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Center for Intercultural Leadership Named in Honor of Peter and Candy Robertson



I-House residents who participate in CIL through the Intercultural Leadership Initiative spend a day in San Francisco for an intercultural adventure. More on CIL, ILI, and the recent gift on page 11.

In recognition of a transformative gift from International House board member Peter Robertson and his wife, Candy, the Center for Intercultural Leadership (CIL) will now be known as the Robertson Center for Intercultural Leadership.

“The International House Board of Directors and I are proud to celebrate Candy and Peter’s generosity by naming the Center in their honor,” says Executive Director, Dr. Hans Giesecke. “Theirs is a gift that will touch generations of I-House residents and community members alike.”

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Executive Director's Message

Hans C. Giesecke, Ph.D.

Toward A More Engaging I-House

Much of what we strive to do here at International House involves using this historic facility as a fulcrum for engaging our resident body. Due to its seductive architecture and modern

upgrades, this is a place that our residents and guests usually bond with very quickly. They find the combination of a super location and the community ethos here something that they can connect with and use as a source of socio-emotional support during their period of studies here in Berkeley.

The reality that we face in developing community here is that our diverse residents are very busy with their own academic pursuits and, hence, often don't have the time or energy to invest themselves deeply in the I-House community. This is a tendency that we try to counter by offering a diverse set of attractive programs and activities to engage our resident body more effectively. Sometimes we are able to offer breakthrough events, such as the recent speech in our Chevron Auditorium by the President of Ireland or an event like the fashion show that was part of our Global Homecoming weekend, to draw in the participation of students in the life of I-House in more significant measure.

Despite such wonderful events that have made I-House the compelling place that it has become over the years, we clearly need to do more toward making I-House a more engaging place for our residents. We can't lose sight of a certain amount of intentionality in our engagement effort that reminds students of our international identity and focus. Yet, we also have to offer a palette of activities and events that our residents and guests find genuinely appealing and stimulating.

That is why the ongoing work of our Center for Intercultural Leadership is so critical to our future. Now supercharged through a significant gift from longtime friends and supporters Peter and Candy Robertson and named in their honor, the (freshly re-named) Robertson Center for Intercultural Leadership is our best avenue for making I-House an even more engaging place that will have an even deeper impact on the lives and careers of our residents. We want our resident leadership training activities and orientation programs, in combination with their residential experience at I-House, to eventually be as important to them as the coursework they take on campus. And, we hope that by investing themselves in the I-House community they will make lifetime connections that will be advantageous to them wherever their life journeys may take them.

Even as we focus our programming on the I-House resident body, we know that our alumni are critical to our future as well. That's why we encourage all former residents to return to I-House frequently and stay engaged with our activities too. We are striving to create even more events where current residents and alumni can interact and learn from one another. We believe that this will expand the impact of our work and make I-House an ever more engaging place.

Here's to more opportunities for interaction and vibrant discourse under the I-House Dome. ■

Sincerely,

Hans Giesecke, Executive Director

Hans Giesecke has served as Executive Director of I-House since July 2012. His role is to harness the great past tradition and service of I-House to improve the present and make the future even better.



GLOBAL HOMECOMING 2015 – A NEW TRADITION COMES TO I-HOUSE



I-House residents strike a pose after their international fashion show

The dome was buzzing with excitement on October 4th as International House celebrated Global Homecoming. This jam-packed day included a Host Family Program information session; an alumni panel during the champagne brunch; an international fashion show produced by I-House residents; and a taste of some global favorites paired with wine and beer. The Kids' Zone included face painting, art projects, and a caricature artist.

Over 250 alumni, residents, volunteers, and staff joined in the fun during Global Homecoming, which was held the Sunday of Cal's Homecoming weekend.

Executive Director Hans Giesecke said, "This is the first of what will be an annual event here at I-House. Keep an eye out for Global Homecoming 2016 – you won't want to miss it!" ■



Clockwise from top left: Vice-Chair of the I-House Board of Directors **Bob Wong** leads a tour of the newly completed Dining Commons; alumni and residents mingle during the networking reception; Hans Giesecke welcomes the crowd; face and body painting during the open house; **Kathy Rai (IH 1990-91)** with her daughters on the Heller Patio; alumni panelists **Sunny Mistry (IH 2008-14)** and **Katia Moles (IH 2009-10)** take questions from the audience at the alumni panel during the champagne brunch. Alumni panelists not pictured: **Sean Dabel (IH 2000)** and **Khatharya Um (IH 1983-88)**

Photos by Rebecca Wilkowski Photography



Under The Dome

Sunday Supper

On Sunday, October 11th, more than 230 residents and guests enjoyed the time-honored tradition of Sunday Supper at I-House. The theme of *What a Wonderful World* was carried through by I-House resident performances.



Photo by Lori A. Cheung

The 2015 I-House Resident Council members were introduced. Pictured above with Hans Giesecke, Larnie Macasieb and Jason Patent.

Sunday Supper also included compelling presentations by the two 2015 Davis Projects for Peace award recipient teams.



Photo by Lori A. Cheung

Samuel Fernandes (Australia) and **Diana Quelhas** (Mozambique) presented their project, *Solar Energy for Community School in Mozambique*.

Although **Patricie Uwase Mavubi** wasn't at this Sunday Supper, her project video for *Women's Leadership Mentoring Program in Rwanda*, was shown to the delight of the audience.

