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Dr. Hans Giesecke Leading I-House Into New Era

Following an exhaustive international search, Dr. Hans C. Giesecke was recently appointed as the fifth Executive Director of I-House. He brings three decades of leadership in higher education administration in both the U.S. and abroad to his guiding role at one of Cal's most prominent institutions. Born in the U.S.A.'s Pacific Northwest and raised there and in Germany, Hans previously served as President of Anatolia College in Thessaloniki, Greece, with more than 2,300 pupils and students from Kindergarten through MBA. His driving focus and expertise has long been in helping underserved student populations, focusing on scholarship creation and development and in guiding qualitative changes to enhance student and alumni engagement and satisfaction for mutual benefit. "Together with our Board, I look forward to maintaining all the remarkable qualities that define the I-House experience while heralding a new era for collaboration with campus, alumni, and other I-Houses worldwide. We hope to expand scholarship resources for needy and deserving students, continue evolving I-House as a hub for intercultural learning, and as a place where lifelong relationships are formed," says Hans.



Hans & Susan Giesecke in front of I-House's iconic dome

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MasterCard Gives Millions for Sub-Saharan African Students



Maanaa Pierre, Narissa Alibhai, and Aisha Kigongo (of Ghana, Kenya and Uganda) are the first UC Berkeley graduate student MasterCard Scholars—all are residing at International House in 2012-2013.

UC Berkeley will receive \$30 million in funding over the next eight years as part of The MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program. The eight-year, \$500 million education initiative will provide some 15,000 talented, yet financially disadvantaged students who have a "give-back" ethos and live in developing countries with full scholarships and comprehensive support for their high school and college educations. International House is proud to include all three graduate students from the inaugural Cal cohort in its fall 2012 residential community. Dozens will be welcomed by IH from the 113 students between now and 2020 that will benefit from this historic program at UC Berkeley. Sub-Saharan Africa is the primary geographic focus for student aid.

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Executive Director's Message

Catching and Transmitting the “International Bug”

Hans C. Giesecke, Ph.D.

One of my strongest initial impressions and observations about I-House is that it has an extraordinary impact on virtually all of those who enter its doors and participate in its programs. Whether they be I-House residents, alumni, intercultural program participants, speaker series attendees, Directors of the Board, I-House members or simply

those who hang out on the terrace of our café, everyone appears to be impacted by being involved with this remarkable place.

International House's impact can be even more powerful if those moved by their experience here can coalesce around our vision of being both a global residential center and an intentional learning community that corresponds with and enhances our mission: to foster intercultural respect and understanding, lifelong friendships and leadership skills for the promotion of a more tolerant and peaceful world.

When one climbs the brick steps onto our front entry way, one often catches a “social virus.” This, thankfully, is not a dreaded germ or lethal virus that may cause harm, sickness, or impairment, but rather it is a sensation that is something akin to the high one gets from good interactions with others in energizing social environments. This virus is indeed highly contagious and can easily spread from person to person.

Let's call this social virus the “international bug.” This is, broadly construed, the sense of belonging to something greater than one's own national or local community. Having this bug connotes an awareness of the larger world around us; it means we have a sense of what is happening outside of our own daily realities. It signifies that we are open to the strangers around us and we respect both their differences and their commonalities with us. For many of us, catching the international bug eventually means that we must regularly get on a plane to somewhere else where we can truly experience a different culture and live our lives differently than we do here in the Bay Area.

Even so, it is important to recognize that catching the international bug does have a remarkable impact on one's life that shapes decisions, lifestyle choices, and future endeavors. Those who have the bug are more likely to engage in international service projects, dine with others of different backgrounds, learn different languages, invite others with different belief systems into their homes, and actually reside in other lands for extended periods.

Having the international bug also means that people are less suspicious of the motives of others, willing to listen to others' ideas and approaches, and consider alternative ways of dealing with vexing problems. Perhaps more than anything it means that we practice a spirit of hospitality and inclusiveness in our undertakings and initiatives and that we have friends and associates from many different walks of life, belief systems, and national backgrounds.

When it truly sinks in, the international bug often transmits the message that national identifiers and individual ethnicities can be less and less important in how we regard the others around us. It helps us understand that, despite cultural and physical differences, we are more alike than we may initially think.

Indeed, there's something quite marvelous about viewing the world as a virtually endless stretch of places to couch surf. After residing in I-House for a semester or two, one can go virtually anywhere in the world and find a friend to visit. This ultimately means that our world becomes increasingly borderless.

I believe that the main impact of catching the international bug is the acquisition of a lifetime multi-cultural orientation. For some like myself, it can become a “lifetime affliction,” but the point is that this is a virus that has an overwhelmingly positive impact on one's mindset—opening one to new people and personal self-discovery.

The great thing about I-House's existence here in Berkeley is that one doesn't have to leave the USA to have a profound and remarkable international experience. One can revel in the benefits of the international atmosphere found in this place and recognize that it is a true model of inter-cultural cooperation and engagement.

The question remains: how can we most effectively sustain, promote, and encourage the broader dissemination of the international bug to our various groups of friends, colleagues, and associates? Here at I-House we believe that the best way to realize this goal is to work together in helping more students from around the world come here for an amazing, life-changing residential experience. This is made possible through the funding of room and board scholarships for students who couldn't otherwise afford to reside in this magnificent facility. I offer special thanks to those of you in our worldwide community who have already made generous contributions to our scholarship fund for needy students who want to reside here but couldn't otherwise. And, I want to encourage those of you who are still on the fence as to your own ability to contribute to our scholarship effort to think even harder about what you can give to extend this amazing opportunity to a residential student body that is ever more diverse and talented. ■



I-House residents who benefit from scholarships echo, in their own words, Hans' appreciation for our generous supporters.



Tsunami Survivors Experience I-House

I-House welcomed three hundred high-school students from the Tohoku region of Japan this summer. The students were participants in the Tomodachi (Friendship) Initiative sponsored by Cal alum and Softbank CEO, Masayoshi Son, designed to equip Japanese youth, deeply impacted by the 2011 tsunami, with skills to “thrive and make a difference.”

The three-week intensive program, based at UC Berkeley, included both an I-House based social dance and an afternoon program centered on an interview, slide presentation and dance performance of I-House Board member Yoshi Akiba (IH



IH Board member, NBC Anchor and Haas lecturer, Diane Dwyer led Japanese student guests in a “Go Bears!” cheer



Yoshi Akiba (IH 1973)

1973). Ms. Akiba rose from a Japanese orphanage to gain international renown as a U.S.-based restaurateur, jazz club owner, local dance performer and proponent of cultural education and exchange, including workshops in tea ceremony, meditation and Ikebana flower-arranging for local school children. Consistent with the title of Ms. Akiba's autobiography, *We Can Do It!* The afternoon proved an inspiration for the students, some of whom said they aspire to return to Cal in later years - perhaps even as future residents of I-House! ■

Longtime Neighbor, New Splendor: Stadium Re-Opens

Memorial Stadium was built in 1923, seven years prior to I-House's opening next door. Generations of I-House residents would be hard pressed to recognize the new stadium, however, after a \$300M+ renovation has transformed 300,000 square feet of program space. Dramatic improvements for both athletes and fans abound, with a new athletic training center on lower levels and expanded walkways, more restrooms and concession areas, and a seismic upgrade throughout, all made possible through 50,000 cubic feet of concrete and 14 million pounds of steel reinforcement.

The stadium re-opened in September, 2012 with special game-time ceremonies throughout the fall, including a presentation to Cal's Olympic Athletes made by Leon Panetta on October 6th. The first two games of the season were broadcast on a new Pac-12 television channel and 200 tickets to each game were distributed to I-House residents, many of whom have weathered years of construction noise as the project progressed.

