

# INTERNATIONAL HOUSE TIMES

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## Transformation of the Heart of I-House: The Dining Commons



International House's intense focus on providing the best possible experience for our residents and to the surrounding community extends not only through our exemplary programs and services but also through consistent care and updates to our historic home. Some 84,000 individuals have lived and dined at I-House since it opened in 1930. The conversations that occur and the friendships that develop in the dining commons lie at the heart of the I-House experience and enhance our mission of advancing a world of greater

understanding. Accordingly, beginning this December, we will embark on a major renovation project: the **Dining Commons Transformation Project**.

The aim of this project is to improve the dining experience and interaction between the dining staff, residents, and guests. It will expand the variety of dishes the kitchen can offer, and enable us to reduce our energy and water consumption. It will create better space utilization, develop a presentation kitchen, and enhance ergonomics for the kitchen staff.

"I'm grateful to get the opportunity to live at I-House, and meet people from all over the world. While at the dining commons, I've met so many friends who have a genuine interest in getting to know me and my culture, and I get to know about them and their cultures as well. It's an amazing opportunity to meet the world while sharing a meal!"

- Ying Cao, current resident

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## Two Big Roles...One Big Hat

By Jason Patent

I have now been working at I-House formally for over three months, and informally for almost a year. The more people I meet, the more chances I have to tell people that I "wear two hats" at I-House: Chief of I-House Operations and Director of the Center for Intercultural Leadership. At first glance these two jobs may seem disconnected. In reality it is just one big hat — and taking a closer look reveals a lot about this moment in I-House's long history.

For 84 years, I-House has been doing an unparalleled job of delivering on its inspiring mission. It might be tempting to let it rest on its laurels. Thankfully, that is not the direction the Board of Directors has set for the organization. The Board has seen that, even with all that I-House has accomplished, in many ways we are

only scratching the surface of the massive potential we have.

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The vision for I-House's future is based on the premise



that the better experience we can offer our residents, the more effective we will be at fulfilling our mission. A deep and thorough service orientation is key to making this happen.

Thus, the concept of two roles under one hat: On the operations side, we will ensure that we put residents first in everything we do. This means creating mechanisms for transparency and collaboration that have either not existed, or have become dormant. In my career I have found that

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## **Executive Director's Message**

Hans C. Giesecke, Ph.D.

## **Board Transitions**

We are pleased to offer an update to the I-House Board of Directors leadership.



Joyce Hicks is now serving as the Vice Chair of the Board. Hicks, an alumna of UC Berkeley Boalt Hall School of Law, where she received her Juris Doctorate, is the

Executive Director of the Office of Citizen Complaints of the San Francisco Police Commission.



Another long-time Board Member, **Jamy Faulhaber** (IH 1969-1971), is now serving as Board Treasurer. Faulhaber received her Masters Degree in

Spanish language and literature from UC Berkeley. She manages a farming operation in the San Joaquin Valley.

I-House is also welcoming one new and one returning member to the I-House Board.



Christina Janssen, an alumna of UC Davis law school and mother of a UC Berkeley graduate, is currently an attorney at Janssen & Janssen LLP

and Chair Emerita of UC Berkeley's Cal Parents Board.



Returning to the Board is **Jawahar Gidwani** (IH 1973-76) an alumnus of UC Berkeley. He is a former resident of I-House where he met his wife, Catherina.

Gidwani is Founding Chairman and CEO of QuSwami, Inc.

### A Sense of Integration – Resident Services at I-House Berkeley

Every academic year, some 600 students and scholars come to I-House Berkeley to share a common legacy with over 60,000 living alumni around the world. International House's primary task is ensuring that the needs, comfort, and safety of our residents are met, continually evaluated, and improved wherever and whenever necessary to provide the best possible experience. We monitor this regularly as we seek a broadly diverse population of residents representing a variety of countries, cultures, and academic disciplines. With so many different individuals coming from so many different places in residence at any given time, this can be a daunting task. Nevertheless, we always strive to meet and expand this vision of multiplicity as it has an enormous impact on the overall residential experience here.

Meeting this primary goal is the continual focus of the Policy & Performance Team (i.e., senior management group) which meets regularly to review how we are doing on this service dimension. I believe that we have made very positive strides over the last two years in ensuring that the needs, comfort, and safety of I-House residents are more readily addressed in an effective and expeditious manner. The integrated student services approach that we are now implementing should make our efforts along these lines even more responsive and impactful.



Much of what we are trying to do in this arena revolves around integration of our resident services. The I-House Student Services Group incorporates our offices of Admissions, Events and Rentals, Programs, Physical Operations, and Resident Support Services. If these offices do not function

together in a seamless fashion, we are unable to deliver on what

our residents are expecting from their time here. Accordingly, we have brought these offices together under the leadership of our new Chief of Operations, Jason Patent, so that there will be a stronger sense of working together to achieve the goal of integrated, high-quality resident services.

To accomplish these service related goals, the I-House team must strive to create an awareness and appreciation for the special "sense of place" among residents from their first day and instill in them the belief that there is no other place like I-House when it comes to an accepting, inspiring, and supportive global community environment in a university setting. Of course, seeing is believing and so we cultivate an experience here that will prove to our current residents and alumni that we live up to the standards for intercultural learning, sharing, and dialogue that we always talk about.

