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Singer, songwriter, advocate and champion of human rights, Joan Baez has brought awareness to the circumstances, cultures and challenges of our globalized world. Ms. Baez walked in the civil rights movement alongside Martin Luther King, was a spokesperson for Amnesty International, founded the Institute for the Study of Non-Violence, the Humanitas International Human Rights Committee, and has traveled around the world to sing songs of peace and freedom in such places as Chile, Vietnam, Northern Ireland and Bosnia-Herzegovina. She has shared her distinctive voice with grassroots activists across the globe, singing for U.S. Presidents as well as Mikhail Gorbachev, Vaclav Havel and Nelson Mandela. Ms. Baez has said “I discovered early on that, in the words of Swedish Ambassador Harald Edelstam, “I cannot tolerate injustice.” This inability to tolerate injustice has brought me to the roots of human misery, called me to engage in the fight for the rights, freedoms, and the dignity of others. And in so doing, has helped me to maintain my own dignity.”

Leading Change by Example: Residents Speak at Sunday Supper

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World-renowned vocalist and peace advocate, Joan Baez, was celebrated at a festive May Gala to a capacity crowd as she accepted the I-House Global Citizen of Peace award. Joined by I-House Alumnus of the Year, Daniel Mouen-Makoua, the achievements celebrated at the Gala underscore how efforts to bridge cultural divides are pivotal to advancing “a world of greater understanding.”

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I-House welcomes the following members elected in March 2012 to a 3-year term:

**Milan Piterman (IH 1987)**
An IH, Cal and Stanford alumna, Milan has broad international business and teaching experience. A volunteer high school track coach, Milan's youngest son, Konstantine, joins Cal's track team this fall, while eldest son, Sergey, studies Integrative Biology/Env. Econ, and currently lives at I-House.

**Peter Robertson**
Peter is currently Director of Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. Over the course of his 36-year career at Chevron, he advanced through a number of leadership positions in various divisions, retiring as Vice-Chairman of the Board in 2009. Peter previously served on the I-House Board from 2002 – 2011. In addition to serving as Vice Chair of the I-House Board, he chaired the I-House $10M 75th anniversary campaign.

Executive Director’s Message

Sunday Supper and Freudian Slippers

What is particularly distinctive about I-House? My answer: “Sunday Suppers.” This gathering of residents, alumni and friends to share food, entertainment and friendship always brings something memorable. Our February 12 Sunday Supper was a prime example. The auditorium was packed. Residents Momen El-Husseiny and Dotto Mnyadi held us spellbound as they provided first-hand accounts of the Egyptian revolution and the breakthroughs and challenges in combating HIV/AIDS in Africa.

By tradition, I am granted the last word—a delightful prerogative of the Executive Director as long as my droning is restrained. As I prepared my remarks for this Sunday Supper my bulb stayed dim no matter how many times I proclaimed “Fiat Lux!” Sigmund Freud once said: “When inspiration does not come to me, I go halfway to meet it.” Well, earlier in the week an alumnus had presented me with a pair of slippers featuring the face of none other than Sigmund Freud. I decided to don these Freudian Slippers to take me halfway to inspiration. In fact, I wore them at Sunday Supper. They did not spark a new fashion trend.

I focused my remarks on leadership—a topic particularly relevant as I-House has just launched the Initiative on Intercultural Leadership for a select group of residents.

Most of us have been raised in the dichotomous world of leaders and followers. You are either a leader or a follower. In many cultures, perhaps most cultures, leaders grab the headlines, inspire statues and their names are affixed to streets and parks. By this formula followers are, well, just followers.

At the International Houses Worldwide Conference in Brisbane this January, we learned about First Followers. Simply put, while all leaders have followers, not all followers are equal. First Followers see the value of the leader’s vision and have the courage to risk embarrassment, failure or even ostracization by stepping forward. The first follower validates the leader. Indeed, when other followers come forward, they are often responding to the first follower—the one who pioneered the path to the leader’s vision.

I-House is a community of first followers. The vision that guides I-House is almost a century old yet is validated afresh as each generation of residents stretches across cultural divides to establish the life-long friendships that inform their future. As I meet I-House alumni around the world, most recently at the I-House reunion in Sydney, I am always inspired that so many of our alumni exemplify Gandhi’s invitation to “live the change you want to see in the world.”

On May 3rd, we will honor Daniel Mouen-Makoua as I-House Alumnus of the Year. Daniel has devoted enormous energy and courage to launch a project that aims to bring a better life to a part of northern Nigeria where hope all too often lies in the shadow of fear. This summer, thanks to the good offices of I-House New York and Davis Projects for Peace, three teams of newly minted alumni will undertake peace projects in Latin America and the Middle East.

As my tenure at this wonderful institution meets the horizon, I am grateful to have had an opportunity to receive so much inspiration from the international family that is I-House. During my first days here a resident reflected upon I-House and commented “We are the first.” May this be so and may I-House continue to be a House of hope. It will always be present in me, and should Giovanna and I have the good fortune to be invited to attend a Sunday Supper, I promise to leave my slippers at home.
21 Residents, 19 countries, 1 Goal: Intercultural Leadership

