Maintaining Community Through Crisis

The First I-House Virtual Coffee Hour
Hello, my name is Shaun Carver and I am honored to serve as International House’s 6th Executive Director. As I learn more about I-House’s unique and rich history, the distinct features and needs of this historic building, and our vital mission, the dedicated support of the I-House community is clear. In this, my first International House Times newsletter, I’d like to provide some important updates in this milestone 90th Anniversary year.

To begin, I’d like to share a few words about what’s happening at I-House and where we are heading in these challenging times. Due to the continuing prevalence and uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic, the sad but necessary temporary closure of I-House has now been extended to include the entire 2020–21 academic year. I wish to acknowledge and thank the many staff who have been laid off or reassigned elsewhere on campus—hopefully temporarily—because of the closure, and to express that the board, remaining staff, and I are all working to ensure that we can reopen as soon as it is safe and practical to do so. Our Program Office has reached out to continuing and prospective residents who were impacted by the closure to maintain a virtual I-House community and support even during the closure.

In this issue, we thank several board members who are finishing their terms for their service and support. We also share some of the ways that the I-House community has transformed and persevered during the pandemic—both at the House and through alumni rising up against COVID-19. We share highlights of our new Global Community Initiative seeking to facilitate connections between alumni, and between alumni and residents. Please join our engagement and mentoring platform ihberkeleyconnect.org if you haven’t already.

This issue contains the annual Honor Roll listing of gifts from the past year, which have made a world of difference, and those gifts made in memory and in honor of special family members and friends.

We hope that you enjoy hearing about some I-House friends in our News & Notes feature, and will recall fond memories of life at I-House in the 90th Anniversary timeline spread. Finally, we are pleased to provide a chance for you to get your own personal copy of the limited edition, hand-printed I-House 90th Anniversary poster created by noted artist David Goines.

As Executive Director, I would be remiss if I didn’t also reflect gratefully that any gifts you might wish to make at this time, on the occasion of our 90th anniversary, are an opportunity to honor the remarkable history of I-House and to support us now in preparation for our reopening.

I’m sending out the message to all of our alumni and friends that I personally welcome your contact, your ideas, and suggestions, and I invite you to participate even more fully in our global community.

My personal thanks for your support in keeping the I-House dream alive!

Sincerely,

Shaun R. Carver
International House Executive Director
Shaun shared, “I’d like to thank the Board of Directors and acknowledge the high bar set by the former Executive Directors. I’d like to extend my gratitude to the entire team at International House for their exceptional leadership during these exceedingly difficult times as we cope with the COVID-19 pandemic.”

Please join us in welcoming Shaun to the International House community. We look forward to his leadership as we move forward during these coming months and into our Centennial decade!

Effective August 1, 2020, Shaun R. Carver accepted the position of Executive Director of International House at the University of California, Berkeley.

Shaun brings a wealth of experience to this position, with over 20 years of leadership in international education and a lifetime of living and working in cross-cultural environments. He served as Assistant Dean for Graduate Programs in the Rady School of Management, UC San Diego (2017–20), and as Executive Director of the Hult International Business School (Boston, New York, San Francisco, Shanghai; 2013–17), where he oversaw 750 students representing 82 countries. Before that, he served in leadership positions in institutions of international higher education in China (2002–13) at the University of International Business and Economics in Beijing, Tsinghua University, and the Sino-British College of the University of Shanghai Science and Technology (USST).

Shaun received his B.A. (High Technology Management) and an M.B.A. from California State University, San Marcos. He is currently pursuing a doctorate in education (Ed.D.) at the University of Southern California.

Shaun’s father is American and his mother, British, thereby allowing Shaun to hold citizenship in both the United States and the United Kingdom. As a child, Shaun moved around often with his family within the United States and lived for two years in Ireland. Shaun traveled widely during his years in Asia, through China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Mongolia, Japan, and many other countries throughout the continent. He feels at home in cross-cultural situations.

He met his wife, Bei Bei Zheng, in Shanghai. Her family, originally from the seaport city of Wenzhou, is also international, with some members currently living in Italy. Their two children, LiAnne (age 8) and James Maxwell [Max] (age 6), are comfortable in multicultural environments, spending significant time with family in China, Italy, and the United States.

On the occasion of Shaun’s appointment, the Board of Directors expressed their deepest appreciation to all of the I-House community for your dedication to the International House mission.

Shaun first coined the term, “I-House 2.0,” at our Virtual Global Homecoming on October 18, 2020, to describe our work toward a safe relaunch in 2021. Watch Shaun’s Q&A video at ihouse.berkeley.edu/globalhomecoming.

Shaun regularly posts on the I-House Berkeley Connect platform, so be sure to visit ihberkeleyconnect.org to read the latest from our new executive director.
International House has always been a place where community is cultivated and lifelong friendships are forged. This especially has been evident in spaces like the Dining Commons, where residents meet and mingle as they enjoy cuisine from around the world and at events like Sunday Supper, where residents and staff come together to celebrate the extraordinary experience of being a student at UC Berkeley and living at I-House.