On the admissions front, we are developing an admission policy and outreach strategy to ensure even greater global and academic diversity among our residential body. We believe that I-House will be an even more inter-culturally stimulating and provocative environment if it is even more diverse than it is today. Given that we have some 70 countries represented during each academic year and about 85 academic disciplines among our residential body, it is a tall task to raise the diversity bar even higher, but we mean to do just that. Thanks to you - our alumni, friends and supporters - we are able to foster the ideals of lifetime friendship, peer support, and networking that are such key ingredients of the I-House experience. When these attributes are gleaned from someone from a completely different cultural and national background, they take on more meaning and impact than ever before, and that is precisely what makes the magic of I-House so special. ■

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



# Under The Dome

RESIDENT & INTERNATIONAL HOUSE NEWS

## A new, vibrant I-House community is born!

by Liliana Cardile, Host Family Program Manager



"The first American family I met when I came to the US six years ago, was part of the Host Family program here at I-House. So I'm very honored to be the coordinator of a program that meant so much to me."

The International House Host Family Program relaunched on Sunday, September 14th with a beautiful reception in the Heller Patio. The outcome was amazing: 125 people (hosts, guests and I-House staff) celebrating together the power of understanding through hospitality.

The reception was one of those you'd never want to leave. Beautiful weather, delicious

food and drinks, wonderful vibe, languages mixing and new friendships forming It was clear to everyone that a new, vibrant community was re-born under the Dome.

As the personal matchmaker and Host Family Program Manager, I am already brainstorming other events for participants. Stay tuned, and happy year of hospitality at I-House! For more information, please visit: ihouse.berkeley.edu/programs



## Transformation of the Heart of I-House: The Dining Commons

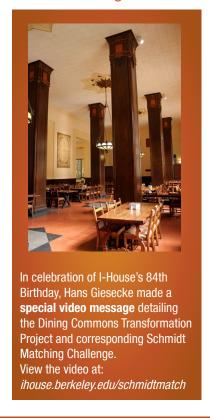
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The improvements to the dining area will include an elevated performance platform, new audio-visual equipment and increased hours of access for residents to up to 20 hours a day while preserving the dining commons' distinct atmosphere and ambiance.

During the construction period (December 2014 to June 2015), residents and guests will be dining in the Field Club right next door in California Memorial Stadium. Through this partnership with Memorial Stadium, we are able to provide additional services for residents at the Field Club such as special events and theme nights, some which have already begun.

The Dining Commons Transformation Project is a reflection of our commitment to advancing our mission by providing the best possible experience in our dining commons where more than 1,000 meals are served daily.

Photo by Madeleine Wulffson (IH 1967-68)



### **Fall Orientation Retreats**



At the beginning of each semester, residents attend an overnight retreat at Walker Creek Ranch in Petaluma where they enjoy hikes, campfires, leadership workshops, and a visit to the beach. The retreats were an illuminating experience, in more ways than one! See photos at *ihouse.berkeley.edu/retreats* 

#### **Resident Statistics**

Facts about this year's residents:

- 586 residents represent 63 countries
- 43% Women / 57% Men
- 75% are international students, 25% are from the U.S.A.
- 46% Graduate
- 47% Undergraduate
- 7% Visiting Scholar/Post Doc
- Average Age is 23 (range 18-71)

#### TOP 12 COUNTRIES OF RESIDENTS:

USA	146	Japan	28
China	65	France	23
Korea	42	UK	16
Germany	36	Norway	14
India	33	Canada	13
Singapore	32	Spain	13

#### TOP TEN MAJORS/AREAS OF STUDY:

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Law	57
Economics	44
Mechanical Engineering	42
Civil and Environmental	
Engineering	41
Business Administration	34
Engineering	22
Electrical Engineering and	
Computer Sciences	21
Political Science	21
Physics	17
Chemical Engineering	16



Check out our new blog at *ihberkeley*. wordpress.com for stories written by residents and alumni from around the work

# THE CULTURE CORNER Seeing Green

by Jason Patent



CIL team, from left: Jason Patent, Jess Delegencia & Breidi Truscott Roberts

I have had a lot of firsts at I-House these past few months, and one of the most enjoyable of these was attending a new resident orientation retreat. There I had the opportunity to lead a brief intercultural leadership training with the 55 residents in attendance. In doing so, I am reminded about what is special about our community.

Jess Delegencia, Breidi Truscott Roberts and I designed the training using a conceptual model called *Approaching Differences*. The gist of the model is that when confronted with difference, challenging emotions sometimes arise: frustration, confusion, anger and others. The model involves a red zone and a green zone, both before and after an encounter with difference.

In such an encounter, the intercultural leader is faced with two sets of questions. First, how do I recognize and respond to these emotions? Will I go to the red zone and wall myself off, or to the green zone, where I might explore new ways of connecting and collaborating? Second, how can I approach an encounter from the green, so that things are less likely to end up in the red?

At the retreat, after a series of rapid-fire conversations in pairs and small groups about differences and similarities, we gathered to debrief. Having led dozens of such conversations over the years, what struck me most about the debrief was the high level of awareness and thoughtfulness that already exists among I-House residents. I cannot say I was surprised, given who I know our resident body to be. I can say, though, that this was the first time I felt in such a visceral way the extraordinarily high level of thinking and, despite their youth, experience that our residents bring to conversations about intercultural leadership.

With the advent of the Center for Intercultural Leadership, I-House has an opportunity to build on this broad, deep and strong foundation, taking intercultural leadership to new levels, and preparing our residents to live lives and to do work that will accelerate the creation, per the I-House mission, of a more tolerant and peaceful world.