A new 2012 initiative launched at International House is providing an inaugural cohort of twenty-one residents with intensive training in different cultural norms and values. With the benefit of cultural self-assessment, mentoring, and customized development opportunities, participants are provided the means to develop greater cross-cultural skills in concert with stronger leadership qualities. “In a globalized world, the ability to work across cultural differences is a core capacity for anyone who aspires to lead. Whether grassroots, corporate, or in the global socio-political or economic domain, leaders must be able to bridge cultural divides to communicate effectively,” said I-House Executive Director Ambassador Martin Brennan, who is among four I-House trainers guiding the program. Breidi Truscott, IH Program Director Liliane Kozioł, and Executive Director Emeritus Joe Lurie are also conducting training sessions and, with members of the I-House Board, serving as mentors. Student Director Liliane Kozioł, and Executive Director Emeritus Joe Lurie are also conducting who is among four I-House trainers guiding the program. Breidi Truscott, IH Program Director Liliane Kozioł, and Executive Director Emeritus Joe Lurie are also conducting with intensive training in different cultural norms and values. With the benefit of cultural self-assessment, mentoring, and customized development opportunities, participants are provided the means to develop greater cross-cultural skills in concert with stronger leadership qualities. “In a globalized world, the ability to work across cultural differences is a core capacity for anyone who aspires to lead. Whether grassroots, corporate, or in the global socio-political or economic domain, leaders must be able to bridge cultural divides to communicate effectively,” said I-House Executive Director Ambassador Martin Brennan, who is among four I-House trainers guiding the program. Breidi Truscott, IH Program Director Liliane Kozioł, and Executive Director Emeritus Joe Lurie are also conducting training sessions and, with members of the I-House Board, serving as mentors. Student Director Liliane Kozioł, and Executive Director Emeritus Joe Lurie are also conducting training sessions and, with members of the I-House Board, serving as mentors. Student participants comprise graduates, undergraduates, visiting scholars and post-docs, both from the US and overseas, with interests ranging across international business, global health, education, diplomacy and nonprofit leadership.

In Their Own Words...Initiative in Intercultural Leadership (IIL)

Name: Susann Landefeld
Country: Germany
Field of study: Business Administration and International Relations
Background: I am on exchange from the University of St. Andrews. Born in Germany, I have also lived in the Czech Republic, Australia, the United States and Scotland. I am glad to be pursuing a joint degree that perfectly complements my international interests and to be studying at Cal and living at I-House.

About I-House & the IIL: I-House is a place where people come together from all over the world with curiosity for different cultures. The IIL takes this I-House experience even further by teaching valuable knowledge and skills to understand and comfortably interact in such a diverse community. In our globalized world, stayed long enough to feel a citizen of one nation, I learned to find connections with every human being, not just those of a certain background.

Name: Andrew Park
Country: USA
Field of study: BA, Public Health
Background: I was born in Los Angeles but moved frequently as a child, living in Argentina, Germany, Israel, Korea and the US. Because I never stayed long enough to feel a citizen of one nation, I learned to find connections with every human being, not just those of a certain background.

About I-House & the IIL: I have met some of my closest friends within the walls of I-House, and I’ve been excited to participate in IIL. I appreciate how the program presents research around cross-cultural navigation and provides a framework to better understand some of my experiences. There are fantastic people...

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Under The Dome
RESIDENT & INTERNATIONAL HOUSE NEWS

THE CULTURE CORNER
Is there such a thing as being too culturally sensitive?

By Breidi Truscott, MA
IH Office of Intercultural Education & Training

I am pleased to fill a new role at International House as the first dedicated staff person providing intercultural training to residents, the UC Berkeley campus and the external community. I work with people to increase their cultural self-awareness and enhance their capacity to navigate different cultural orientations in their personal and professional lives. Different approaches to time is a subject that is often raised in workshops, as is the question of whether its possible to be too sensitive when interacting cross-culturally.

I-House ED Emeritus Joe Lurie recounts one such example from former residents in his post on the Cultural Detective website:

“A German male student and a Guatemalan female student have agreed to go out on an evening date beginning at 8pm. Both wishing to make a good impression, decide to leverage their cross-cultural skills and sensitivity when dealing with approaches to time. The German fellow, normally stereotypically monochronic—8 means perhaps five to eight—arrives at 8:45 only to find the anxious, somewhat distressed Guatemalan woman saying, “Where have you been? I have been ready since 7:50 as I wanted to be sensitive to your cultural clock. Adopting each others’ styles provoked an amusing disconnect—but in this case, not serious. They are married today.”

This story shows it may be better to err on the side of trying too hard than not at all. More often than not, people will appreciate your efforts at respecting and trying to adapt to their cultural customs even though we might not always connect perfectly. Getting it right might not happen at first, but it might “just be a matter of time” until you do.

Breidi has a Masters in Intercultural Relations from the School for International Training, is certified in Emotional Intelligence and Diversity Instruction and the Cultural Detective methodology. A fellow at the Institute for Intercultural Communication’s annual summer institute (SII), she serves on the Board of the Society for Intercultural Education Training and Research (SIETAR).

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Celebrating Cultures

I-House offers the chance to discover the world under one roof. Celebrations of distinct cultural traditions take place year round. Here are a few recent photo-friendly events where residents, the general public and I-House members enjoyed unique cultural expressions that showcased both food and art. Check the I-House calendar online for Cultural Theme meals and events if you live locally and would like to participate!

**Lunar New Year - The Year of the Dragon**
Chinese dancing lions rang in 2012 as The Year of the Dragon in the I-House dining hall on January 24th, to the pleasure and amusement of residents and dining patrons. This traditional ceremony is intended to scare away evil spirits by feeding the hungry lions to help summon luck and fortune. In the photo at right, an enthusiastic lion takes a bite out of lettuce dangling from an I-House chandelier while musicians accompany the lion with drums and cymbals. Non-lion palates were pleased with a variety of dim sum and delicious traditional Chinese dishes including Sesame Bok Choy and Tangerine Chicken Stir Fry.

**Nowruz - Persian New Year**
Nowruz marks the first day of spring in the Iranian calendar and the vernal equinox, typically on March 21st. The Persian translation means “New Day” and celebrations of Nowruz include food and creation of a “Haft-seen” table, or table of seven things (all that start with S): Sumac (crushed spice of berries), Senjed (sweet dry fruit of the lotus tree), Serkeh (vinegar), Seeb (apples), Seer (garlic), Samanu (wheat pudding) and Sabzeh (sprouted wheat grass). The celebration also featured a guest dancer who performed in front of the Haft-seen table and the dining menu featured traditional foods, such as, Ash-e Reshteh (Persian Noodle Soup), KooKoo Sabzi (Herb Omelet) and Sabzi Polo Ba Mahi (Rice with Fish).