In addition to other improvements, the playing field surface was lowered four feet to improve sightlines for fans in lower rows. Aluminum bleachers replaced wood seats, portions of which were re-purposed in paneling of the new Hall of Fame. Find out more at stadium.berkeley.edu. Go Bears! ■



Under the Dome: Fall 2012 Residents

See current residents in “We Are I-House” photo mosaic, page 9!

Facts about this year's residents:

- 590 residents represent 62 countries
- 43% Women / 57% Men
- 73% are international students, 27% are from the U.S.A.
- 40% Graduate
- 11% Visiting Scholar/Post Doc
- 49% Undergraduate
- Average Age is 23 (range 18-56)

TOP 12 COUNTRIES OF RESIDENTS:

USA	160	India	21
Korea	67	Norway	18
Germany	36	UK	16
Japan	33	Australia	14
China	31	Italy	14
France	26	Brazil	12

ADDITIONAL AREAS/CONTINENTS:

Europe	52
Asia	33
Africa	16
Middle East	10
South & Central Americas	13
North America (non USA)	13
Oceania	5

TOP TEN MAJORS/AREAS OF STUDY:

Law	62
Economics	46
Business Administration	40
Mechanical Engineering	30
Political Science	27
Industrial Engineering & Operations Research	24
Civil & Environmental Engineering	20
Electrical Engineering & Computer Sciences	19
Mathematics	19
Physics	18

FINANCIAL AID:

- 37 students receive room and board aid (21 international/16 U.S.A.)
- Average support: \$5,029
- 9 additional “Gateway” full scholarships (paired with tuition)

THE CULTURE CORNER

Understanding Culture Through Proverbs

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

My dad used to tell me that sometimes you have to “stick your neck out.”

What value do you think he was teaching me ... Risk-taking? Taking action?



Values tell us a lot about a cultural group. Idioms are an accessible way to learn what culture values and passes down through the generations. My dad and I are both American.

Now consider a Japanese proverb “The nail that sticks up gets hammered down.” I hear the importance of adhering to the norm—quite contrary to sticking one’s neck out. The USA is by and large considered a risk-taking individualistic culture, whereas the Japanese culture tends to be more ‘collectivistic,’ in which the group is generally valued over the individual. Thus, you’re more likely to hear this phrase in Japan than in the US: “A single arrow is easily broken, but not ten in a bundle.”

As I lead intercultural workshops at I-House, I ask participants to look deeper into the values underlying proverbs as a way of getting to know one’s own and other cultures.



I’ll ask you to do the same: What expressions did you hear growing up? What do they say about the values of your culture? Ask your friends, especially those from other cultures, and learn what messages they received. My hunch is you’ll learn quite a bit about your similarities and differences, for as the old Yiddish proverb says: “Everyone is kneaded out of the same dough but not baked in the same oven.”

Do you have a proverb from your home country or culture? Share it with Breidi at breidi@berkeley.edu.

Web Videos Bring I-House Into Your Home

Joan Baez brought down the house with a moving sing-along of John Lennon’s “IMAGINE” at the I-House Gala in Spring 2012. This, along with other stellar Gala moments, including the inspiring words of Alumnus of the Year Daniel Mouen-Makoua, African sustainable agriculture pioneer, are moments alumni and friends can experience through expanded I-House videos posted online and at the I-House YouTube channel youtube.com/ihouseberkeley. Below is a sampling of videos now online:



I-House Gala 2012, Honoring Joan Baez, Global Citizen of Peace 2012



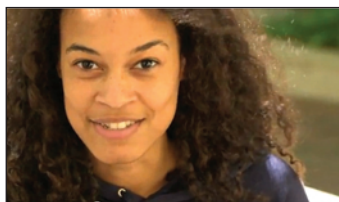
Daniel Mouen-Makoua (IH 1984), Alumnus of the Year 2012



Crisis in Europe: Consuls General Views: Speaker Series 9/12/12



Google’s Eric Schmidt (IH 1976-80), CAA’s Alumnus of the Year 2012



Welcome To Berkeley! New Pac-12 Network video



Updated History of I-House video “Join Us!”

Navigating Cultures Class Gains Momentum

A four-unit Cal course is being taught for the fourth year at I-House: Peace and Conflict Studies 119.3 – Navigating Cultures: Living & Working Around the Globe in the 21st Century. The class formalizes and extends I-House’s capacity to foster intercultural knowledge. This year’s class of 25 students, including 10 residents of IH, brings the total number of students completing the course since 2009 to 128 (both grad & undergrad). The success of the class inspired a half-day training on Intercultural Literacy for UC Berkeley employees, that has reached 192 Cal staff since 2010.

The aim of these programs is to enable participants to better understand their own cultural compass and acquire tools to assess and interact with other cultures in an insightful manner.

PACS 119.3 now also fulfills the “Philosophy and Values” breadth requirement in addition to the “International Studies” requirement mandated by campus. Co-taught by Liliane Koziol and Joe Lurie, the class examines how culture shapes perceptions and influences communication styles. Different cultural approaches to time, emotion, power, decision making, and ethics are explored, as is how the meanings of “late,” “love,” “yes,” “no,” “sorry,” “silence,” a touch, a smile and an insult vary dramatically across cultures. ■



Residents Conduct Peace Projects Worldwide

For the fifth year in a row, a generous grant from IH New York alumna Kathryn Wasserman Davis has provided \$10,000 grants to Berkeley I-House residents as part of a broader \$1M gift to 100 students implementing "Peace Projects" of their own design around the world. The 2012 Peace Project grant recipients below shared their experiences at this fall's Sunday Supper.

Light From Below

Residents: Oscar Díaz and Nestor Moreno

Project Country: Panama

Summary: Earth energy is a technology that produces electrical energy from the change in the rate of chemical reactions produced by microorganisms that can be found in soil, mud, and decomposed organic material. *Light from Below* takes this existing technology to the undeveloped areas in Panama in order to create Microbial Fuel Cell (MFC) Lamps, allowing for many activities after sundown and improved community safety. The project received recognition by "Big Ideas@Berkeley" under the Global Poverty Alleviation category.

In Their Own Words: *It is a significant realization that I can now be a catalyst to improve the lives of hundreds of people. Their suffering and happiness truly resonates with me.* - Oscar Díaz
It was very emotional having a whole classroom full of kids using their new lamps. It thrilled me knowing that their academic activities will not end at sunset anymore, promising a brighter future.
- Nestor Moreno



Finding "Common Ground" Israel/Palestine

Resident: Dr. Dana Douglas DePietro

Project Country: Israel

Summary: Archaeological fieldwork provides a unique opportunity for meaningful dialogue in Israel/Palestine because of the often-contentious position it occupies in the socio-political arena. Our goals were to promote dialogue and understanding between Palestinian and Israeli youth through a collective exploration of shared cultural heritage in an archaeological setting.

In Their Own Words: *Thanks to the Davis foundation, we were able to build solid ties with other joint Israeli and Palestinian peace projects, universities and governmental institutions. These efforts bore considerable fruit, with new partnerships established between SHARE and Al Quds University, Hebrew University, the excavations at the UNESCO world heritage site of Akko, the International Conservation Center, and the Oxford Ashmolean Museum. More details at: www.archshare.org*



Cultivating the Seeds of Leadership Among Mayan Youth

Residents: Catalina Saldivia and German Macias

Project Country: Guatemala

Summary: The aim of this project is to provide a series of trainings that will empower Mayan youth ages 16-22 to form a student-led community development association by creating sustainable, youth-initiated agriculture projects.

In Their Own Words: *We are thankful for the opportunity to make a change in the world. It might have been a small change but it had a great impact on the students and their families. However, the greatest impact occurred within us when we saw that these students, despite the adverse circumstances, their daily environment, and their past, made an effort to build peace within their communities while struggling to obtain an education, and working to help support their families.* - German Macias



Spotted "Above The Dome!"