Coming together to live and learn is how I-House has created a sense of community for 90 years, but as the spring and summer of 2020 progressed, life at I-House had to adapt quickly to a strange new normal as COVID-19 continued its relentless advance around the globe.

With countries closing borders as a way to prevent the further spread of the virus, many I-House residents returned to their countries of origin. The Dining Commons had to close and residents were given their meals in to-go boxes. As the hallways got quieter by the day, I-House staff came together to organize virtual activities to keep residents engaged and reduce feelings of anxiety and isolation that can occur with enforcement of a mandate to stay at home, wear a mask, and socially distance.

The Program Office Creates Virtual Programs to Help Residents “Get through this together”

One of the first long-standing traditional I-House events to pivot to digital was Coffee Hour, normally held in the Great Hall every Thursday evening, hosted by the Program Office. The first virtual Coffee Hour, pictured below, was open to all of the 2019–2020 I-House residents, including those who were back in their hometowns. Residents tuned in from around the world to participate and to share how they were coping during quarantine.

Program Office Director Valerie Ong and her team created another virtual project called, “I-House Snapshots.” The project was created to celebrate I-House and to highlight the importance of vibrant communities during this difficult time. Residents submitted a special photo and included a short message about its significance; these were posted weekly on social media and by email to lift everyone’s spirits and later compiled into a virtual scrapbook. You can find snapshot stories from residents on our website.

The Program Office also continued their From All Corners podcasts with an off-shoot series called “Under the Dome.” This program was created to provide residents with a continued sense of community, as if they were still living under their I-House dome, even though many had moved home to places across the globe. The podcast features 15 residents sharing I-House memories, laughter, and stories of coping during quarantine. You can listen to all episodes on Spotify, Apple Podcast, and Google Podcast.

Visit ihouse.berkeley.edu/fromallcorners for more details.
Many I-House 2019–2020 residents tuned in from the far reaches of the globe for an end of year celebration and closing virtual program called the “I-House Bon Voyage.” Valerie Ong relayed how very important it is to celebrate and mark milestones like the close of the academic year, regardless of how the pandemic has turned everyone’s life upside down. Pictured below, residents perform “I Will Survive” by Gloria Gaynor, among other memorable and meaningful musical performances.

I-House Resident Leaders including Program Assistants and Resident Council members recorded motivational messages to encourage residents to make it to the finish line during finals week, pictured below, left.

The resilience and determination of the I-House community is summed up by the 2019–2020 virtual “Final Snap” photo on the front steps. I-House Social Media Ambassador, Chan’Cellore Makanjuola, created an amazing collage of photos sent to her by her fellow residents around the world which illustrates that I-House residents, staff, alumni, and friends really are getting through this together. Read Chan’Cellore’s blog post, “A Semester Like No Other: An I-House Berkeley Spring 2020 Recap” on the I-House blog at ihouse.berkeley.edu/blog.

Residents Find a Sense of Purpose in Helping Others

Leading by example is an excellent and creative way to serve one’s community. Four I-House residents did just that by launching SF Community Support in late March as a way of helping to get those at risk of contracting the virus access to food, medicine, and other necessities by organizing the assistance of volunteers. The team officially started dispatching food package deliveries in mid-April.

I-House Alumni Step Up

In mid-June, the state of California made wearing masks in public mandatory as a way to ensure public safety. Knowing the difficulty for some residents to obtain masks, one I-House alumna wanted to do something to help.

In early June, Grace Hong (IH 2016–19) joined forces with 45 other Taiwanese alumni from I-House Berkeley and I-House New York and raised money to provide residents and staff with masks to help them stay safe from COVID-19 exposure.

In a statement to I-House, Grace wrote:

“While the pandemic is severe and we are forced to stay home, none of you is left behind. With the I-House spirit in mind, we want to do our best to make you feel our care and support from the other side of the Pacific and strengthen international friendships. Together, we will go through this.”
Officially launched on August 18, 2020, the 90th Anniversary of I-House Berkeley’s founding, I-House Berkeley Connect, our new networking platform, has been joined by hundreds of alumni, special friends, Board members, and staff who accepted our invitation. If you haven’t had a chance to do so, please join us now at ihberkeleyconnect.org.

Based on the thoughtful feedback of volunteer charter members of the platform, this alumni and resident engagement and mentoring tool is designed to help bring the I-House Global Community together by facilitating connections—offering opportunities to give back through mentorship and networking, as well as enabling you to maintain friendships within the trusted International House Berkeley community.

The underlying premise of the Global Community Initiative (see sidebar) emphasizes the complementarity of personal communications and underlying technological tools, allowing improved data management along with some degree of “self-service” opportunities for engagement, an appealing prospect during these socially distant times.

After a process of exploring engagement platforms that go beyond existing LinkedIn and other social media presence was conducted, I-House Berkeley Connect was chosen due to its particular emphasis on mentoring, networking, and career linkages in support of residents and recent alums, and as a way for older alums to give back.