**Practicing Pysanky - Ukrainian Easter Eggs**
Pysanky is the Ukrainian word for the ancient Eastern European art of egg decorating. Meaning “to write,” the task is achieved with a stylus called a kistka to place wax on the egg shell in a process similar to batik. To celebrate spring, residents of I-House were treated to a workshop orchestrated by Taràs Czebiniak, where twelve residents learned basic designs and enjoyed camaraderie and cookies. Current resident Mila Konovalchuk, writes: “For me and a lot of other people who participated in this workshop, this was one of the most memorable I-House experiences.” To learn how you can practice pysanky visit learn pysanky.com.
Residents Create Sustainable Garden

When an eight-stories tall oak tree behind I-House fell last year following a rain storm, the resulting clearing behind the Dining Hall provided ample space for a new resident-driven initiative to create a sustainable garden.

Danika Desai, a 4th year resident studying environmental science was key to launching the project, which has attracted the participation of 19 students in the six months since it was established. The garden consists of two raised beds and includes organic lettuces, chard, peas, mustard greens, garlic, and strawberries intended for use in the I-House Dining Hall.

“My grandmother and grandfather met here at I-House over 50 years ago, and I am continually inspired by my grandmother and her garden - one of the most beautiful I’ve ever seen. My fellow-residents and I wanted to start a garden at I-House for lots of reasons - connecting people visually and viscerally to food and the values of sustainable agriculture when they are in the Dining Hall. When I plant things, touch the soil, watch the first flower emerge on my strawberry plant, I always think of my grandmother. Together the gardening residents at I-House are creating new connections among ourselves and a new connection for residents at I-House to the earth.”

IH Notable Alumni Return to Campus

I-House takes great pride in the many remarkable alumni that have benefited from and contributed to our community as residents, some of whom have later emerged as world leaders in business, government, science and the arts. Spring 2012 brought three notable alumni back to Berkeley:

Eric Schmidt (IH 1976-80) was recognized by the California Alumni Association as 2012 Alumnus of the Year. Of his days at UC Berkeley, Schmidt recalls he was “a very nerdy student,” but clearly his Cal experiences in the computer science program and at I-House contributed to the skills he brought over the last decade to Google as CEO and now Executive Chairman of the company. “You never know when you go to school how well you’ll do, or what will happen after. One of the great things about Berkeley is that it puts together some of the smartest people in the world in interesting and odd ways – and magic happens.”

California Governor Jerry Brown (IH 1960-61) visited on March 9, 2012 in conjunction with the Anthropology in the World Symposium honoring Dr. Laura Nader. “Living at International House was a great part of my college experience” said Brown. “Coming face to face with diverse people and communities from around the world gives important perspective to anyone about what it is to be human – all our myriad differences and yet always our common humanity. For anyone who wishes to have influence on their community, navigating cultural differences with skill is a critical component for any leader. Living at International House is a great way to acquire this knowledge.”

Yoshi Akiba (IH 1972), celebrated SF and Oakland Jazz Club owner and restaurateur, spoke and danced for an enthusiastic audience who gathered March 7, 2012 to enjoy her presentation on Bridging Cultures in Business, Art, and Life.

“I was an orphan,” said Yoshi, “I never imagined my life path this way.” Ms. Akiba, together with her husband, Gengo, a Zen priest, offer schools and the general public free meditation instruction and Japanese cultural presentations from their Oakland home. She says of I-House, “it is a very special place that brings many different wonderful people together, which is why I stay connected.” Yoshi Akiba presently serves on the I-House Board of Directors.
I-Houses Worldwide Leaders Meet in Australia

Executives from eleven International Houses gathered in Melbourne Australia in January, 2012, to discuss best practices and strengthen the bonds among the membership organizations that comprise this global network dedicated to intercultural friendship, leadership development, and peace. The five days of meetings included a special focus on Understanding our Global Gen Y World.

The association, known as International Houses Worldwide (IHWW), agreed to admit two new Houses to the group, Newcastle (Australia) and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania (USA). Martin Brennan, I-House Berkeley Executive Director, briefed members on recent remodeling projects at International House and the development of intercultural training programs both internally and serving the local business community (see articles pages 1 & 10). “It is heartening to join with colleagues from I-Houses around the world to deepen commonalities within geographic differences.” The members of IHWW are diverse in their facilities and histories but share the same purposes: the promotion of intercultural respect and contributing to future leaders to shape a world of greater understanding. The biannual meetings of IHWW are an important component of this work. The next gathering of IHWW leaders is scheduled for 2013. Visit ihousesworldwide.org to learn more.

Speaker Series

The Spring 2012 Speaker Series at I-House highlights five remarkable leaders with insight into our changing globalized world. Lectures held in the Chevron Auditorium attract the public, series subscribers, I-House members, campus staff, students and residents of I-House.

The 2012 line-up has continued to increase the visibility of this program, and plans for a stellar array of lectures in the fall are already taking shape (see back cover). Investigative journalist Lowell Bergman, the incomparable Yoshi Akiba (a Japanese orphan turned businesswoman and celebrated artist/champion of culture), and “Green” Urban Designer Peter Calthorpe presentations are already online, with April presentations by Wired magazine’s Chris Anderson, and renowned political commentator and journalist Bob Scheer to be posted in May.