Visit ihouse.berkeley.edu/cil for more information.



# Two Big Roles....One Big Hat Continued from page 1.

transparency and collaboration often happen on a hit-or-miss basis. Creating shared habits of thought and action — a culture — takes sustained intention over time. This is the process that has been sparked with the creation of the Chief of I-House Operations position.

On the other side, The Center for Intercultural Leadership (CIL) was born out of research, mostly from the world of study abroad. This research has shown that, while ethnocentrism can be reduced simply by bringing together people from varied backgrounds, as I-House has done so well for so long, the process can be accelerated significantly through targeted interventions such as the intercultural training opportunities that will be

provided by the CIL. At I-House, we have the privilege of hosting some of the brightest students and scholars from all over the world — people who will go on to significant leadership positions once they have left. We owe it to them to equip them as best we can with awareness and skills that will allow them to be maximally effective as global leaders. We are also excited to be able to continue to offer trainings to other UC Berkeley units, and to organizations beyond the campus.

I will conclude with a personal note: I have never seen a community like I-House, and words fail me when I try to express how grateful I am for the opportunity to help shape its future, and how excited I am that we are embarking on all these changes.

## Davis Peace Projects 2014: Updates from Afar

The Davis Projects for Peace, founded by Kathryn Wasserman Davis, awards \$10,000 grants to young people around the world for creative projects working towards peace.



Alinaya (Aya) Fabros returned to live at I-House and shared a report on her Davis Project for Peace that took place in one of the hardest-hit areas of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. For Project Creativity Camp, Aya prepared and led a series of workshops for students and teachers to revitalize the school environment as a safe and peaceful space of learning, devoid of fear and uncertainty. Using various media, students told stories resulting in learning modules to be used as pedagogical tools by numerous teachers in the area. Officials and teachers recognized this project as a valuable contribution to their community. A participant wrote, "Creativity Camp is very useful for me as a teacher and for the pupils who were able to attend . . . You brought immeasurable help to the school."



**Torben Fischer (IH 2013-14)** writes, "I was inspired by Hannah Yang's presentation of the Davis Peace Project at the Sunday Supper last term. Through intense discussions with **Manuel Schulze (IH 2013),** who lived across the hall, the idea of *RECYCLE UP!* – a project tackling the plastic waste problem in Ghana, emerged."

Torben and Manuel spent part of their summer in Ghana, leading a social and environmental entrepreneurship project with 30 high school students. Six teams designed projects to educate the community and implement solutions for plastic waste. Two winning teams were selected: the 1st place team created a machine to convert plastic into fuel. The 2nd place team will implement a plastic management system in schools in Kumasi. To learn more, visit: recycleupghana.wordpress.com.



## Free Speech Movement 50th Anniversary

As the campus celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Free Speech Movement this fall, the Office of Public Affairs has created a website at *fsm.berkeley.edu* that provides a historical timeline, a list of upcoming events and more. It happened 50 years ago, but the Free Speech Movement left a strong legacy at UC Berkeley and in the lives and work of many students, faculty, staff and alumni.

### Letter From...Alumna Jane Knaus (née Cohen IH 1964-66)

I moved to International House in 1965 because I wanted to meet men from different countries...instead, I met a man from Webster Groves, Missouri! Rodger G. Knaus, Jr. (IH 1964-66) and I were married six months after meeting in the Great Hall.



Berkeley has always been a touchstone place

for me...this is where I got an amazing 'port hole' into a much larger world, where I could hear Joan Baez sing at the Greek Theatre for 50 cents; go to a poetry reading by Yevtushenko; meet Edward Teller talk about nuclear fusion...it was mind-expanding beyond my wildest dreams...I was a fine arts major, but got to meet world-famous people from all walks of life who shared their knowledge and insights with students like me...my education was definitely not just in the classroom!

I could hear Mario Savio and Jerry Rubin in Sproul Plaza... the bull horns and loudspeakers summoning hundreds and sometimes thousands of people to hear about student grievances...I wasn't one of the students arrested, but I knew some who were; it was frightening to see all the Oakland police enter the campus with full force, and billy clubs, and hear about fellow



Mario Savio speaking from the top of a police car. Credit: Steve Marcus, Courtesy of UC Berkeley, The Bancroft Library

students who were arrested. There was a sense that it was the troublesome students—the students who were not doing well academically—who were the ones being arrested. Instead, it was the cream of the crop students—the ones with the highest GPAs who were offering themselves up for the greater cause of Free Speech. Mario Savio ended up on the cover of *Time Magazine*...it

was daunting to see how one man had made such a difference... he was a leader with an incredible and commanding voice, and we were transfixed by his oratory. He died young, but I will not forget how he made us lowly students feel empowered.

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*.

#### We Shall Overcome

Mely G. Tan (IH 1964-65), writes from Jakarta, Indonesia, "For a sociologist in-the-making, to be a participant observer in the 'sit-ins', was exhilarating! I joined the big circle of protesters sitting on the plaza floor in front of Sproul Hall, holding hands and singing 'We



Mely G. Tan standing 2nd from left with fellow members of the Fall 2014 I-House Council

shall overcome'. .. Until there was this announcement warning foreign students that if picked up by the campus police they will be deported. What a shock! I just got up and since then watched events from the sidelines!"