On June 5, 2012, residents had the opportunity to see the transit of Venus eclipsing the sun on the front steps of I-House. IH resident Daniel Hogan (below, right) centered his telescope for the perfect view and stated "an eclipse like this won't happen again for 105 years!"



What's that in the sky?
A bird? A plane?...Pi?
Five airplanes generated 1,000 digits of the number π to the surprise and delight of many who saw "Pi in the sky" above the UC

Berkeley campus. Full story at: www.dailycal.org/2012/09/12/



The Space Shuttle Endeavor, strapped to a 747, was spotted over the Cal campus on Sept. 21 on its way south to be displayed in the California Science Center in LA. Dr. Sebastian Werner (IH 2010) captured this photo from the Lawrence Hall of Science and wrote "it was pretty much at eye level...really close."

You never know what you'll see around I-House! For more fun photos or to share yours, visit: facebook.com/berkeleyihouse

Private Sector Supporters

Generosity from foundations and corporations are a critical source of IH student support.

NORWAY HOUSE FOUNDATION

We recognize the important ways I-House promotes scholarly and cultural exchange, which is at the core of the Norway House Foundation mission.

Many Norwegians, including our own Crown Prince Haakon Magnus, have benefitted from the unique enriching environment I-House and UC Berkeley provide, and we are pleased to extend this opportunity to other Norwegian nationals.

- Foundation President, Norwegian Consul General Sten Arne Rosnes



NHF Scholarship recipient, Ida Sognnaes, says "Thank you!" in Norwegian



An appreciation for cultural diversity is a critical success factor in building effective working relationships. The intercultural skills I-House teaches are an invaluable asset to any student or professional.



Chevron's Peter Robertson with Vish Bulusu (India), Civil and Environmental Engineering



MasterCard Scholars (see p. 1) & Foundation President Reeta Roy, who says: *This program enables students to fully achieve their potential so that they can give back to Africa.*

The Transformative Power of Scholarships

Sometimes a helping hand when needed most can completely shift what is possible. Scholarship recipients at International House, through more than eight decades, know how meaningful such gifts can be. And in truth, many supporters of scholarships also find real meaning in these exchanges. I-House pays tribute below to this tradition and the ways such generosity resonates through the worldwide community of International House.

Adrian Hao Yin Ü Gateway Fellowship

The unique experience of living in I-House should be preserved for future scholars coming to Berkeley.

- Kwei Sang Ü, (IH 1961-65)



Kwei & Michele Ü with Chenghui

Chenghui Yu (China), Physics

I am very happy to know the Ü family and to begin experiencing all that UC Berkeley and International House have to offer. This scholarship is part of why I came to Cal.

- Chenghui Yu

Rafael Rodriguez Golden Age Scholarship

Nearly 250 contributors have shaped this graduate international student support fund

My time in I-House was enormously rewarding. I was grateful then, and I am grateful now. To that end, I continue to contribute to the Golden Age/ Rafael Rodriguez scholarship.

- Marion Ross (IH 40)



Marion Ross with Sebastian

Sebastian Peel (UK), History

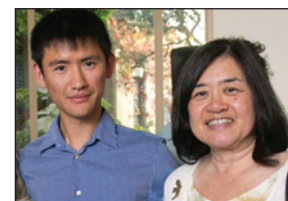
My IH scholarships has allowed me to pursue doctoral studies in Japanese history at a world class institution. At I-House I live alongside Japanese students and those from more than 60 other countries – a once in a lifetime opportunity for which I am extremely grateful.

- Sebastian Peel

University Section Club Scholarship

Thousands of students at Cal have received Section Club services and awards of need-based grants. We are proud of a long affiliation with I-House and delighted that scholars like Meng benefit from our shared aim to provide students a strong foundation for success.

- Janice Lieu, Section Club President



Meng Cai with Janice Lieu

Meng Cai (China), Mechanical Engineering

I appreciate and am very honored to have the opportunity to live at I-House, which would not have been possible without my scholarship. I truly enjoy the many conveniences and colorful social life, especially as I balance a heavy study load.

- Meng Cai

Arun & Rummi Sarin Scholarship

Rummi and I hope to give others the experiences we had at I-House – a global experience that fosters the kinds of relationships and world understanding that have profoundly shaped the people we are today.

- Arun Sarin



Arun & Rummi Sarin

Pulkit Agrawal

Pulkit Agrawal (India), Computer Science

Living at I-House has been an amazing cultural and intellectual experience. Life at I-House exemplifies the candid imagination of a global village and living here is not only exciting, but also enriching both personally and professionally! I thank the Sarins for all that they and I-House have made possible.

- Pulkit Agrawal

Wendell Lipscomb Scholarship

By exposing me to so much diversity, energy and good will, IH has helped me to mature and to become a more well-rounded individual as well as a more educated and informed one.

- T. Garvey



Tyler & Ruky with W. Lipscomb's widow, the late Ellen Gunther

Tyler Garvey & Rukayatu Tijani (both USA), Law

I'm a 1st generation student from NY, and have had to worry about paying for textbooks while making sure my mom can pay rent; how to feed myself and have a suit for job interviews.

IH provides financial help and has seeded new friendships, understanding and travel plans! It's an opportunity within an opportunity. - R. Tijani

Lurie Returned Peace Corps Volunteer

Nearly 150 contributors have donated to this fund

I am touched both by the donors whose gifts made this scholarship possible, and by its recipients and their contributions to the I-House community. These RPCV scholars expand and deepen transnational awakenings with exciting, new close encounters of a cross-cultural kind. - Joe Lurie



Joe Lurie with Dimitry Gershenson

Dimitry Gershenson (USA), Energy/Resources

My scholarship allows me to pursue my research without daily stress over money. Plus, I get the education only living at I-House can provide. Even though my Peace Corps service in Honduras is over, I have a lifetime of travel ahead keeping up IH friendships from all over the world. - D. Gershenson

Warrick Scholarship

There is no place in the world like I-House Berkeley. Betsey and I want to help bring other students to experience all this place has to offer.

- Sherry Warrick



Sherry & Betsey with Daniel

Daniel Viragh (Canada), History

Being part of IH Council has helped me develop new leadership experience, and improved my daily life. If not for I-House, I'd probably have 2 roommates in a small apartment instead of 600 friends from around the world. There is no other place like I-House. - Daniel Viragh

Always an Inspiration...



I-House scholarships have made a difference to countless residents throughout our history. I did not come to Berkeley because of International House, but the extraordinary generosity of the International House Scholarship made it possible for me to come to Berkeley.

- Dietrich von Bothmer (IH 1940) Former Curator, NY Metropolitan Museum of Art

I-House thanks all our supporters and members not recognized herein. Special thanks to named endowment scholarship donors not pictured above who, through participation in the Gateway program, link distinguished scholars to I-House room and board plus full tuition and fees at UC Berkeley: Allan Rosevear, Atef Eltoukhy, Egon Von Kaschnitz, Carl & Elizabeth Helmholtz, EWJ & Xenel International

The Fund For I-House

Each year IH membership dues and gifts of all sizes gain strength in numbers – and together benefit dozens of I-House residents with room and board aid. Residents who have benefited from Fund for I-House support in 2012 include:



Yi Lu (China) Chemical Engineering & Netsanet Tekeda Alemu (Ethiopia) Bioengineering, who says: *Thanks to I-House I can truly "live globally."*

VISIONARY TIER MEMBERS

Last year's introduction of a "Visionary" Tier Membership launched full-semester named scholarships for the donors below, paired with Gala table sponsorship, carte blanche to all IH events, and free intercultural training opportunities. Learn more at ihouse.berkeley.edu/membership. Grateful visionary scholarship recipients thank their supporters below:



Lorraine Elliot (IH 1947-49) & Susan Popol (USA), Business, who says:

Thanks to Mrs. Elliot, I can experience the amazing joy and comfort I-House brings to students from around the world.



