Rongzhi Liu is from Beijing, China, and is a new Ph.D. student in Psychology. She did her undergraduate degree in Psychology and Statistics at Swarthmore College. As an undergraduate, she did research on the development of social reasoning in young children. She also compared the performance of children from the U.S. and China, and studied the cultural effect on children’s social reasoning. As a Ph.D. student, she hopes to continue studying how children learn about this complex and fascinating social world. She is looking forward to living in California, where she would have more opportunities for outdoor activities such as running and hiking. She also enjoys cooking a lot. She is good at cooking Asian food, but also open to learning new dishes. She is very excited to be joining the community at International House, and to learn about the different experiences and stories of people from all over the world!

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Kwei Ü’s family has had a long and meaningful relationship with International House. His aunt, Djoh-I LI, was one of its earliest residents. In 1947, his father, Man Foo Peter Ü, lived at International House. Professor Choh Ming LI, Kwei’s uncle, took a sabbatical from the University of California in 1963 to found The Chinese University of Hong Kong, and upon his retirement, returned to Berkeley and served on the International House Board of Directors.