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IH Alumni Influence on the World Stage

Perhaps the most famous statement attributed to anthropologist Margaret Mead rings true for the International House community worldwide: "Never underestimate the power of a small group of committed people to change the world... in fact it is the only thing that ever has." The passionate global community of International House residents and friends, past and present, are gaining renown for their pursuit of our mission: shaping a world of greater understanding and peace.



Nigeria's Bauchi state governor, Isa Yuguda, with Ambassador Martin Brennan (IH E.D. 2007 -12) and Daniel Mouen-Makoua (IH 1984).

UC Berkeley has created a new Wall of Fame website that highlights famous Cal alumni. The names and achievements of IH alumni are well represented.

International House's own website identifies 172 alumni as "notable" for their achievements on the world stage. Among these are Ambassador Martin Brennan, Daniel Mouen-Makoua, the Crown Prince of Norway, and UCB Engineering Dean Shankar Sastry.

In August and September 2013, former International House Executive Director Martin Brennan served as interim U.S. Ambassador (Chargé d'Affaires) to Nigeria. During



The Crown Prince of Norway, Haakon Magnus (IH 1996), on a diplomatic visit to California.

a diplomatic visit to the Bauchi State in (Continued on page 19)

Fulbright Scholars & I-House: An Illuminating Partnership

Experiencing another culture first-hand can make the difference "... between looking through a keyhole and walking through an open door for the whole view." says Harriet Fulbright, widow of the late Senator J. William Fulbright. It was Senator Fulbright who, in 1946, just one year after the end of World War II, helped launch the U.S.



government's flagship program fostering exchange between American and international students.

Since its Fulbright Scholars, past and inception, present, at International House.

more than 300,000 students around the world have left their own countries to study in another, and many of those have studied at UC Berkeley. Our campus includes 77 faculty members who were Fulbright Scholars and consistently has the honor of hosting more Fulbright Scholars than most universities in the United States. Many of these Fulbright Scholars reside at International House. The Fulbright Program operates in 155 countries and places 1,900 scholars annually through its global exchange programs.

Mrs. Fulbright is a public spokesperson for the program and spoke at International House in late October, 2013. The program is recognized world-wide for advancing American education and democracy through understanding and dialogue with other

UCB Chancellor Dirks to Chair I-House Board



In June 2013, Nicholas Dirks, former executive vice president of arts and sciences at Columbia University, assumed the role of UC Berkeley Chancellor, relieving Robert Birgeneau, who remains on Cal's Physics Faculty and whose capable leadership has guided the campus and the I-House Board over the last eight years.

As the author of three scholarly works on India, Dirks brings a unique international perspective to Berkeley and to I-House. He has launched his tenure with travel around the globe and across the U.S. speaking with Cal alumni and supporters, including California Governor Jerry Brown (IH 1961). Says Dirks "One thing I've learned in meeting a lot of different people is to listen... to keep people who have very different views talking to each other. Sometimes the best way to speak is to listen."

Dirks has articulated three areas of concentration for his initial months on campus, themes that coincide with both Berkeley and I-House priorities: enriching the student undergraduate experience, enhancing Berkeley as "a global university," and expanding research. Dirks wants more students to study and do research abroad, an aim consistent with the IH mission to promote intercultural understanding, respect and tolerance.

"All of our students graduating from Berkeley are going to have lives that are going to be determined by a global world that is in many ways altogether different from the world I graduated into." International House looks forward to working with Chancellor Dirks as the Chair of our Board of Directors, in service to our shared aim to develop inspiring leaders for global understanding.

NEW IH BOARD MEMBERS



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Executive Director's Message

Hans C. Giesecke, Ph.D.

One of the most important skills sets to acquire in becoming a respected professional is learning *when* and *where* to say *what*. Whether viewed as emotional intelligence or decorum or political acumen, having the talent to speak up (or tweet) at the right time and say the right thing(s) is a skill that most recent university graduates have to develop through observation, patience, and practice. Clearly, timing, tone, and temperament are major factors in successfully delivering one's message. If these skills are developed effectively and utilized adroitly, they can become substantial assets in later phases of personal and professional advancement.



Living in a community setting such as that found here at International House forces this development along at a much brisker pace than in most other settings. The fact that our residents live and dine together on a 24-hour per day basis compels them to learn these skills when interacting with one another at various I-House social events and venues. Yet, without proper guidance and understanding about how to develop such skills effectively, I-House residents may struggle unnecessarily in making sense of their applicability, their necessity, and their actual benefits. Indeed, it has been noted by researchers that successful attainment of global leadership skills is a learning challenge that is easy to underestimate.

In an intercultural environment such as that found here at International House, learning effective intercultural communication skills in a more deliberate fashion, thus, takes on an even higher urgency. Being surrounded by nearly 600 other higher level undergraduate and graduate students from some 60 countries around the world makes it essential to be coached regularly on how to develop successful intercultural



communication skills. Beyond basic intercultural skills acquisition, the key question is how to coax our residents into becoming intercultural leaders where they can more often utilize their interactive talents to break down barriers of misunderstanding and achieve a greater sense of positive community wherever they may live and work.

With this sense of urgency behind and before us, International House is now embarking on a strategy to establish a new Center for Intercultural Leadership where these issues will be at the forefront of our thinking. I-House has actually been involved in these kinds of offerings for some time, but now we feel the need to ramp up our efforts, integrate them more effectively, and focus on engendering "take away" skills that an increasing number of our residents will cherish throughout their lives and careers. For this kind of outcome to occur, we need to involve a much larger percentage of our residents in this kind of intercultural leadership training. We also want to enable them to more broadly incorporate such skill development into their own lives, with their families, and in their professional careers.

To see this vision for greater intercultural competence become a reality, International House's new Center for Intercultural Leadership must become one of our major areas of emphasis. We hope that eventually *all* I-House residents will participate in some form of intercultural leadership training and thereby be forever impacted by their participatory experiences. This is our new mandate for our collective future. We hope that you will join us in this endeavor and reap the benefits as well!