Plant Construction's John Wilson & Farahat Anuscheh (Germany), Law



Darril Hudson (IH 1950-54) and Momen El-Husseiny (Egypt), Architecture

Room Named to Honor I-House Alumnus Professor Rangaiya Rao



A small gathering of friends and family is anticipated this fall to celebrate the naming of an I-House resident room in honor of the late Professor Rangaiya Rao.

Born in Bangalore, India to a family of 5 brothers and 3 sisters, Rangaiya distinguished himself by earning 1st rank in his B.Sc. examination among 60,000 candidates in Mysore State. After studies at the Indian Institute of Science and Central Electronics Engineering Research Institute in India, he came to UC Berkeley and International House in 1959, where he earned his M.S. and Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering. His teaching career at San Jose State University spanned three decades and included visiting professor appointments at Stanford and Kyoto University in Japan.

His wife, Dr. Sarala Rao of Los Altos Hills recalls that "Rangaiya loved his memories of International House, and, after many years teaching and advising undergraduate and graduate students, he understood deeply how the lessons of I-House make a difference in the lives of young people. I hope future residents of his room will appreciate his life story and enjoy many friendships, as he did, that extend beyond cultural boundaries and endure a lifetime." Professor Rao is also missed and remembered by son Gopal Rao, daughter Gowri Grewel, son-in-law Paul Grewal, and grandchildren Calvin & Sarina Grewal, all of Palo Alto, and many family members in India.

Kindnesses Multiplied: Cal Matching Gift Programs Maximize Impact

The Campaign for Berkeley has introduced several opportunities that expand donor gifts through matching funds. All hold promise to mutually benefit the Cal donor, I-House, and IH residents.

Graduate Division Match

A 3% payout match for endowments that benefit Cal graduate students with tuition and/or room and board awards. Endowment earnings over 3% are reinvested. Minima is \$50K.

Gifts for Berkeley's Future (Bill and Grace Ford Bequest)

A \$3M bequest will provide 30 contributors of \$100,000 to double their endowment size with a dollar for dollar match. Endowments must specify tuition or living expenses for undergraduate students.

New Alumni Challenge

Even modest gifts add up! To encourage new Cal alumni to begin a tradition of giving back to their alma mater, this program multiplies gifts of all sizes (up to \$1,000 per donor) from those receiving degrees in 2013 or in the last five years.

Details on matching gifts and naming opportunities are online at ihouse.berkeley.edu or call (510) 642-4128.



Through the Grad Division Match and with the Osher Foundation's blessing, \$100,000 of a prior emergency loan fund has been re-purposed for room and board aid for students with need, generating a \$6K annual award (\$3K earnings and \$3K match)!

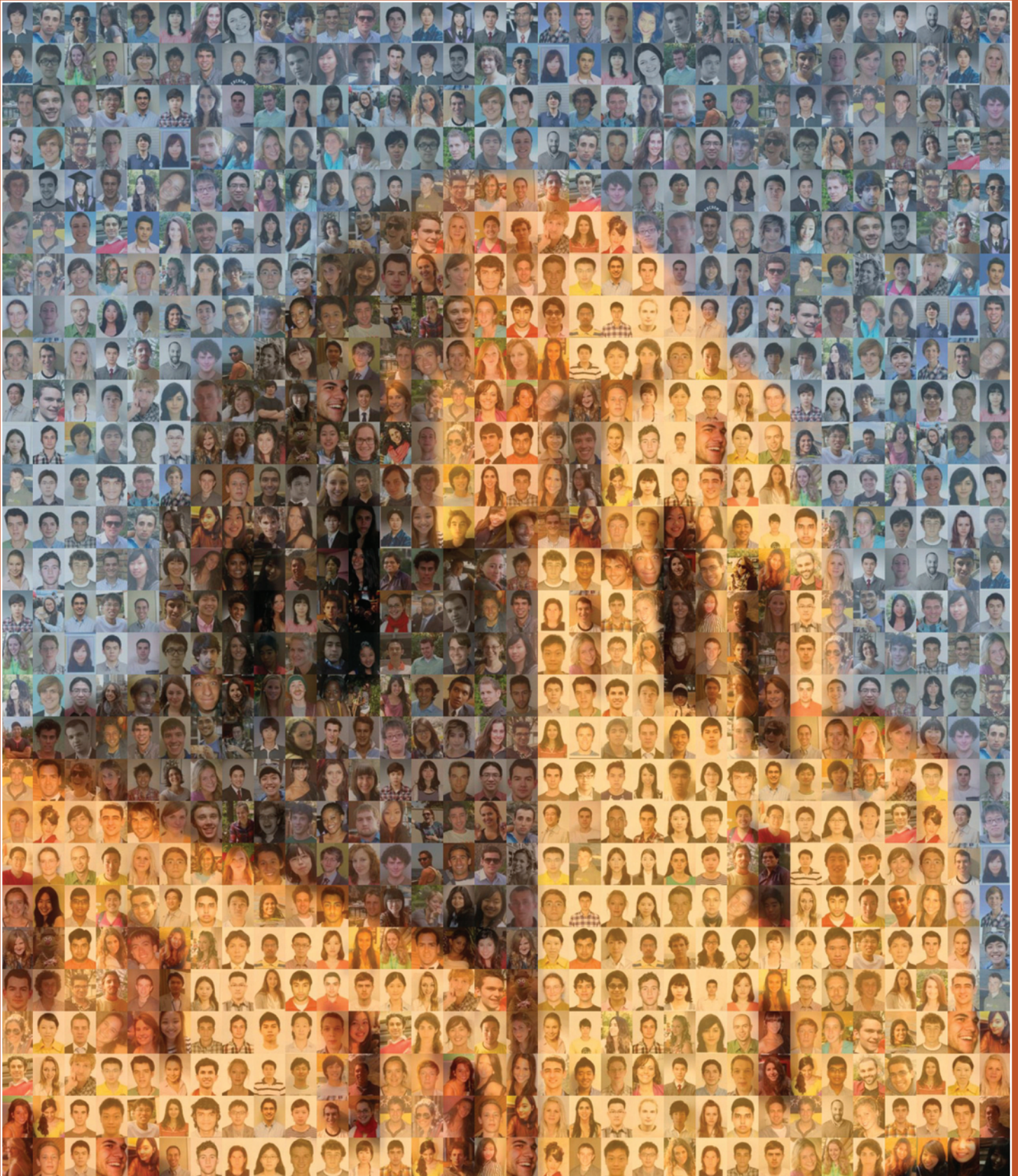


Irving Tragen (IH 1943-47) has also pledged a partial room and board award at I-House in honor of his late wife, Eleanor, who he met and courted at I-House prior to their more than 57 years together (including many years in South America in conjunction with Irv's distinguished diplomatic service.) A Boalt grad and supporter, the 2013 recipient of the I-House award will be the Tragen Fellowship Recipient at Boalt. I-House is collaborating with Boalt and Irving to assess if matching funds might help extend this new pairing of I-House aid for the Tragen fellow to 2014 and beyond.



Dick and Beaney Wezelman, friends to I-House and long time Berkeley-based importers of African arts (a business launched after Beaney's Peace Corps Service in northern Ethiopia), have established a Cal tuition endowment matched by the Graduate Division: The Wezelman Fellowship. Happily, they recently also committed a one year full room and board award to I-House to support a student from among the many countries where they import ethnic arts to benefit in 2013-14 from all that Cal and I-House have to offer. Thank you, Wezelmans!