For more information visit ihouse.berkeley.edu/davis

An Austrian Evening with Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart



Hans Giesecke with quintet musicians: Carla Moore and David Wilson on violin; Adaiha MacAdam-Somer on cello; Lisa Grodin and David Sego on viola

On November 3rd, more than 150 I-House residents, board members, and friends, along with other UC Berkeley students, enjoyed a classical music concert in the Chevron Auditorium featuring Mozart's String Quintet No. 3 in C Major, and No. 4 in G Minor.

The concert, co-sponsored by Haas School of Business and International House,

was made possible by the von Kaschnitz Classical Music Fund. Established by a generous gift from the late **Egon von Kaschnitz (IH 1951-52)**, this fund seeks to preserve and expand cultural offerings at International House. Egon von Kaschnitz passed away shortly after this concert, and his obituary can be found on page 16. ■

Irish President Speaks at I-House

Excerpts from *UC Berkeley News* article by Kathleen Maclay

Irish President Michael Higgins spoke at International House on Monday, October 26th as part of an extensive West Coast tour focusing on a common theme of his presidency: the call to halt the debilitating and potentially deadly malnutrition and hunger facing an estimated 680 million people in developing countries.

During this visit sponsored by Berkeley's Institute of European Studies (IES), he announced seed funding for an Irish studies program.

He also commended Berkeley public policy professor and economist Robert Reich for his work on income inequality, which Higgins said is integral to the fight for economic, ethical and environmental equality. ■

Video at: youtube.com/ihouseberkeley
Full story: news.berkeley.edu/2015/10/27



"UC Berkeley students have a responsibility to share the lessons and skills they learn at one of the world's top public research universities to end the human rights problems of world hunger and poverty."

— Irish President Michael Higgins



I-HOUSE CELEBRATES 85TH BIRTHDAY

Members of the Dining Commons Transformation Project Sub-committee including members of the I-House Board of Directors, architects Noll & Tam and Plant Construction

I-House celebrated 85 years on August 18th! Members of the Dining Commons Transformation Project Sub-committee gathered to cut the birthday cake on the new performance platform; residents, alumni, and community members enjoyed viewing the new servery area; and the first video from the *85 Stories for 85 Years* campaign debuted. To see additional photos and view the video featuring four I-House alumni telling their remarkable stories of love, family, and friendship, visit ihouse.berkeley.edu/85stories. ■



Clockwise from top left: **Louise Gilbert (IH 1959-61)** enjoyed her first visit back to I-House; **George Chang (IH 1961-64)** featured in the *85 stories for 85 Years* video, holds his father's I-House application and Joy Iwasa, Director of Development holds George's application; **Milos Petrovich (IH 1999-2002)** and **Victor Pineda (IH 1999-2002)** as featured in the *85 Stories* video; alumna **Jeanne Griffith (IH 1952-54)** on the big screen, sharing her story of love in the *85 Stories* video; I-House dining and catering staff honored on stage; I-House couple **Helen Crane Desai (IH 1951)** and **Raj Desai (IH 1951-53)** enjoy the newly remodeled Dining Commons (see pages 6-7)



Photos by Lori A. Cheung



A NEW VISION FOR INTERACTIVE DINING...

The new and improved servery in the I-House Dining Commons. Photo by David Wakely.

The I-House Dining Commons officially reopened in August, 2015 to much anticipation and excitement after undergoing extensive renovations. An \$8.75 million dollar initiative, the Dining Commons Transformation Project sought to increase energy efficiency, upgrade outdated equipment, and most importantly, provide a higher level of engagement between residents and kitchen staff.

The new equipment, such as a pizza oven, blast chiller, yogurt machine, and charbroiler have been met with rave reviews from staff and residents alike.

With residents from more than 60 countries living under the dome this fall, cultural and dietary restrictions are treated very seriously. Thanks to the new open-concept kitchen, dining staff members are able to build stronger relationships with residents, often times remembering a resident's specific needs and preparing custom options without them having to ask.

One such relationship is resident Neil Thayamballi and chef Sean Garcia. Sean simply knows Neil's dietary needs and how best to cook for him.

Stories like Neil and chef Sean are at the heart of the Dining Commons Transformation Project. The renovation has proven once more that food is the great unifier at I-House for residents, staff members, and guests.

The I-House Dining Commons is open to the public. We would like to invite you to join us for lunch in the remodeled space. Please contact the alumni office at (510) 642-4128 or ihalumni@berkeley.edu to schedule a time.

To see our weekly menu and dining hours visit ihouse.berkeley.edu/dining.



Resident Neil Thayamballi and Chef Sean Garcia build relationships in new space.

THE DINING COMMONS TRANSFORMATION



Photo by Jim Block

April 2014

Eric and Wendy Schmidt issue Schmidt Matching Challenge.



January 2015

Temporary dining facility opens at the Field Club in California Memorial Stadium.

May 2015

Energy-efficient LED lighting, energy star-rated appliances, and ergonomic equipment arrive for installation.

July 2015

Soft opening for summer session residents.



Photo by Keegan Houser

September 2015

New Dining staff is hired, including Executive Chef Jordan Lichman, who brings fresh new ideas and innovation to our dining options.

June 2016

Schmidt Matching Challenge will conclude. Gifts received until June 2016 may qualify to be doubled by this challenge! For more information or to make a gift, visit ihouse.berkeley.edu/schmidtmatch.

March 2014

Board of Directors approves Dining Commons Transformation Project.

October 2014

Dining Commons Transformation Project Sub-committee of the I-House Board of Directors formed.

December 2014

Construction begins during winter break.



Photo by Jennifer Hom

March 2015

Board members, staff and residents tour the construction zone.



Photo by Jennifer Hom

June 2015

Dining staff try out new recipes using the new kitchen equipment.