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Hans C. Giesecke, Executive Director International House at UC Berkeley

Under The Dome Resident & INTERNATIONAL HOUSE NEWS

Meet Our Scholars

August 2013 brought another "full house" of diverse International House residents—583 in all from 61 countries. 45% of residents are female and 28% are American citizens. In total, 52% are pursuing graduate studies and/or research endeavors and 48% are undergraduates. Visiting scholars and post-docs account for 10% of our population.

Below are a few smiling faces of UC Berkeley advanced degree students and IH scholarship recipients who will benefit and contribute to the I-House community of 2013-14!



Jonas Tungodden of Norway is pursuing his Ph.D. in Economics. *IH Norway House Foundation Scholarship*



Alinaya Fabros of the Philippines is a Ph.D. student in Sociology. *IH Rafael Rodriguez Golden Age Scholarship*



Anshul Mittal of India is studying for his Master of Laws (LL.M). *IH Buxbaum Scholarship*



Negar Zahedi Mehr of Iran is a Mechanical Engineering Ph.D student. *IH Eltoukhy East-West Scholarship*



Xirui Hu of China is pursuing his Ph.D. in Chemistry. *I-House EWJ Scholarship*



Josefina Lundblad of Sweden is a Ph.D student in Russian Literature. *IH Barbro Osher Pro Suecia Foundation Scholarship*

"Every day of living at I-House provides me with the chance to interact with people from all around the world; I appreciate every moment of it." - Negar Zahedi Mehr

Read resident profiles and more quotes like Negar's at *ihouse.berkeley.edu*.

Fall 2013 Resident Stats at a Glance

| TOP TEN COUNTRIES OF RESIDENTS: | | TOP TEN AREAS OF STUDY | |
|---------------------------------|-----|------------------------------------------|----------|
| USA | 165 | Economics | 55 |
| Korea | 51 | Law | 45 |
| China | 39 | <u> </u> | 43 |
| Germany | 35 | Business Administration | 33 |
| India | 26 | Industrial Engineering & | 00 |
| Singapore | 26 | Operations Research Political Science | 30 30 |
| Japan | 24 | Civil & Environmental | |
| Norway | 24 | Engineering | 17 |
| UK | 20 | Physics | 17 |
| France | 19 | Chemical Engineering | 16 |
| | | Chemistry | 14 |

I-HOUSE SCHOLARSHIPS 127 of our 583 residents (22%) receive room and board financial aid. I-House offers 66 awards. UCB departments and collaborators sponsor 61.

10 of these recipients are "Gateway Scholars" who benefit from full tuition, IH room & board and a \$5,000 stipend.

Transcending Boundaries

I-House students are enriched every day by the activities and ideas that are central to our community. Here are a few recent examples:

Residents Fly High



More than thirty I-House residents took a break from studies to experience iFly indoor skydiving together. Students took turns entering a wind tunnel that, like the occasionally mind-altering dialogues that happen at I-House, reported one participant "took their breath away!" "They had a blast...literally." said IH Asst. Director of Programs Mike Roessler.

International Business



Nearly 100 UC Berkeley students participated in the Haas International Business Conference at I-House in September, where displays and presentations highlighted a range of innovative business solutions to global challenges. A few deepened their experience by arriving in international cultural attire, adding both brains and beauty to the popular event.

Search Inside Yourself



Google's "Jolly Good Fellow" Chade-Meng Tan spoke at I-House earlier this year to discuss his latest New York Times bestselling book *Search Inside Yourself: The Unexpected Path to Achieving Success, Happiness (and World Peace).* See his entertaining remarks on the I-House YouTube Channel *youtube.com/ IHouseBerkeley.*

THE CULTURE CORNER **RE-ENTRY SHOCK**

Have you ever returned from extended time abroad and found that "home" is now foreign to you? You may have experienced reverse culture shock or what is also known as "reentry" shock. What



Breidi Truscott Roberts

used to be so familiar in your home culture suddenly feels odd compared to what you had grown so accustomed to in the place where you were traveling. Reverse culture shock can actually be more difficult to deal with than the initial transition to living in a new culture since the experience is such a surprise.

I remember a colleague describing his re-entry shock when returning to live in the U.S. after years in Japan. He continued to bow at everyone for months afterward and felt strange when people weren't doing the same. His mother also got frustrated with him for not looking her in the eye, a habit he had learned in Japan.

Having recently returned from six months in New Zealand I haven't experienced re-entry "shock," per se, rather a series of observations about my native California that seem surprising. It felt odd to have a stranger tell me her whole life story with deep feeling and intimate details upon first greeting, which was so different from the less emotionally expressive Kiwis who value restraint. I was struck by U.S. American customer service, with its rigid adherence to policies in contrast to the NZ willingness to bend the rules.

You can lessen the effects of re-entry shock with cultural self-awareness, an appreciation of cultural differences, being patient, and maintaining a sense of humor. These capacities will also enhance the ways intercultural experiences can enrich you both personally and professionally. Take time to track and participate in the I-House intercultural education and training offerings - visit ihouse.berkeley.edu/training.



I-House hosts monthly public meetings for The Society for Intercultural Education, Training & Research (SIETAR). Check ihouse. berkeley.edu/upcoming for dates!



Center for Intercultural Leadership Developing at I-House

Since 2009, International House has leveraged its eight decades of building intercultural connections into a more formal curriculum, delivered in workshops and the four unit UC Berkeley course "Navigating Cultures" (see article below). In the fall of 2013, I-House is committing new resources to expand the number of people and projects related to this initiative and designating the first space within I-House to accommodate our new "Center for Intercultural Leadership." This growth reflects a consensus among the Board of Directors that this formal component of intercultural exploration has enormous potential to enrich the resident I-House experience. This work has also established new external engagement opportunities across the UC Berkeley campus and within the private sector, including trainings offered by I-House staff and commissioned by Google and Chevron.

Breidi Truscott Roberts was appointed in October 2013 as Intercultural Education & Training Officer for the new center, and leverages her extensive professional education and training experience, including three years of facilitating workshops and trainings at I-House and Berkeley. Breidi has a Masters in Intercultural Relations from the School for International Training, is certified in Emotional Intelligence and Diversity

instruction, the Cultural Detective methodology, is a fellow at the Institute for Intercultural Communication's summer institute (SIIC), and is a Society for Intercultural Education Training and Research Board member.