Mely received a Ph.D. in Sociology in 1968 and ..... she proudly states that she is the same age as I-House: 84! ■

## Lasting effects of the Free Speech Movement

The Free Speech Movement served as the impetus for many protests to follow. The success and notoriety of FSM rolled

directly into the anti-Vietnam War movement. Alumnus, Graeme Orr (IH 1969-70) recalled, "at a gathering at the Greek Theater in 1970, it seemed that everyone kept asking a Vietnamese female student, 'Which side are you on?' and she replied 'On the side of the people caught in the fighting, who are dying every day!"



Vietnamese student group at the Greek Theatre in 1970, speaking about the war which was still raging



Graeme returned to I-House in May 2013 from his home in Scotland to present *Radical Days: Living at I-House in '69.* At left is artwork Graeme presented that was inspired by the ideology originating from the Free Speech Movement. ■

## Philanthropy Matters

## I-House Scholarships Make a Difference

The International House Scholarship Program, funded by the generosity of former residents and other friends, subsidizes room and board costs of residents from as wide a range as possible of nationalities, economic circumstances, and academic fields. Living at I-House has a life-long impact on residents' lives, many of whom become intercultural leaders and global citizens. Fulfilling our mission begins by ensuring diverse students can access the I-House experience.

One aspect of the I-House Scholarship Program is the Gateway Fellowships, a partnership between I-House donors, the Graduate Division and Academic Departments of UC Berkeley. In September, I-House had the pleasure of hosting a dinner for this year's recipients, with many of the supporters who make these fellowships possible. A sampling of photos from the evening is represented below.



Bonnie Johnston (center) with scholarship recipients. Bonnie manages the Financial Aid program and considers it a "labor of love"

#### Rafael Rodriguez Golden Age Scholarship



Marion Ross with Tracey Hinder of Canada, who is pursuing a Ph.D. in Chemistry

#### IH Chevron-Xenel Gateway Fellowship



Peter Robertson with Jorge Arturo Campos Gonzales Angulo of Mexico, who is pursuing a Ph.D. in Chemistry

IH Adrian Hao Yin Ü Gateway Fellowship



Michele & Kwei Ü with Ying Cao of China who is pursuing a Ph.D. in Industrial Engineering & Operations Research

#### IH EWJ Gateway Fellowship



Yukiko Yano of Japan, is pursuing a Ph.D. in Environmental Health Sciences. Kwabena Donkor of Ghana, is pursuing a Ph.D. in Agricultural and Resource Economics

IH Joan & Egon von Kaschnitz Gateway Fellowship



Joan & Egon von Kaschnitz with Christian Schmid of Austria, who is pursuing a Ph.D. in Physics

Lurie Returned Peace Corps Volunteer Fellowship



Joe Lurie and Donna Rosenthal with Hayden Shelby of the U.S.A. who is pursuing a Ph.D. in City and Regional Planning

#### **Financial Aid:**

This academic year, 94 students are receiving room and board Financial Aid (57 international/37 US)

"Living at I-House is fun, a great way to network personally and professionally, and convenient, but more than anything else, I think the I-House is a cultural kaleidoscope that enables your mind to accommodate every point of view... The lifelong friendships formed at I-House are priceless, and have taught me the greatest lesson — kindness and compassion are universal languages, and they go a long way in forming strong bonds between people."

- Ramit Malhorta

I-House Scholarship Recipient from India, pursuing a MA in Information Management and Systems

# Gifts to I-House: Shaping a World of Greater Understanding

## Schmidt Matching Challenge



Upon learning of the Dining Commons Transformation Project at the I-House Gala held on April 10, 2014, I-House alumni Eric and Wendy Schmidt (IH 1978-80)

generously gifted \$1 million to jumpstart funding for this multi-million dollar upgrade.

Furthermore, Eric (IH 1976-80) and Wendy Schmidt have pledged an additional \$1 million to serve as a matching challenge for donations to I-House from alumni, friends and supporters. Through this I-House Schmidt Matching Challenge, donations and pledges to I-House within the next two years will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$1 million. Although the matching portion from the Schmidts will support the Dining Commons Transformation Project exclusively, donations and pledges to our scholarship, architectural heritage fund or the Fund for I-House are eligible for matching.

"We are tremendously grateful for Eric and

Wendy's leadership and generosity. The Schmidt Matching Challenge holds the potential to establish a culture of philanthropy among current residents and new alumni who may be making a crucial first time gift, motivate new contributors among our world-wide alumni base and further leverage gifts from our dedicated and generous alumni."

- Hans Giesecke, Executive Director

Duc Bieu Pham (IH 2001-02) recently made a gift in honor of his friend Victor Pineda (IH 1999-2000) and shared this photo of them in Caracas, Venezuela.

"I am happy to give back to our beloved international institution that has been breaking down barriers for almost a century, to recognize my dear friend Victor for bringing me into the family, and to have the impact of my gift so generously doubled by the Schmidts!"



Alumni and friends, we need your support!

Double your gift at

ihouse.berkeley.edu/schmidtmatch

## Resident Room Dedication Program

Naming a room in memory of a loved one or in recognition of your experiences at I-House doubles the impact of your gift through the Schmidt Matching Challenge today while leaving a permanent legacy for the future.



**Basil Hoare (IH 1952-53)**, above with Shanti Corrigan, has joined the Schmidt Matching Challenge by dedicating his former room.