WE ARE INTERNATIONAL HOUSE



**A GLOBAL COMMUNITY ADVANCING
A WORLD OF GREATER UNDERSTANDING**



Gifts to International House Make A World Of Difference:

2011 - 2012 Honor Roll of Contributors



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\$100,000 & Above

Anonymous (1)

Global Emissaries

\$50,000 & Above

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Help I-House Honor Departed Members of Our Community



I-House invites messages, photos and personal artifacts to memorialize alumni and friends no longer with us. A Dia de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) altar in the Great Hall will be assembled with residents at the conclusion of October 2012 and reprise a similar memorial from 2011, pictured at left, inspired by residents from Mexico. The theme of celebrating death as part of life is an ancient tradition with Aztec roots and relates to similar celebrations in Brazil, Spain, Asian and African cultures. If you would like to participate in our 2012 altar creation at I-House or have staff include the name and/or photo of a loved one in next year's celebration, email ihalumni@berkeley.edu.



MasterCard Gives Millions for Sub-Saharan African Students

(continued from page 1)

Aisha Kigongo, Narissa Alibhai and Maanaa Pierre along with four undergraduate students comprise the first cohort of MasterCard Scholars at Cal. International House room and board costs are provided through The MasterCard Foundation for all three grad students and for all future graduate student scholars in the program. Undergrads in all cohorts will have the option of choosing I-House as junior and seniors.

Aisha Kigongo from Uganda grew up with twelve siblings and, unlike the majority of teens in her country, she and all her siblings are among the 36% of teens on average that attended high school. Aisha was also among the 6% of her youth who go on to college. "My father would always say, 'Whatever little money I have, I'll give to you if it's relative to your education. If it's not, it's a luxury.'"

Aisha is pursuing a Masters in Information Management and Systems to "help me develop and apply my technical skills for the betterment of society." Specifically Aisha hopes to use her degree to empower African women in rural areas through technology, with the goal of enhancing their economic opportunities. At I-House, Aisha attended the overnight retreat for new residents in Sonoma and says she immediately felt welcomed and was "very inspired by the diversity of I-House, and we all enjoy the bragging rights of living at I-House knowing so many notable people have lived here before us!" noting "This is why I'm here!" and that "an ability to work well with people across many cultures will help me help my country."

Narissa Alibhai of Nairobi, Kenya, is pursuing a Masters in Development Practice and has an evolving interest in living conditions in slums, education, and women's access to birth control. She attended the I-House retreat and says "living at I-House is very important to me...the cultural diversity is incredible and there are so many unexpected connections across interests...I met a Japanese resident working on HIV whose approach to that issue is very different, and a Canadian student who is addressing water use and laws with an altogether different context. I know our friendships and collaborations will be mutually enriching." She spoke of attending the second football game held at Memorial Stadium and remarked "In Kenya even the national stadium is not that big!" She sat with many fellow residents enjoying their first football game, gleaned tips from new American friends on understanding the rules while sharing cell phone Wiki definitions of football terms among fellow international students.

Maanaa Pierre is also in the Masters in Development Practice program. Originally from Ghana, she is interested in land use and forest management, noting her country currently has one of the highest deforestation rates in Africa. "Being at I-House is definitely a big part of being at Cal," she said. "I love it here."

Martha Saavedra, associate and interim director of UC Berkeley's multidisciplinary Center for African Studies, where the Scholars Program is coordinated, is herself a former resident of I-House. "The number and diversity of African scholars will greatly enrich the UC Berkeley community. From my own experience I know I-House's environment is supportive of these intercultural exchanges."

The Berkeley International Office, located within I-House, is playing a leadership role to ensure that scholars receive comprehensive support that extends beyond finances to both academic and social services. Until now, out of 36,000 students enrolled annually at Cal, only about 30 each year were from Africa. The MasterCard Scholars Program will grow in numbers and will peak in 2016-17 when 81 scholars are enrolled.

"An education does more than liberate people from poverty, it is the foundation of social and economic progress," said Reeta Roy, president and CEO of The MasterCard Foundation. For more information on the program visit www.mastercardfndscholars.org.

Thanks to UC Berkeley Public Affairs and Gretchen Kell for contributing to this article. ■

ROAD SCHOLAR

Adventures in Lifelong Learning

Mexico At The Crossroads: The Past and Its Futures

June 16-22, 2013 All-Ages Program



Be a student again! Come to I-House for a six day residential program focused on Mexico. Expert lecturers will discuss key issues of U.S.- Mexico relations, immigration, religion, gender roles, the drug trade, cinema, music and dance, geography and more, including the rise, fall, and remarkable resurgence of the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI).

Participants will examine rare Mexican manuscripts and imprints from the UCB Bancroft Library. A special trip is also planned to the picturesque town of Sonoma, for a tour of its historic mission and acclaimed vineyard created by Mexican immigrants.

Details at: <http://www.roadsscholar.org>
Road Scholar Program # 18888



Road Scholar participants in 2011

For further information, please contact David Gilliam, I-House Program Office (510) 642-9460, dgilliam@berkeley.edu.

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I-House maintains two guest suites with ensuite bathrooms for short-term stays. To reserve, contact Events Office at (510) 642-0589 or ihevents@berkeley.edu.



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Alumni Gatherings

Norway Reunions

OSLO

Pictured at right, I-House alumni gathered in Oslo, Norway in June 2012 to extend their good times at I-House. Skål!

TRONDHEIM

Kristine Mikkelsen writes: *We had another I-House reunion in September - this time in Trondheim and there were residents from the Netherlands and Ireland visiting. (Pictured below)*



From left: Inger Marie Ringheim, Andreas Andersen, Martine Retting, Marius Skrondal and Kristine Mikkelsen



Back row (left to right) Hilde Bjørdal, Anne Mette Nodeland, Inger Marie Ringheim, Janine Seth, Malene H. Sørensen, Vincent Vreeken, Martine Retting, Kristine Mikkelsen, Håkon Harsten Åsenden, Magne Nielsen and Vegar LB. Front row (left to right) Eline Wærp, Deirdre Doody, Eveline van Meeuwen, Maria Sætersdal Remøe

Gathering in France

PARIS

Joël Thai writes: *We started by visiting La Maison Internationale, I-House Paris (see photo.) We'll probably organize another reunion this winter break, maybe a ski trip in Switzerland this time!*



From left: Vitaliy Volevach, Joël Thai, Marina Friedrich, Karin Vernooij, Andreas Gross, Peter Thomas

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. Alumni Relations staff can help! For more information, email ihalumni@berkeley.edu.

Look for news of upcoming reunions, including New York, in June 2013!

News & Notes

1940s



Gilbert Haakh shared a meal and memories of I-House with Alumni Relations Director Shanti Corrigan in June, 2012. Gil, a retired attorney based in Pasadena who maintains a private office and a modest pro-bono practice, shares an I-House affiliation with his sister **Phyllis Duffy** (IH 1948),

who resides in Mexico. "I am glad I had the experience of living there during the 'Golden Years'" said Haakh.

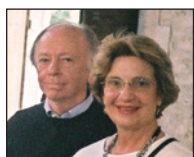
Edward W. Harbert recalls "In 1943, student John Sproul was my basketball court friend. Visiting him and his brilliant father, Robert Gordon Sproul, I reported that we of the UC NROTC brigade were moving into the International House after going on Active Duty July 1, 1943. 'Ah, the famous I-House!' President Sproul replied. 'Where they neither eat nor sleep alone.'"

1950s

Mason Gaffney recently returned from presenting a paper titled *Europe's Fatal Affair with VAT* at the Annual Meeting of the History of Economics Society held in St. Catherine's, Ontario on June 21, 2012. In the paper, he discusses: "Why did international capital rush to the USA right after S&P lowered our nation's credit rating a year ago? With all our many and undeniable faults, we must be doing something right, or at least less wrong than other nations. I am not breast-beating about 'American Exceptionalism,' for I am a harsh critic of our nation's faults, and of those politicians who seek votes by faulting the faulters. I build a thesis around a simple answer: The USA is the only major nation lacking a national-level sales tax (or VAT). At the same time we raise a much higher fraction of our revenues (combined national, state, and local) from taxes on property and income from property." He welcomes any thoughts on the subject.