Breidi will be joined by a new Director for the Center for Intercultural Leadership (CIL) in November 2013 and the team will be in a temporary office on the second floor in the House's north wing while the Board completes an assessment of office and program space between 2013 and 2014. Board member Simon Lowes reports "An appreciation for cultural diversity is a critical success factor in building effective working relationships. The intercultural business skills I-House teaches can be applied every day and are an invaluable asset to any professional." Former resident Sarah Katz, an Israeli-American who was a participant in a 2012 intercultural leadership certificate program at I-House, reports: "What I have learned will help me practice interacting with different cultures in I-House and in my planned career in International Law." Visit ihouse.berkeley.edu/training for more information and evolving client services of the CIL. -----.....

Fifth Year of I-House Guiding Students "Navigating Cultures"

Cal students are gaining intercultural competency skills through a four unit UC Berkeley Course under Peace and Conflict Studies 119.3. The class, subtitled "Living and Working Around the Globe in the 21st Century," is taught by Cross-Cultural Trainer/Consultant, Joe Lurie, and Director of Programs, Dr. Liliane Koziol.



Joe Lurie, IH E.D. Emeritus & Dr. Liliane Koziol

The course addresses different cultures' approaches to time, emotion, power, decisionmaking, and ethics and features how differing approaches to identity, language,

non-verbal communication, play out in different countries, as well as in business, diplomatic and health care settings.



Dr. Koziol conducting a time-perception exercise.

Pictured above are students lined up according to their culturally-influenced conceptions of time and verbal interaction. Consistent glowing student reviews and word-of-mouth have expanded the class from 25 students last year to 32 this year, including 8 I-House residents.

As seen on Facebook.....And Coming Soon To A Theater Near You!



Nearly 5,000 alumni, residents and friends are fans of I-House on Facebook and their posts and pictures form an exciting ongoing dialogue on issues relevant to the I-House community. IH Alum Duc Pham (IH 2001-02) posed with Cal Professor and frequent International House lecturer, Robert Reich, at the Sundance Film Festival in Utah following a screening of Reich's documentary film *Inequality for All: A Passionate Argument On Behalf of the Middle Class.* "Like" I-House at *facebook.com/berkeleyihouse* to track other community news and look for the new Reich film this winter in theaters and on-demand!

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cultures—a theme integral to the founding purposes of International House. Nearly a dozen Fulbright scholars and alumni are current residents of International House. Also affiliated is I-House's own Program Director, Dr. Liliane Koziol, a Fulbright alumna from 1979-82 (Postdoc: 1985-86), who traveled from her native Madagascar to the U.S.. These individuals are a living testament to the complementary purposes of the Fulbright Program and I-House.



Alumni of I-House are also often Fulbright participants, like Yichuan Wang (IH 2012-13) of the University of British Columbia who recently wrote a blog about both her I-House and

Yichuan Wang b Fulbright adventures:

"Fulbright enables the exchange of our old selves for new beings with broader minds and inspired spirits. And beware the Golden Bear's knack for expanding your heart too. Nothing beats living among the International House community for growing empathy, generosity, good humor and much more, thanks to the opportunity to learn from 600 people from everywhere under the sun (studying everything under the sun and beyond!)" IH Alumna Jacqueline Barin (IH 2009-10) recently received a Fulbright scholarship

to pursue her graduate studies in Public Health in the Philippines, continuing a multi-cultural community health program she designed and launched while an I-House Berkeley resident.



Jacqueline Barin

I-House is proud to acknowledge some of our current Fulbright scholars pictured with Dr. Koziol on page 1: Daniel Chada, Brazil, Ph.D. candidate in Computational Cognitive Science; Lennart Joos, Belgium, M.Sc. candidate in Chemical Engineering; Alexander Rohlf, Germany, Ph.D. candidate in Economics; Jan Tore Haugan Horn, Norway, M.Sc. candidate in Marine Technology; and Therese Vadholm, Norway, M.Sc. candidate in Material Science and Engineering.



See video of Mrs. Fulbright's lecture at I-House "Fulbright and the Importance of International Education," at *www.grad. berkeley.edu/lectures* in Nov. 2013.

I-Houses Worldwide

International House Berkeley is one of sixteen International Houses worldwide, representatives from which gather every eighteen months to share best practices on establishing multi-



national residential centers that promote international friendship and leadership skills.

Dr. Hans Giesecke represented IH Berkeley in June 2013 for the IHWW gathering hosted by I-House New York. The group is exploring how to engage other universities with an interest in establishing an International House. Dialogues are evolving in Arizona, Colorado and Israel, potentially expanding the current group that represents seven U.S. based houses (Philadelphia, New York, Berkeley, Chicago, Washington, D.C., Harrisburg and San Diego), with several in Australia (Darwin, Sydney, Melbourne), and houses in Auckland, New Zealand, Alberta, Canada, and London, England.

Visit *ihousesworldwide.org* for more information or to schedule a visit to an International House near you!

New IH New York E.D.!



International Houses Worldwide welcome Calvin Sims as new Executive Director of International House, New York. Calvin replaces Don Cuneo whose distinguished leadership at the helm of IH NY guided our sister institution for two decades. Mr. Sims is a cross-sector leader with more than 20 years of experience in journalism, philanthropy, and international affairs. Sims had been associated with the Ford Foundation since 2007, focusing on the development of a free and responsible press worldwide.

I-House Praised in Alumni Survey

A Spring/Summer 2013 survey disseminated online and through the I-House Times newsletter collected more than 350 responses from alumni ages 20 to 89, representing alumni from the 1940's to current year, drawn from 36 countries. Alumni reflections on the impact of I-House on their lives yielded the following:

- 98% indicated I-House had a positive impact on their lives.
- 94% cited gaining a deeper awareness of views and perspectives of other cultures.
- Approximately 4 out of every 5 respondents report they:
 - remain in touch with friends and alumni from I-House
 - became more self-aware of their own cultural value lenses and prejudice.
 - became more aware of global issues and how to interpret them.
 - credit I-House as good to excellent for both its cultural program offerings and social programs.
- 70% credit I-House with skills that benefited their career, nearly half specifying they gained leadership skills while at I-House.
- 32% said I-House offered meaningful financial aid that enabled them to live at I-House.
- 21% make charitable gifts to I-House.