With multi-generational support, inspired by the Schmidt Matching Challenge, alumnus Richard Simmons, CBE (IH 1970) and his daughter, Alexandra

**Simmons (IH 2009-10)** will dedicate a resident room.

#### Make your Big Gift Even Bigger

You already know about the Big Game. Now see what's the big deal with the Big Give - a 24-hour day of giving on November 20.

On that day you can join alumni, students, parents, and friends in showing your passion for Cal and your support for I-House. Gifts made to I-House on Nov. 20 through Big Give also qualify for the Schmidt Matching Challenge! More details are at *BigGive.berkeley.edu*.



### A Fond Farewell to Shanti Corrigan

In July, we celebrated the service of Shanti Corrigan who embarked on her new career path as Assistant Dean for External Relations at the UC Berkeley Graduate Division on August 1st.



Shanti served as Director of Development & Alumni Relations for 11 years and together with I-House staff and Board has helped secure more than \$20M in philanthropic support for I-House scholarships, renovations, and programs. Shanti's fundraising expertise and passion for the mission of I-House were largely responsible for our successful 75th Anniversary Campaign, Kresge Foundation Challenge and the Schmidt Matching Challenge.

In addition to her fundraising role, Shanti oversaw all communications and alumni relations activities, connecting current residents and some 60,000 living alumni worldwide with the campus community and beyond. She organized I-House alumni events in New York, Los Angeles, London, Tokyo, Milan and I-House Couples reunions on Valentine's day, as pictured below.



"A job can sometimes change your life, and at I-House this was certainly true. I grew tremendously as a professional, but more importantly, I formed friendships that will last my lifetime. I love I-House and its worldwide community."

- Shanti Corrigan

#### Alumni Relations Starts at Day One



Joy Iwasa and Laura Berman of the Alumni Relations team greet residents with goodies during Fall Move-in Day.



# Gifts to International House

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# Global Gatherings



Hosted by International House Darwin, Australia, I-Houses Worldwide Executive Directors gathered in early July 2014, where Dr. Hans Giesecke represented I-House Berkeley. The group focused its discussions on quality improvement standards as measured by key performance indicators. Hans and his wife, Susan also joined an I-House alumni reunion in Sydney during this trip.



Amsterdam was the host city of a recent I-House reunion, where former I-House residents gathered; Peter Thomas, Joël Thai, Lucas Maystre, Karin Vernooij, Marina Friedrich, and Lynn Hiel all (IH 2010-11) alums. The group enjoyed sightseeing, biking and boating on the canals. There are two more reunions scheduled before the end of the year: several friends are running the Cologne Half Marathon in October and in December they are going to Stuttgart to visit the Christmas Market and the Mercedes and Porsche facilities.



Executive Director, Hans Giesecke (second row, from left) with a gathering of over 50 that spanned multiple generations of I-House Berkeley alumni and their families during the London reunion event- June 7, 2014.



Andreas Schmidt (IH 2002-06) shares, "We enjoyed our little I-House reunion in my hometown Bad Salzuflen for the baptism of Chiaowen and my daughter Zoe Yuxuan. Pictured are Zoe and I in I-House t-shirts with (L-R) Albert Buixade

-Farre (now in Boston, good friend who was an I-House regular), Shusaku Kawamoto (now in Taipei) and Zofia Rybkowski (now in College Station, Texas). I'm excited to hear that my former student/mentee at the iLead Program, National University of Singapore and AyoxxA Alvin Kok, was accepted to the grad program in Engineering at Cal and, of course, I-House. Lastly we're celebrating receiving the 100.000 SGD StartUp of the Year Award in Singapore for our international startup, AyoxxA."

Nould you like 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!
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## Arthur Stonehill (IH 1959-62)

Joy Iwasa shared a lovely afternoon with Arthur and his wife, Kari. Arthur retired in Honolulu in 1991. He previously taught International Finance at Oregon State and University of Hawaii as well as at Copenhagen

Business School in Denmark.



## Florence Yee (IH 1964-66)

Florence joined Joy Iwasa for lunch and shared stories about life at I-House in the 60's and her delight about being a grandmother. After receiving the *International House, An* 

*Informal History* book, Florence writes, "As I skimmed the I House history, more memories of that transforming place emerged. How lucky I was to have been there!"



# Back to Berkeley



## Edith Schroeder Overholt (IH 1951-52)

Edith visited with son Bill Overholt and family for a tour with Joy Iwasa. Edith met her husband E. Llewellyn Overholt (IH 1951-52) at I-House.

#### Deirdre F. Dowdakin (IH 1967-68)

Deirdre visited on August 6, 2014 to see her directory photo as well as that of her roommate **Nancy Nagase (IH 1967-69)**. She shared that the two had lunched together and reminisced about their days at I-House.



#### Mely G. Tan (IH 1964-65)

Mely traveled from Jakarta, Indonesia to visit her family who joined her for lunch and a tour with Joy Iwasa. Mely

is now retired from working more than 30 years at the Indonesian Institute of Sciences, a government research institute, and 4 years as head of the Research Institute of Catholic University, in Jakarta. She wrote a number of books and articles in national and international publications on the Ethnic Chinese in Indonesia and other countries in SE Asia, on women and empowerment and societal development. She's still teaching at the University of Indonesia, and is an active member of the Indonesian Academy of Science.



