 22
Barbecue Lunch 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

October 7
Oktoberfest Dinner 6-8 pm

October 13
Barbecue Lunch 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

October 22
Diwali Festival of Lights Dinner 6-8 pm

October 30
1980s Alumni Reunion Brunch at IHouse (see http://house.berkeley.edu/80/)


Because of I-House, students found lifelong friends, chose career paths, fell in love, found a home away from home, experienced a global community, built intercultural leadership skills, talked for hours over dinner with people from diverse backgrounds, broke down walls of prejudice and politics, found inspiration to make a difference in the world, and were, in short, challenged, enriched, enlightened, and changed. Alumni and friends are submitting “Because of I-House” reflections on the impact I-House has had on their lives as part of the celebration of the 80th Anniversary of International House. See more “Because of I-House” statements on page 4.

Stay Connected to I-House on Social Networks

Did you know I-House has more than 3,000 fans and friends on Facebook? Fans of I-House Berkeley, The Official Page, receive timely event announcements and the latest I-House news. Spread the word, join the conversation and “Like” us at facebook.com/berkeleyihouse.

We welcome your participation on these and other online social networks. Visit ihouse.berkeley.edu for links.

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The Newsletter for Friends & Alumni of I-House Berkeley

Because of I-House
“I’ve learned that friendship has no boundaries”
- Julia Pozuelo, current resident

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