Videos from the Speaker Series join an array of past offerings, including economist Robert Reich and socio-linguist George Lakoff. Visit ihouse.berkeley.edu/speakers to view!
Alumni News

Alumni Reunion in Sydney

In January 2011, Martin and Giovanna Brennan hosted a multi-generational alumni gathering in Sydney, Australia. Thanks to the generous support of I-House Sydney, who offered their wonderful facilities and helped to cater the event, alumni and friends enjoyed a fun evening catching up on their days in Berkeley. Among the 16 guests were Dr. Michael and Misuzu (Susie) Chow—I-House residents during the 1970s and 1960s respectively—with the happy news that their daughter had just given birth. Congrats! We hope the IH onesie fits our future resident!

Plan Your Own Reunion at I-House or Elsewhere

Would you like to get together with I-House friends? Using Facebook, LinkedIn, and email, you can spread the word and plan your own reunion at I-House or elsewhere. The Office of Alumni Relations can help! For more information, email ihalumni@berkeley.edu.

Letter From: Bartosz Tkaczyk (IH 2006-07)

Dr. Bart Tkaczyk, MBA, President & CEO, enERGizers on a 2-day stopover at International Students House London emails:

A hop, skip and a jump from London’s West End and in the neighborhood of the stunning Regents Park, I-House London is the perfect place for both ISH residents and worldwide alumni to live temporarily or permanently while studying or exploring London. It is so cool to be part of this unique, friendly and thriving network of International Houses Worldwide. And it is miles better than any hotel, honest. You can truly feel at home, even when away from home. I’ll be coming to visit Berkeley this fall:-) So excited. I miss Berkeley so much!

While his professional duties as CEO take him all over the world, Bart is also the I-House Country Contact for his native Poland. You can find his contact information and that of other alumni who have volunteered to receive inquiries at house.berkeley.edu/alumni. Many thanks to all who extend the I-House spirit of welcome! To become a Country Contact, email ihalumni@berkeley.edu.

Cal Prof. Ashok Gadgil: Inventor for the World

Bombay-born Ashok Gadgil (IH 1973-75) came to Cal and I-House in the 1970s, and has achieved world renown and multiple awards for his sustainable solutions to energy quandaries in the Third World. Dr. Gadgil is a Cal professor in civil and environmental engineering and a physicist with Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL).

Perhaps best known for “UV Waterworks” - a simple, effective and inexpensive water disinfection system, used widely to remove arsenic from drinking water, he also invented energy efficient cooking stoves known as Berkeley-Darfur stoves, cutting the need for firewood by 55%. In January 2012, he was awarded the Zayed Future Energy Prize of $500,000 for his innovation, leadership, and long-term vision in renewable energy and sustainability. Gadgil has said, “I will continue to advance the research, design, testing, and scale-up of fuel-efficient low-emission stoves for about three billion people (mostly women) that use biomass for cooking.”

As Seen on Facebook

“Thanks I-House Berkeley for the memorable Livermore trip. For the first time, I got to ride a horse, and I forgot Tanzania. Thanks also to the Livermore Rotary Club and my hosts, Mr. & Mrs. Gilmartin!”

Alumni can connect with one another and follow the adventures of residents like Dotto Mnyadi (above) through Facebook and other social media networks. Visit house.berkeley.edu for links to:
Supporter Spotlight

Section Club & I-House: Making a Difference

In 1927 a group then known as the “Faculty Wives Club” formed to provide service to the University Community, raise funds to aid deserving students and student groups, and to foster scholarship and international understanding. International House opened its doors three years later and in the subsequent 81 years a tradition of mutual support and alignment in purposes has established a strong bond between our organizations. Now known as “the Section Club” for the many sections of campus its members represent, a room and board scholarship is provided annually by the Club for an international student at I-House.

Mary Catherine Birgeneau and Joan Jenkins of the University Section Club. Graduate student Chang-Yeon Cho of Korea, right, is the 2012 Section Club Scholar at I-House.

Chang-Yeon Cho of Korea is a masters student in public health who says “Living at International House has been a wonderful experience. My family in Korea is grateful that I can be at Berkeley and International House and this is only possible because of the Section Club scholarship.”

Warrick Scholarship: A Loving Legacy

Sherridan “Sherry” Warrick, Executive Director Emeritus (1961-1987) and his wife Betsey, are committing a gift to International House as part of their estate plans, to support scholarship opportunities for future generations of students dwelling at 2299 Piedmont Avenue. “There is no place in the world like I-House Berkeley,” said Sherry, who was celebrated last year on the occasion of his 90th Birthday. “Betsey and I want to help bring other students to experience all this place has to offer.” I-House is indebted to Sherry and Betsey for 26 years of guiding the House through the turbulent sixties and seventies, and for inspiring others through their thoughtful generosity. Find out more about estate planning opportunities by calling Shanti Corrigan at (510) 642-0124 or view a helpful estate planning tool linked from ihouse.berkeley.edu/donate.

Scholars and Dollars: Less Aid Available for IH Residents

For generations of students and scholars at UC Berkeley, the presence of room and board financial aid scholarships at I-House has made a sometimes critical difference in whether or not a students can pursue their studies at Cal and become part of the unique global community that is International House. In 2011-12 applications for financial aid at I-House remained high – with over 135 applications for assistance – more than 20% of residents. The economic hardships that have affected scholarship endowments and recent annual support among I-House donors, have brought a decline in funds to support students with financial need. Despite these declines, I-House was able to provide over $500,000 in aid this year, although unmet need among qualified applicants was more than $1 million.

An important component of aid since 2004 has been in the form of the “Gateway” Fellowship program that links substantial I-House named endowments to a generous matching program from the UC Berkeley Graduate division. Gateway Fellowship recipients receive potentially life-altering packages: total tuition, fees, full coverage of I-House room and board, and a $5,000 stipend (See the Fall 2011 I-House Times to read profiles of three 2011-12 recipients). Nine Gateway scholars will reside at International House in 2012-13.