August 2015

Dining Commons officially opens to the public. Dining Commons Transformation Project Sub-committee members Rick Dishnica, Jamy Faulhaber, and Board Vice Chair Bob Wong cut the cake at I-House's 85th birthday on August 18th.



Photo by Lori A. Cheung

September 2015

Renovations completed in the East Dining Patio, including two new seating areas, water-efficient landscaping, and a shiny new barbecue.





SCHOLARSHIP LAUNCHED IN HONOR OF THE ACTIVISM ERA

From left: I-House circa 1965, Stuart Pawsey questioning the status quo, I-House front steps 1967

Life under the dome for residents of any decade is a memorable, life-changing experience. For those who lived at I-House during the Activism Era (1960-75), their time at Cal was particularly unique.

Residents of the Activism Era witnessed national tragedies such as the assassination of John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr. as well as national triumphs that included the passing of the Civil Rights Act and the moon landing. In Berkeley, a momentum was building that would come to be known as the Free Speech Movement; a series of protests that would forever impact free speech on college campuses.

There was, perhaps, no better place to be during this tumultuous time in United States history than International House.

Each night, residents gathered around the television to attempt to make sense of what was happening in their world. Lovingly referring to I-House as a “mini United Nations”, Donna Rosenthal (IH 1968-70), remembers French and American residents debating the politics of Vietnam while Czech and Soviet friends discussed the invasion of Prague.

Donna says, “I remember watching Walter Cronkite’s nightly sign-off of ‘That’s the way it is.’ I started realizing maybe that’s not the way it is. Surrounded by students and visiting scholars from 60 countries, I learned about the news beyond the sound bites.”

Perhaps one of the defining attributes of the Activism Era is a dedication to driving social change. Donna herself was witness to an act of defiance that now lives in I-House infamy. (Full story on page 10.)

Her small act of revolt captures the essence of the Era – and it is in this spirit that I-House proudly launches the Activism Era Scholarship.

“The Activism Era Scholarship seeks to recognize deserving students with a demonstrated passion for impacting change,” says Executive Director Hans Giesecke. “The Activism Era is a very special moment in I-House history, and we hope this scholarship will ensure the spirit of the Activism Era lives on under the dome.”

“There may never be another time like the Activism Era, but with this scholarship, we are hoping to find the next leaders for the decades to come.”

– Hans Giesecke, Executive Director

The Activism Era Scholarship will be awarded for the first time next academic year, and there are many opportunities to contribute to this scholarship prior to its awarding. The scholarship will be awarded to a resident who demonstrates an urge to question the status quo.

The Activism Era Scholarship joins the ranks of various other scholarships currently available at I-House. In the 2015 - 16 academic year, 100 students received aid directly from I-House, totaling nearly \$600,000.

In the coming years, I-House has a goal to expend \$1 million dollars for scholarship support annually. Many residents would not be able to live in the I-House community without financial assistance.

“It is of the utmost importance that I-House remains socioeconomically and culturally diverse,” says Giesecke. “Through scholarships, we are able to ensure all deserving students have an opportunity to contribute their background and unique life experiences to I-House.”

One distinctive aspect of I-House’s scholarship program is the Gateway Fellowships, made possible due to a three-way partnership between I-House donors and the Graduate Division and Academic Departments of UC Berkeley. For the 2015-16 academic year, I-House awarded 13 Gateway Fellowships. These graduate student fellows represent ten countries, Australia (2), Mexico, Turkey (2), India, China, Norway, Germany, Uganda, Iran and the USA (2), and 13 academic areas. A number of these scholars plan to utilize their advanced skills and give back to their communities after completing their graduate degrees.

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85 Stories for 85 Years: *The Spirit of Activism* Mixing up I-House

Stuart Pawsey (IH 1964-66) shares a memory about the activism era at I-House.

In the early sixties, even with the tumult around us on campus and in the streets, the issue of the separation of the men’s and women’s sections was never far from the minds of the I-House residents. Evening farewells to that special woman were (supposed to be) said at the door opposite the women’s library as she climbed the stairs alone to the women’s section.

As a gesture to the maturity of the residents, however, I-House Director Sherry Warrick magnanimously allowed women into the men’s section for a couple of hours in the afternoons before Sunday Suppers. These were jolly occasions, even without legal alcohol. It was said that one of the rules was that everyone had to keep two feet on the floor, but I suspect that was just a legend.

I was on the Resident Council in 1966 and we discussed the gender barriers with Mr. Warrick on various occasions. He felt that, although we Westerners might be happy with allowing folks to cross into the territory of the opposite sex, it was not fair to the people from Asia, Africa and maybe Latin America, who might be deeply offended by the closer mixing of the genders. So (what else do you do when confronted by a problem?) the Council took a poll of the residents. We analyzed the results and the inescapable fact was that it was the Americans who were most against removing the barriers.

We duly reported our findings to Mr. Warrick and, as I think we really expected, he said the current situation would remain. Democracy in action! It was left to a later year to change this. ■



Glenda Powell and Stuart Pawsey met and fell in love at I-House.

For stories from the Activism Era and more, visit ihouse.berkeley.edu/85stories.

On October 11th, International House held its annual Scholarship Reception, providing an opportunity for scholarship recipients to meet their beneficiaries. (See photos below.)

Thibault Martin of France, a graduate student studying Industrial Engineering and Operations Research, reflected on his experience at I-House, saying:

“I am enjoying every moment at I-House which fulfills its promise. I have been stunned by the dynamism, enthusiasm and curiosity of the community. Meeting so much diversity teaches me lessons every day.”

