

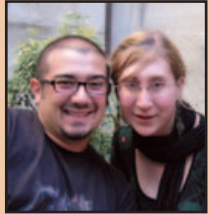


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REFLECTIONS ON JOE LURIE'S I-HOUSE JOURNEY

"I've been fortunate to have seen up close the frequently dramatic changes that I-House has produced," says Joe Lurie as he looks back on his tenure as Executive Director. "Students and scholars from vastly different cultures come together to learn that it is possible to live with difference, to co-exist with difference, to enjoy difference, and, in the process, to shed misleading and damaging stereotypes. I've seen Palestinians become friends with Israelis, Christians with Muslims, Koreans with Japanese, Turks with Armenians, and this year, an Iraqi and an Iranian. As a result, they carry with them a much broader vision, often a newly-born commitment to bridge cultural divides."

Joe arrived at I-House on Valentine's Day in 1988 for what turned out to be a long-term love affair with the House. "For Donna and me, it has been a significant expansion of our sense of family." Joe's wife, Donna Rosenthal, a journalist, is an I-House alum from 1968-69. "The number of friendships we have developed over the years – with residents, board members, alumni, and staff – has brought an extraordinary glow to our lives."

"One story that is a metaphor for me for much of what unfolded before our eyes over the years was the experience of Sue Allen in the late 1980s. A white South African, Sue had to come thousands of miles to I-House to discover, with a black South African, an unexpected friendship, so rare in the days of apartheid."



"I-House breakthroughs such as Sue Allen's remind me of a bumper sticker, 'If you can't change your mind, are you sure you still have one?'" says Joe, known for his love of proverbs and thought-provoking sayings.

The third executive director in the 76-year history of the House, Joe was preceded by Sheridan Warrick (1968-1987) and Allen Blaisdell (1928-1961). Last July, Joe announced his departure in June 2007.

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HOUSE IS APPLAUDED IN ALUMNI SURVEYS

Although anecdotal testimonies have long pointed to the lasting positive impact of International House on former residents, few formal evaluations have been conducted to assist I-House in evaluating the ways it works to fulfill the House mission.

In conjunction with the 75th Anniversary Campaign, the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation provided support for written and online surveys of both alumni and residents for this purpose. Over 1200 alumni responded. *(Continued on page 4)*

ANNUAL GALA IS MAY 3

Patti Garamendi, former Associate Director of the Peace Corps, will make a keynote address at the 19th Annual I-House Celebration and Awards Gala on May 3. Ms. Garamendi, who was appointed by President Clinton to her nine-year tenure



Patti Garamendi, keynote speaker, is pictured here with her husband, John, the Lieutenant Governor of California.

in her Peace Corps role, has had a thirty-year career of public service and currently serves as the Assistant Manager of Programs for the California Exposition and State Fair. She will announce the launch of the Joe Lurie Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (RPCV) Fellowship fund – the first endowed scholarship for RPCVs in California.

Isao "Steve" Matsuura will be honored as Alumnus of the Year 2007 and Peter J. Robertson, Board Member and Chair of the House's 75th Anniversary Campaign, will be recognized as Global Citizen of the Year.



Steve Matsuura, Alumnus of the Year



Peter J. Robertson, 2007 I-House Global Citizen of the Year

Mr. Matsuura will be honored for promoting cross-cultural understanding between Japan and the U.S. through his work in the financial world and extensive involvement in community organizations

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WE DID IT! CAMPAIGN SURPASSES \$10M GOAL House Meets \$500K Kresge Foundation Challenge

An ambitious campaign honoring the 2005-2006 75th Anniversary year of International House Berkeley has successfully raised \$10.6M to support building renovations, scholarships, intercultural programs and technology. In the process, I-House secured a \$500,000 challenge grant from The Kresge Foundation—the largest foundation grant in the House's history.

The silent phase of the campaign was launched on January 1, 2003 and the public campaign formally concluded on March 1, 2007. In the final five weeks nearly \$500,000 was contributed by four hundred generous supporters in order to meet the criteria set by The Kresge Foundation to secure the challenge grant.

In the end, over 3,000 donors contributed nearly 5,500 gifts in support of International House and its mission to foster a more tolerant world through cross-cultural understanding.

"Early on, some consultants told us this could not be done," said Joe Lurie, Executive Director, who helped champion the campaign through I-House relationships nurtured over his nearly twenty-year tenure. "This campaign is truly a milestone for International House and a testament to how hungry our world is for the kind of hope, understanding, and peace that is the heart of what I-House is all about. We've been deeply



Alumni toasted the 75th Birthday of I-House at a Valentines event, one of dozens of celebrations held worldwide in conjunction with the 75th Anniversary Celebration and Campaign.

touched by the generosity of so many and by the stories that have emerged in this effort about how the meaning of I-House continues to influence our alumni and friends." Mr. Lurie will step down in June 2007, with the 75th Anniversary Campaign as one of many prominent achievements in his I-House career. A 65th Anniversary campaign led by Mr. Lurie secured \$3M in 1996.

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75th Anniversary gifts totaling \$3.9M, including the Kresge Foundation grant, were raised towards major capital improvements to the I-House facility, the focus of which is a complete overhaul of seventy-five year

old plumbing systems and improved accessibility for persons with disabilities. Total costs for this eight-phase, eight-year project will exceed \$13M. Unspecified gifts to the campaign of \$980,000 will likely be directed towards the building project as well. Careful planning by the Board of Directors has enabled the House to cover remaining costs through revenue set-asides and

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Cross-cultural discovery has been a major theme in Joe's life. As a Peace Corps volunteer in Kenya, he became interested in facilitating contact with other cultures. He went on to leadership positions for international exchange programs, including AFS International, the Experiment in International Living, and NAFSA: Association of International Educators. Back in the early 80s he drew national attention for his study, "America, Globally Blind, Deaf and Dumb," an overview of a shocking ignorance in America about the rest of the world. The study of 25 years ago drew attention to "a problem in America, still very much with us," Joe observes.

When Joe first came to Berkeley, he realized that I-House was not fully understood on the campus and beyond. Documenting the history and the stories of I-House is one of Joe's lasting contributions.

He chronicled the history of the House in the booklet, *An Informal History*, and inspired the *Hall of History* adjacent to the Chevron Auditorium. The exhibit, developed by a team of alumni and Executive Director Emeritus Sheridan Warrick, provided an opportunity for I-House to educate, inspire and engage thousands of visitors from the community.

Joe worked with alumnus and former board member David Fleishhacker and alumna Barbara Freeman to produce a collection of powerful I-House experiences, *Close Encounters of a Cross-Cultural Kind*. Another book he initiated, *Vision of Hope*, was edited by alumna Firoozeh Dumas and funded by Chevron to address prejudice and stereotyping in the wake of 9/11. And he initiated the production of an I-House documentary that has been shown on PBS stations across the U.S. "To be part of the process of documenting the achievements of the House has been particularly important for me, certainly because of the thrill of discovering the pioneering influence of the House, but more significantly because it helps to leave lights of possibility for those who will become the future of International House," says Joe.