Members Recently Joined | ALL MEMBERS

I-House Berkeley Connect provides access to the following:

- A running feed of alumni updates, interesting content, photos, and conversations;
- An opt-in directory of alumni, students, and special friends, allowing registered users to connect with the I-House Berkeley community around the world;
- A mentorship program, giving you the opportunity to be mentored by others or offer mentorship to alumni and current students;
- A job board with current jobs and internship opportunities posted by alumni, students, and strategic partners;
- Group conversations allowing you to engage at a more granular level with those who have the same class, interests, careers, industries, and locations as you;
- Invitations to events (encouraging alumni engagement around the world), webinars hosted by subject matter experts within our networks, and other organic engagement opportunities created for and by alumni and current residents.

Global Community Initiative

Building on lessons learned and successes in past decades, our Board has encouraged staff to explore with alumni and friends ways to address nurturing a more robust, global, and lifelong I-House community. As a result, we’ve created a new I-House Global Community Initiative, which will pursue the following goals:

- Strengthen the ties of alumni to International House and current residents;
- Create added value for residents from their connections to the House, and thereby, increase awareness of the value of living at I-House;
- Engage current residents in beginning lifelong participation in the International House Global Community; and to
- Create a networking platform for country- and region-specific alumni groups to maintain and strengthen ties of alumni to International House.

Be a Global Community Ambassador

Calling All Alumni! Join the fun by volunteering to lead a country, regional, or decade group within the I-House Berkeley Connect community. Post content, help organize reunions and events, and encourage your I-House friends to register. Please contact us via the platform or email ihalumni@berkeley.edu.
The stakes feel high in these days of polarization and fear as we struggle to navigate the uncertainties of a persistent pandemic, gross inequities, and the divisive impacts of misinformation. What does it take to be courageous in our relationships, communities, and workplaces, when social divides are so palpable and high-stakes?

Let’s start with a dictionary definition of polarization: “division into two sharply contrasting groups or sets of opinions or beliefs.”

Healthy tension between contrasting opinions and beliefs is how we learn, grow, innovate, and build toward a more inclusive society. The distinguishing term here is sharply.

In the modern age of social media, misinformation, and algorithms that are trained to feed us what we already believe—regardless of whether it’s factual or “fake news”—polarization is on the rise at alarming rates. When individuals discuss topics in a group of like-minded people, they emerge with stronger, more extreme beliefs. In a world where algorithms funnel us into echo chambers, it’s no surprise we’re falling deeper into polarization.

Our brains are wired to more naturally trust people we see as similar to us. Luckily, with some intention, awareness, and practice, we have the capacity to shift this dynamic and interrupt polarization. Cue: Courage.

We need courage because it’s no easy feat to overcome polarization and reach toward one another. It can help to begin with small steps. What can each of us do in our own lives to move into courageous conversations? Here are a few tips to help you navigate your way:

1. **Expand your in-group.** Polarization means our in-groups—cultural bubbles of shared interest and identity—are getting smaller and smaller. Finding commonalities helps us expand our in-groups, creating a sense of connection, and getting our brains out of the fight/flight/freeze response that’s triggered by perceived differences.

2. **Shift your posture.** Fight/flight/freeze is important: our brains are wired to scan for danger, and often register difference as danger. When this happens, a part of our brain called the amygdala takes over and cuts off access to our neocortex—the part of the brain responsible for creative thinking, problem-solving, collaboration, and learning. In these states, our brains literally do not have access to the parts that allow us to hear one another. Consider pausing and reflecting until your neocortex reconnects.

3. **Interrupt your biases.** Unconscious biases drive human behavior far more than was ever believed. Biases that categorize people based on stereotypes are only one type of bias contributing to continued polarization. Confirmation bias fuels the in-group isolating effect of social media: we find and remember information that confirms what we already believe (and forget or dismiss contrary information). Self-positivity bias makes us tend to see ourselves in a more positive light than others see us. Take intentional steps to expose yourself to contrasting ideas. Fact-check yourself, be ready to push through discomfort, and do your best to practice humility.

4. **Be wrong.** A genuine willingness to engage in dialogue means a willingness to listen and change. As Adrienne Maree Brown writes in her inspiring book *Emergent Strategy*, “Be wrong; be soft in your rightness.” To be wrong means admitting when you’ve made a mistake or owning up to a negative impact you’ve had on someone as a way to model accountability. To be soft in your rightness is to honor each of our journeys and give one another space and grace to change and grow.

Finding the courage to turn toward each other and to connect across divides is a crucial step toward having more honest, courageous, and accountable communities and moving toward a more inclusive and equitable future.

To learn more about CIL’s leadership training opportunities, please visit cil.berkeley.edu or email cil@berkeley.edu.
Preparing for the Future

The majestic dome that represents the very heart of I-House stands at the intersection of Piedmont and Bancroft as it has done for 90 years. It is the crowning glory of a beautiful building that shelters and supports the crucial work of International House: cultivating intercultural peace through understanding—a mission that has proven to be more important than ever in light of the current movement for racial justice and the many grave threats to peace around the world.

In spite of having been constructed directly on top of a major earthquake fault, the iconic dome’s sturdy walls have held strong for almost a century. But in order to prepare for the reopening of I-House, major retrofitting has been a top priority. Structural strengthening took place on the 2nd floor of the North- and South-side mezzanine-level balconies and the West-side 4th-floor hallways. Additional strengthening includes the addition of four concrete supports under the dome and thickening of the Northeast portion of the walls inside the dome.