Increased need for room and board aid has developed as students’ financial pressures have mounted in other areas, including UC Berkeley tuition. Undergraduate tuition has increased 94% in the last three decades (from just $806 per year in 1982 to $12,834 in 2012. Fortunately, 70% of Cal students still receive some form of financial aid, more than all the Ivy Leagues put together. Read more about I-House scholarship recipients including Chang-Yeon Cho (see article at left) and consider contributing to a key source of scholarship resources through the 2012-13 Fund for I-House at givetocal.berkeley.edu/ihouse.
Support Report

Marciana Kui Chang Room Naming

In 1947, a rather stunning eighteen-year-old Marciana Chang left her native China alone with a rare transport ticket on a steamship bound for California. Her family reluctantly supported her departure after her cleverness and determination, which they underestimated, won her admission to UC Berkeley, and, eventually, a bed in room 488 of International House.

Here Marciana, popular and socially involved while also excelling in her business studies, matured into a young woman, attracting many new friends from many countries, and quite a few suitors to boot. Friendships seeded at I-House have bloomed over many decades since, including ties with Louise Su Tang (see News & Notes), Peggy Post Grunland, Marilyn Halloway, and Mary Woo Fong, helping further pave the way for new generations of I-House affiliation in the Chang family when daughter Laureen lived at I-House in 1974. Daughter Victoria toured I-House with her mother last November, where the family received the original 1940s admissions applications for both parents. Marciana holds her original application above and, through a gracious gift to I-House, has established a permanent legacy for the Chang family at I-House through the naming of room 488 in their honor. View more room naming stories at ihouse.berkeley.edu/naming.

Marciana Kui Chang Room Naming

I-House Couple Gives Back: Tourniaire Fellowship

Dr. Françoise Tourniaire was attending an all-women’s college in Paris when, in 1979, she pursued a study-abroad year at UC Berkeley. She wanted to expand her horizons and found exactly what she wanted at Cal.

“Within a week, I had totally fallen in love with the place,” says Tourniaire. “It was a very important place to live,” she says.

One gained notoriety, as recounted by alumna Peggy Grunland in the Golden Age of I-House: Collection of Oral Histories, for placing roses in a bucket daily that he would pull by rope to align with Marciana’s window. Eventually it was fellow resident Tun Yin Chang who won Marciana’s heart. They married and had many happy years together – living in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Connecticut, New York, California and Kent, England – while raising three children and pursuing careers in real estate and the financial sector.

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“Within a week, I had totally fallen in love with the place,” says Tourniaire. The university and International House, where she’d chosen to live, bustled with people and possibilities, and she was dazzled by the diversity, whip-smart students, and intellectual and cultural offerings.

At International House she found “people were from all over the world. It didn’t matter much where you came from,” outside of class, she tutored underrepresented Cal students in science and taught math to third graders at a Berkeley magnet school. She enjoyed hiking the hills around campus and making lifelong friends at I-House. “It was for me a very important place to live,” she says. One of those friends, of course, was Dominique Goupil, who also grew up in France. Determined to practice English and immerse themselves in American culture, “we avoided each other very studiously at first,” Tournaire recalls.

Today Tournaire runs FT Works, a South Bay consulting firm that helps technology companies create and improve their customer support services. Goupil is now the president of FileMaker Inc., a database software company based in Santa Clara, and the couple has three children together, including a recent Cal graduate.

With a generous gift, she and Goupil recently established a new graduate fellowship through the campus’s Graduate Fellowships Matching Program. Along with helping Berkeley recruit and support top graduate students, Tournaire hopes the donation will encourage others to lend their assistance to the campus at a much-needed time. International House helps to welcome and generate a positive impact on generations of future Tournaire fellows to come.

Learn more about the Graduate Division matching program at grad.berkeley.edu/gradsupport.

Talented Taproot Team Shapes IH “Key Messages”

Volunteers Christina Lee, Paul Gilbert, Audrey Shapiro and Jennifer Porter model I-House T-shirts offered as a token of thanks for their devotion to a recent “Key Messaging” grant received by I-House through the Taproot Foundation. The nation’s largest pro-bono consulting firm, the Taproot Foundation pairs talented professionals acting as volunteers to non-profits on a select menu of project grants. The grant distills perspectives from a range of constituents to develop core communications themes — and concludes with training to the I-House Board. Thank you Taproot!
An Exercise in Hierarchy

IH residents and leadership trainees Susann “Susi” Landefeld (left) and Andrew Park (far right) are shown during a “cultural hierarchy” exercise. Cards on foreheads reflect “high” or “low” status. Not knowing one’s own status, interaction among the group creates interesting opportunities for self-reflection and insights into greater cross-cultural communication between people from more egalitarian traditions versus those raised in a more hierarchical society.

IH Intercultural Training
Services for Businesses

As part of our enhanced emphasis on practical skills training in navigating cultures, I-House held informational one-hour morning sessions in San Francisco in April to present companies with a taste of training over coffee and croissants.

The I-House training team addressed two dozen attendees representing diverse businesses spanning health care, non-profits and corporate enterprises, all of which depend on successful intercultural collaboration to achieve their goals.

Conceived as an opportunity to promote I-House’s new foray into this arena while deepening ties with the local business community, the sessions showcased examples of the skills and customizable exercises the team will deliver to corporate clients.

In 2011, I-House led a two-day training at Google and began a series of half-day training sessions for UC Berkeley’s employees. Today more than 100 Cal employees have been trained through this program.

2012 activities include additional Cal trainings, a workshop at Chevron and additional Bay Area client businesses with diverse work force and customer bases.

Learn more about evolving IH intercultural training services at ihouse.berkeley.edu/training.

Intercultural Leadership (Continued from page 3)

The program kicked off with an overnight off-site retreat at Camp Loma Mar, an hour’s drive from I-House on the California coast, focused on cultural self-awareness, particularly as it relates to understanding how the textures and layers of a person’s cultural identity affect or predict behavior.