When asked to complete the phrase, "Because of I-House...", alumni responded:

I have a better understanding of the world and its people.

I am forever out of my shell, and have achieved more than I ever thought I could.

I found the path to the rest of my life.

I-House was a life changer.

I expanded my career options, and personal relations and networks, to include and touch the lives of as many of Earth's peoples possible.

I have found the love of my life.

The alumni relations team welcomes your feedback. Share your suggestions with ihalumni@berkeley.edu.

Participants who completed the survey by July 15th had entries in a drawing for twenty I-House t-shirts. Congratulations to the winners, a few of whom are pictured below, with their home towns highlighted on the alumni heatmap. Wear it with I-House pride!



International House Then & Now

FRONT STEPS



1949 Diverse residents pose on the front steps as part of an *Oakland Tribune* profile of International House.

LOBBY



1949 Front desk staff Peggy Grunland (IH '46-47), with Lottie Wallerstein Salz (IH '47-48). 63 years later, Lottie's husband Paul Salz (IH '50-52) and Peggy celebrated the new front desk!

I-HOUSE CAFÉ



1947 Sipping and socializing at the popular I-House Soda Fountain. Cost of a burger? 25 cents!



2013 A September celebration for the new front entrance attracted Board members, alumni and scholarship recipients and supporters.



2013 The new front desk has a lower counter for better access for visitors using wheelchairs, a more spacious lobby, and digital information displays.



2013 After a dramatic overhaul in 2012, the remodeled IH Café features sustainably sourced wood counters and local, organic and fair-trade menu items.

Giving Matters

Cement Your IH Love!

The popular I-House Café patio features more than 250 inscribed bricks that put into words the names and experiences of our community. Below are a few new additions:

> **International Peace** Starts Here Alumni of the 1980's

May You Also Find Life Long Friends Nidhi & Amip Shah

Laugh Love Live Simon & Cathy Aqui Trinidad & Tobago

Thank You I-House For Enriching Life Lelio Mejia

You can add your own dedication inscribed on a patio brick for a gift of \$500 or more. 90% of your gift is tax-deductible! Visit *ihouse.berkeley.edu/naming* for details.

Musical Musings



Residents like these members of the IH Music Club are multi-talented and perform concerts each spring and fall. Top on their wishlist is a Steinway Piano!

Contact the Development Office at (510) 642-4128 if you wish to help make the dream come true!



A Feast of Friendship: Table Dedication Foretells Future

A generous pledge to support the Architectural Heritage Fund will dedicate one of 34 historic dining



room tables as part of fundraising aimed at a dramatic overhaul to modernize, increase efficiency, and maximize the social interactions at the heart of I-House: our dining commons.

Architect Bob Wong, who made the gift jointly with his wife, philanthropist Sheryl Wong, says "I fell in love with this building about fifteen years ago when I was recruited for advice on an architectural question. Since then I've seen some tremendous improvements, and I'm proud to now Chair the House Committee of the Board. It was

Living Legacies: Planned Givers Enjoy Immediate Benefits

The recent and pending renovations to International House's most fundamental resource, our home, are made possible through generous alumni and friends who support our mission to shape a world of greater understanding. Scholarship supporters are also key contributors to ensuring our resident base is not only geographically diverse but socioeconomically diverse as well.

More than fifty alumni and friends of International House have declared their



Jeanne Griffith (IH 1952-54), a legacy donor, dedicated the resident room of her late husband, Ladd Griffith (IH 1952-55). Her gifts support the I-House Building Fund, including the front entrance, where we took this photo of Jeanne with IH volunteer Elaine Anderson.

gratifying to cut the ribbon on the new front entrance, and I'm especially looking forward to 2015 when the kitchen and servery in the dining hall will transform such a fundamental part of life at I-House: breaking bread together over good food and great conversation."

The Wongs are finalizing text for a brass plaque to be placed on the designated table "once the House Committee approves the plaque format of course!" reminds Bob.



Bob & Sheryl Wong

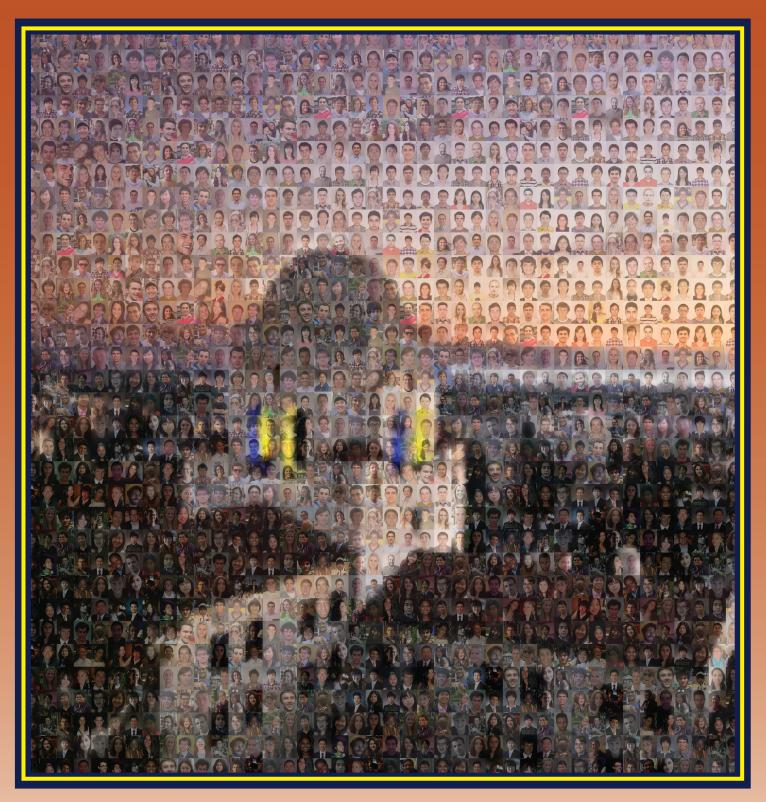
Look for more news about the coming remodeling project in subsequent IH Times articles and contact the Development Office should you wish to join in and become a part of I-House through a dining room table dedication.

intentions to include I-House in their estate plans, and many now reap the benefits of association with the UC Berkeley Benjamin Ide Wheeler Society, the campus counterpart for legacy planning. Chancellor Dirks was the recent keynote speaker at the popular Benjamin Ide Wheeler Annual Summer Tea. For sample language on including I-House in your will or to review benefits and estate planning options visit *ihouse.berkeley.edu/giving* or contact the Development Office at (510) 642-0124.