Another contribution in Joe's legacy is the revival of the Festival of Cultures which was established in the 1930s by Eugenie Carneiro who served as the Program Director until the early 1950s, and is now ably led by Program Director, Liliane Koziol. Because of Joe's efforts, the Festival was partially endowed by alumna Edith Coliver (IH 1940-43), who served on the I-House Board during the nineties.

As director, Joe has been committed to strengthening the financial future of I-House thanks in large part to increased contributions from alumni and friends. The House recently completed a three-year, \$10 million campaign that generated funding for preservation of the building, intercultural programs, technology, and financial aid. Reserves and endowments have grown from \$3 million in 1988 to over \$20 million today and annual financial aid has increased from \$30,000 to \$550,000 during Joe's tenure. In a creative partnering of resources, Joe worked with Mary Ann Mason, Dean of the Graduate Division, to establish the Gateway Scholarship program. These newly-created scholarships provide a package of financial aid including room, board, tuition, fees, and a stipend, thus providing new scholarship packages that compete with offers from private institutions.

Scholarships that bring economically disadvantaged students to I-House have also been an important priority for Joe. "I wanted to help promote an environment where the House would host students from different economic backgrounds as well as different cultural environments," says Joe. "One year, we had a prince and a student on financial aid living together. They became close friends, sharing differences in experience and perspective, bridging an economic divide that was as significant as the many cultural breakthroughs I've seen."

The biggest challenge during Joe's time has been the ongoing renovation of the building. "We've done everything possible to increase seismic safety, to renovate our infrastructure, to improve accessibility for people with disabilities, and to improve technology resources. The building is the bedrock of International House. Without the building, the mission can't be delivered."

Reflecting on the many positive changes at the House over the years, Joe stresses, "None of this could have occurred without the commitment of dedicated and talented staff; the generous support of friends and alumni; the extraordinary devotion, generosity, and wisdom of a splendid Board of Directors and the creativity, care, and brilliance of its amazing amalgam of residents."

When Joe announced that he would step down in June of 2007, he said, "It's time to pass the torch." He plans to continue working in a way that positively impacts people's lives, perhaps for a smaller organization or in the foundation world, and he is intrigued with the idea of writing an I-House inspired book about the influence of culture on perception.

Recalling a favorite comment by alumnus Andrew Riggie, "I may no longer live in I-House but I-House will always live in me," Joe plans to stay in contact with the House and its alumni. "I see I-House as a place from which to draw nourishment. Donna and I will have future residents to our home. They will continue to enlighten us, keep us young, and in touch with the House. I-House has become a permanent part of our lives, so while I'll be stepping down soon, I certainly won't be stepping out!"

JOE'S "ROAST & TOAST"

Joe Lurie will be honored at a celebration on June 2. Plans are underway for a "Roast and Toast" in the Chevron Auditorium. Alumni and friends are invited to attend and to send letters, photos, and other mementos to the Development Office that will be incorporated into the celebrations. Advance reservations are required and space will be limited. For more information, visit the I-House website or contact the Development Office at 510-642-4128 or email ih alumni@berkeley.edu.

Those who wish to honor Joe are also invited to contribute to the **Joe Lurie Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (RPCV) Fellowship Fund** which will help a returned Peace Corps volunteer live at I-House and pursue graduate studies at Cal. This will be the first endowed RPCV scholarship in the state of California.

TEN SCHOLARSHIPS OPEN "GATEWAY" TO I-HOUSE AND CAL

Through the generous support of alumni and friends I-House has recently launched ten scholarships that, by virtue of a special matching program with UC Berkeley's Graduate division, offer housing, tuition, fee and stipend packages to qualifying graduate scholars with financial need. These funds enhance the over \$500,000 that I-House allots annually in room and board awards.

Each Gateway fellowship covers costs for International House room and board. Those awards are then matched by University tuition, fees, and a \$5K stipend provided by the UC Berkeley Graduate Division. The partnership enables Cal to better compete for students with other universities offering "total package" awards, while I-House is assured of continued socio-economic as well as national diversity among its nearly 600 residents from the U.S. and abroad. Because I-House private room and board costs are \$11,500 annually and Graduate Division matches provide a value of up to \$30,000 plus for overseas and out of state students, donors to such funds may receive a better than three-to-one match for their contributions.



Gateway Scholarship recipients pictured from left: Juan Carlos Suarez, Ph.D. student in Economics (USA), Hannah Murphy, Ph.D. student in History (Ireland) and Rui "Ray" Liu, Ph.D. student in Health Services & Policy Analysis (China).

Each fellowship was established in conjunction with the House's 75th Anniversary Campaign. Although the campaign formally concluded March 1, 2007, International House hopes to establish further Gateway opportunities before July 1, 2007, when the current matching opportunity with the Graduate Division expires.

Award recipients are selected by the Graduate Division upon review of admitted UC Berkeley graduate students. All awards are for first year graduate students – most for entering PhD candidates – because typically this is the most difficult year for such students to find University support such as research and teaching assistantships. Donors help shape priority preferences for some awards.

Seven endowed Gateway funds created to-date will operate in perpetuity, as annual interest income on these funds (\$250K+) is sufficient to cover room and board without depleting the principal. The seven funds are:

The Adrian Hao Yin Ü Gateway Fellowship supports an entering Ph.D. student with priority preference for graduates of The Chinese University of Hong Kong or of any university in Hong Kong, Taiwan, and China.

The Carl and Betty Helmholtz Scholarship supports an entering Ph.D. student with priority preference for students in Physics.

The Chevron-Xenel Gateway Fellowship supports an entering Ph.D. student, preferably from Saudi Arabia or other Middle Eastern countries, studying chemistry, engineering and other earth sciences.

The Chevron-Xenel Gateway Fellowship in Public Health supports an entering Master of Public Health student, preferably from Saudi Arabia or other Middle Eastern countries.

The Eltoukhy East-West Gateway Fellowship supports an entering Ph.D. student with priority preference for scholars from Egypt or other Middle Eastern countries.

The EWJ Gateway Fellowship allows two awards each year, one to an entering Ph.D. international student, the second to allow for a second year student to extend his/her scholarship.

In addition, three term endowments which fall below the permanent endowment criteria operate through awards drawn directly from donor funds as opposed to investment income. These funds will operate until fully disbursed. To date, these three are:

The Barbro Osber Pro Suecia Foundation Scholarship term endowment supports an entering Ph.D. international student with priority preference for students from Sweden. At least four annual awards are guaranteed.

The Norway House Foundation Gateway Fellowship term endowment supports an entering Ph.D. student—preferably descendants of Norwegian World War II seamen and merchant marines. At least eight annual awards are guaranteed.

The International House Open Gateway term endowment is comprised of hundreds of donations from I-House supporters that have been pooled. Two awards are made annually to entering Ph.D. students, one from the US and one from overseas. It is possible that either or both of these "Open" Gateway funds will become permanent endowments as they continue to grow and may attain the \$250,000 threshold.

