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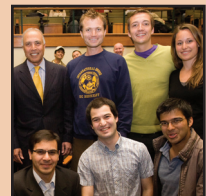
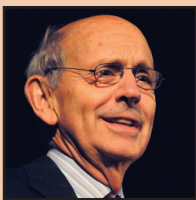
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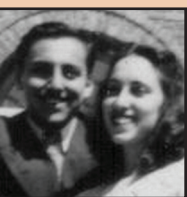


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ALUMNA OF THE YEAR FIROOZEH DUMAS

Firoozeh Dumas lived in International House in 1986-87 and has since become a best-selling author whose work highlights her Iranian-American heritage. Ms. Dumas was honored on April 7th at the Celebration and Awards Gala for her efforts to promote understanding of Iranian culture and for reminding us – through her books, speaking tours, NPR commentaries, and articles – that our commonalities far outweigh our differences.

In her acceptance speech, Ms. Dumas said, "Living in International House was the best experience of my life, certainly the best experience of UC Berkeley. In my second book, *Laughing Without an Accent*, I said that I felt that if every world leader could live here we would have far fewer wars, and I sincerely believe that. The first requirement of war is to dehumanize the enemy. When you see someone as a person, you see their humanity. You see that most people want the same things and that you can begin with the commonalities and work through problems."



"It is in places such as I-House that we learn to see beyond nationalities, borders, and religions and see instead our shared humanity," says Alumna of the Year Firoozeh Dumas.

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PRESIDENT ELLEN JOHNSON SIRLEAF: LIBERIA'S STRUGGLE FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE



Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf at I-House.

Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Africa's first elected female president, took office in 2006, and inherited a country devastated by 14 years of civil war, brutality, and "loss of hope – truly a failed state." President Sirleaf spoke in the Chevron Auditorium on April 9th and captivated the standing-room-only audience with humor, advice, and her belief that Africa's best days are ahead.

"Today, Liberia is recovering from that dark period of insanity," said Sirleaf, a Harvard-educated economist who was once imprisoned in Liberia and twice forced into exile. Addressing the challenges Liberia still has to face, Sirleaf called on Liberian students at UC Berkeley, "When you're done with your studies, come back home, help us rebuild the country."

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KOUNALAKIS AND CAMPBELL SPEAK AT LODESTAR PROGRAMS

International journalist Markos Kounalakis and former Congressman Tom Campbell were the featured speakers at this year's Lodestar Programs. Held every fall and spring, Lodestar programs bring alumni and residents together to share a meal, hear a distinguished speaker, and join in discussion.

International House alumnus Markos Kounalakis (I-House 1977-78) addressed *The Future of News: A Journalists Perspective on Peril and Possibility in the Obama Era* in March. Kounalakis, whose assignments as foreign correspondent included covering the fall of the Berlin Wall and the collapse of the Soviet Union, is President and Publisher Emeritus of the *Washington Monthly*. He writes a regular feature for the magazine and co-anchors the nationally syndicated program, *Washington Monthly on the Radio*. Kounalakis reflected on his own I-House experiences:

Those who have lived at I-House recognize that globalization is something we have lived on a daily basis and that society is now, in many ways, coming to understand what we have lived and understood viscerally.

Discussing the future of the news, Kounalakis noted, "We shouldn't fear what's occurring, it's just that we don't really know what's coming next because we are in this transitional moment." He discussed the importance of technology, the impact of the bankruptcy of newspapers on foreign correspondence, and what it means for the government and the intelligence community if foreign news no longer comes from known sources.