Egon von Kaschnitz (IH 1951-52) is a Board Member and legacy donor. He is pictured with resident Elena Fernandez Fernandez of Spain, a Spanish Language & Literature student, whose room and board at I-House is made possible through his scholarship donation.

New Horizons in Global Leadership



INTERNATIONAL HOUSE AT UC BERKELEY

Our residential and alumni community, who comprise the photo mosaic above, gratefully acknowledge our generous supporters.

Together we preserve this institution as a beacon of hope for greater global understanding.



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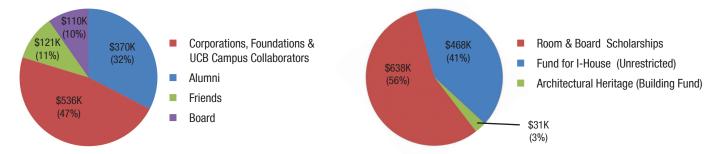
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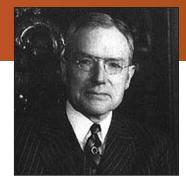
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Tragedy Transformed: I-House Friends help alumna Monique Porsandeh (IH 2007-08)

On February 24, 2013, Monique Porsandeh and another pedestrian were crossing the intersection of Green & Fillmore Streets in San Francisco, when they were struck by a reckless driver, who did not stop to help them. The accident left Monique in critical condition, with life-threatening injuries.

Since that terrible night, Monique has re-learned how to sit, stand, and walk after several months of intensive rehabilitation, and has undergone extensive therapy to help regain her cognitive skills after the brain injury. She hopes that through all of her hard work, she will be able to recover from her physical and neurological injuries, and



continue on to graduate school in the cognitive neuroscience field.

Monique lived at I-House from 2007 to 2008, and—in a typical I-House way—the friends she made then are supporting her now. One of her friends' major efforts was an awareness-raising rally in San Francisco in July. The rally served not only to help raise



funds to help cover Monique's medical bills but also to publicize the plight of pedestrian victims in San Francisco. Critical to this effort was a video segment about Monique's story that was televised on NBC Bay Area news.

Monique's friends created signs and wore I-House T-shirts for a show of unity at the rally.

narrated by anchor Diane Dwyer, a member of the I-House Board of Directors.

Monique's story has shocked and saddened all who heard about it. Her I-House friends, including current resident Mahendra Prasad (IH 2007-14), Sunny Lai (IH 2007-09), Nicholas Stephanopoulos (IH 2005-07), and Jacob LaBay (IH 2006-09), have created a fundraising website to help pay off her mounting medical bills, as she still requires extensive surgery, rehabilitation, and medical care.

Throughout this ordeal Monique has maintained a positive

attitude, and a determination to use her plight to bring good to the world, by raising awareness about pedestrian safety, and pushing for better enforcement of the laws concerning such crimes and advocacy for victims. Her efforts have included an appearance before the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and the Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee.



Monique after

rehabilitation.

months of intensive

On September 19, 2013, Monique held a fundraiser at the Vessel Night Club in San Francisco, and committed to donating 10% of

the door cover charges to I-House to improve accessibility to people with ambulatory disabilities.

For the latest updates on Monique's recovery and advocacy, visit *youcaring.com/helpmoniqueheal.* Monique is grateful for all the support of "Team Monique" and her extended I-House family.

Letter From...Erin Andrews (IH 1989-91) "Sweetness in Seattle"

What do I-House and my career have in common? More than you may imagine!

At Berkeley I studied Economics and English, with a minor in Business. However, it was International House that fostered my curiosity for travel and respect for different cultures. Living at I-House taught me that working with people from various backgrounds enriches the experience. Everyone at UC Berkeley knows how to work hard - and taking chances is often what pulls us through.

Six years ago, during a trip to Belize with my sister Margaret Andrews (who also called I-House home) and our families, I decided to teach my daughters how chocolate grows on trees. Little did I know where that trip would take me. I met my business partners there and started a chocolate company in Belize. A few months later the company was making (and selling!) chocolate in Belize.

Three years ago I founded indi chocolate closer to my home outside Seattle. I wanted to further the "farm to chocolate bar"

experience I gained in Belize and directly source my cacao from new lands. I started with beans from Honduras, not far from where Christopher Columbus was the first European to see cacao! Working with the local farmers and cooperatives in Honduras has been a great experience. This year saw the opening of the first retail store



for indi chocolate in Pike Place Market.

How does this tie back to I-House you may ask? Well, I know that some of you live in the lands where cacao grows. I would love to work with your local cacao growing communities and have a truly sweet I-House collaboration! If you know how I could get in touch with local cacao farmers and cooperatives from your part of the world, please let me know at *erin@indichocolate.com*. I'm also looking for new flavors for my chocolate bars, if you have any suggestions.

If you happen to be in Seattle, please stop by the store and say hello. Or check out our chocolate treats at *indichocolate.com*. It's always great catching up with Berkeley friends. Go Bears!

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*.

Back to Berkeley

With Future Residents of International House!

With a list of more than 1,000 married couples, I-House has launched many lifelong relationships and more than a few generations of offspring. Below are a few recent alumni visits where babes and kiddos of former residents represent what we in Alumni Relations see as the next generation of IH residents!



Floris van den Broek (IH 1988-90)

Floris writes: "This was incredible: I called up Alumni Relations to say I was in town with my family 25 years after I lived at I-House. We stopped by I-House with my wife, Eva Crebolder, and our three kids. Shanti received us and gave a wonderful tour of the whole House. The House has hardly changed in its appearance and I could see exactly where I had lived and enjoyed all the parties in the Game Room and working in the library. Some good patio lunch conversations completed the memories. My kids say that in a few years they want to live at I-House to have the same experience that shaped so much of my life."