Using an Intercultural Effectiveness Scale Assessment to benchmark a cultural and leadership attributes, each participant crafted a personal development plan for the spring semester, including meetings with mentors and participating in select intercultural programs, lectures and films at I-House. As the nature of the program is intercultural by design, the eclectic composition of the group increases program quality, with everyone encouraged to bring their unique perspective to the training exercises. Participants from cultures that have been estranged or are relatively unfamiliar, historically speaking, were able to formulate questions and insights about building a global mind set.

Post-retreat, one of the central issues of the program is what makes intercultural leadership different from more traditional and generalized concepts of leadership. In response, monthly workshops throughout the spring semester covered a range of topics on including how a person’s value system impacts their leadership style and sense of effectiveness in handling conflict negotiation. Using real world examples from international business and the sphere of global non-profit programming, participants were challenged to retain their core values and preserve a harmonious working relationship while collaborating with team members with different, even incongruent, value systems. A closing celebration in April will confer participants completing the program with a Certificate in Intercultural Leadership.

In their own words (Continued from page 3)

(Susann Landefeld, continued from page 3) we are increasingly exposed to foreign cultures and culturally-determined misunderstandings seem inevitable. Leaders who can realize the personal and professional benefits of what might otherwise be a potential source of conflict are more important than ever before. I am very grateful for the opportunity to participate in this inaugural pilot program. I hope to apply these skills in the international business arena after graduation next year.

(Andrew Park, continued from page 3) in this program and I immensely value the chemistry, company and friendship that has developed in such a diverse group. I hope to bring this training into my future medical school studies and long term work ambitions, which include serving third world countries, likely in a Spanish or Portuguese speaking country.
I-House Highlights Humanitarians

Ms. Baez’s distinguished career and life work draws on music as a source for promoting the principles at the core of International House: intercultural respect, understanding, friendship and peace. No stranger to I-House, Ms. Baez was invited in 1967 by alumna Ida Rigby, representing the Resident Council, to address residents and to sing for them to promote the Non-Violence Institute. A photo from that historic visit appears below.

Joan Baez dining at I-House in 1967

Happily, Ms. Rigby was delighted more than four decades later to reunite with Ms. Baez at I-House on the occasion of the I-House Gala.

Originally from Cameroon and educated in Paris and at UC Berkeley, Daniel Mouen-Makoua (’84) is a London-based global investment executive, who in 2010 took a leap of faith to launch Bwamanga, a mission-driven public-private partnership and related investment fund. Through innovative collaboration across sectors, Bwamanga promotes sustainable agriculture, food security, and youth employment in Northern Nigeria. In just one year, this program has established more than 100 sustainable farming jobs in the Bauchi and Borno States of Nigeria, with plans to expand this workforce ten-fold by 2015. The collaborations Bwamanga has fostered are also advancing health care and education projects in the area. In 2008, Daniel established a scholarship at I-House that brought two doctoral students from Sub-Saharan Africa to Cal and I-House – students who otherwise would have been unable to benefit or contribute to these communities.

The I-House Gala on May 3, 2012 also featured the Beatles tribute band “The Sun Kings” who kicked off the night with a rousing rendition of “Come Together.” Through celebrating humanitarians and fostering future leaders for global understanding, International House succeeds in echoing that call to our community around the world.

Leading Change by Example: Residents Speak at Sunday Supper

In this tradition last February current International House Berkeley residents Dotto Mnyadi, a journalism student from Tanzania and Momen El-Husseiny, a doctoral candidate in architecture from Egypt, shared their moving personal stories of inspired humanitarian activism with fellow residents and I-House alumni at the second of three Sunday Suppers held annually.

Mnyadi spoke of progress with HIV/AIDS programs in his native homeland and El-Husseiny discussed the form recent campaigns were taking to mobilize oppositional voices in Egypt. Mnyadi’s elder sister died of an AIDS-related illness in 2007. This personal tragedy motivated him to dedicate his journalistic talents to reporting on HIV/AIDS. Accompanied by video clips of people living with the stigma of AIDS who Mnyadi had come to know, he reminded the audience of the role everyone has to play in combating the pandemic. In our interdependent global community, said Mnyadi, “Whatever you do here, it will affect people on the other side of the world.”

Arrested 10 days before the Egyptian revolution, El-Husseiny’s voice at times cracked with emotion as he shared footage of tear-gassed demonstrations and recalled some of the brutal suppression tactics used by the authorities that he had experienced on the streets of Cairo. “Kazeboon,” he explained by way of example, “is a campaign to create an independent alternative media that acts as a whistle-blower on human rights’ violations by using simple projectors screening videos and slide shows of the reality censored in public media.”

Saluting the residents for their courage and activism, I-House Executive Director said each generation of I-House residents “validates its values” and contributes by example to shaping a world more in line with the principles envisioned by our founders: dignity, mutual respect, and friendship for a more peaceful world.

You can read our full interviews with Dotto and Momen online at ihouse.berkeley.edu/alumni/times/spring12.

Paris Trip is First IH Raffle Grand Prize!

For the first time a raffle to raise funds for I-House has been organized in concert with the 2012 I-House Gala. With $100 tickets and total entries capped at 1,000, participants have strong odds to win the grand prize: a fabulous one week stay in a Paris apartment on the Seine, opposite Notre Dame, plus $3,000 towards airfare!

Additional prizes include an Indian cooking lesson and dinner for four with champagne, and a $200 gift certificate to Fleur de Lys Restaurant in San Francisco, owned by renowned celebrity chef Huber Keller. Winners announced at the May 3rd IH Gala.
1930s

**Tito Moruza** was recently awarded the French Legion of Honor, the most prestigious honor in France, for his heroics in WWII. After landing his glider on D-Day, he changed into civilian clothes. As far as the rest of the world knew, he was a refugee from Spain, his native country. His mission: to keep track of the activities and records of the Gestapo. Some of the records he recovered were used in the Nuremberg Trials.