1960s

Marna Feldt writes, "My answer to this question is always the same. The impact of I-House on my life is: 1. Lifelong respect for the Warricks, 2. Lifelong friendships, and 3. Lifelong learning



Bob Budic with his wife Ellie, had a joyful reunion with I-House friends **Graeme Orr**, **Louis Drouot** and **Alan Patterson** in France where they took in an art exhibition and shared great food, wine and memories.

Tom Sloss writes, "I gravitated to I-House...fascinated (by) a fresh understanding of a far wider world. ... A half century later, I smile... I have been married for 45 years to my wife, Mayuree, from Thailand whom I would never have met without that spark of curiosity and engagement that was kindled at I-House. I say sail on, you ship of many states, and continue to welcome young people from around the world and be a window, for all Cal students, to their many engaging ideas and cultures."

Bonnie Wilson visited with Shanti Corrigan in La Jolla, CA in June, 2012 and chatted about years at I-House where she met her late husband Allan, and the intervening years where she has been a regular participant in Elderhostel (now Road Scholar) programs. "I-House is a place where once you are connected you never stop learning from the people you meet and the experiences it makes possible."



1970s

Marcel E. Maris writes, "Dear friends, I wish you all the best for the future. I was a resident of I-House for about one year in September 1970 and was pleased with my stay, with the contacts, with other residents and so on. Unfortunately, I cannot visit you regularly, living at the other side of the Atlantic."

1980s



Patrice Larson Aumann writes, "I still recall very, very fondly my two years living at I-House. I received an MS in civil engineering in Dec. '83, but eventually became a kitchen designer and then a landscape designer. I currently live in Thousand Oaks, CA and have two beautiful children, ages 11 and 12. I'd love to hear from my friends from my time at I-House!"

Eric M. Gross met his wife at I-House and moved to Japan with her to work for Toshiba for several years as an engineer.

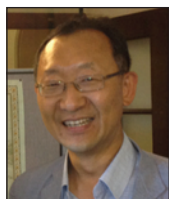
Sridhar Jagannathan earned his doctorate in engineering at UC Berkeley from 1980-85. He is the author of a Kindle book called *The Cyber Mafia*, which features Berkeley, I-House and Cal. Interested alumni can find the book on Amazon.com.

Hitesh Mehta is the author of *Authentic Ecotodges* among other titles. He is one of the world's leading authorities, practitioners, and researchers on ecotourism physical planning. Hitesh is president of Florida-based HM Design and has provided environmental planning and landscape architectural consultancy in over fifty countries around the world. He was named one of the top "Sustainable Tourism Pioneers" in the world by *National Geographic Adventure*, and one of the "Twenty-five Most Powerful People in Adventure" by *Men's Journal*. He is the longest serving board member of The International Ecotourism Society and is one of the founding members of The Ecotourism Society of Kenya.



JP Pressley (left) spent part of the summer with former roommate **Mark Jenkins** as they attended Olympic events in London. Later, returning to the JP's home base in Concord when Mark had a stopover before heading home to Australia they took time to visit I-House and reminisce over a cold beer in the IH Café. "This place was home to so many great times....it's good to be back!" reported JP, currently a Vice President for Employee Benefits at USI Insurance Services.

Mark Jenkins writes, "Here's a shot of me with the torch, taken in the Athletes Village in London during the recent Olympics. Thanks again for getting in touch – I loved my time at Berkeley and the I-House and still carry it with me every day."



Sang-Hwan Seong, Prof. of German linguistics at Seoul National University in Korea visited in Sept. "I-House means a lot to me. As a grad student in German at Berkeley, I met a lot of interesting people and still cherish friendships with alumni from the '80s and '90s. I-House helped me to open my eyes to multiculturalism and intercultural communications and to pursue research in this field in Korea."

1990s

Xavier Casal has an MS in Civil Engineering and was Minister of Public Transportation and Works for the Government of Ecuador from 2007-09 and is now a professor at Universidad Catolica de Guayaquil. On his latest visit he stated, "It's good to be back at I-House!"



Frank Hoffmann writes, "I-House was a unique experience, dense social interaction, and permanent exposure to an amazing diversity of cultures and beliefs and friendships that last way beyond the two years that I had the privilege to live at I-House. I keep fond memories of hiking trips to national parks, skiing in the Sierra Mountains, hanging out in San Francisco, Sunday suppers, and philosophical discussions at the I-House Café."

Dr. Sophie Marnette and **Ted Piepenbrock** are enjoying life in Oxford with their nine year old son Garry. Sophie still teaches French literature and linguistics at the University of Oxford, and Ted is now a Fellow in the Department of Management at the London School of Economics.

Dr. Tahir Masood writes, "Dr. Hans Giesecke, congratulations on joining as Executive Director of I-House; one of the great places of the USA. I am sure you will have very positive contributions to a place for which thousands of people around the globe have very significant emotional attachment."

Hella Vercammen states that, "It had been my wish for many years, to return to my beloved Berkeley and I-House. I-House was always full of joy and laughter. We celebrated Thanksgiving and Halloween, and we enjoyed the elections of 1992 and the funny debates between



Ross Perot and Clinton. A few months after I returned [to Holland] I met the man of my dreams. When we planned our (second) wedding trip last year it had to be a round trip in California so that I could visit Berkeley again and finally show it to my husband and my two daughters of 10 and 12 (pictured). I hope one day that my daughters will also experience I-House student life."

2000s

Grace Chang writes, "My experience here was the best ever, the community, the openness, and the learning experience with global leaders of the future were absolutely priceless and unforgettable. Thank you I-House!"

Paolo Cioppa writes, "I spent over three years at I-House and loved every single moment of my stay: all my friends, the events, the sounds, the music, the lunches and dinners all together (always right before closing with the Southern Europeans/Americans), Joe Lurie's never changing stories, everything, even the laundry room, will be in my memories forever."

Gabrielle Karmon shared lunch with Joe Lurie and visited with Liliane Koziol in Sept. 2012. Now residing in Israel and working in banking, Gabrielle stated, "The most important part of my UCB education is what I learned at I-House."



Lucas de Abreu Maia writes, "I-House changed my life for the better. When I arrived at UC Berkeley in the beginning of Fall 2008, I knew no one there and had the challenge of finding my way in a new environment with a disability. Yet, at I-House, I felt welcomed and safe. I'll be ever grateful to the friends I made there and to all the many people I've met there that pointed me in the right direction, both literally and metaphorically, whose names I have never known."

Navid Ostadian-Binai writes, "I-House is THE place to break down prejudices and to build friendships with the world leaders of tomorrow."

Meredith Palermo writes, "Studying at Berkeley was the most incredible experience. Of my four years there for undergraduate studies, I cherish my summer living at I-House as my favorite and most memorable time. What a unique experience to live and learn from people from all over the world. I-House exposed me to cultural diversity unlike before and it reaffirmed my interests in international relations, unity among diversity, and a passion for learning. I look forward to seeing my friends again when I have the opportunity to travel to their perspective home countries and for us to also meet some time in the future at I-House, whenever that may be."

Daniele Panato writes, "When I saw the I-House for the first time it dazzled me; when I took the elevator for the first time I had already a couple of friends; when I woke up the next morning, I felt like I was home. I enjoyed every single second of it for one reason or another. It was all because of the beautiful people that were there. The air was charged with electricity, passion, culture and joy. By the time I had to leave, I had filled a suitcase full of great memories that now I happily recall as memories among the best of my life."

Duc Bieu Pham is now blogging for californiagoldenblogs.com under the pen name of "FiatDuc." He covered the opening day football game with an article titled *Beautiful New California Memorial Stadium, Gameday, Tradition & Excellence*. He bumped into Olympic Gold Medalist Missy Franklin (pictured with Duc) on the way up Bancroft. We look forward to more of Duc's blog posts and sharing them on our social media networks.