To support scholarships including the Activism Era, visit ihouse.berkeley.edu/donate. ■



Pictured at top: Beany Wezelman (left) sits with Lynda Dunkwu, the 2015 recipient of the Wezelman Scholarship. Center: Dania Orta Aleman (left), the Chevron-Xenel Gateway Fellow in Public Health, with Judith Dunbar, I-House Board Member and representative from Chevron. Bottom: I-House scholarship recipients 2015

85 Stories for 85 Years: *The Spirit of Activism*

Donna Rosenthal (IH 1968-70) (Originally published in the May 3, 1992 issue of IMAGE.)

As I was eating lunch under the olive trees at the International House patio with Ilana from Lima and Paulo from Florence, a boisterous blond man sat at our table. His outrageous jokes captivated Ilana and Paulo, but for me, his loud German accent stirred the ashes of the Holocaust. Feeling uneasy, I left, ignoring him. During that semester in 1968, I continued to avoid the German, and it was easy with 600 students and scholars, half international and half American, living together.

But it wasn't so easy the next semester when I joined the I-House Resident Council, because the German was its most politically outspoken member. Although I could no longer avoid him, I still remained aloof. But one night he snuck onto our all-women's floor "disguised" in a flowered scarf and pink bathrobe and leading a few other men dressed in drag. After an "invasion" party, the zany German led a group of us on a secret raid: we brazenly stole the doors separating the men's and women's sections. That night, my barriers of prejudice started to break down. Chris Sander became my first German friend – and I became his first Jewish friend. ■



Donna Rosenthal on the I-House front steps during her time at I-House.

For stories from the Activism Era and more, visit ihouse.berkeley.edu/85stories.

Nearly \$600,000 has been distributed directly from I-House to deserving students for the 2015-16 academic year.

Center for Intercultural Leadership Named in Honor of Peter and Candy Robertson

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The Robertson Center for Intercultural Leadership expands on the I-House mission of fostering a world of greater peace and understanding by focusing specifically on developing competencies for leadership in an increasingly global environment.

CIL was formally launched in 2014 after several years of experimenting with the provision of intercultural trainings. The CIL staff of three offers training opportunities for I-House residents, the Berkeley campus, and corporate and non-profit clients beyond campus.

“I-House is uniquely positioned to equip our residents and others with the skills needed to be effective leaders in globally diverse environments,” says Dr. Jason Patent, Chief of I-House Operations and Director of the Robertson Center for Intercultural Leadership. “With nearly 600 residents from over 60 nations under one roof, we live and breathe intercultural and global leadership every day, in everything we do.”

At I-House, CIL has become known for its flagship program for residents: the Intercultural Leadership Initiative, or ILI, which each semester brings together a cohort of 12–25 I-House residents and student staff. Over the course of the semester, ILI leads them through a rigorous series of class sessions, workshops, and field trips that challenge them to expand their range of approaches to problem-solving and collaboration. For their efforts, residents receive a Certificate in Intercultural Leadership. Since its inception in 2012, ILI has awarded certificates to over 100 students.

“Research has shown that it often takes more than just interacting with people from different cultural backgrounds to advance intercultural competence,” says Patent. “You need targeted interventions that provide chances for people to reflect on what they’ve experienced, to draw lessons from that, and to put those lessons into practice. Done well, this type of work has been shown to significantly accelerate the development of intercultural leadership skills.”

“Central to the process is cultural self-awareness,” Patent continues, “which reveals how our own cultural biases filter everything we see, think and do. This is a key part of how we help equip I-House residents with crucial skills they will need for global careers in our ever-more-interconnected world,” says Patent.

With their transformative gift, longtime I-House supporters Candy and Peter Robertson have helped ensure the

sustainability of CIL. They have directed their contribution to bolster CIL’s ability to generate outside revenue as a means of supporting CIL’s core work with I-House residents.

“Candy and Peter’s gift is not only incredibly generous, it’s extremely forward-thinking,” says Patent. “We are so grateful for this opportunity, and excited for the future of Robertson Center for Intercultural Leadership.” ■

In a recent interview with a global, multi-billion-dollar company, a key concept I had learned in ILI helped me stand out as a candidate for this exciting career opportunity. The company ultimately offered me the job.

— Andrea Soto, current ILI participant



Pictured above from left: Executive Director Hans Giesecke, Candy Robertson, Peter Robertson, and Susan Giesecke at the 2015 I-House Awards Celebration and Gala

Left: Dr. Jason Patent, Chief of I-House Operations and Director of The Robertson Center for Intercultural Leadership leading a workshop

Global Gatherings

International Houses Worldwide

The International Houses Worldwide Annual Directors' Conference was held June 28th-July 2nd, beginning at UC Berkeley and continuing at UC San Diego.



Pictured left to right in the front row are Carla Tromans, Brisbane, Australia; Hans Giesecke, Berkeley, California; Deborah Seifert, Melbourne, Australia; Denise Jorgens, Chicago, Illinois; Jessica Carroll, Sydney, Australia; Tanya Steinberg, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Andrew Ritchie, Goodenough College, United Kingdom. In the back row are Dylan Rust, Northern Arizona, Flagstaff; Nancy Hannemann, Alberta, Canada; Henri Migala, San Diego, California; Calvin Sims, New York, New York.



The conference was preceded by an alumni reunion event hosted by International House Berkeley on June 27th. More than 200 alumni from International Houses around the globe gathered at the University Club at California Memorial Stadium to meet the Executive Directors of their former homes, catch up with old friends, and network with fellow alumni. To see all photos from the event, visit ihouse.berkeley.edu/alumni/ihww2015.php.