1940s

**Irving G. Tragen** served as a career Foreign Service Officer for the U.S. to many different Latin American countries; rising to the Ambassadorial Rank. Tragen is the Deputy Permanent Representative of the United States to the Organization of American States. “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.”

**Zeph Rose** resided at I-House when it was temporarily renamed “Callaghan Hall” between July 1943 and June 1945, housing him and nearly 1,000 members of the elite V-12 U.S. Navy College Training Program. Having just toured the newly refurbished athletics training facilities and Memorial Stadium on Campus, Zeph (pictured here) also visited the plaque that hangs in the IH Dining Hall, “dedicated July 31st, 2008, in recognition of the 65th Anniversary of Callaghan Hall’s founding.”

1950s

**Darril Hudson** enjoyed an afternoon reminiscing about his I-House experiences with Asst. Director of Development & Alumni Relations Dave Tozer in January. Darril is an inaugural “Visionary Tier” member and as a result of his member benefits looks forward to hosting a group of longtime friends at the May 2012 I-House Gala and to meeting the student his Hudson one-semester scholarship will support next fall.

1960s

**Martha Ann Atkins** (left) writes, “For the school year 1960-61, I was a graduate student at UC Berkeley and shared a room in I-House with Daga Svensson Celsing (right) who was an undergraduate student at UC Berkeley. I have visited Daga many times in her home in Sweden through the years and when one of her daughters came to the United States to study she visited with my family here in Iowa. September 2011, my husband and I were on a cruise in the Baltic Sea and stopped in Stockholm. Daga had 16 members of her family meet us for a marvelous luncheon in old town Stockholm. This wonderful friendship that has enriched my life all began in I-House. Daga and I both have fond memories of our friends and experiences we had.”

**Stephanie L. Harlan** writes, “In November 2010, I was elected to the Capitola City Council for a 6th term. I am continuing to work as a RN at a local hospital.”

**Gary L. Heath** writes “I earned my B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of California at Berkeley. I am also the author of 13 books, including HarperCollins’ textbook, The New Teacher: Changing Patterns of Authority and Responsibility in American Schools. For the past 24 years I have been Professor of Sociology at Ashford University, Clinton, Iowa. I teach a variety of courses, including Sociology of Sport, Social Gerontology, Scandinavian Thought and Culture, and Crime and Society. I served one term as Associate Dean of the Social Science College.”

**Jan de Vries** (IH 1964-65) returned to I-House on April 2nd in his capacity as a UC Berkeley Professor of History and Economics to deliver a public lecture that reflects his current research interests, entitled “The Modern Consumer in Historical Perspective.” In addition to numerous awards and memberships, he is the recipient of the Woodrow Wilson and Guggenheim fellowships.

**Louise Su Tang** author and retired school teacher, Louise shared tea and conversation at her Pasadena home with IH Communications Director Shanti Corrigan last fall. She provided an autographed copy of her book Cantonese Yankee for the I-House Library. The book tells the story of Kong Bing Kong, or “Bing,” a student sent by Imperial China to New England to study Western science and technology as part of an educational mission. One of 120 boys sent over between 1872 and 1881, this biography follows Bing and his ten-year stay in America and his subsequent return to China as a modern Mandarin. Enjoy free excerpts at www.cantoneseyankee.com

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**1970s**

**Kathryn Anthony** writes: “To all my I House alumni friends...so pleased to announce the launch of my 2 brand new mobile apps: 1) Student Survival Guide and 2) Design Student Survival Guide...available from Apple iTunes store...for iPhone iPodTouch and iPad...please share widely with FB family, friends, students, teachers, counselors, staff, near and far...add your ratings_reviews...need your help getting the word out...many thanks in advance!”

**Christine Anna Lee** (IH 1971-72) visited I-House in late March. A commercial real-estate developer who frequently travels between Las Vegas, Paris, Hong Kong and Japan, Christine recalled “Brazilian Night” as a particularly memorable and fun evening. Speaking to the need for strong female role models in business and reflecting on her days here, she said: “If you’re not open to differences, then you never learn about other cultures.”

**Laureen Chang** (center, in 1974) After completing her MBA at Berkeley in ’75, she entered the field of corporate, international and private banking, working in NY, SF and LA. Mother to three kids, she is currently a parent coach and active with a number of charities and non-profits in the LA area. She says of her years at I-House “I had heard of I-House all my life because my parents met there - so to live there was a very special experience!”

**Dr. Peter Literathy** (left) visited I-House Nov. 7, 2011 from his home in Budapest on a “nostalgia” tour of Berkeley where he was introducing his son Balint to campus and I-House. Dr. Literathy is a chemical engineer, now retired, who remembers his six month stay in 1972 as “wonderful!”

**Bora Özkök**, pictured with Shanti Corrigan, returned to I-House on Feb. 22, 2012 to give a cultural tour of Turkey and the Silk Road. Bora is a world-renowned teacher of Turkish culture, music, folk dance and folklore. In addition, he is the builder and owner of the Cappadocia Cave Suites hotel. See: cappadociacavesuites.com

**1980s**

**Oliver Gunther** writes, “After graduating from Berkeley (IH 1984-86, MS CompSci 1985, PhD CompSci 1987) and spending some time at UC Santa Barbara as an Assistant Professor, I moved back to Germany. 1993-2011 I was professor of information systems at Humboldt University in Berlin, 2006-2011 and served as Dean of the School of Business and Economics. I was recently elected President of the University of Potsdam, a large research university near Berlin. I had two wonderful years at I-House during my first years as a graduate student. My time in the US wouldn’t have been the same without I-House. Keep up the good work!”

**1990s**

**Tejashkumar V. Unadkat** writes, “I-House, I have some great news to share. My startup, Fatminds launched and we were just publicized on TechCrunch. I wanted to thank you for the support.” Tejash serves on the I-House Board.