Lastly, in honor of Joe Lurie and his upcoming departure from the position of I-House Executive Director, donors have recently launched the beginnings of another fellowship. The **Joe Lurie Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (RPCV) Fellowship Fund** is continuing to receive contributions from many entities and the I-House Board recently voted to devote a portion of 2007 Gala proceeds to this cause. The fund would be the first endowed RPCV scholarship in the state of California.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH

Following the announcement of Joe Lurie's decision to step down in June 2007, the Board of Directors immediately formed a search committee to identify his successor consisting of Board Members, a resident representative and a campus representative. Co-chaired by Jawahar Gidwani and Haig Mardikian, other committee members include Martha Hertelendy, Peter Robertson, Richard Palmer, Dennis Bonney, Nathaniel Rice (Chair of the I-House Resident Council), and Joan Kask (from UC Berkeley's International and Area studies). The executive search firm of Edward W. Kelley & Partners worked with the committee to define an updated job description and to devise a marketing strategy that would ensure broad visibility. More than 150 resumes were submitted by both international and U.S. candidates, including submissions from persons with academic, Foreign Service, and/or non-profit or corporate sector experience. A dozen candidates participated in phone interviews. From those, seven candidates participated in face-to-face interviews before four finalists were identified.

The finalists will engage in campus meetings with I-House staff, residents and the Chancellor before a new Director is selected. "With three admirable and amazing directors in 75 years of I-House history, our search for the fourth will culminate in an extremely important decision. Our meticulous and thorough search has thus far produced propitious results. We look toward the future of I-House and into the next 20 years with a new executive director. Joe Lurie, our current and retiring executive director, has contributed tremendous results toward the health and well-being of this House; we are on excellent footing and his are huge shoes to fill," said resident and search committee member, Nathaniel Rice.

For an announcement of the new executive director, watch the I-House website <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu> and the fall issue of the *I-House Times*.



ALUMNA BRINGS FLAVORS FROM HOME TO I-HOUSE

"At the first bite, I almost cried out of happiness," says Valentina Bilo from Italy, recalling the Italian dinner that Paola Civoli Bagnatori (IH1949-1952) orchestrated at I-House as guest chef for Italian Night in November. "We are very grateful to Paola for bringing all of us together with a delicious dinner and a memorable night. She is bringing the real Italian cuisine around the world."

"I really enjoyed cooking for I-House residents, who showed so much appreciation for the dinner," says Paola. More than 600 residents and visitors attended the special feast which included *Pappardelle with Porcini Sauce*, *Minestrone di Fagioli e Scarola*, *Chicken Saltimbocca*, and *Panettone*. "It was also a pleasure to introduce International House to my grandchildren," says Paola who serves as the Managing Director of the Museo ItaloAmericano in San Francisco.

International House Dining Services offers many dinners with cultural themes each year including a Lunar New Year Dinner celebrating Asian cultures, an African American Dinner, a Mardi Gras Dinner featuring Creole and Cajun cuisine, a Native American Dinner, St. Patrick's Day Dinner, Australian Night, Persian New Year, and a Divali Dinner. The next theme dinner is a Cinco de Mayo Celebration dinner on May 5 from 6pm to 8pm in the Dining Room. Friends and alumni of I-House are invited to join residents for these special dinners. Theme



Enjoying a taste of home at the Italian Dinner: Chiara Logli (staff), Paola Bagnatori (IH 1949-52), Rocco Gulli, Alessandra Gulli (IH 1957-59), and students Federico Picinali, Michele Comin, Stefano Zirulia, Sabrina Donada, Davide Gasperini, Valentina Bilo, Alberto Cavatore, Chiara Andreola, Mirko Casagrande, and Paola's granddaughter, Isabella.

dinners are free for residents and at \$9, a bargain for the public. Alumni with an alumni card receive a one dollar discount.

If you would like to be a guest chef or lend a helping hand in the kitchen, please contact Director of Dining Services, Gary Beitch, at 510-643-3266 or gbeitch@berkeley.edu. For a schedule of theme dinners, see <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/events/>.

SUNDAY SUPPER: THE OLDEST TRADITION OF THE HOUSE

Sunday Supper is the oldest tradition of the House dating back to 1910 when Harry Edmonds invited international students to his home in New York to counter the isolation that many of the students experienced. These Sunday Suppers inspired Edmonds to approach John D. Rockefeller to fund the first International House in New York in 1924 followed by Berkeley in 1930.

Today, Sunday Supper is a quarterly celebration of our multicultural community hosted by residents and featuring distinguished speakers and performances by talented residents. The February Sunday Supper celebrated Black History Month and Lunar New Year in a combination of cultures that reflects the spirit of I-House, where all cultures are welcomed. Highlights of the evening include:

A lion dance welcomed Lunar New Year and the Year of the Golden Pig in a tradition dating back almost 2,000 years. The dance brings good luck and prosperity to all in the audience.

Qian Liu and **Lin Gu** co-hosted the event and introduced an amazing variety of performances by talented residents including martial arts, classical piano, Ukrainian Hip Hop, drumming, singing of the African American National Hymn, a Vietnamese song, and a traditional dance from the Uighur region of China.



Co-hosts Qian Liu and Lin Gu

celebrations in China which include new clothing, an envelope of money, special foods, and family gatherings. "Celebrating here at I-House with people from all around the world in such an elegant way is so much fun!"

Lin Gu, a visiting scholar from China at the School of Journalism, co-hosted the evening. He recalled a story by alumnus Jim Gregg who served in the American Navy in World War II and then came to I-House where he met his roommate, Taro Furakaki, a former Japanese soldier. Taro told Jim that he was fearful that his roommate would be a six-foot tall ex-marine who had pulled the fingernails out of Japanese prisoners, and Jim initially had similar wild thoughts about his roommate. Yet, they overcame their fears and former enemies became friends. "A journalist myself, I have never learned about a more dramatic encounter than this. Former opponents fighting on the opposite sides found each other under the same roof, in the same room, and everything changed," commented Lin, who will return to China after his stay in Berkeley. Lin introduced Tim Stucka, a student from the U.S. whom he met by chance in the I-House Dining Room, and asked Tim to share his travelogue from a ten-day trip in Beijing.

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in both Japan and the U.S. He currently serves as Director and Advisor to the President of Bank of the West as well as Visiting Professor of Law at Osaka University. Matsuura has been involved in community organizations including board membership with the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco, the Japan Society, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. A 1971 alumnus of I-House, he studied at Boalt in 1971 and received law degrees from Kyoto and Kobe Universities in Japan.

Mr. Robertson will be honored as I-House Global Citizen of the Year in recognition of his leadership as Chair of the House's \$10 million dollar 75th Anniversary Campaign. Serving as a volunteer, he reached out to alumni and friends worldwide to champion the causes of the campaign and to

Decha Sermwittayawong was the student host for alumna Betty Slater. Decha is a biochemist and post doc in immunology who will return to Thailand next year where he plans to be a university professor.

Betty Moorsteen Slater (IH 1941-42) on the right, returned to the House for the first time in 65 years with her family to celebrate the naming of Betty's old room in her honor by her daughter, Amy Slater. Betty recalled a chance encounter in Hong Kong with a Chinese friend from I-House that led to a wonderful evening of reminiscences. "All of you who live here will have many experiences like this." And reflecting a sentiment that has been voiced by many alumni, "Living here is an ongoing experience that will last throughout your lives."



Decha Sermwittayawong and alumna Betty Slater



Hanna Jacobsen and guest speaker, Al Young

Al Young, California's Poet Laureate, Berkeley grad, and an award-winning poet and novelist, with resident **Hanna Jacobsen**, an anthropology student from Los Angeles. Young, the guest speaker for the event, told the audience, "Culture as we're experiencing here tonight is possibly the most important by-product of any society. It is poetry, music, literature, film, dance, and visual arts for which cultures are ennobled and by which we are remembered.