CAL DISCOVERIES TRIP

I-House alumni are invited to join International House Executive Director, Hans Giesecke for the Cal Discoveries trip, *Cruise The Face of Europe*, May 12th - 27th, 2016. Hans will be a guest lecturer on this tour that includes visits to five countries while sailing between Amsterdam and Budapest aboard the MS Amadeus Silver. Limited space available.

For details and pricing see alumni.berkeley.edu/caldiscoveries or contact Cal Discoveries Travel at 510.900.8222 or email caldiscoveries@alumni.berkeley.edu.



Stacy Zhang, Lynn Hiel, and Joël Thai visited Laura Beattie in Edinburgh. They had a fantastic time going to the Fringe Festival, visiting the Scottish Highlands, looking for Nessie, and enjoying the sun! Yes, the California weather also came to Scotland for the reunion!

Left to right: Stacy Zhang, Lynn Hiel (IH 2010-11), Joël Thai (IH 2010-11), and Laura Beattie (IH 2010-11).



Several I-House alumni caught up over dinner when Minnie Loo (IH 1977-78) and her son visited Washington, D.C. over the July 4th holiday. Pictured are Jeanne (Tsai) Won (IH 1977), Nancy Williams (IH 1977-78), Carole Chamberlain (IH 1977-79), Deborah (McGann) Ripley (IH 1977), Andre Tits (IH 1977-78), Maura Mack (IH 1976-78), Maqbool Dada (IH 1977), along with family and friends.

Back to Berkeley

Look Who Came to Visit!



1. Dr. Flora Fernandez (IH 1968-69)

Dr. Fernandez, pictured third from left, visited from the Philippines with her family on October 5th.

2. Rabi De (IH 1986-90)

Rabi and his family visited I-House on August 11th.

3. Neha M. Dave (IH 1991)

Neha, a teacher at Mills College, visited on May 17th.

4. Hajime Yano (IH 1989-90)

Hajime and his wife stopped by I-House while attending the Meteorological Society Conference. They currently live in Japan.

5. Luis Javier Alonso (IH 1987-89)

Luis brought his family to I-House to see his old room and the fantastic view of the Bay from the 6th floor lounge.

6. Daniel and Brenda Britton (2000)

Daniel and Brenda, who met at I-House, dropped by on August 24th with their children, Sophia and Nicholas.

7. Family of Alumnus Cho-Teng "Joe" Yu (IH 1946-52)

Joe's family visited on November 12th, sharing that he had passed in 2011. Pictured holding Joe's original application are from left: Joseph Hu Co (grandson), Anneka Zalamea, Isabelle Ramos, Jeanette Yu Ramos (daughter), Vincent Ramos, Li G Co and Aileen Yu Co (daughter).

8. Shakhawat Hossain (IH 2001)

Shakhawat dropped by I-House on October 2nd.

9. Yu-Chen E. Kung (IH 2000-01)

Edward stopped by on May 29th. He lives in Taiwan and was in town on business for IBM.

Alumni News & Notes

1940s

Glenn Boom (IH 1944-46)

In response to the United Nations Celebration and Awards Dinner at I-House on October 25th, Glen reminisced: "I remember when the UN was chartered in San Francisco and we had a program in the Greek Theater. In the parade, I marched with the French Ambassador carrying their banner."



Irving G. Tragen (IH 1943-47)

Irving Tragen, along with fellow alumnus **Donald Anderson (IH 1970)**, hosted Hans and Susan Giesecke for a lovely lunch at his residence in San Diego during

a break from the International Houses Worldwide Directors Conference on June 27th-July 4th, 2015.

1950s

Rose-Marie Hunnicutt-Olaso (IH 1958-59)

Rose came to visit I-House and shared stories about her time here, noting that it was the year that panty raids began. Rose has traveled widely, including Ghana among many other countries, working for the International Monetary Fund. She shared that coming back to see I-House crossed off another item from her bucket list, leaving only an appearance on the game show *Family Feud* to go!

Dr. Anne S. Lorimor (IH 1958-59)

Anne recently set a Guinness World Record as the oldest woman to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro. Funds raised by her KiliClimb for Kids benefited the Challenge Youth Fund, which Anne established in 2004 to help children and youth reach their full potential. More information about this inspiring adventure can be found at ImWatchingAnne.org and challengeyouthfund.blogspot.com.



Elias Tuma (IH 1959-60)

Elias reports that two of his books, *The Economic Case for Palestine* (with Haim Darin Drabkin) and *Economic and Political Change in the Middle East* have been reprinted by Routledge in 2015.

1960s

Dr. Kashi R. Balachandran (IH 1962-65)

Dr. Balachandran is a professor emeritus of accounting and operations management at NYU Stern School of Business and the former editor in chief of *Journal of Accounting, Auditing and Finance*. He served as distinguished institute professor of G.D. Goenka World Institute and executive director of the new Global University in India. He is a chair professor of accounting at Tunghai University in Taiwan and an organizing member of the Taiwan-Italy Internship Program and the China-Italy Internship Program. He wrote and published more than 85 articles in leading academic journals of economics, accounting, operations research and management science. Dr. Balachandran earned his BS in Mechanical Engineering from University of Madras, India; an MS in Industrial Engineering and Doctor of Philosophy in Operations Research from UC Berkeley.



Arlene D. Blum (IH 1967-68)

Arlene, a visiting scholar at UC Berkeley's Green Science Policy Institute, recently caught up with her good friend **Julia Anna Roth Ordóñez (IH 1967-70)** in Colombia. Arlene met Julia at I-House in 1967. Julia also

worked in the Program Office for several years.