Arvind Raghunathan (IH 1983-92)

Arvind visited IH from New York in August, with his wife, Sribala Subramanian and their twin daughters, Anjali and Lapika. He shared his memories of I-House dances he attended, the Wednesday night coffee hours, and raved about the view from his room. He discussed having both participated in divestment protests on Sproul Plaza in 1984 and how different, and yet the same Cal and I-House seem after all this time. Reports Arvind, "It feels great to be back at International House."



Frederic Almaviva & Virginie Seghers (IH 1991)

Visiting from Paris on July 29th, the I-House couple Frederic and Virginie brought their three boys to the spot where they first spoke with each other over lunch on the upper patio. That dialogue sparked a collaboration in professional, artistic and family creativity that has shaped their lives since. Frederic runs a world-renowned ceramic tile company (*almaviva-paris.com*) while also keeping active in theater, while Virginie is a philanthropic financial advisor and accomplished musician. Their three children are their pride and joy and were invited to begin contemplating what floor and room in I-House they might wish to inhabit when of age.



I-House baby onesies, kids & adult size t-shirts are available for \$15. Baby sizes, 12-18 mos. & 18-24 mos. Kids sizes, 2 - 8. Call 510.642.4128 or email ihalumni@berkeley.edu. Pictured at left, future IH resident, Leila Dubois! Meet her parents on page 16.

Planning A Visit To Berkeley? I-House maintains two guest suites for short-term stays, including the newly renovated and upgraded Ambassador Suite. Details at *ihouse.berkeley.edu/events.* To reserve, contact (510) 642-0589 or ihevents@berkeley.edu.

Alumni News & Notes

1940s



Jamshed K. & Parvarti Fozdar (IH 1946-47)

"Heartiest felicitations to your great Institution. We stayed at I-House during the Blaisdell years. Here are the photos showing what 65 years of married life can do to you. Parvati is 86 and I am 87. The government here in Singapore has posted a 15 volume website on

Jamshed and Parvati Fozdar Collection: donors.nl.sg/A52_intro.asp."

Peggy Post Grunland (IH 1946-47)

Peggy poses with a photo of herself when she was the I-House "front desk girl" in the late 40s. "I think rent was about \$50 for a semester," said Peggy. "I've met so many wonderful people at I-House." This includes her husband **Paul Grunland**, a resident of IH during the Navy "Callahan Hall" era. "This has always been an amazing place for connecting people."



Mason Gaffney (IH 1948-52)



"This September *The Mason Gaffney Reader* will be released, 20 essays on socio-economicpolitical issues, some simpatico and all provocative. Included is, *Europe's Fatal Affair with VAT; What's the Matter with Michigan?* and *Taking the Professor for a Ride*. In September the days grow short, and we surviving 'Golden-Agers' see the leaves of life dropping, one by one. May we leave as much good to the next

generations as was left to us."

Mason and **Estelle Lau** are one of the many I-House Couples who met and married at I-House and are featured on our Love webpage!

Did you meet your sweetheart at I-House? Share the love! ♥

Email your story to: *ihalumni@berkeley.edu*. We'll add your names to the I-House Couples list and feature your photo and story on our Love page: *http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/love*

Joan W. Hoover (IH 1949-53)

"During World War II, I was an American girl, living near Detroit. After the war, as a student at Cal, I lived at International House. A woman from Czechoslovakia was my roommate. One evening, we were working at our desks, when she flung herself down on the floor between the beds. I was astonished. She soon resumed her chair and work, and only said, "The airplane." What? I wondered. I hadn't even noticed that a plane flew by. Many years have passed, I can still remember the first lesson I ever learned in Berkeley...that I was one of the fortunate few." See Joan's photo on page 6.

1950s



Renata Polt Schmitt, formerly Harriet Polt (IH 1956-57)

Renata shared the photo at left and writes, "I have vivid memories of the Sunday dinners, conversations, picnics, and trips made with 'the gang'-people I met at I-House who became lifelong friends. My two years at I-House were an important period of my life."

Rafi M. Salem

In September, Rafi enjoyed a tour of I-House where he spent many hours as a visiting scholar at Cal in the early 50's. He shared memories with IH Alumni Relations Director Shanti Corrigan and an update on his career as a



chemist, entrepreneur, businessman and artist. "I've traveled and lived all over the world" said Rafi, who is originally from Iraq, "there is no place like I-House."

1960s

Lila C. Rayol (IH 1966)



"I was a resident from Belém, Pará, Brazil. I developed two careers: a university professor and an English translator for the State of Pará. My daughters live in the US. Melinda Rhone, a Harvard graduate, lives in Boston running a business of

localized translations. Jackie lives in Florida, married and working for Jardenc's in Boca Raton. My son Vicente, lives in Brasilia, and was an administrative officer for the Senate."

1970s

Ronald Fagin (IH 1967-70 & 1972-73)

Ron works at the IBM Almaden Research Center in San Jose and was named an IBM Fellow in 2012. There are 70 Fellows among 450,000 IBM employees, and only 246 Fellows in the 50 year history of the program. Ron also won the IEEE McDowell Award, the highest technical award of the IEEE Computer Society.



Christine Anna Lee (IH 1971-72)

Christine is currently working on a mixed use building project in Guam and came to I-House in September for a visit and to reminisce about her wonderful time as a resident of International House.



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Graeme Orr (IH 1969-70) Our own Flying Scotsman visited I-House in mid-May from his native Edinburgh. A keen runner and lecturer by profession, Graeme not only ran the famed Bay to Breakers race in San Francisco, but also captivated old IH friends and current residents with his presentation on what it was like

being a student at UC Berkeley during tumultuous times.



Charles A. Staben (IH 1978-79)

"I met my wife at I-House in 1978. We enjoyed sunsets over the Bay together from her wonderful room balcony. How could one not marry such a woman? Happily married 31 years to **Mary Beth Berger (Staben)**, I'm Provost at the University of South Dakota, she practices medicine in Lexington, KY. Three kids, one at school in California (better not

name the institution, which is a cross-bay rival). Thanks for a great place to start our lives."