Marina Romani writes, “It was my first year in Berkeley, and I-House made me fall in love with my new life in California. All the people who work there are amazing and kind, and I met some of my best friends there. One of the best years of my life.”

Andreas Schmidt has moved from Singapore to Germany in order to expand AyoxxA Biosystems, a spin-off biotechnology company from the National University of Singapore.

Dauwe Vercamer writes, “I-House was an amazing experience. It felt like home from the moment I arrived because everyone is so open and friendly. I’m actually even flying to Vienna for an annual BBQ with some of the people I met there.”

2010s

Bernice Agyekwena writes “Happy Birthday, I-House Berkeley. For 82 years, you have been a home away from home for numerous students from all over the world. Your kitchen has provided food to nourish the minds and bodies of residents so that they can achieve their academic ambitions. Your programs have expanded the knowledge of residents in addition to so much more. I will forever cherish my stay at the I-House as one of the best experiences in my life. Dear I-House, may you exist forever so that generations upon generations of students would benefit from your tender loving care.”



Kate Breen writes, “The greatest part of my I-House experience has been exploring my native San Francisco Bay Area through international perspectives. I’ve discovered so much of my city and university that I otherwise would have overlooked. My entire floor was basically my family, and I’m really missing the view from my 7th floor lounge. I would just sit looking out of that window to the point where people were asking my permission to come in (a few of them literally thought I lived there). Even if we’d never met before, we would usually end up talking and laughing until 5 a.m. I met most of my closest friends there.”

Remha Kiros writes, “I-House is a melting pot of the most perfect kind and during my time there I experienced that to the fullest. People from all over the world with varying academic and personal backgrounds made my time there unforgettable.”

Marieke Kleemans writes, “After my first year in I-House in 2009-10, I thought it couldn’t get any better. But it did: during my second year in I-House I met an amazing guy, whom I’m going to live with next month. Thank you, I-House!”

Lexi Lambeck writes, “I-House has been the best experience of my life. I’ve made such good friends and had so much fun getting to know everyone. My favorite part is just hanging out in the dining hall and seeing who comes in. It’s great because you know that you’ll always know someone, and you’ll never have to eat alone if you don’t want to. I’ve lived there for a year and a half, and I can’t wait to move back as soon as I finish studying abroad!”

Sergey Piterman writes, “Some of my best college experiences and friends came from living in I-House. And what was even cooler was that my mom lived there back when she went to Cal.” (**Milan Piterman** is now on the IH Board of Directors.)

Nathanael Ps writes, “I-House was an amazing experience for me. I made many wonderful friends and learned invaluable life lessons. The one thing I’ll bring back home is that despite all our many differences, we can always bond over the good we see in others.”

Jan-Georg Rosenboom writes, “I met a lot of new friends in this super-social place. It broadened my international experience with every chat in the dining hall, and I was happy to contribute to the I-House experience by playing lots of concerts through the music club. In memory of the infamous boyband OMG.”

Marieke Van Eijk writes, “I came to I-House expecting to get to know Berkeley, and left I-House having gotten to know the world, at least a little bit.”

Ken Wong writes, “Living in I-House the past year was the most unique experience for my second stay in Berkeley. Meeting old friends and making new friends around the globe and sharing our perspectives were just wonderful!”

Marloes Noppen writes, “While on this side of the Atlantic I could not let the opportunity pass by to visit I-House—the place where ambition and openness come together. I just finished my internship at the Mexican Council of Foreign Relations (COMEXI)—a think tank. Here I had the opportunity to witness the Mexican Presidential Elections from up close, a unique experience.”



Friends

Jacqueline Papazian Kazarian writes, “Welcome to I-House Susan & Hans Giesecke. I was the first nonresident member of I-House in 1955 when Mr. Blaisdell was president. I am now 84 and consider my I-House membership as part of my amazing years at that university. ... I loved Sunday Suppers and remember hearing brilliant speakers. My word is ‘Thankful.’ I am thankful for the gift of life and the opportunity to encourage learning and study in such an amazing environment.”

Staff News

Gary Beitch retired from his position as Dining Services Director in September after 37 years, an I-House record! He was celebrated in the Great Hall by family, friends and IH employees, past and present. Former Executive Directors Joe Lurie and Sherry Warrick were in attendance and it was remarked that it was truly the end of an era, as Gary was the only remaining IH employee from Sherry’s tenure. We’ll miss you Gary!

Welcome New Staff!

Monica Alcaraz, Senior Food Service Worker
Liam Bonner, Senior Cook
Kenisha Brown, Food Service Worker
Justin Caringello, Building Maintenance
Mark Cassettari, promoted to Facilities Supervisor
Dominique DeBerry, Senior Food Service Worker
Andrea Ellickson, Development Associate
Maya Gopalan, Assistant to the Executive Director
Ken Wilbur, Building Maintenance

In Memory

1930s Alumni

Dr. Philip Knorr (June 12, 2012)

As Professor Emeritus of Forestry at University of Arizona, he was dedicated to his role as an educator and was awarded the Distinguished Service Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award. Philip continued his influence on the University of Arizona through his endowment to the Campus Arboretum, the oldest continually maintained public green space in Arizona.

Dr. Wilma M. Krebs (July 10, 2012)

She was a pioneering economics professor and an outspoken advocate for faculty and retirees at California State University, Sacramento. When she joined the economics faculty in 1959, there were few women professors. She also traveled to many countries with her husband of 40 years, Robert, including a 1977 trip they took to India as Fulbright scholars.

1940s Alumni

Keith L. Dixon (March 4, 2012)

After earning a Ph.D. at UC Berkeley, he became a faculty member at Texas A&M University and then Utah State University in the late 1950s, where he remained until 1989. He served in the US Navy during World War II, where his interest in ornithology and classical music was sparked. Keith went on to become an internationally recognized ornithologist focusing on titmice and chickadees. His wife Martha Williamson Dixon, also an I-House alumnus and donor, passed away in 2010.

George T. Hayes (May 2, 2012)

He earned a degree in mechanical engineering from UC Berkeley and thrived at I-House, which influenced his love for international work and travel. After Cal, he pursued an MBA at Harvard University and served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. In San Francisco, Spain and the Middle East, he worked in senior management at Bechtel, an international engineering corporation. He was married for 65 years to Patricia Duff with whom he had 6 children and 16 grandchildren.

Robert Landwehr (March 17, 2012)

He was a WWII vet, retired physicist for the USDA, and violist for the Contra Costa Chamber Orchestra along with many other contributions to the community. Bob traveled extensively, played tennis nearly every day and passed the love of the game to his son Mark.

Gaby Cohen-Wolff (May 1, 2012)

Philip Klein (March 29, 2011)

1950s Alumni

Ann Baumann (November 15, 2011)

She earned both her B.A. in Psychology and master's degree in Medical Social Work from UC Berkeley. As a philanthropist, social worker, and community activist, she gave generously to various charities including International House, Santa Rosa Symphony, Sonoma Land Trust, Museum of New Mexico Foundation, Santa Fe Opera, Historic Santa Fe, and American Association of Blood Banks.

John Killeen (August 15, 2012)

Following World War II, he earned a B.A. in Physics and a Ph.D. in Mathematics at UC Berkeley. While living at I-House, he met his wife of 62 years, Marjorie, and became proud parents of five Cal grads. During his long career at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, one of his many accomplishments included thermonuclear reaction research that was declassified for the 2nd United Nations International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy in 1958.