Eric O. Sawyerr (IH 1964-65)

Eric visited I-House on August 10, his first time back in 50 years. He served as a Resident Council member while living at I-House. After graduating from Berkeley with both his bachelor's and master's degrees, he lived in Oakland before moving back to his home country of Nigeria. He currently lives in Florida with his wife.



1970s



Robin Berry (IH 1972-76)

Robin returned to I-House on September 19th to attend Betsey and Sherry Warrick's 70th Anniversary Celebration. She enjoyed the opportunity to tour the 4th floor to see her old room and take a photo by the plaque

that she dedicated to her mother, **Meta L. Berry (IH 1939-41)**.

Alumni News & Notes



Norbert Streitz (IH 1976-77)

In July and August, Norbert returned to California from Germany, visiting the Berkeley campus and I-House. He is the scientific director of the Smart Future Initiative and gave talks about his research on human-centered design of smart cities and smart airports.

Norbert spoke at Google in Mountain View and the new DesignLab of UC San Diego. He was also the program chair of a large international conference on Distributed, Ambient and Pervasive Interactions in Los Angeles.

1980s

Soumitra Dutta (IH 1985) and Lourdes S. Casanova (IH 1985)

After living in France for 23 years, Soumitra and Lourdes have returned to the United States. Soumitra is now the dean of the Johnson School of Management at Cornell University, where Lourdes is a senior lecturer and academic director of the Emerging Markets Institute. Soumitra and Lourdes met at I-House in the fall of 1985 and said, "We are very grateful to I-House for making us feel at home when we first came to the US and making it possible for us to meet, start a family and a journey together."



1990s



Mukhambika Adapa (IH 1991-94), Cristina (Hall) Burkett (IH 1991-94) & Maria (Chavez) Goettsch (IH 1991-94)

"It was wonderful

to visit I-House with our children. Sharing with them the stories of all we did as residents, Program Fellows and I-House Resident Council members, sparked smiles on their faces. They saw the rooms where we lived, visited the library, and met some of the staff who kindly gave them brownies and cookies. The kids especially enjoyed eating at the dining hall. The frozen yogurt was as enticing for them as it was for us. Although we live far away from one another (Maria lives in Germany with her husband, Christian, who was also a resident) we have kept our friendship strong all these years after our memorable times living at I-House by visiting with one another on a yearly basis."

2000s

Vinicius Rodrigues Vieira (IH 2008-10)

After completing a doctorate in International Relations at Nuffield College at the University of Oxford in 2014, Vinicius became a lecturer in international relations at the School of Social Sciences at the Getulio Vargas Foundation in Brazil and a postdoctoral researcher at the Institute of International Relations at the University of São Paulo. He is also currently a fellow in the first cohort of the summer program in social science at the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton.

Vlasta Vranjes (IH 1998-03)

Vlasta writes, "On August 5th, my husband, **Filipe Ribeiro (IH 1998-01)**, and I (pictured far right) attended the launch of **Juliana Barbassa's (IH 2001-02)** book, *Dancing with the Devil in the City of God: Rio de Janeiro on the Brink* (Touchstone/Simon & Schuster) at the Americas

Society/Council of the Americas in New York City. All three of us are I-House alumni. The book focuses on Brazil during the turbulent years when Rio de Janeiro was elected as host of the 2016 Olympics, when the economy was riding high and anything seemed possible, through hosting the World Cup and the disillusion that followed."



Julia Zamorska (IH 2000, 2004-05)

Julia was named *PR Executive of the Year* at the 2015 American Business Awards Gala, the nation's premier business award program, on June 22, 2015 in Chicago. Julia currently leads global public relations for Fareportal, which powers the third largest travel technology site, CheapOair.

In Memory

Egon von Kaschnitz

November 13, 2015



Egon von Kaschnitz received his BA '52 and MA '54 in economics from UC Berkeley, during which time he lived

at I-House. After graduation, he served a tour of duty in the Army in Germany and returned to Cal to earn his MBA from The Haas School of Business in 1959.

Egon served on the International House Board from 2000 to 2009 and again from 2011 to 2014. He served on the Audit and Finance Committees, including chairing the latter.

In 2011, the von Kaschnitz family established the Joan & Egon von Kaschnitz Gateway Fellowship that provides full room and board to support a UC Berkeley Ph.D. student. The Egon von Kaschnitz Patio at I-House is named in his honor and celebrates his commitment to the Architectural Heritage Fund and the impact he has had on current and future I-House generations.

Egon von Kaschnitz was a member of the Haas School of Business Advisory Board and a co-chair of the Haas Center for Financial Reporting and Management. He also served on the boards of banks, manufacturing companies and various non-profit organizations.

He was the concert master chair with the Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra in San Francisco, the co-founder of Concord Commercial Bank (now US Bank), retired CEO of Zierer Visa and Passport Services, a board member for Pilgrim Fireplace Company, and a Partner with Kimbell, McKenna, & von Kaschnitz, LLP (now Armenino, LLP).

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1940s Alumni

Florence 'Deby' (Rosene) Beeler

June 18, 2015

Florence was an I-House resident from 1946 to 1947. After graduation Florence married Madison S. Beeler, who became a linguistics professor at UC Berkeley. Their happy marriage was blessed with two children, Roxane and Peter, in whose subsequent scholastic and professional achievements the parents took justifiable pride. The Beelers' home in El Cerrito was known for its exceptional hospitality.