Yoshio Yamanaka (IH 1972)

"I stayed at I-House from Sept. to Dec. 1972. It was my first experience living outside Japan, and since, I've always regretted not making more friends in that unique and wonderful international community. We're enjoying life after retirement (I work part time as a researcher in Japan). In January, we visited Egypt following our visit to Turkey. We're hoping to visit Berkeley soon."

1980s



reminisces and celebrates Cal football games, Bears Lair reunions and cultural events at I-House.

Victoria P. Smith (IH 1984-85)

"I've just published a book, *Yoga for College: Balance and Transformation*, yogaforcollege.com. I'm an award-winning faculty member at Brown University and a leader in the Contemplative Studies movement."

1990s



Vlasta Vranjes (IH 1998-2003)

On June 27th, I-House alumni gathered in Istanbul for a festive wedding. Bride Yesim Orhun (IH 2000-01) married Ewout Kozol surrounded by many IH friends, including me (in pink) with my husband Filipe Ribeiro (IH 98-01) at far right. Behind the groom is Pinar Karaca-Mandic (IH 1998). Laura Parada (IH 2000-02) is next to the bride, and Juliana Barbassa (IH 2001-02) in white shawl.

2000s

Kelly Campbell (IH 2005)

On August 8, 2013, Kelly stopped by I-House, visited her old room and favorite lookout point. She will be studying to get an MBA in Europe this year.



Giovanni Gonzalez Dubois (IH 2003)



After a 10-month trip around the world, IH couple Giovanni and **Sara Bakhtary** are now on another adventure as parents with a new baby girl! Sara has been accepted as a fellow for Transfusion Service at Stanford Hospital starting Fall 2014 and Giovanni's LAM venture recently merged with *dot429.com*

to form New Force Media, a social media platform targeting influential diversity groups.

Stephan Fuchs (IH 2005-06)

On September 9, Stephan returned to I-House from Germany to visit friends and observe some of the exciting and history making races of wing-sail catamarans held on the San Francisco Bay for the 2013 America's Cup.



Michel M. Al Haddad (IH 2009) volunteered to be a Country Contact in Lebanon. He writes: "Living at I-House was an amazing experience, full of wonderful memories. It allowed me to experience foreign cultures by meeting and becoming friends with people from all over the world. In fact, I'm ready to receive any inquiries from visiting alumni, to help any Lebanese student apply for residency at I-House, or even help plan gatherings. This way we can keep in touch with all the students who had the chance to be part of this wonderful place." To see Michel's contact info and our expanding list of Country Contacts, visit *ihouse.berkeley.edu/alumni*.

Rena Katsuyama (2008-09)

Rena was an undergrad exchange student from Tokyo Keio University in Legal Studies. She visited in September while researching law schools. Rena writes, "It's good to be back at I-House!"



Stephanie M. Lowe (IH 2005-07)

"I recently launched a passion project on kickstarter largely inspired by my time with such beautiful souls called Feetprints!"

Roderik Van Houtert (IH 2008)



"Living at I-House made me feel like a citizen of the world! The diversity of residents and the social events are what make I-House a real home. Friendships continue after leaving, and memorable times are never forgotten. I-House opened my eyes to many different cultures, and I have a better understanding of the world I live in. After finishing my BA and MA degrees in 2010 at Maastricht University, I worked for

PwC in the Netherlands and will go to their New York office in October 2013. My experience at I-House will make this transition easy!"

2010s

John Servaes (IH 2011)

"I had a wonderful time at I-House where I met my girlfriend. We have been together since October 2011."

Andrew Stokols (IH 2010-11)

"Last November, we had a reunion of several I-Housers from 2010-11 in Tokyo. Pictured from left, Andy Zhou, Akito Kamei, me, Erina Miyazaki, Atsushi Yoshida, Kaho Ito, Yoko Nishiki."



Plan Your Own Reunion!

Want to get together with I-House friends? Using Facebook and email, you can plan your own reunion at I-House or elsewhere. Alumni Relations can help spread the word! Email *ihalumni@berkeley.edu*.

Friends

Richard J. Rapaport

"Congratulations on helping others learn and be an active caring part of local, national and global society. I was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize and recently appointed to be a board member of an international African company called Youth Icons Africa located in Accra, Ghana. Check out *peacefreedom.com*."

Welcome New Staff!

Bonnie Johnston

Bonnie, a Berkeley resident since 1991, joined I-House in July 2013 as the Executive Assistant to Executive Director Hans Giesecke. After working in administrative capacities in the nonprofit sector for over 25 years, Bonnie is now providing logistical support to the Board of Directors and managing international resident scholarships while undergirding I-House in its



mission of peace and greater intercultural understanding.

New I-House Board Members



Richard Palmer (IH 1982-83) With a B.A. in Asian Studies from UC

Berkeley and a M.A. from Harvard University, Richard currently serves as Executive Director of Private Wealth Management for Morgan Stanley in San Francisco and Singapore. He is also a trustee of UC Berkeley Foundation, a board member of the UCB Haas School Asian Business Center, a board member of

the Berkeley China Initiative, as well as a Bear Backer. Dick served previously on the IH Board (2002-11) and was central to the 75th Anniversary Campaign.

Dr. Kwei Ü (IH 1961-65)

In 1965, Kwei received his B.A. in Physics and Biology from UC Berkeley, and went on to earn an M.D. at the University of Wisconsin. Prior to retiring, he practiced medicine and has been affiliated with the Chinese Hospital, the California Pacific Medical Center and the Saint Francis Memorial Hospital. Among his professional memberships are the San Francisco Medical Society and the American Academy of Neurology. Kwei also served on the IH Board



from 2003-12, including a leadership role with the House's 75th Anniversary Campaign.

Christopher Zand (IH 2000-02)

After receiving his B.A. in Political Science from UC Berkeley, Chris earned his J.D. from Santa Clara University. Currently a Vice President and Financial Advisor with Brouwer & Janachowski specializing in investment planning and management services, Chris previously served as Vice President with Bernstein Global Wealth Management. He

also serves on the Board of Directors for Legal Services for Children.