You're remembered for what makes you great as an expression of the human spirit." He closed by saying, "The future is in your hands. It's going to take all of your creativity and energy to make this planet a livable place."

Tim Stucka, an MBA student from the U.S., told the audience, "I get asked all the time why an American would live in International House. Can't I be American AND international? I believe in the mission of the House like thousands of students who have had the pleasure of living here – both American and international. One of the great things about I-House is that you don't have to choose between where you are from and who you are. This is truly a place I feel proud to call home."

Nathaniel Rice, Council Chair said, "Extraordinary things happen here...great friendships, great loves. With our I-House experiences, I hope we can prevail in making this House and the whole world a better and more peaceful place to live in."



Resident Tim Stucka

advance the principles of I-House. A native of Scotland, he is Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of Chevron Corporation. He earned a bachelor's in mechanical engineering at Edinburgh University and an MBA from the University of Pennsylvania.

The festive evening includes performances by talented residents, valet parking, and escort by residents. Special appreciation goes to chef Narsai David for his guidance in selecting the menu. Tickets for event are \$275 and table sponsorship ranges from \$3,750 to \$25,000. A portion of proceeds from the evening will benefit the Joe Lurie RPCV Fellowship Fund. For more information, contact the Development Office at 510-642-4128 or visit <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu>.

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS AT WORK

New Residents Welcomed at Retreats

Newcomers to I-House learn about the services, programs, and mission of I-House while becoming acquainted with new friends from around the world at orientation retreats. Residents share their observations about life in the U.S. and misconceptions about their countries. Depicting how flirting is initiated in their home countries is—not surprisingly—often the highlight.



Retreats are funded in part by contributions to the Annual Fund from alumni and friends of the House and are held in January and August, at the beginning of each semester. The overnight trip is offered at no cost to new residents.

Alumnus Kevin Scallan reflected on the importance of retreats: "Cast your minds back to September 11, 2001. At that time, I had never left Ireland. Fast forward two years and I found myself in the retreat for new residents with people from Turkey, Iran, South America... listening to the story of the woman from Iran and her sense of alienation and fearfulness and not knowing where to go but to I-House. I learned a lot just in that one moment. Since then, I've had a fantastic experience and met people from all over the world... It's been a life changing experience for me."

CELEBRATE I-HOUSE ROMANCE!

Did you meet your spouse at I-House? We know of more than 900 couples who met here and would love to add you to the list on the I-House Couples page: <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/a/notable/couples.html>

Please use the RSVP panel or send an email to ihalumni@berkeley.edu and let us know when and how you met.

I remember students from around the world watching as the Berlin Wall came tumbling down. I looked around me and realized how many of us at I-House had taken down the walls within ourselves.

Bonnie Wasserman - (IH 1989-1990)

I-HOUSE WEBSITE REDESIGN

Several updates to the I-House website have been implemented to provide better information and a fresh new look. The new design showcases the benefits of Living at I-House, Programs, Events, and our prime location in the San Francisco Bay Area.



Some of the new Website features include:

- An improved calendar that includes public events
- Quick links for How to Apply, Giving to I-House, Weekly Menu and other popular pages
- Higher visibility for the I-House Virtual Tour
- Quotes from I-House alumni that refresh with each site visit
- Streamlined design and coding that allow the homepage to load 50% faster
- Search function on each page as well as contact info and Website feedback form

In addition, an assessment was conducted by the Berkeley campus Web Access group to ensure the site meets standards of accessibility and usability.

Feedback and suggestions are always welcome by email at ihouse@berkeley.edu, or by filling out the feedback form at: <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/feedback.html>.

I-HOUSE T-SHIRTS IN ALL SIZES



The popular International House T-Shirt is now available in child sizes and baby onesies (pictured above). The front shows a globe with "respect, understanding, tolerance, peace and friendship." The child and adult shirts have "International House" written in 20 languages on the back.

The 100% cotton shirts made by American Apparel are sweatshop free! Show your I-House spirit and order yours today by filling out the form on page 7, calling the Residents' Service Center at (510) 642-9459, or viewing the I-House Store online at <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/a/store>.

KENNETH ARMIGO EXPERIENCES WEIGHTLESSNESS ON NASA AIRCRAFT

Kenneth Armijo (IH 2005-06) conducted experiments on a NASA aircraft known as the "Vomit Comet" which provides a weightless environment for training astronauts and conducting state-of-the-art research. Kenneth and a team of mechanical engineering students were selected by NASA to conduct their experiment aboard the aircraft in micro-gravity conditions. "We investigated the use of ultrasonic waves as a means of enhancing the efficiency of fuel cells and power systems in space," says Kenneth. "We were able to have some success and I hope that our technology will be used in future missions."

"Experiencing microgravity and performing research to further human space exploration are some of the most exciting and rewarding experiences one could ever have. I am truly grateful for being part of a collegiate experience that can further my opportunities and benefit humanity."

Kenneth, a first generation Mexican American who comes from a rural farming community in



Kenneth Armijo (IH 2005-06) showed his Cal colors in the weightless environment of a NASA aircraft used to train astronauts.

central New Mexico, is a second-year grad student in mechanical engineering at Cal. He came to I-House and to Berkeley last year from the University of New Mexico. "I absolutely enjoyed the atmosphere of I-House and meeting people from across the globe! I was able to share my experiences and be influenced by other cultures. This was inspiring and extremely rewarding."

Kenneth plans to finish his Ph.D. in mechanical engineering and do research in academia or the private sector. He also hopes to be an astronaut. "I have always wanted to be an astronaut and this gave me a glimpse into the space program, as well as the technology that surrounds this dream. I want to be a part of the space effort and hope to make a lasting technological contribution towards the future of mankind." If Kenneth is fortunate enough to become an astronaut, he will follow in the footsteps of fellow I-House alum, Dr. Drew Gaffney, a Space Shuttle Astronaut and now Professor of Medicine at Vanderbilt University.

ALUMNUS LOWENTHAL SPEAKS AT LODESTAR

David Lowenthal (IH 1947-49), professor emeritus of geography at University College London, spoke to alumni and residents at the spring Lodestar program in March. Lowenthal noted that he was amazed to see so much unchanged at I-House, "the same spirit, the same architecture, the same sense that everything is possible."

Speaking on the topic of *Reclaiming Our Future*, Lowenthal explored sources of the loss of faith in the future since his own student days and finding a source of hope in the global commitments of the I-House community.

The audience – which included alumni from every decade, current residents and guests – responded with questions for Lowenthal and statements of their own sources of hope including successes in building global community, the opportunity to live together in peace through the rule of law, the successes of grass-roots environmentalists, and efforts to develop alternative energy resources.



Alumnus David Lowenthal (center) with current residents Shahin Badkoubei (left) and Kelsey Elliott.

Two Lodestar programs are held each year. To be included in the mailing list, please complete the RSVP panel on page 7 and check off the item for the Lodestar mailing list.