Seismic reports were completed and submitted to campus by architects, seismic engineers, and special inspectors, making I-House the first building to have completed the seismic recommendations made in the campus report from last year!

Construction continues on the 2nd-floor Southeast wing of eight resident rooms previously occupied by the Berkeley International Offices. Four of those rooms are being returned to service as resident rooms and two gender-neutral bathrooms are being built and scheduled for completion.

Generous donations by the I-House community of alumni, friends, and family have made these crucial upgrades possible and will enable I-House to eagerly welcome the residents back to live and learn more safely under the dome.
Global Gatherings

Oslo, Norway

One of the many things Sunny Mistry (IH 2008–14) distinctly remembered from his time at I-House was all of the super friendly Norwegian exchange students, many of them studying sociology for some reason. Ever since I-House, visiting Norway was on top of his places to visit. So when he went to London for work this February, he made it a point to add a long weekend in Oslo and reached out to many friends from his time at I-House spanning 2008–14.

Virtual Reunion via Zoom

Laureen Chang (IH 1973–74), Heinrich Stucki (IH 1973–74), Marie José, Kudret Oztap (IH 1973–74), and Jackie Stanley all met at the Haas School of Business and I-House. In September, they all gathered for a reunion via Zoom from Paris, New York, and Los Angeles.

Heinrich, now retired, just returned from Mont Blanc, sporting a healthy glow from his time in the French Alps, where he celebrated his 46th anniversary with Marie José in L’Étang-la-Ville. Kudret and Jackie, who met at I-House, recounted their harrowing escape from the World Trade Center on 9/11 and their NYC pandemic experience as they continue to work virtually. Laureen, a retired corporate banker, is keeping busy with community involvement with children and education, real estate management, and planning trips/zooms to visit friends around the world when able to do so safely. Good friends can pick up the warmth and connection where they left off despite gaps in time and distance. Cheers to old friends!

Please post photos from any I-House alumni gatherings—virtual or otherwise—on ihberkeleyconnect.org, or send to ihalumni@berkeley.edu!

Washington, DC

Old friends from the late 1970s reunite upon Minnie Loo’s visit to Washington, DC, shortly before the pandemic.

Although we couldn’t gather in person this year, more than 120 alumni joined our first ever Virtual Global Homecoming, featuring an update and Q&A with Shaun Carver, our new Executive Director; a look back through the decades of our Fashion Show Flashback reel; and an engaging discussion and opportunity to connect with fellow alumni for Global Table Talk. You can watch the replay at ihouse.berkeley.edu/globalhomecoming.

Shaun Carver enjoyed his first Global Homecoming, emceed by alumna Chan’Cellore Makanjuola (IH 2019–20)

The I-House mission should remain the same that it has had for 90 years, to be a gathering of people from all over the world and a center for learning and exchanging ideas, a center for respect and understanding...That’s what the world needs now more than ever.

Mina Rainès-Lambé Parsont (IH 1954-56)
Global Table Talk participant
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Despite protests, International House opens its doors as the first coeducational, interracial living center west of the Hudson River. Dedicated to intercultural friendship and peace, I-House is the second of four Houses funded by John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

Harry Edmonds, I-House’s founder, selects Allen Blaisdell as the first Executive Director (1930 to 1961). Blaisdell fights racial discrimination and bravely denounces the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

I-House is one of the very few places in the Bay Area where people of diverse ethnic backgrounds can gather comfortably in an integrated setting.

**August 18, 1930**

After the war, the period affectionately called the “Golden Age” of I-House begins. The Coffee Shop (now known as the I-House Café) is a popular place to meet people from around the world.

There are many activities when we mix with all residents—dances on Friday night, folk dancing with a professional teacher, and the remarkable festivals produced by Eugenie Carneiro. There is even an I-House chorus.

W. Sheridan Warrick is appointed Executive Director following Allen Blaisdell’s retirement. Throughout the turbulence of the ’60s and ’70s, Warrick maintains I-House as a home for peace, understanding, and free speech.

**1950s**

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Students from around the world watched as the Berlin Wall came tumbling down. I realized how many of us at I-House had taken down the walls within ourselves. The world was not only changing on the screen – it was changing through us at I-House.

**1961**

**1952 - 55**

**1989**

Martin Brennan is appointed the fourth Executive Director. The UCB alum and former ambassador brings more than 30 years of international affairs experience and initiates Navigating Cultures, the first for-credit UC class offered by I-House.

**1990 - 96**

Scholarship funding is spurred by the 60th and 65th anniversary galas honoring David Rockefeller and Arun Sarin (IH 1975-78). Joe Lurie initiates summer Elderhostel programs.

**1988**

Joe Lurie leads the successful $10.6 million 75th Anniversary Campaign to fund scholarships, renovations, and programs. Steven Rockefeller is honored at the 75th Anniversary Gala.

**2004 - 07**

Transforming one of the last public spaces at I-House that was not accessible to those with mobility challenges, the Clarence E. Heller Patio Access Ramp is completed in August.