In Memory

TERJE JACOBSEN (IH 1946-48)



A 2003 photo of Terje Jacobsen taken during a visit to Norway by E.D. Emeritus Joe Lurie.

Born in Norway, Terje Jacobsen, a beloved resident from the "Golden Age" post-WWII era of International House, completed his bachelor's degree in architecture from UC Berkeley in 1951 and returned to Norway where he worked as an architect for 44 years.

A young non-military member of the Norwegian underground during the Second World War, Terje bravely served as a messenger before he and his mother fled to neutral Sweden when discovered by German Counterintelligence. He was later flown on an unarmed American B-17 to England to attend flight school, but opted to contribute working in intelligence as the war wound down. He was a member of the Norwegian Advanced Party of officers landing in Norway on May 8, 1945.

In a holiday greeting from 2006, Terje wrote, "Living at I-House was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I learned to respect diversity, and found we could live together in harmony, in spite of different racial, religious, and ethnic background." When visiting Berkeley, Terje said, "I do not feel abroad when I come to Berkeley, I feel at home."

Terje passed away March 13, 2013 and is remembered fondly by alumni from his era all around the world.

1940s Alumni

Dorothy (Worose) Bengal January 28, 2013

With a master's degree in health education from UC Berkeley, she worked as a community organizer and health educator with the American Tuberculosis Association, and several county health departments. Dorothy and her husband **Vernon Bengal** shared a lifelong love of music, nature, the arts, politics, travel, family and friends.

Joan (Ponsford) Hildebrant October 2, 2012

At UC Berkeley, she received both her bachelor's degree in journalism and her master's degree in political science. While at I-House, Joan met her husband **George Crozer Hildebrant**. She devoted herself to creating a close-knit family and a wonderful home. She was a loving, inventive, and compassionate wife, mother, writer, and teacher.

Albert Hirschman

December 10, 2012

A renowned social scientist, Albert was Professor Emeritus in the School of Social Science at the Institute for Advanced Study, where he had served on the Faculty since 1974.

William Knox July 7, 2013

An emeritus professor of physics at UC Davis, William was a witty and generous polymath. He attended UC Berkeley, and while still an undergraduate in chemistry, was selected by Glenn Seaborg (IH notable alum) to become a member of the secret Manhattan Project team tasked with creating the atomic bomb. After the war, Knox received his PhD in physics from UC Berkeley, worked at the Atomic Energy Commission, taught physics at Yale, and then moved to UC Davis in 1960. Knox met his wife, Barbara Knox, and many of his lifelong friends, while living at International House, Berkeley; many friends happily remember him bouncing up and down the I-House steps on a pogo stick, while wearing a beanie cap with a propeller. Simply unforgettable.

Bayard Rankin

December 23, 2012

After receiving his Ph.D. from Berkeley in the field of probability, he taught at MIT and Case Institute, and was one of the editors for the Encyclopedia Britannica. Beyond writing several articles for the Encyclopedia, he is the original inventor of six United States patents, including one for Random Number Generator.

1950s Alumni

David Davis November 3, 2012

A lifelong public servant and Democrat, Davis' proudest achievements were improving relations with Logan's neighbors and opening opportunities to women and minorities. He was also a loving husband of Niki Janus, and an adoring father and grandfather.

1960s Alumni

Hartmut Scheele December 2012

In 1964, Hartmut came to Berkeley for his LL.M. While at I-House, he dazzled everyone with his piano playing at Sunday Suppers. During a long career in public service, he represented the German Government at the UN, and was Head, Division of Trade Relations with Non-Member Countries at the OECD. He is remembered by his I-House friends as a cultured, multilingual bohemian who would fly all over Europe to attend symphonies and operas.

1970s Alumni

Elfi (Zanker) Tarazona June 3, 2013

In 1963, Elfi immigrated to the United States and settled in the Bay Area. After working for several years as a secretary for various companies including Philippine Airlines, she



decided to go to college. She transferred from City College of San Francisco to UC Berkeley. At Berkeley she got a bachelor's degree in Anthropology and later a Masters in Public Health. While attending Cal, she lived at International House where she met her future husband Hugo Tarazona. After graduating from Cal she worked for the Kaiser Permanente Division of Research until her retirement. Elfi loved nature, the outdoors, and especially gardens and gardening. The UC Botanical Garden was one of her favorite places. She volunteered to become a Docent at the Garden and served in that capacity for over 10 years. After a gracious and courageous 2-year struggle with ALS, Elfi passed away peacefully at her home on June 3, 2013 with her beloved husband at her side.

Friends

Derek Covert

(March 29, 2013)

Upon graduating law school in 1981, Derek headed west to San Francisco. In 1987, he was recruited by his major client, Dignity Health, where he worked as General Counsel. In 1989, Derek met and married **Mary Connick**, and their children became the highlight of his life.



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northern Nigeria, Brennan engaged in a dialogue joined by philanthropist and financier Daniel Mouen-Makoua, I-House Alumnus of the Year 2012, relating to shared aspirations for an "agricultural corridor" across Nigeria and extending into adjacent African countries. The vision is to support sustainable agriculture, economic and food security, and help address chronic youth unemployment, all serious challenges confronting the region.

His Royal Highness, the Crown Prince of Norway, Haakon Magnus, I-House Alumnus of the Year 2009, came to I-House in 2013 in conjunction with a Silicon Valley visit. For a decade, he has been a Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations Development Program and its UN 2015 Millennium Goals. Program goals include establishing cooperative relationships between the U.N. and the private sector to make the benefits of new technologies, especially information and communications, available worldwide. The Prince's visit included a signing ceremony at UC Berkeley related to an international business agreement consistent with these aims. Additional goals include halving the numbers of people worldwide surviving on \$1/day, promoting universal access to education, gender equality, safe water, HIV/malaria reductions, and sustainable development.

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Shankar Sastry (IH 1977-78) was recently appointed as one of two U.S.



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(57-59); Jerry Brown, Governor of California (IH '60-61); and energy pioneer Ashok Gadgil

(IH '73-75) among others. Learn more



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