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A fall 2006 survey disseminated online and through the I-House Times newsletter garnered 1200 responses from alumni ages 20 to 98 from 73 countries who reflected on the impact of I-House on their lives.

Highlights include:

- 98% of respondents would encourage others to live at I-House if given the opportunity.
- 78% of alumni rated their overall experience at I-House as "excellent."
- 100% of former residents participated in at least one I-House program. The most popular activities were culturally-themed coffee hours (71%), culturally-themed dinners (71%), dances (58%), lectures (55%), and field trips/retreats (55%).

A number of results provided compelling evidence of I-House's impact:

- 92% of former residents learned about cultures that were different from their own.
- 89% of survey participants gained a deeper awareness of the views and perspectives of people from other cultures.

- 89% of survey participants developed meaningful friendships with people whose cultures were different from their own.
- 80% of respondents increased their knowledge of foreign expressions, terms, and/or languages.
- 94% of alumni remain interested in learning about different cultures.
- 43% of former residents have since been involved with organizations or causes that support peace and/or tolerance – a statistic that is likely much higher than that of the general population.
- Despite the many accolades, only 26% of respondents indicated they were donors to International House.

A survey of current residents, results of which will be shared in the fall I-House Times, will compliment the alumni survey results in helping deepen the ways in which the House can assess areas for ongoing improvement as it continues its tradition of fostering cross-cultural understanding to promote a more tolerant world.

ALUMNI ARE INVITED TO JUNE ELDERHOSTEL

Each year, many alumni take advantage of the opportunity to be students again with the convenience of classes, meals, café, and accommodations in I-House. It's a great way to return to Berkeley and enjoy lectures and activities with others interested in the same topics. Two programs are scheduled for June.

The Interplay of Religion and Politics June 3-9

Religion plays a powerful role in political issues and conflicts around the world. The world's great religions inspire hope, understanding, and commitment to human rights yet they can also foster intolerance and conflict. Does living in a diverse world mean that there will always be violent conflicts? What is the political impact of growing fundamentalism? In a program co-sponsored by Berkeley's Graduate Theological Union, professors will focus on regions that are currently in the news. Field trips include a campus tour, local museums, the UC Botanical Garden, and a trip to Napa for wine tasting and a winery tour.

Challenges & Opportunities in China June 10-16

China's thriving economy is having a profound impact on the world's economy and balance of power. What are the effects on contemporary Chinese society and on relations with the U.S.? What are China's current human rights issues and prospects for democracy? UC professor and noted China scholar Tom Gold returns as our lecturer. Prof. Gold is Associate Dean of International and Area Studies and directs the Berkeley China Initiative which co-sponsors our program. Field trips include a campus tour, local museums, the UC Botanical Garden and a day-long trip to San Francisco to the De Young Museum, returning by ferry.

Registration

Elderhostel is open to adults, ages 55 and better. The program fee of \$698 includes lectures, accommodations, meals, and activities. To register or receive an Elderhostel catalog, call Elderhostel at 1-877-426-8056 or visit the website at <http://www.Elderhostel.org>.

Additional details are on the I-House website at <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/a/elderhostel>.

BOARD WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

The Board of Directors welcomed three new board members at its fall meeting.

Jamy O'Bannon Faulhaber returns to the I-House Board after serving from 1974-78 and 1985-97. She has chaired the Development and Finance Committees and was an ex-officio member of the House and Finance Committees. Ms. Faulhaber earned a master's degree from Berkeley in Spanish and lived in the House as a student from 1969-71. Currently, Ms. Faulhaber and her brother farm in the Central Valley of California. Previously, she was an IBM Regional Sales Manager, president of Lecht Sciences, and co-founder of an import business. She is married to Charles Faulhaber, Professor of Spanish and Director of the Bancroft Library at UC.

Jane Chang Tom was born in Shanghai, grew up in Hong Kong and Taiwan where she completed her undergraduate studies and came to the U.S. for her master's and doctorate. She is a retired clinical psychologist and lives in Berkeley with her husband, Sanford Tom, a retired psychiatrist. Ms. Tom has been an active volunteer in the Bay Area over the past 25 years, serving on the boards of numerous non-profit organizations. Currently, she is a Commissioner of the Asian Art Museum, a Trustee of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, and president of a family foundation.

Joyce M. Hicks, Esq. is the Executive Director of the City of Oakland Citizens' Police Review Board. She previously served the City of Oakland as one of two Chief Assistant City Attorneys and managed the City Attorney's Advisory Division. Ms. Hicks earned her J.D. from Boalt Hall School of Law and is married to Eric Behrens, a University Counsel for the UC Office of the President. Ms. Hicks is Immediate Past Co-Chairperson of the California State Bar Council of State Bar Sections, Vice Chairperson of the Lawrence Hall of Science Advisory Council, and a board member for Women Lawyers of Alameda County.

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP PROGRAM CONNECTS FAMILIES



Host mom Maureen Apter (second from right) and host sister Lauren Apter (right) at the wedding of Nidhi Tandon and Amip Shah in Bangalore, India.

"We have been a host family for eight years now and it is hard to tell who gains more, the student or the host family," says host mom Maureen Apter. She and her daughter, Lauren Apter, traveled to Bangalore, India, for the wedding of Nidhi Tandon and Amip Shah. The Apters became Nidhi's host family when Nidhi and Amip lived in I-House in 2003-04 and they have remained in close contact.

"From the moment we stepped off the plane in India, we were family," says Maureen. "Nidhi's aunt and uncle took us into their home and everyone was so informative and loving. We attended so many wonderful events leading up to the wedding that I am still reeling from it all." Maureen is an active member of the University Section Club which includes the Foreign Student and Scholar Committee.

Amip also became a member of this global family. "We met Amip through Nidhi and he took our

daughter, Lauren, under his wing when she started her first year at Berkeley during his final semester. He was the best big brother a young woman could have."

Judy Kennedy, a host mom for 14 years says, "As teachers, we've always valued learning and have enjoyed discovering other cultures." Judy and her husband, Jeff Kennedy, have hosted more than 20 students from around the world.

After serving as a Peace Corps volunteer in Liberia, Jeff traveled through Africa and Asia. "This is my opportunity to pay forward the hospitality that I received on that trip."

International House sponsors the International Friendship Program to link international students with families and individuals in the area. The program is open to all international students at Cal, not just I-House residents. Activities are entirely up to the family and student to determine.

Bay Area Hosts Needed

Friends and alumni of International House are invited to extend the hand of friendship to an international student far from home by offering a holiday meal, outings to local attractions, and, most of all, friendship. To receive more information about the International Friendship Program, please return the RSVP section on page 7 or email ihprogra@berkeley.edu.

REMEMBERING LOUIS HEILBRON

By Joe Lurie

Distinguished former I-House Board member and legal advisor, Louis Heilbron, passed away on December 20, at the age of 99.

My wife, Donna, and I were especially saddened by this loss, as Louis was a terrific friend, an exceptionally decent human being and a generous supporter of I-House.

Even though Louis' formal service on the Board ended in the 70s, he and his wife Delphine were among the first to welcome Donna and me to the Bay Area in 1988. At an initial meeting at a Chinese restaurant in San Francisco, Louis' calming presence helped soothe our rattled nerves during our first earthquake experience. It was a calmness that reflected the steadiness and wisdom of his ways which we were to discover over the years.