#### Madeleine Wulffson (IH 1967-68)

In early July, Madeleine came back to I-House to reminisce about her time here, first as a resident, and then as Program Secretary. Madeleine remembers, "In those days we had regular Sing-Alongs where we sang

folk songs we compiled into a book called *Musicanto*. Residents and guests sang with us, most often after the monthly Sunday Suppers, either in the Auditorium or the Great Hall." She now lives in Rome a few doors away from where Liliana Cardile, our Front Desk Manager, used to live. What a small world! Madeleine was given a tour of I-House by Liliane Koziol, the Director of Programs.

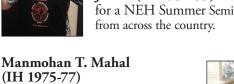
#### Arun K. Jain (IH 1970)

Professor Arun K. Jain, who teaches Marketing Research at the University of Buffalo, returned to I-House with his family after a 44 year absence. Smiling, he described the many evenings listening to music in the great Hall and was happy he was "back to the nest" thanks to his grateful daughter.



## Lois Bueler (IH 1979) Lois visited I-House Ma

Lois visited I-House May 1, 2014 searching for more information about her parents' time here. Her father was **Theodore H. Eaton**, **Jr. (IH 1930-34)** and her mother was **Grace Janlen (IH 1930-33)**. Lois stayed at I-House for a NEH Summer Seminar for faculty members from across the country.



Mohan "Taj" Mahal pictured right with Eric Schmidt (IH 1976-80), stand in front of Mohan's photo in the I-House Hall of History at the 2014 Gala where Wendy Schmidt (IH 1978-80) was honored as

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twenty year heart transplant recipient, devoting his life to making the earth a better place, like Wendy Schmidt. Mohan builds energy efficient homes in honor of the donor family who gave him life.



Kamran Nemati (IH 1984-1995) writes, "The great summer of '89 is permanently carved in our memories. Many of us are still in touch and visit on both sides of the Atlantic, thus the reason for our 25 year reunion" organized by **Dariush Mirfendereski** (IH 1988-92) and held at I-House on July 12, 2014. Pictured with Hans Giesecke from left are fellow summer of '89 alumni: Mr. Tannyhill, Mehryar Garakani, Cynthia Gaertner-Bridges, Eric Stromberg, Kamran M. Nemati, Dariush Mirfendereski, Ali Mirza, Lori Tannyhill, Abby Cook, Mehrdad Afrahi, Mayra Nieves-Bekele, Moira & Sebastian Dowell.

#### Sebastian G. M. Händschke (IH 2003-04)

Sebastian, who resides with his family in Berlin and Weimar returned to the bay area in July for **David Bruce Anderson's** (IH 2002-04) wedding. On July 22nd, Sebastian



visited I-House, and later that week attended the Real Madrid vs. Inter Milan soccer game at Memorial Stadium with Victor Pineda, PhD (IH 1999-2000). Sebastian has fond memories of his time at I-House and with his host family, IH Board Member Bob Wong and his wife Sheryl.

## Alumni News & Notes

#### 1940s

#### Gilbert E. Haakh (IH 1946-47)

Gil attended the wedding of his nephew this Spring, the son of his sister, Phyllis Duffy (IH 1948), who now resides in Mexico. A quote in the Spring IH Times was attributed to Gil in error and should have relayed the following quote as originating from Harold Evans who recalls of I-House Chicago that, "Courtesy of the university, I had a room in I-House, living with people of fifty different nationalities. ... Like Rockefeller, I counted the dimes. In the cafeteria I was charged 35 cents for breakfast, 20 cents for cereal with milk and 15 cents for a banana - but I found a grubby supermarket where I could buy ten tiny packets of Kellogg's cereals for 33 cents, milk for 10 cents, and a bunch of bananas for 15 cents. This meant breakfast for ten days on 58 cents instead of \$3.50."



#### Kathleen & Harry Heckman (IH 1948-53)

This I-House couple shared fond memories of I-House with Associate Director of Alumni Relations, Joy Iwasa at the lovely home they built in the Berkeley hills. Kathleen and Harry reminisced about the group of friends who met at Table 18 in the Dining Hall. "One day Jeanne (Hoffman) Griffith (IH 1952-54) wanted everyone to pull a random number out of a hat and sit at that assigned table in an attempt to break up some of the cliques that were forming. That social experiment

backfired because it formed one of the strongest cliques of I-House! Many of us from Table 18 are still friends today more than 60 years later.'

#### Nels B. Nelson (IH 1940-42)

Nels who sends "best wishes and fond memories of I-House," retired as a school administrator after 55 years with Hayward Schools and later with the Association of California School Administrators, ACSA. His latest book, Blockade - Captain Danielsen Arms Formosa 1883-1885, available on Amazon, invites us to "Set sail on the high seas in a fascinating new work of historical fiction, based on the life of his uncle, Captain Jens Danielsen, Nelson weaves a captivating tale of loyalty and courage against the backdrop of a brutal war."

#### 1950s

#### Mason Gaffney (IH 1948-53)

Mason writes, "An IH connection once saved me from expulsion from the UC Graduate Division. Professor Varden Fuller (Agri. Econ.), then Chair of my Dissertation Committee, petitioned the Dean of the Graduate Division to expel me from the grad school for soliciting a letter of recommendation from Carey McWilliams, then Editor of *The Nation* magazine. Fuller was wrong and I (of course) was right. It was the time of Senator Joe McCarthy in DC, and Jack Tenney in California. Professor John D. Hicks, Dean of the Grad Division, had given away the bride when she (Estelle Lau) and I married at I- House in 1952. Dear John D. quietly smoothed things over and saved my career. I will always remember Dean Hicks' rescue. What a wonderful, kindly gentleman!"