Mary Butler (May 15, 2012)

Robert Mather (December 22, 2011)

1960s Alumni

I. David Woolf (February 17, 2012)

David earned a BS in electrical engineering in 1961 and his masters in electrical engineering in 1962, both from Cal. He met his first wife, Mairit Nordenstreng, when both lived at I-House. (She passed on on 1985.) They had two daughters. In 1981 he earned his D.Sc. in Computer Science from George Washington University. His career was mostly with the US Department of State including five years as an Information Systems Manager for the American Embassy in Brussels. In 2010 he and his second wife, Mary Woolf, moved to California. He was delighted to be close enough to the university to attend occasional events at I-House again.

1980s Alumni

Peter John Parks (April 1, 2012)

With a master's degree in Environmental Science, Management and Policy and a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from UC Berkeley, Peter launched into a life-long passion for teaching in academia. As a dedicated and popular teacher, Peter combined scholarly focus with a positive, spiritual outlook on life.

Maideh Mazda Magee (August 7, 2012)

Maideh was a professor of several languages, popular cookbook author, accomplished dancer, museum docent, and diplomat's wife.

She accompanied her husband, Ambassador Charles T. Magee, on diplomatic assignments to the Soviet Union, France, Bulgaria, Canada, Switzerland, Latvia, and Ukraine. She also published *In a Persian Kitchen*, the first Persian cookbook written in English, which was highly praised by critics.

Friends

Kinsey Anderson (June 11, 2012)

A professor emeritus of physics at UC Berkeley and an international leader in the field now called space physics. His pioneering experiments were carried aboard balloons, rockets and satellites for nearly 60 years to gather new insights into the magnetic fields of Earth and its solar-system neighbors. Among his many awards, he received a Guggenheim Fellowship and a NASA Medal for Exceptional Scientific Achievement. Upon his retirement from Cal in 1990, Kinsey received the Berkeley Citation for distinguished achievement and notable service to the university.

Robert Brigante (May 21, 2011)

During WWII, the Navy sent Bob to UCSF School of Dentistry. He became a popular professor who taught prosthetic dentistry to thousands of students. As Assistant Dean for Student Affairs in the '70s, his proudest accomplishment was helping to create the Minority Program.

Ellen Gunther (September 12, 2012)

Dr. Gunther was one of the first American medical doctors to practice traditional Chinese acupuncture. She studied with the world's foremost acupuncturists in Oxford, England, Japan and China, and maintained a Berkeley practice for 60 years. Ellen was instrumental in convincing then Gov. Jerry Brown to license acupuncture in California. She was inspired to become a pilot by her brother and her former neighbor astronaut Neil Armstrong. Her late husband of 30 years, Wendell Lipscomb (IH 47-48), was a famed Tuskegee Airmen's instructor pilot and the first African-American medical doctor at Kaiser Oakland, I-House Board Member and IH notable alumni. A memorial will be held at I-House on January 26, 2013.

Sylvia Korchin (May 14, 2012)

She served her community for many years as an educator for Orinda School District. Sylvia was the life force behind her husband of 46 years, Professor Sheldon J. Korchin. After his passing, she continued their commitment to UC Berkeley by working with the International House and the University Section Club.

Letter From... Kathryn Duke (IH 1973)



I lived in I-House when I moved to California from Texas in the summer of 1973. Until then, my only contact with people from other cultures had been with family members living near or across the Mexican border. I worked in the I-House Dining Hall that summer and the following year as a dishwasher and then cashier, getting to know many residents through that work and the Wednesday night coffee hours.

At I-House, I remember spending many hours sitting in the Great Hall, watching the televised Watergate hearings. Watching those alongside people from different countries got me wondering what they thought about all this. I thought of them

a year later, when I was living in Mexico City and met a young man on the day of Nixon's resignation who wanted to tell me, an obvious gringo, that he resented many things about the U.S. government but was deeply impressed to see a president be replaced without a military coup.

In October 1973, another mind-opening I-House experience came when the Yom Kippur war began. An Israeli friend at I-House came to tell me goodbye because he had bought a ticket to fly back to Israel, eager and ready to do his part to "defend my country." Before then, my main experience with young men talking about U.S. military service was because they were worried about being drafted to fight in Vietnam, and were talking of seeking deferments or going to Canada. I started thinking about these different attitudes, and what they might tell me about national identity and attitudes toward military service.

These experiences in new perspectives were part of the reason that I returned to school as a UC Berkeley graduate student in social-cultural and linguistic anthropology, and in law and public health. It's good to think of today's students continuing the I-House tradition of connecting with completely different people and ideas, which experiences will affect them throughout their lives. ■

Letters From...Do you have a unique I-House story or do you know an I-House alum who is doing something notable or amazing? Email Alumni Relations at ihalumni@berkeley.edu.

Dr. Hans Giesecke Leading I-House Into New Era

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Hans and his wife Susan have three teenage children and recently moved, serendipitously, into the same Berkeley hills home once inhabited by I-House's first Executive Director, Allen Blaisdell. Dr. Giesecke's prior roles also include President/CEO of the Independent Colleges of Indiana, Inc. in Indianapolis, President's Advisor for Student Affairs at International University Bremen in Germany (now Jacobs University), President of the Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities Association in Nashville, TN, and Director of Marketing and Research with the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU) in Sacramento. He earned his Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University in Education and Human Development. His M.A. was received from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and his B.A. from Williams College. Read more from Hans in his ED remarks on page two or by viewing the video of this fall's Lodestar Supper at ihouse.berkeley.edu. ■

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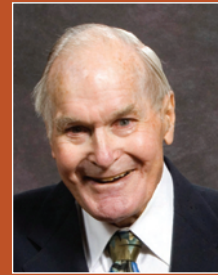
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RICHARD HEGGIE (IH 1943-44)



I-House remembers Richard Heggie, distinguished alumnus and devoted former Board member ('95-'04, '83-'94), who passed away May 9th, 2012.

Among his many achievements, he was the first mayor of the City of Orinda and was heavily involved with the University of California. He was a lifetime Cal Bears fan and served as President of the University of California Alumni Association, Regent of the University of California, Trustee of the UC Berkeley Foundation, and member of the Executive Committee of the Institute of Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies. The University of California awarded him a California Alumni Citation and Wheeler Oak Award for his incredible contributions.

Early in his career, he served in the U.S. Navy and returned to UC Berkeley to earn his Master's in International Relations. He met his wife, Bea, through the Cal Symphony Forum and his willingness to move a piano for her. Their relationship blossomed during his stay at I-House.

During his nineteen year tenure with the Asia Foundation he worked in Japan, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sri Lanka and India. Later, he served as Executive Director of the World Affairs Council of Northern California for over twelve years. Richard approached life with an immense dedication to many causes and organizations. The Government of Belgium honored him with the Order of Leopold II.

Richard traveled throughout his life and led many tours internationally through the Cal Alumni Association and the World Affairs Council. He never lost his eagerness to visit or climb every tower, museum or tomb. He will be particularly remembered for his integrity, determination, eloquence, and sense of humor.

He is survived by Bea, his wife of 63 years, three daughters, Karen, Jennifer, Deborah, and two grand-daughters, Sarah and Emily.

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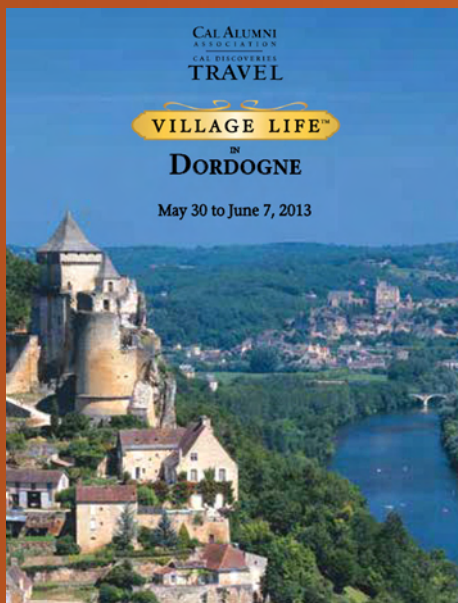
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