With a smile, Donna and I remember Louis' enthusiasm for Cal's football team, especially when it was on a winning roll. We had a very incomplete idea of the astounding extent of his accomplishments and honors until he invited us into his study to watch a Cal football game. In truth, we had difficulty focusing on the game, so distracted by the many plaques and honors on his study's wall.

When I told Louis in passing that International House hoped to honor Yehudi Menuhin as its global citizen of the year, I was surprised to learn that he had been Menuhin's attorney for many years. In fact, Louis was key in bringing the great musician to International House for its annual gala in 1995.

A well respected, highly accomplished attorney, Louis was a major civic leader who embraced many causes; his ability to obtain effective compromises made him the obvious choice to chair the many boards and committees he served.

These included the World Affairs Council (President 1965-1967 and member of its Executive Committee for over 50 years), the Jewish Community Center (President 1949-1950), Temple Emanuel (President 1954-1957), Human Rights Commission of San Francisco (Member 1969-1975, Chair, 1978), State Board of Education (President 1959-1960), and Phi Beta Kappa of Northern California (president 1972-73), and California Historical Society (President 1983-85).

Louis made perhaps his most important contributions to public institutions as first chairman of the Board of Trustees of the California State Colleges and he helped to convince the Legislature and the UC Board of Regents of the value of the Master Plan for all segments of California Higher Education. Clark Kerr called Louis' contribution "historical".

"He was a rare combination of devotion to family and devotion to what he considered public duty," said his son David, an attorney from Tiburon, California. "He was amusing, witty, very intelligent and a delight to be around." Life with their father was frictionless, said his other son, John, former UC Berkeley Science Historian, Vice Chancellor and I-House alumnus. "He was a gentle, good man who ran his family life the way he did his negotiations," he said.

Louis' interest in world affairs was extensive and his commitment to fairness and human rights evident throughout his life. He embodied the highest principles of International House which was fortunate to have had him as an advisor and a friend. Donna and I are among the many whose lives are richer for having known him.



Former I-House Board member, Louis Heilbron.

ROOM NAMED FOR EUGÉNIE CARNEIRO

An anonymous gift recently resulted in the dedication of a resident lounge located on the sixth floor in memory of former staff member Eugénie Carneiro. Ms. Carneiro, who was of Portuguese heritage, came to I-House from Shanghai and resided in the House from 1931-1934. She then served as a staff member from 1934-54 and launched an annual Festival which celebrated the cultures of those who resided in the House.



Eugenie Carneiro, I-House alumna and former staff

Ms. Carneiro is also recognized in the Hall of History where the description states, "She drew students of diverse backgrounds together in the common expression of the beautiful in song and dance." The Festivals provided the inspiration for today's annual celebration of the world's cultures, the Edith Coliver Festival of Cultures.

WE DID IT! CAMPAIGN SURPASSES \$10M GOAL

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investment income, allowing for completion of the fourth phase of renovation in the summer of 2007.

Special naming opportunities throughout the House helped advance the Architectural Heritage building element of the campaign. Twenty-six resident rooms were named by donors through gifts of \$20,000 each along with six benches through gifts of \$5,000 or more and more than 240 bricks at \$500 each or \$300 for current residents.

Student scholarships comprised the second largest area of the campaign and garnered \$3.4M in support. Through a special program in partnership with the UC Berkeley Graduate Division, many gifts enabled qualifying room and board funds to be matched by awards of tuition, fees, and an annual spending stipend (see Gateway article page 2).

The remaining gifts were directed to support programs (\$720,000) and technology (\$45,000). A Campaign Leadership Committee headed by Peter J. Robertson, Vice-Chairman of Chevron, was responsible for campaign outreach. Mr. Robertson will be honored as the International House Global Citizen of the Year on May 3, 2007, for his role in this effort, having devoted countless volunteer hours in contacting and soliciting support from prominent House alumni worldwide, as well as meeting with foundation and corporate leaders who value the purposes of I-House as he does.

The 75th Anniversary Campaign sponsored a series of festive alumni reunions and special events around the world in order to engage the broadest section of alumni possible in this effort. Gatherings took place in London, Tokyo, New York, Paris, Milan, Singapore, Melbourne, and Los Angeles, along with many events held on-site at I-House, including a Valentine's Day Dinner to honor the nearly 1,000 couples the House has brought together.

A donor recognition wall to celebrate the campaign's success is planned and will be installed in the House as a means to honor the outstanding collaboration among board members, staff, alumni, and friends in achieving this milestone.

COUNTRY CONTACTS

<http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/countrycontacts>
Are you looking for a contact in another country? The alumni listed on the website noted above have volunteered to receive inquiries from alumni living or traveling in their area. To volunteer to be a Country Contact or to update your listing, contact Bethann Johnson at johnsonb@berkeley.edu.

PLANNING A CHARITABLE GIFT

Since its founding, I-House has benefited from visionary supporters who made planned gifts that support the I-House mission.

In addition to bequests, there are several options for planned gifts that may enable you to make a more significant gift than you thought possible while allowing you to achieve your financial goals.

Benefits include:

- an immediate income tax charitable deduction options for fixed or variable income
- avoiding capital gains tax
- reduction of estate tax
- cost-effective professional asset management

If you are taking mandatory distributions from an IRA, new legislation permits you to make gifts to I-House totaling up to \$100,000 a year from your Roth or Traditional IRA without incurring income tax on the withdrawal if you are at least 70½ years old. **This provision is effective for 2006 and 2007 only.**

To learn more about these options including special naming opportunities contact Shanti Corrigan at 510-642-4128 or by email at shanti@berkeley.edu.

LIMITED EDITION POSTER



Berkeley-based internationally renowned artist **David Lance Goines** has created a limited edition 75th Anniversary poster for International House, pictured above. The poster is a companion to a 50th Anniversary poster Mr. Goines created 25 years ago which is now a collector's item. The new poster is available to purchase for \$40 each, or two copies for \$75. I-House donors of \$125 plus will receive a poster as a donor recognition keepsake. Current residents may purchase the poster for a discounted student rate of \$25 each. All but \$15 per poster payment is tax deductible as a charitable contribution to I-House. For details, contact the Alumni Relations office at (510) 642-4128 or visit <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/a/store>.

NEWS & NOTES

1930s

Masaichi Hashiba writes from Tokorozawa, Japan, "My years at I-House opened my eyes and mind. I have gained a global perspective from living in the I-House for four years. I am still in good health and enjoying my life."

1940s

Richard Goldman and his late wife Rhoda were honored with the Lifetime Achievement in Philanthropy Award at the National Philanthropy Day luncheon in San Francisco in November. The annual Goldman Environmental Prize honors "environmental heroes" from around the world.

George Hildebrandt and Joan Ponsford Hildebrandt met at I-House in 1946 and married in 1947. They built an adobe house in Napa and have moved to a residential living complex.

Ray (Jones) Huang visited in October. He recalled living in "I-House 3," one of the fraternity houses that I-House rented during World War II when the "Big House" was used by the Navy.

Terje Jacobsen writes from Norway, "Living at the I-House was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I learned to respect our diversity, and found that we could live together in harmony, in spite of different racial, religious, and ethnic backgrounds."