#### 1960s

#### Daniel N. Clark (IH 1968)

Daniel writes, "I remember fondly the semester I spent at I-House my first year of law school, including many fine conversations and great folkdancing. I retired from over 40 years of practice as a peoples' lawyer and community activist and published a book, A Privileged Life: Memoirs of an Activist. In 1981, I was pleased to serve as a founder and first International Secretary of Peace Brigades International, a Gandhian human rights organization that made important contributions to the protection of human rights workers in a variety of countries. For more, visit my website, www. danielclark.zoomshare.com."



#### Donna Rosenthal (IH 1968-70)

In remembering Robin Williams' life, Donna shared an article she wrote for the LA Times in 1990 of the beloved comedian and actor whom she had the opportunity to interview during the launch of the film, Cadillac Man. Donna observed, Williams shifts four cerebral gears at once. He jumps from the table, acts out two Queens car dealers making a sales pitch to a Chinese customer. A

reporter spills a glass of water while juggling two tape recorders trying to capture the barrage of words. Read more at: lat.ms/1rptN2p

#### 1970s

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

The American Academy of Arts and Sciences elected 204 new members across a number of categories, including eight computer scientists. IBM Fellow Ron Fagin, was one of these eight, due to his breakthrough work. Election to the American Academy is considered one of the nation's highest honors since its founding during the American Revolution, when its first



class included George Washington and Benjamin Franklin.



#### Graeme Orr (IH 1969-70)

Graeme attended the last day of the Yes Campaign for Scottish Independence on September 18, 2014 and sent us this photo of a Yes supporter in George Square.

### Richard Simmons (IH 1971-72)

Richard, Commander of the British Empire, whose daughter Alexandra (IH 2009-10) is also an alum, posed with Dariush Mirfendereski (IH 1988-92) as they spent the evening preceding the London Reunion at a gathering with Shanti Corrigan, former Director of Alumni Relations.



#### Mark I. Smith-Soto (IH 1970-71)

Mark has written a memoir in verse of his years in Berkeley, 1970-75. Unicorn Press published his *Berkeley Prelude: A Lyrical Memoir* in 2013. Copies of the book may be purchased directly from the press (http://www.unicorn-press.org/store), or from the author, at mismiths@uncg.edu. Mark is an International Poetry Review Emeritus Professor, Dept of Languages, Literatures and Cultures at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

#### 1980s

#### Cyrus R. Vazifdar (IH 1980)

Cyrus visited on 5/22/14 from Mumbai, with his wife. With them was his friend who he met at I-House, alumnus **Amrit Lalchandani** (**IH 1977-80**), and Amrit's daughter Pooja Lalchandani who is currently a student at UC Berkeley. His brother **Feroze Vazifdar** (**IH 1971-72**) also lived at I-House. "I met some good friends and learned about many world cultures."

#### 2000s

#### Stefan Al (IH 2008-09)

Stefan has written a new book, *Factory Towns of South China*, available on Amazon, that opens a window on the walled compounds, exposing the gritty establishments, crowded dormitories and monotonous labor carried out by millions of workers settling in factory towns in hopes of a better life. Stefan has a PhD, MSc, MArch, and is the LEED AP Associate Professor of Urban Design at the University of Pennsylvania.



#### Sakina Babwani (IH 2014)

writes from Mumbai, India: "I thoroughly enjoyed my stay at I-House this summer and plan on staying there again next summer when I will complete my Law Program. I-House significantly enhanced my experience at Berkeley. Because of I-House I learned the joy of meeting new people and I can

proudly say I have friends all over the world! Thank you I-House for this wonderful experience that I will cherish forever."

#### Graceanne Bello (IH 2002)

Grace was recently named an editor of *Guernica*, a magazine of art and politics. She works as a writer and editor in Queens, NY and has been published in *The Atlantic, NYMag.com, The New York Daily News*, and *NBCNews.com*, among others. Follow her on *Twitter at @grace\_land*.



#### Giovanni Dubois (IH 2003)

Giovanni was invited by UC Riverside Vice Chancellor Maria Anguiano to speak at TEDx Riverside on Oct. 16th 2014. Giovanni is Founder and CEO of LAM Network, a tech and marketing startup company for brands to reach the Latino affluent market via digital media and professional/social events. Look for

his TEDx Talk at: http://tedxriverside.com.

#### Charles Guo (IH 2013-2014)

was at I-House on September 19, 2014 for the Berkeley-Haas School of Business International Business Development Program showcasing event. Charles showcased his project, Connecting Indian Retail's Last Mile, where he and his Haas classmates connected Indian Mom and Pop business owners with SAP Ganges solution technology to monitor trends in their business transactions. For more information, visit haasintheworld.wordpress.com/ and search keyword "Ganges."



#### Fransheska J. Rivera Vega (IH 2009-10)

Fransheska is a young alumna working in Palo Alto, CA at the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation. Fransheska provides program and administrative support for the foundation's Marine Microbiology Initiative.

#### Friends

#### Sharon A. Page-Medrich

Elliott Medrich wore his I-House hat to the A's/Yankees game at the Oakland Coliseum on Father's Day. Waiting in line, a 20-something dude noticed and exclaimed "Yeah! I love IHOP!" With his 20-something daughter smiling alongside, Medrich said, "Well, actually, it's International House at UC Berkeley." The man replied, "Yeah, and the blueberry pancakes are the best!"