**Eduardo H. Huerta-Mercado** writes, “After my family and I left beloved I-House, we spent one week visiting Yosemite, Death Valley, Las Vegas, Grand Canyon, etc; and after coming back to Lima I had to undertake several travel missions with the World Bank. I just came yesterday from Mexico. My family and I greatly thank you for all your attentions during our short stay. We were very touched by your kindness. My kids were especially thrilled of being able to walk with me around Cal. I showed them were I lived, studied and worked. Hopefully they will follow my steps in a couple of years.”

**2000s**

**Omar Fekeiki** writes, “Life is good. My wife, Ban, and I just bought a house in MD, but still live in the DC metro area. Also, Ban is pregnant! We just learned the news a week ago and can’t wait to be parents (by December). So life is really good these days! Late May will be our anniversary and we’re planning to host a small party and will have our close friends join us.”

**Staff News**

**Josiane Siegfried** retires in June after more than 23 years at I-House. She managed the Financial Aid program for international students and was a highly valued assistant to two Executive Directors. She will be missed!

Please welcome the following new staff members:

**Danner Doud-Martin** Events Coordinator

**Shylah Hamilton** Resident Services Coordinator

**Jonathan Rubinsky** Development Associate
Two decades ago, then IH Executive Director Joe Lurie had the terrific idea to link vacant rooms at I-House between spring and summer semesters to an international educational program formerly known as “Elderhostel.” These living-and-learning residential adult-education classes geared to ages “55 and better” have in the years since attracted many new friends to I-House. In addition, many IH alumni have returned “under the dome” years after University study for further intellectual enrichment and to make friendships that span international boundaries. A cadre of dedicated volunteers has helped guide every session.

In 2012, Executive Director Emeritus Joe Lurie (1988-2007) takes the helm of the newly rebranded “Road Scholar” offering at I-House, anchoring a program focused for the first time on intercultural skills. Entitled “Culture & Consequence: Navigating Successfully in the Global Age,” the course spans insights on Asian, Western, Egyptian, Israeli, Chinese, African, and Iranian cultures, among others.

Field trips to Chinatown, the Japanese Tea Garden, and Consulate General of Mexico complement core offerings, including:

**Lectures**
- 81 Years of I-House Berkeley: Humorous and Poignant Cross-Cultural Lessons
- Cultural Concepts of Time and Space (When is ‘late’ late? Do you really have to stand so close to me?)
- Exploring How Culture Shapes Verbal Styles of Communication
- An Introduction to the Concept of ‘Face,’ Shame and Guilt
- The Art and Impact of Feng Sui
- Cross-Cultural Case Studies from the Worlds of Diplomacy, Health, Medicine and Child-rearing
- Diversity and Communication Patterns in Arab Cultures

**Films**
- *The Band* (an award-winning film about a chance encounter between Egyptians and Israelis)
- *A Thousand Years of Good Prayers* (on tradition and change in a Chinese family living on both sides of the Pacific)
- *My Summer in Tehran* (Sabereh Kashi will introduce and discuss the PBS documentary she co-edited)
- *The Danger of a Single Story* (a short film on African myths and stereotypes)

The all-inclusive (housing, program & meals) seven day package begins at only $779. Details on this program can be found at ihouse.berkeley.edu/roadscholar.

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In Memory

1930s Alumni

Robert Beuttler  (Aug. 6, 2011)
Longtime employee at Stanford Research Institute.

1940s Alumni

“Barnet Cooperman  (Sep. 17, 2011)
“Because of I-House I met my wife of 61 years, and we appreciated the enriching environment that shaped lifelong friendships and our family of five beautiful children.” A Boalt Hall alumnus, Barney was appointed as a Judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court by Governor Jerry Brown in 1980, and served with distinction until retirement in 1995.

Benjamin Hazard  (May 16, 2011)
After receiving his PhD at Cal, he was a History Professor for many years at San Jose State University, and was an Army language and intelligence officer.

John Sigel  (May 22, 2011)
A devoted employee of the State Supreme Court, he ran the Library for 27 years. Upon retirement he kept busy as an invaluable member of the San Francisco Gay Rights organization, Project Inform.

1950s Alumni

Ward Anderson  (Nov. 17, 2011)

*Denotes Notable Alumnus - See ihouse.berkeley.edu for Notable Alumni

Audrey L. Bowyer  (Jul. 30, 2011)
Audrey was a Fulbright scholar in France. She was a leadership volunteer for the Oakland Public Schools, The Arthritis Foundation, and First Congregational Church of Berkeley.

Millicent Evans  (Apr. 3, 2011)
A longtime resident of Lafayette and Rossmooor, her career was in accounting and bookkeeping for Lawrence Livermore Lab. Socially conscious and a devoted dog lover, she graciously provided a generous gift to International House in her estate.

Frederick Hagar  (Nov. 2, 2011)
Harriet Tong  (Oct. 7, 2011)
Harriet studied French at Oberlin College where she graduated with an AB degree summa cum laude and first in the 1948 class. She later co-founded the Unitarian Fellowship of Athens in 1957 and taught Unitarian Sunday School.

Lois Warren  (Dec. 17, 2011)
Lois met her husband, Hugh, at International House. Lois was socially involved and was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and served on the boards of the American Association of University Women, the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center Auxiliary and the St. Joseph County Scholarship Foundation.

1960s Alumni

*Kaya Tuncer  (Jan. 7, 2012)
Kaya earned a degree in Civil Engineering at UC Berkeley and an MBA at USC. He began - The Aegean Free Zone - creating a flourishing industrial park that transformed the region and provided jobs to more than 20,000 people. Kaya and his wife Mary established Global Friendship Through Space Education program to foster cross-cultural collaborations. He was the first Turkish-American to receive the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, in 2004.

Friends

Frank Dillard  (Sep. 18, 2011)
Robert Scalapino  (Nov. 1, 2011)
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