Congratulations to Dr. Miguel Jimenez, recipient of the 2006 International Award of the Institute of Food Technologists for "outstanding efforts to promote the international exchange of ideas in the field of food technology."

Bonnie McPherson Killip moved from her Montclair home of 43 years to St. Paul's Towers, a senior residence on Lake Merritt in Oakland.

Francois Pinson writes from France that he will celebrate his 80th birthday in April with his wife Earleen, "a young lady from Saint Louis" whom he met at Cal. They are still in close contact with the families of Wilton Dillon and Luigi Dusmet.

The first annual Eleanor Dodson Tragen award for the Foreign Service Spouse of the Year was recently awarded by the U.S. State Department. Irving Tragen recalls that his late wife was the official I-House greeter on weekends. "Her genuine friendship made all of us, visitors and residents, feel right at home. I-House taught her, as it did me, to avoid stereotypes and to form opinions only after coming to know a person as a human being."

Julio Wong, a professor of surgery at the University of Panama, was honored by the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine for outstanding contributions to medical education by alumni who return to serve in their native countries.

1950s

Carolyn Chinn Gan celebrated 30 years as a journalist, first with Vancouver's *Chinatown News* magazine followed by 28 years with San Francisco's *Asian Week Newspaper*.

Jane Hawley retired in 2002 after thirty-one years on the faculty of Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago. She is a licensed clinical psychologist and continues to consult and volunteer in that area.

Congratulations to William Hicks and Joy Sandner Hicks who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Turkey and Italy.

Jacqueline Papazian Kazarian writes, "I continue to remember with joy the Sunday Suppers at I-House when I was a student in the fifties."

Michael Parsont and Mina Raines-Lambe Parsont live in Gaithersburg, Maryland. They met at I-House fifty-years ago.

Arthur Stonehill writes from Honolulu that he and Rose Bird were the two resident assistants in 1961-62 when Jerry Brown (now the Attorney General of California) lived at I-House. He recalls, "When Brown became Governor, he appointed Rose Bird as Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court."

1960s

Michael Belton continues to do research in the planetary sciences and participates in NASA solar system exploration missions. He is president of Belton Space Exploration Initiatives, LLC, and most recently was deputy principal investigator for the Deep Impact mission to comet Tempel 1.

Jan Dalhuisen returned to I-House for his annual stay in the guest suite while teaching classes in business law at Boalt Hall School of Law. Originally from the Netherlands, he is a law professor at Kings College in London.

Margot Sachs Lansing does executive search for colleges and universities as a partner in Lansing & Associates. "I read the *I-House Times* assiduously and think of old friends. Would love to be in touch in Boston with anyone from years '65-'68."

Alice Rosenthal Markham writes, "In June 2006, I stayed at I-House at the University of Chicago for my 50th U. of Chicago Lab School class reunion. I am still working full time, as a journal managing editor at The Optical Society of America in Washington, DC."

SEND US YOUR NEWS!

If you enjoy reading News & Notes, please send us YOUR news on the RSVP panel on page 7. Photos will be published as space allows.

David Melander, a board member with the Tri-Valley YMCA in Pleasanton, caught up with Executive Director Emeritus Sherry Warrick at Cal's Faculty Club.

Lila de Araujo Rayol writes from Amazonia, Brazil, "The issues we are facing today for survival on earth cannot be ignored and the fraternity I-House has certainly helped to build among people all over the world is a strong addition toward peaceful and creative solutions for such problems."

Judith Prichard Saunders traveled to Australia and New Zealand and fulfilled a lifelong dream by holding a koala Bear.



Hartmut Scheele, Kwei Ü, and Philippe Rouesse (from left) enjoyed a reunion in Paris. "It was fun, just like old times," says Kwei. Originally from Germany, Hartmut lives in Paris and is retired from a career representing the German government in Geneva and New York. Philippe is retired from a corporate career and lives in France. Kwei, a retired neurologist, is an I-House Board member and shared news of the 75th anniversary celebrations, fundraising efforts, and renovation projects at I-House.

Roberta Taylor Shaw teaches art history in the Bay Area, now for retired people in Institutes for Lifelong Learning rather than for college-age students. She is still able to indulge her love of travel by leading groups on tours to Russia, Eastern Europe, and India.

Andrew Tanenbaum writes from Amsterdam, "Retirement? What's that? I am now Academy Professor at Vrije Universiteit which means I can spend all my time on research. I am working on making computer systems more secure, dependable and reliable and doing work on privacy. I have lived abroad numerous times. My period at I-House was tremendously valuable to me."

1970s

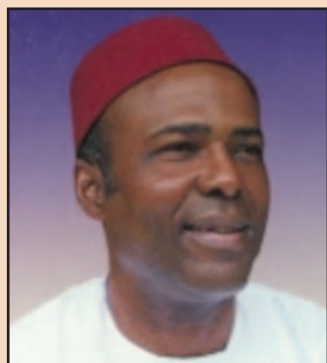
Kathryn Anthony is a professor in the School of Architecture at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Her books include *Designing for Diversity: Gender, Race and Ethnicity in the Architectural Profession* and *Running for Our Lives: An Odyssey with Cancer*, an account of life with her late husband, Barry Riccio. She writes, "I loved eating dinner with people from all over the world. Who would have known then that one of them would become my husband, another one of my best friends, and another the CEO of Google? I feel fortunate to have had this special opportunity in my life."

Glenn Bacal chairs the Intellectual Property Department for the law firm of Jennings, Strouss, and Salmon in Arizona. He is still in touch with I-House friends and hopes to hear from others.

Valerie Lank Forbes and Mel Forbes scheduled their trip from Australia to be in the Bay Area on their 35th wedding anniversary and returned to I-House for Homecoming in October. Their son, Ben, is living in I-House on an exchange from the University of Melbourne. "He has already sent us photos of his room and the view. I am so happy for him as I know he is in for a wonderful experience."

Marco Katz writes, "I live in Brussels with my wife, Cecile, and our younger daughter. My older daughter now studies in Oxford. I-House was terrific for me, great memories, studying (of course) and playing-singing-partying with my friends. Kept contact with some but would love to get in touch with others. Write to me at marco.katz@gmail.com."

Robert Kilpatrick visited the House in January and recalled, "Living at I-House was like being at an intellectual Club Med!"



Ogonnaya Onu (above) was the first civilian governor of Abia State, Nigeria, and a former candidate for president of Nigeria. He is the author of books including *Building a Modern Nigeria*.

Larri Spengler writes that she continues to look back at her I-House years in wonder and gratitude, especially for dear friends including Richard Newton (see In Memoriam).



Maria Constantinides Mouzouris, Ariane Terlet, and Jeanne Tsai Won (from left) celebrated a reunion in Paris in June. Jeanne writes, "Our paths had not crossed with Maria since we were I-House roommates 30 years ago (1977-78)! We traveled from Washington DC, Berkeley, and Cyprus, respectively, for the wonderful occasion and enjoyed a week of sightseeing, Parisian dining, and reminiscing." Jeanne also visited Nita Thayamballi from Lafayette CA. "Thank you I-House for lasting friendships!"