#### Staff News

#### **Deborah Preston**

Deborah joined I-House in March as our new Human Resources/Labor & Employee Relations Manager. Deborah brings with her 25 years experience in the field. She's responsible for the recruitment and hiring process and for inter and organizational employee relations. Deborah received her BS degree in Business Management from St.



Mary's College in Moraga. Her career experience includes a position as the Asst. Director of Human Resources for Contra Costa County.



#### Theresa Hirashima

Theresa, Payroll Manager, is retiring after 15 years of dedicated service to I-House. Theresa's eagerness to assist her colleagues with their payroll and timekeeping needs will be dearly missed. In addition to her role as Payroll Manager, Theresa coordinated Mail Room operations, the Resident Service Center (RSC) and served as the Ergonomic

Evaluator for I-House staff. We wish her much success and happiness in the next stage of her life journey.

#### Welcome New Staff Member:

Dell Lee, Custodian, Physical Operations

# In Memory

### GREGORY GROSSMAN (IH 1939-41) August 14, 2014



One of many thousands who fled the Ukraine in the 1920's to China. Professor Grossman received his undergraduate degree from UC Berkeley in economics while living at I-House. He was a resident of Berkeley his entire life, except for the time he spent getting his Ph.D. from Harvard, and his years in the military during World War II. He was one of the world's leading scholars of the economy of the Soviet Union. He studied the social, ideological and cultural underpinnings of the Soviet economy, as well. He was known as a consummate gentleman. George Breslauer, former UC Berkeley Provost and colleague, said, "He is the kind of scholar whose towering stature in the field is among the reasons that UC Berkeley was and remains a great research university."

In 1952, he married Cynthia Green, and they had two children. In 1972, he married Joan Delaney, UC Berkeley Professor Emerita, who survives him. He is also survived by his son, Joel Grossman of Kuala Lumpur, and daughter, Amy Di Costanzo of Berkeley; six grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. Among other connections to I-House, Professor Grossman spoke at a Lodestar Dinner in 1997 on The Russian Economy: Pain and Progress.

#### 1940's Alumni

#### Jean Barker Matthaei

June 10, 2014

Jean met George Matthaei on a Sierra Club mountain trip in 1952, and they were married a year later. They had two daughters, Jane and Susan. Jean was very active in nature education and led nature walks for children (and adults). She was also a museum docent.

#### 1950's Alumni

#### Oscar Bradfute

May 13, 2014

Oscar grew up in Ohio, got his Ph.D. from UC Berkeley and went right back to Ohio, where he spent the rest of his life studying viruses -- but he did come back to Berkeley and I-House for Elderhostel, and to Santa Cruz to retire.

#### Garold (Gary) Faber

May 29, 2014

Gary was born in South Dakota, went to school there, was diverted by WWII, and became an M.D. in Denver. He completed his Masters Degree in Public Health at U.C.Berkeley and spent most of the rest of his life as a psychiatrist in southern California.

#### Llewellyn (Lew) Overholt, Jr.

April 15, 2014

Lew met his wife, Edith, at Berkeley, where he obtained both law and business degrees. Lew was an attorney for 57 years, with a wide practice in Southern California.

#### François Pinson

April 25, 2014

François, a French resident of I-House, met Earleen Gaines in Berkeley, and they lived in France for decades before his death at the age of 86. He was co-founder of the National Center for Industry and Technology; co-founder of French Friends of the Smithsonian; was instrumental in promoting the Centennial of the Statue of Liberty in 1976; and in promoting cooperation between French and American scholars, for all of which he received a medal from the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution.

#### Friends

#### Margaret "Ginger" Elaine Alafi

March 11, 2014

After receiving her BA from the University of Chicago, Ginger moved to California and married Moshe Alafi, a biotechnology founder. She later created a progressive elementary school, and after earning her Ph.D., established a graduate school of psychology. Under her leadership, the Alafi Foundation gave grants to the arts, science, and a multitude of other endeavors. Towards the end of her life, Ginger visited the Seven New Wonders of the World.

### Kenneth A.R. Kennedy

April 23, 2014

Kenneth was known for his work in Anthropology, especially human evolution. Awards and honors attest to the rigor of his scholarship. He was raised and went to school in San Francisco, got his degrees at Berkeley, and spent most of his teaching career at Cornell.

### JOHN "WALLY" GERHART (IH 1934-36)

May 23, 2014



Wally spoke often about living at I-House when it was brand new and about

meeting his wife, Ruth Boyer (IH 1934-36) there. He told of climbing to the top of an unfinished tower of the Bay Bridge to sign his name for posterity and walking across it before it had a roadbed. He will be known also for having hiked the entire 250 miles of the John Muir trail in pieces, finishing in 1985, part of it with his family; for having served in the United States Navy, and then working for the U.S.Army Corps of Engineers as a civilian. He spent the last years of his career there as Chief of the Western Division in San Francisco. He and Ruth encouraged an I-House resident of the next generation: his daughter, Janet Gerhart Westbrook, who lived at the House from 1965-66 and is a 3rd generation Cal graduate. In addition to his daughter, Wally leaves a son, George W.



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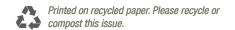












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Wendy Schmidt (IH 1978-80), President and Co-Founder of The Schmidt Family Foundation and The Schmidt Ocean Institute (SOI) and Eric Schmidt (1976-80), Executive Chairman of Google at the I-House Spring 2014 Gala.