Through the support of donors and a grant from Eric Schmidt (IH 1976-80) and Wendy (Boyle) Schmidt (IH 1978-82), the Dining Commons receives extensive renovations to increase energy efficiency, upgrade outdated equipment, and provide more engagement between residents and kitchen staff.

**2007**

Global Homecoming features presentations by CIL, an international fashion show, and opportunities for alumni and residents to mingle over international cuisine prepared by residents and the Dining Commons staff.

**2008**

Despite the economic downturn, I-House awards 20% of residents with scholarships to ensure cultural and socioeconomic diversity, made possible by the generosity of I-House alumni and friends.

**2015**

**2017**

**2018**

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International House is “drafted” by the U.S. Navy, renamed “Callaghan Hall,” and occupied by 800–900 Navy cadets—nearly double the pre-war occupancy.

During the Callaghan Hall years, I-House residents live in five fraternity houses. This is the first time I-House residents share rooms and many enjoy the close friendships of roommates.

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Irving Tragen (IH 1943–47) has a new memoir entitled, Two Lifetimes As One: Éle and Me and the Foreign Service. Tragen recounts first meeting his wife, the late Éle “Ele” Dodson (IH 1944–47) at International House, and their odyssey through a dozen assignments over 35 years in the U.S. Foreign Service and the Organization of American States. In retirement in San Diego, he remains engaged in building friendship and understanding between the United States and Latin America.

1950s

William W. Shane (IH 1950–51 and 1953–54) writes, “I found I-House a comfortable and convenient place to live and I enjoyed my casual association with people from other countries and cultures, without fully recognizing the value of this experience; that came later. In 1958, it was decided that I should continue my education in The Netherlands...I remember the day that I stepped off the ship in Rotterdam as the day that I grew up. Learning a new language and adapting to a (slightly) different culture were obstacles, which I overcame more easily than I had expected.... I cannot help but think that my experience at I-House had made the task much easier. As I now look back, I see my two years at I-House as the first very hesitant steps in a long and, to me, exciting journey.”

1960s

Gerhard Hamm (IH 1963–66) writes, “I have been living in Honolulu, Hawaii, for about 50 years. I don’t know about today, times always change, but at my time, mentioning staying at I-House elicited respect.” After receiving his M.B.A., Gerhard worked in corporate development at a large pharmaceutical company in Manhattan. He then returned to Berkeley before ultimately moving to Hawaii.

Algimantas Priscus (IH 1960–63) shares, “I really enjoy receiving emails from I-House where I spent three years a long time ago while studying (and where I met my wife with whom I have been married for 55 years!”

Lila Rayol (IH 1966) writes, “I’m still active with sworn translations, mostly for young people going abroad for their graduate studies or coming back with degrees from foreign universities. My family is fine; I am already a grandmother to two boys, Lucas, 6, and Eduardo, 3, and surprisingly I’m about to become a great grandmother. My granddaughter Angella is having her first baby early next year. Brazilian families are usually large. Hoping for the best to all at I-House and UC Berkeley.”

Alan Weinstein (IH 1964–66) and Marguerite Weinstein (IH 1964–65) were I-House residents who met at the first coffee hour in 1964 and have been married since 1967. Alan and Margo write, “We remember fondly our time there and, in particular, the cordial reception by Sherry and Betsey Warrick.”

1970s

Kathryn Anthony (IH 1976–79) was awarded the 2020 Lifetime Achievement Award by the Chicago Women in Architecture Foundation. See our Alumni Spotlight video interview and blog post with Kathryn at ihouse.berkeley.edu/blog.

Peter Guttorp (IH 1975–76) was a contributor to the IPCC, a panel that shared the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize with Al Gore for their efforts to build up and disseminate greater knowledge about man-made climate change, and to lay the foundations for the measures that are needed to counteract such change.” He was a professor of statistics at the University of Washington until 2015.

Nicholas Martin (IH 1979–81) reminisces about living at I-House during the 50th Anniversary in 1980!

General Ellen Pawlikowski (IH 1978–79) was happy to return to I-House as The 2020 Nimitz Lecturer in National Security Affairs. During her address for the Department of Military Affairs, she proudly mentioned she lived at I-House and that one of her I-House friends was in the audience. General Pawlikowski was the third woman to achieve the rank of General in the U.S. Air Force.

Alicia Reeks (IH 1973–74) writes, “My fond memories of living at I-House from 1973–74 are of Friday night folk dancing in the large room. I would go with another friend who lived at I-House (John Skiff) and a friend who lived at Barrington Hall (Steve Bonacich). It was the best part of my week!”

1980s

Bejan Esmaili (IH 1986–87) writes, “Living at I-House was fantastic for many reasons. The location was ideal being across the street from the campus and next door to the stadium where we had Cal soccer practice. The food and library made everything so easy and inclusive. But the best thing was the people, the ones who worked there and the individuals you shared stories and diverse experiences with.”
John L. Geiger (IH 1981–82) is an intellectual property attorney and screenwriter in Los Angeles, and co-author of the new book, *Creativity and Copyright: Legal Essentials for Screenwriters and Creative Artists.* He writes, “I’m forever grateful for my I-House experience. I-House is the right place at the right time for so many. Happy 90th!”