Virginia Platt Friedman

September 8, 2015

Virginia graduated from UC Berkeley in 1939 with a degree in history and met her future husband, Nathan, at a dance at I-House. Virginia loved taking her family to Cal Camp, where this otherwise elegant woman roughed it in order to instill the Cal spirit in her three children. A homemaker while her children were growing up, Virginia subsequently worked as a teacher and a travel agent, and was an adventurer and intrepid traveler, visiting every continent except Antarctica.

Irwin Gibbs

June 5, 2015

Irwin entered UC Berkeley in 1943, was called to serve in the Navy in World War II, and returned to the university to complete his degree in Accounting and Business Administration in 1946. At Berkeley, he met and married Marion Brill in 1946 and had two sons, Gary and Larry. Irwin and Marion celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary earlier this year. After graduation, Irwin entered the food brokerage business and founded Gibbs McCormick, Inc., which he headed for half a century. He devoted significant time to charities, and was an internationally recognized expert on stamps from the Panama Canal Zone.

Earl John Marks, Jr.

July 14, 2014

After graduation from high school in his native Chicago, Earl enlisted in the Navy, where he was put into the V12 Program, which allowed enlistees to earn a college degree. Earl was a member of UC Berkeley's Class of 1949 and remained a loyal Bears fan. After graduation, he served in the Navy until his retirement in 1956, after which he was a stockbroker and investment advisor for 54 years. He and his wife, Mary, celebrated their 60th anniversary shortly before his passing.

1950s Alumni

Elaine Kowald

August 12, 2015

Elaine's sister-in-law, Louise, remembers her as a good person who lived a full life. She passed just hours after her husband, Kenneth. Elaine was a cello player and a great lover of music. She met her dear friend, **Mary Hansen Sandner (IH 1946-52)**, at I-House in 1950.

Ernest Kuh

June 27, 2015

During Ernest's tenure as a professor and administrator, he made major contributions to the field of electronic circuit theory and later became a pioneer in adapting circuit theory for application to computers. Born in Beijing, Ernest became a faculty member at UC Berkeley in 1956 and was the first Asian dean of the College of Engineering from 1973-80. Ernest's sons followed in his academic footsteps: Anthony Kuh is a professor of electrical engineering at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and Theodore Kuh is a current lecturer and alumnus of UC Berkeley's Haas School of Business.

In Memory

Barbara J. Van Deerlin

July 11, 2015

After receiving her bachelor's degree at UC Berkeley, Barbara became a home economics teacher at Glendora High School. She was active in her church prayer group, craft guild, and AFS foreign student exchange program. Barbara was married to David Van Deerlin for 48 years until his passing four years ago.

Hugh Warren

April 11, 2015

Hugh's college years were interrupted by four years of service in the US Army Signal Corps during World War II. While serving in the Army, Hugh went to radio repair school with overseas service to England, France and Germany. After his service, Hugh attended library school at UC Berkeley and met his wife, Lois, while living in I-House. They were married for 60 years until Lois passed in 2011. Hugh always enjoyed family, music and singing, dancing, reading, genealogy, and going to movies with Lois.

1960s Alumni

Duncan McPherson

May 4, 2015

Duncan graduated from UC Berkeley with a bachelor's degree in political science in 1960 and a law degree in 1963. A year later, he joined the US Army, serving as a foreign claims commissioner and claims judge advocate in both Korea and Vietnam. After being honorably discharged, he joined the law firm of what is now known as Neumiller & Beardslee. He and his wife, Nancy, shared a love of travel and took several wonderful trips to Europe.

Sailes Kumar Sengupta

August 14, 2015

Sailes graduated at the top of his class while completing his master's degree in mathematics from the University of Calcutta. He came to the US in 1963 to pursue doctoral work at UC Berkeley, where he was offered a research fellowship. He had fond memories of his years living in I-House, meeting and mingling with scholars from all over the world. He married his wife, Sumedha, who shared his love of mathematics, statistics, and music. He and his wife also traveled internationally whenever their time and health permitted. He was a lover of current events, politics, and grassroots causes.

Friends

Corinne Abel

April 7, 2015

Corinne attended UC Berkeley before leaving to marry Garrett Van Horne in 1942. They raised David, Katie and Anne on the family's ranch. When her marriage to Garrett ended, Corinne moved back to Northern California, where she was introduced to the love of her life, Brent Abel. The two married in 1973 and enjoyed 32 years together. While Corinne often dismissed herself as "a simple ranch girl," others knew the depth of her commitment and understanding. She was an excellent horsewoman, a lover of animals, and a keen gardener, as well as a knowledgeable philanthropist and active agent for change.

Kenneth D. Taylor OC

October 15, 2015



Ken Taylor, who served as Canada's ambassador to Iran from 1977 to 1980, is most noted for his pivotal role in the escape of 6

American hostages captured from the American embassy in Tehran in 1979. Ken Taylor and his wife, Patricia (IH 1958-60), helped house the hostages and collaborated with the CIA to devise a plan to smuggle the hostages out of Tehran and get them home safely. His heroism was recognized with the United States Congressional Gold Medal and admission to the Order of Canada (OC). These events were adapted into the Academy Award-winning film, *Argo*.

Ken Taylor graduated with his MBA from UC Berkeley in 1959 and lived at I-House during his studies. It was I-House that he credited with jump-starting his diplomatic career, comparing I-House to a capital city with a lot of embassies. He also met his future wife, Patricia Lee, over breakfast in the dining commons one October morning. "It was a real Bay Area romance," he said. "We went to school in Berkeley, we got married in Berkeley and we left by ship from San Francisco to Guatemala to begin the rest of our lives together."