1980s

Gunnar Birgisson from Iceland and Amanpreet Kaur from India met at I-House in 1987 and married in 1989. They currently live in Arlington VA along with their two sons. Gunnar is a lawyer with a law firm in Washington DC and Amanpreet is working on a master's degree in interior design and architecture at the Corcoran College of Art and Design.

Firoozeh Jazayeri Dumas's most recent book, *Last Mango in Paris*, features "humorous and touching stories about the love of family and humanity, covering her years in Abadan and Tehran, and her life raising three American children with her French husband." Her popular book *Funny in Farsi: A Memoir of Growing up Iranian in America* was translated into Persian and has been acclaimed in Iran.

Kenneth Marcus wrote *Musical Metropolis: Los Angeles and the Creation of a Music Culture, 1880-1940* which explores various genres of music that helped create a rich, diverse culture. He is an assistant professor of history at the University of La Verne in southern California. "I try to show how music has a place in history and culture."

David O'Brien lives in Anchorage AK and works for the state health department where he manages the database of cancer patients. He and his wife are active volunteers with the Boy Scouts.

William Pier works for the Sonoma Ecology Center doing riparian habitat restoration work with a focus on salmon and trout.

Congratulations to Mohammad Saleem who is now a full professor in the math department at San Jose State University.

Amita Sinha teaches in the Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She is the author of *Landscapes in India: Forms and Meanings* (2006) and is involved in conservation planning and design of several heritage sites in India.

1990s

Nandini Acharya practices corporate law at the Silicon Valley law firm of Fenwick & West LLP. She received her J.D. from Northwestern University in 2003.

Holger Becker was appointed Professor of Business Administration at the University of Cooperative Education in Karlsruhe, Germany, where he specializes in the distribution of financial services.

Brian Clark writes that his son, Micah Sequoya is 18 months old, "He's starting to speak which is exciting. We're teaching him sign language and a few words in Mohawk. My wife works for a non-profit training Indian tribe Head Start program directors. I am working for an architecture firm in Washington DC."

Debbie Hester and Scott Schotanus met at an I-House orientation in 1991 and were married in 1995. They have three children and reside in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Thomas Meyer is a self-employed professional forester and manages private and public forest lands in Germany. After getting married in 2005, he and his wife moved to the Berlin area.

Cecelia Chen Müller and Markus Müller met at I-House in 1992 and married in 1995. "My husband is now a tenured law professor at University of St. Gallen, Switzerland, and I have had stints at US Department of State, UNHCR, Bank for International Settlements and now currently work with HSBC in Zurich."

Lucia Ostoni writes, "I was at I-House in 1999 as a law exchange student. I hope that in the future more and more students will have the opportunity to experience what I did."

Congratulations to Setu Shah and his wife, Ruta, on the birth of their daughter, Surta. "Perhaps I have learned more at I-House about life, society, religion, politics, culture and nations than at the university." Setu is currently working with Polshek Partnership Architects in New York.

Kensuke Suzuki writes from Kanagawa, Japan, "I was an I-House resident for a short period yet that time still shines as a precious part of my life. I am now married, father of three children, and working as an engineer for an electronics manufacturer. My arena of work spans world-wide, from the U.S. to the Middle East. The experience in I-House has helped me develop the maturity to understand and accept other cultures and perceptions."

FINDING OLD FRIENDS

To find old friends, visit I-House at <http://ihouseonline.berkeley.edu> or send a note to the Development Office and we'll forward it. Address the envelope to your friend, c/o I-House Development Office.

2000s

Jochen Kuenzel writes, "Having begun my career with Morgan Stanley in Germany just over two years ago, I moved to the United States in the summer of 2006 to work in the New York office, where I enjoy life in the Big Apple and on the East Coast. Nothing beats Cal though!"

Victor Pineda completed his work as a delegate to the UN Convention on the Human Rights of People with Disabilities. The treaty will go before the General Assembly in early 2007. He has established a foundation to educate, inspire and inform global audiences about people with disabilities.

Akshay Sthapit from Nepal and Jenara Nerenberg from the USA moved to Boston and traveled to Nepal for a traditional engagement ceremony. He graduated with a Ph.D. in civil engineering from Cal and she attends the Harvard School of Public Health.

Craig Styris and Amanda Miller Styris announce the birth of their daughter, Gabriella Veronica Styris, on March 24, 2006.

Congratulations to Vlasta Vranjes and Filipe Ribeiro who were married in July. They are currently living in Raleigh, NC, where Filipe has a post-doc with North Carolina State University.

STAFF NEWS



Congratulations to Director of Development and Alumni Relations, Shanti Corrigan, who together with her husband Seth and son Liam welcomed baby boy Zolly Lachlan in November.

John Hargrove retired after 20 years in Dining Services. Thanks to John for 20 years of cooking up some of our most delicious cuisine!



Mitra Forati van Vuren was named Director of Admissions for I-House in December. Mitra, who lived in I-House from '91 to '94 says: "I have always regarded I-House as a school within a school, a house where the world learns to live together. As an alumna, I hope to be able to facilitate this process for the residents of the House and pass on the message that diversity is a cause to celebrate!"

Ira Young joined the staff as Assistant Director of Programs. His previous positions include Director of Greek Affairs at Johns Hopkins University and Assistant Director of Leadership Development at the California Maritime Academy. Ira, who holds a master's degree in educational counseling from San Jose State, says "Working at the I-House is like a breath of fresh air... a mini United Nations! I look forward to working with our students for years to come."

STAY AT I-HOUSE

Plan a stay in one of two guestrooms and re-experience International House! Contact the Events Office at (510) 642-0589 or email ihvents@berkeley.edu. Guestrooms are popular so reserve well in advance.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please contact the Program Office (510) 642-9460 or Development Office (510) 642-4128 to confirm program information, or visit <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu>.

- April 21, 2007 Edith Coliver Festival of Cultures and Cal Day 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- April 30, 2007 An Evening of classical music, free, 8:00 p.m.
- May 3, 2007 Annual Celebration and Awards Gala, see page 1.
- May 5, 2007 Cinco de Mayo Dinner 6:00-8:00 p.m. Dining Room, \$9.
- June 2, 2007 Joe Lurie's Farewell Celebration, see page 2.
- June 3-16, 2007 Elderhostel Programs, see page 4.
- October 13, 2007 Global Homecoming at I-House, during Cal's Homecoming weekend.

Ongoing Programs:

- Mon. 8:00 p.m. Social Dance Class - Learn new dance moves, free with an alumni card.
- Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Lecture Series - \$5 for the public, free with an alumni card, call the Program Office (510) 642-9460 for topics.
- Mon. & Wed. 5:00 p.m. Fitness Classes - Free with an alumni card, \$5 for the public.
- Weekly 5:30 p.m. Language Tables - Call the Program Office for dates and languages featured. \$8 for dinner.



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Edith Coliver Festival of Cultures
April 21, 2007

International House celebrates the world's cultures each spring at the Edith Coliver Festival of Cultures. Performances, storytelling, handicrafts, global cuisine, and an international fashion show are among the highlights.



The Festival tradition was established in the 1930s by Eugenio Carneiro who served as Program Director until the early 1950s. Today, the tradition continues under the leadership of Program Director Liliane Kozioi.

The Festival is partially funded by a generous endowment from alumna Edith Coliver (IH 1940-43).

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