Monica (McIntire) Merrill (IH 1989–90) is now leading community outreach for PowerSchool, headquartered in Folsom, CA. She shares, “As a single, widowed mother of 5, I am grateful for the opportunities & perspectives a multicultural education provides.”

Gopal Sankaran (IH 1982–88) has been selected by the International Health Section of American Public Health Association to receive the 2020 Carl E. Taylor Lifetime Achievement Award in International Health. A list of past recipients is available at aphaih.org.

Khatharya Um (IH 1983–88) received the Chancellor’s Award for Advancing Institutional Excellence and Equity. The award recognizes faculty members who have an extraordinary record of accomplishment in advancing equity, inclusion, and diversity. Professor Um is an internationally acclaimed scholar and advocate whose groundbreaking research illuminates the global impacts of war, genocide, and refugee experiences, with a particular focus on war and genocide in Southeast Asia and its effects on Southeast Asian communities in the U.S. As a self-described refugee-scholar herself, she was the first woman of Cambodian descent to be awarded a Ph.D. in the United States.

Brenna Wardell (IH 1989–91) shares that she has published the book, *Of Moose and Me: Animal Tales from an Alaskan Childhood.*

Pascale Weber (IH 1984–86) is now working as an investor relations manager at D’IETEREN.

Thomas Chalumeau (IH 1990) is now the Principal Investment Officer and Lead Regional manager for the Middle East & Africa Region at the International Finance Corporation (The World Bank Group) headquartered in Washington DC.

Gustave Cordahi (IH 2007–08) returned to I-House and shared, “The Dome was my home as a UC Berkeley graduate student more than a decade ago! Take advantage of this uniquely diverse setting that was an awesome foundation for a career—and life—that has been taking me across geographic and cultural boundaries. With its blend of stressful and joyful memories from grad school days, the I-House will always feel like home!”

Mar Rubio-Varas (IH 2001–02) and Daniel Morató (IH 2002) share, “Our thoughts are with you. Stay safe. Stay home. We met at I-House in February 2002. Since then we have married, had two children, and become university professors at Universidad Pública de Navarra. As we go through these uncertain times, we think of our cherished memories at Berkeley. As a historian, I am certain that the memories of these days will go down in the narratives of the House for years to come. Be strong. Be safe. Be the home that we all miss when we return to our countries.”

Daniel Rosenthal (IH 2016) writes, “I recently stayed with my former I-House roommate, Ricardo, in his hometown of Oaxaca, Mexico.”


Zareen Cheema (IH 2017–18) has started working with Volvo Cars.

Benny Corona (IH 2019–20) received the Chancellor’s Graduate Award for Civic Engagement as a Public Service Graduate Fellow. Benny advocates for the Central Valley of California, where he was born and raised. First in his family to attend college, Benny has worked as a community organizer, community development specialist, and political campaigner. Inspired by his parents, who are formerly undocumented farm workers, Benny has worked to expand access to clean water and sewer systems.

Leonardo Huerta (IH 2019–20) has graduated from the Berkeley Mechanical Engineering program.

Cécile LeFèvre (IH 2017–18) shares that she has recently moved back to France.

Sohrob Nayebaziz (IH 2017–19) shares that he visited I-House friends in seven countries.

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1930s

Margaret (Shun-Chun Kao) Lin (IH 1930s) passed away on May 11, 2020, at the age of 102. She was born in 1918 in Peiping, China, and came to California in 1947, following her husband, Tung-Yen Lin (IH 1930–32), who had begun his 30-year faculty career as a professor of civil engineering at Berkeley. He and Margaret married in 1941. In California, Margaret and Tung-Yen discovered a passion for ballroom dancing, building a dance floor in the prestressed concrete El Cerrito home Tung-Yen designed himself. Donation of that house became the centerpiece of their generous support for Berkeley, endowing the T.Y. and Margaret Lin Chair in Engineering. Tung-Yen died at age 91 in 2003.

1940s

Jere Jeffrey Austin (IH 1943–44)
Raised on an orange ranch in Exeter, California, Jere Jeffrey Austin left home to serve in the Navy from 1942 to 1946 and earned his degree in mechanical engineering from UC Berkeley. For most of his professional career, he worked at Westinghouse Electric Corporation’s Marine Division in Sunnyvale. He was very active in the Los Altos neighborhood where he and his wife, Jean, lived for more than 60 years.

Elizabeth Mackay Ratcliff Balderston (IH 1946)

Elizabeth knew Berkeley as her home since her father was the head of the Philosophy Department at UC Berkeley, and her mother owned the Helen T. Mackay Hat Shop on Claremont Avenue. In 1948, Elizabeth married Walter H. Ratcliff with whom she had five children. After her children were grown, she spent many years trekking in the Himalayas, and a year teaching at the English Language Institute in Kathmandu. Elizabeth married Frederick E. Balderston, Professor Emeritus of the Haas Business School.