The Taylors were honored at the I-House Gala in 2013 as *Alumni Couple of the Year* in recognition of their heroism during the Iran hostage crisis, decades of championing the values of I-House in their personal and professional lives, and longstanding support of both International House Berkeley and International House New York.

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In Memory

Orville Joseph Golub

September 28, 2015



Orville "Orv" J. Golub, who recently celebrated his 100th birthday, passed away peacefully in September. Orv grew

up in Seattle and graduated from the University of Washington with both bachelor's and master's degrees. He lived at I-House while working on a Ph.D. in microbiology and met the love of his life, Ellina "Elli" Marx Jacobs in the Great Hall. Orv and Elli wed in San Francisco in 1941 and their marvelous marriage lasted until Elli's passing 67 years later.

During World War II, he served in the US Navy as a lieutenant commander and was stationed with his growing family in Maryland, doing research in virology. In 1948, he returned to civilian life and co-founded Bio-Science Laboratories in Los Angeles.

Orv and Elli raised their six children in Westwood where Orv enjoyed simple pleasures: dining with friends, life-long learning (PLATO Society at UCLA), golf, and cultural events at the LA Music Center.

Orv enjoyed searching for antique microscopes. The Golub Collection, one of the finest collections of 18th century microscopes, is Orv's legacy and is on permanent display in the Life Sciences Building at UC Berkeley.

Photo by Jim Block

Jean Lemmon

July 9, 2015

Jean graduated from UC Berkeley in 1945 where she was a member of the Delta Zeta sorority and the Prytanean Society. She and her husband Jim were loyal Cal Bear fans. A longtime resident of Oakland, she taught art at the Head-Royce School and is survived by her daughters, Lee Stubbs of Texas and Peggy Kline of Placerville; four grandchildren, Josh and Dan Paige, Jeff Stubbs, and Becky Weber; and ten great-grandchildren.

Miriam Webner Mellen

May 15, 2015

After graduating from UC Berkeley at age 57, Miriam set out to travel the world. She worked with people in Tanzania, India, China, Indonesia, Australia, Costa Rica and in Europe. She was a supportive advocate of the disabled, the disadvantaged, and those living with HIV/AIDS. To meet Miriam was to become her friend, and she made many friends during her 92 years.

Sigvor Hamre Thornton

August 31, 2015

Sigvor, who was 93 when she passed suddenly, was a proud Berkeley resident since moving from Norway in 1952 with husband Haakon Hamre, a UC Berkeley Professor in the Scandinavian department, and four children. Five years after Haakon's death, Sigvor married Robert Thornton, a UC Berkeley professor of physics, and gained two more step-children. Sigvor was a dedicated volunteer on campus and at the Norwegian Seaman's Church of San Francisco. She also opened her home to hundreds of students, mostly Norwegian, studying in the US and was affectionately referred to as "Mor Norge" (Mother Norway).

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Facts About Our Fall 2015 Residents

- 585 residents represent 62 countries
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- 75% are international students, 25% are US passport holders
- 46% Graduate Students
- 49% Undergraduate Students
- 5% Visiting Scholar/Post Doc
- Average Age is 23 (range 18-55)



TOP TEN MAJORS/AREAS OF STUDY:

Law	55
Economics	44
Civil and Environmental Engineering	36
Business Administration	34
Mechanical Engineering	32
Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences	30
Computer Science and Engineering	28
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USA	149
China	41
France	32
Germany	31
Japan	31
India	30
Korea	27
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Danette Johnson, Assistant Food Service Manager
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Jordan Lichman, Executive Chef
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Farewell to:

Liam Bonner, Chef
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Joshua Sulloway, Resident Liason

Staff Spotlight

Johnny Avots-Smith

Johnny joined the development and communications team in October 2015 as the Associate Director of Development. Johnny attended college across the Bay at the University of San Francisco and recently graduated from USF with his master of nonprofit administration.



"I'm excited to get to know the incredible alumni and residents of International House and hear about their time under the dome," says Johnny. "This is such a unique place and I'm thrilled to be able to connect I-House donors with opportunities that will make a lasting impact."

Johnny's door is always open. You can email him at johnnya@berkeley.edu or give him a call at (510) 642-0124.



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Above from left: Betsey Warrick, Sherry Warrick, Suzanne Warrick, Douglas Warrick, Ali Warrick and Dan Warrick



Sherry Warrick, executive director of I-House from 1961-87, and his wife, Betsey were the guests of honor on Saturday, September 19th at a benefit for I-House which recognized them for 70 years of marriage. Over 200 I-House alumni and friends gathered to recognize Sherry and Betsey for their steadfast commitment to the I-House mission, as well as each other. This night of memories and friendship included a performance by the UC Berkeley Men's Octet; an intimate interview with Sherry and Betsey led by their son, Dan; a singalong; and a dessert reception in the newly renovated I-House Dining Commons. Narsai David generously donated wine for the evening's festivities, and the 2015 I-House Raffle was held, which included prizes such as dinner with Sherry and Betsey and a two-night stay in Lake Tahoe (provided by I-House Board member Milan Kaur).



Clockwise from top left: Guests of honor Sherry and Betsey Warrick, Dan Warrick and friends holding the cake at the end of the evening, Betsey Warrick with Susan Giesecke, The Men's Octet performs during dinner, Ali Warrick and Dan Warrick perform a song they wrote for the occasion, Executive Director Hans Giesecke with former Executive Directors Sherry Warrick and Joe Lurie.

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