Merrill Mason Gaffney (IH 1948–52)

Merrill Mason Gaffney died surrounded by love on July 16, 2020, in Loma Linda, California, at age 96. He lived at I-House while studying for his Ph.D. in economics. In 1951, while Mason was playing guitar in the Great Hall, he met Estelle Lau (IH 1952). They married in an I-House ceremony in 1952. Together they had three children. Mason had a long and illustrious career as a professor of economics, which led him to academic and research positions that crisscrossed the continent. He married Tish Atwood in 1973, and together they raised three children as well, during his four decades as a beloved professor at the University of California, Riverside. Mason was a true Renaissance man, whose love of music was equaled only by his commitment to social justice. He always remembered I-House with great fondness, and his last visit there in 2019 brought joy to his heart.

Gilbert Haakh (IH 1946–47)

After growing up in Germany, the Netherlands, Cuba, and Mexico, Gilbert Haakh came to the United States to study at UC Berkeley (A.B. 1947) and Harvard Law (L.L.B 1950). He was admitted to the California and Massachusetts Bar and joined McLeod Young, then Baker McKenzie LLP, where he specialized in Corporate Securities Regulation and Corporate Finance issues. Mr. Haakh transitioned to McKenna, Long & Aldrich LLP, until his full retirement in 2012. He was an avid tennis player and loved to hike; he even backpacked the Grand Canyon at the age of 73.

Maxine Luise Gardner Macbeth (IH 1942–44)

Maxine Blum grew up during the 1930s in San Jose. While at I-House, she studied children’s art and its powers to help children understand their own lives. Maxine worked with the Longshoremen’s Union in the 1940s and 1950s, and consistently supported civil rights and anti-war efforts. Maxine helped organize the first large-scale protest against the war in Vietnam on the West Coast—the 1967 Spring Mobilization and March. She cut sugar cane in Cuba and picked coffee in Nicaragua. In 1994, Maxine reconnected with Hugh E. Macbeth Jr. (IH 1941–44), the young law student that she had met at I-House. After having nearly married then, they had parted but ultimately returned to each other and celebrated 25 years together. Their generosity will establish the Maxine G. and Hugh E. Macbeth Jr. Scholarship at International House.

Robert (Bob) Stafford Newton (IH 1948–50)

Born on December 9, 1924, in Los Angeles, Bob Newton served in the U.S. Army from 1944 to 1946 as an Infantryman and Intelligence-Reconnaissance Specialist. After studying at Occidental College, he lived at I-House while attaining his degree in English. From 1952 to 2060, Bob worked for the Department of State as a Diplomatic
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Courier in the U.S. Foreign Service. Bob worked at UC Berkeley Extension from 1962 until his retirement in 1990. He loved spending time with family and friends while enjoying good food, a nice bottle of wine, and always a good book and classical music to soothe the soul. Bob dedicated most of his leisure time to reading a variety of poetry ranging from the classics to the most modern poets of our time. Bob recounted a time when his family, Dad, Mom, and older brother crossed the bay from SF to Marin on a ferry (before GG Bridge had been built). While looking back at the City, he marveled at the variety and enormity of ships, and the beauty of the cityscape. He vowed then as a very young boy that he would one day live in San Francisco. He eventually did make his home in SF and the East Bay, always with a wonderful view of the Bay.

Marie (Hayes) Schutz (IH 1943–44 and 1946–48)

Marie Schutz arrived at I-House in 1943 only to find her studies interrupted by the War. After a stint in the Navy WAVES, she returned to UC Berkeley, where the International House community and the nascent United Nations across the Bay became the backdrop against which her characteristic, ever-hopeful and expansive worldview came into focus. After earning her library degree, she enjoyed a storied career in varying capacities, including standing in bodily defense of the card catalog in Doe Library during student protests and growing a library from seed in her Berkeley garage for the John Woolman School in Nevada City. At I-House, she met her husband, Robert Schutz (IH 1945–48), during the “Golden Years” in the late ’40s. Robert was actively engaged as Chairman of the group, People for Peace, comprised of 450 I-House residents who signed and presented a peace petition in 1948 to UC Berkeley President Robert Sproul and Secretary George Marshall. Three of Marie and Robert’s four children graduated from Cal, and two lived at I-House: Karla Schutz (IH 1978) and Roberta Schutz (IH 1980). Marie’s story is featured in the International House book, The Golden Age of International House: An Oral History of the Post World War II Era. Contributions in Marie’s memory may be made to International House, or to Friends House in Santa Rosa.

Charles J. Tateosian (IH 1944)

Charles J. Tateosian interrupted his college education and enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1942, serving as a lieutenant. After graduating from UC Berkeley in 1947, Charlie began a 40-year career with Pacific Gas & Electric. He retired in 1987 and started his second career as a consultant through Gas System Engineering. Charlie was a California Registered Professional Engineer (Mechanical), and was the longest serving member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Code Committee for natural gas piping systems. Charlie was heavily involved in the Bay Area and California Armenian community.

1950s

Sylvia Fluellen (IH 1950s)

Sylvia Fluellen Fussell was born in Gilmer, Texas, on March 17, 1938. She obtained her undergraduate degree in mathematics from Wiley College and went on to obtain her master’s degree in mathematics from Texas Southern University in Houston. She then pursued her Ph.D. in applied mathematics at UC Berkeley.

Sylvia later went on to be a professor in mathematics at Wiley College and Prairie View A&M. She will be remembered for her amazing green thumb, kindness, and Southern charm.

Jeanne Griffith (IH 1952–54)

Jeanne Hoffman Griffith was born on September 12, 1930, in La Grande, Oregon, where she spent her childhood. Her lifelong dream was to become a social worker, and she was able to do so after earning her master’s degree at UC Berkeley. At I-House, she met her husband of 46 years, Ladd Griffith (IH 1952–55). As a couple, they traveled the world and sustained many amazing friendships. Jeanne and Ladd had a passion for dance. She recalled the story of learning to dance the Viennese Waltz at I-House, and later dancing with her husband at the I-House 75th Anniversary Valentine’s Day celebration in the video I-House Berkeley Presents: If These Old Walls Could Speak. Room 495, where Jeanne Griffith resided, is proudly dedicated to her and Ladd in recognition of their lives and special ties to International House and all that it champions.

Edward K. Rice (IH 1950–51)

Edward K. Rice, an innovator in concrete and building technologies, led major civil engineering firms. He attended UC Berkeley in the early 1940s, but interrupted his studies during World War II to join the Army Air Corps, and flew as a navigator on a B-24. After the war, he returned to UC Berkeley to earn both bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering. He was the co-founder of T.Y. Lin and Associates, and later founded CTS Cement Manufacturing Corp. He would later serve as an...
adjunct professor of materials science and engineering at UCLA from 1986 to 1990. Edward was named a UC Berkeley Distinguished Engineering Alumnus.

Paul Salz (IH 1950–52)
Born in 1924 and raised near Pilsen, Czechoslovakia, Paul Salz moved to England in 1939 on the Kindertransport train for Jewish children. He was sent to India upon joining the RAF and was repatriated to the U.S. after the war. Paul studied electrical engineering and met his wife, Lottie (Wallerstein) Salz (IH 1947–48), while a resident of International House. Paul recounts his remarkable encounters at I-House and of meeting Lottie in the International House book, The Golden Age of International House: An Oral History of the Post World War II Era. He worked for PG&E, Bechtel, and the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, where he would enjoy a fulfilling 40+ year career. He was an active board member of the Panoramic Hill Association and collected a multitude of wonderful memories and lifelong friendships with incredible neighbors. It was a joy for him to know that his eldest granddaughter, who loves the house and the hill as he did, will carry on from here.

Hla Shwe (IH 1956–60)
Born and raised in Rangoon, Burma, Hla Shwe (Chiong Boo-Cheong) became the first person in his extended family to pursue a bachelor’s degree. Hla earned his bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees in physics at UC Berkeley, where I-House became his second home and where he would meet his future wife, Sarah Wong (IH 1959–60). Hla worked at Argonne National Laboratory and Ripon College, and as Dean of Arts and Sciences at East Stroudsburg University. Hla and Sarah retired in Davis, where he became deeply involved with UC Davis and local non-profits such as Rotary. As President of the Board of Directors of International House Davis, Hla led the fundraising efforts in order to rebuild it.

Robert H. Spaethling (IH 1952–53)
Robert H. Spaethling was drafted into the German Army in WWII. Following the war, he moved to America, and while at I-House Berkeley, earned his Ph.D. in German literature, and met and fell in love with his wife, Ellen Sonnenberg. Together they raised three children. In 1959, Robert became assistant professor of German literature at Harvard. Robert became one of the academic founders of the University of Massachusetts, Boston, as professor of German studies, and later, as Provost, Vice Chancellor, and Dean of Graduate Studies. Robert had a great appreciation for classical music and literature and dedicated his later years to writing three books on Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

1960s
Philip Miyamoto (IH 1960–63)
During World War II, the Miyamoto family was removed from the Bay Area and incarcerated in Heart Mountain, Wyoming. After the war, the family returned to San Francisco. Despite his earlier internment, Philip Miyamoto served his country in the U.S. Army as a medic in Korea. He graduated from the College of the Pacific in Stockton (1955) and the UC Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall 1963). He practiced law for over 50 years, working for the State of California as an attorney and later as a judge. He retired as a Workers’ Compensation Judge. He and his wife, Ella Tom Miyamoto, were married for over 50 years.

Stuart Pawsey (IH 1964–66)
Born in England and raised in Sydney by his Australian and Canadian parents, Stuart’s education led him to UC Berkeley, where he obtained his Ph.D. in 1970. It was here that he decided to live at International House, a decision that surely changed his life. At International House, he not only formed a global network of lifelong friends but also met Glenda (Powell) Pawsey (IH 1965–67), whom he married in 1968. After finishing his education, Stuart returned to Australia to teach. During this time in Australia, he and Glenda had two sons, Chris and Warwick. He returned to Berkeley in 1975 and worked at the engineering firm PMB until his retirement, specializing in wind and wave stress on bridges and floating structures. Stuart was passionate about community engagement and stayed politically active throughout his life, from engaging in the Free Speech Movement of the 1960s to supporting immigrants in 2019. He actively volunteered with the I-House Board of Directors and House Committee for many years, and in 2016, he and Glenda established the Activism Era Scholarship at I-House in tribute to that revolutionary era.

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