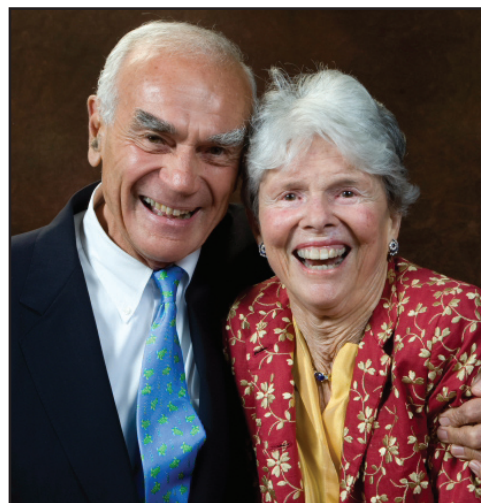
Tom Campbell spoke on *What the U.S. Election Results Mean for America and the World* just two days after the election of President Obama. Campbell, who is considered a possible Republican candidate for the

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WILLIAM & PHYLLIS DRAPER HONORED AT I-HOUSE GALA

Phyllis and Bill Draper, longtime champions of awareness and involvement in international issues and peace, were honored as Global Citizens of the Year at the 21st annual Celebration and Awards Dinner on April 7th, also honoring Alumna of the Year Firoozeh Dumas (see article at left).

Bill Draper accepted the award speaking for both himself and Phyllis noting "the dire need for international cooperation and collaboration. Being that I-House provides a platform for students from all countries to study together, to learn about one another's cultures, and to peacefully coexist, it serves as a microcosm of our increasingly interconnected world."



William and Phyllis Draper, *Global Citizens of the Year*.

Draper went on to compare I-House to the Peace Corps and the United Nations, two organizations with which he and his wife Phyllis have worked closely. "Both were also established to promote better understanding among people from all parts of the world."

Emphasizing the importance of U.S. commitment to international collaboration, he praised I-House for its dedication to such

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Martin Brennan, resident Christina Tsakona (Greece) who performed at the Lodestar event, Eleni Tsakopoulos-Kounalakis and alumnus Markos Kounalakis (IH 1977-78).



From left: Sam Saxena (Canada), Tomas Navarro Blakemore (Spain), Ranu Basu (Canada), Tom Campbell, Bianca Cerchiai (Italy), Mai Luo (China), Yang Yang (China), Liliane Koziol, Director of Programs, Peter Smet (The Netherlands).

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE

CELEBRATION AND REDEDICATION – THE I-HOUSE MISSION IN A NEW MILLENNIA



Martin Brennan (I-House Executive Director 2007-present), center, with his predecessors Joe Lurie (1988-2007) and Sheridan Warrick (1961-87). Article Page 3.

Some years ago, my wife Giovanna and I journeyed in Africa to where the Sahel melds into the Sahara. We visited the Grand Mosque of Djenne, the largest mud structure in the world. Originally built circa 1330, the mosque has been rebuilt by its community several times, and in the last hundred years its preservation has been assured by an annual community ritual.



Mali’s Mosque of Djenne, the largest mud structure in the world is, like I-House, sustained by the ongoing engagement and support of a dedicated community.

Each spring, the people of Djenne pool their resources, gather around food, music, and dance and toil together side by side to re-plaster the mosque, attend to its foundation, and thus preserve its heritage. Without such effort, the mud mosque would have crumbled long ago.


I was reminded of this tradition as I gathered with my two predecessors and 250 residents, alumni, and friends at the 21st I-House Celebration and Awards Gala. By pooling our resources, sharing food, drink, and music, we re-dedicated ourselves to the mission of International House.

Recently at the Festival of Cultures during a particularly vibrant celebration of Turkish music and dance, an I-House alumna from Greece shared with me the sense of shock and discovery she experienced as a new resident when first encountering students from Turkey. She found them to be kind and welcoming. This breakthrough led her and a Turkish resident to become roommates and develop a friendship that continues to this day. Current resident, journalist Huda Al-Hamdani of Iraq, came to I-House at the recommendation of I-House alumna of the year, Firoozeh Dumas of Iran. “Firoozeh was really the first Iranian I came to know well - and her advice led me to I-House.... a place and symbol of sanctuary, tolerance, humanity, and multicultural knowledge... a home for the whole world.”

Such remarkable stories abound at I-House. You can read more about Huda in the Inspiring Leaders for Global Understanding article - profiles of residents who are this year benefiting from Room and Board Scholarships. With the economic downturns worldwide, I-House is able to award just 24% of the aid requested by international students who qualify for assistance.

I-House is committed to ensuring the world will continue to benefit from the lessons of I-House, in ways large and small. Those lessons are made visible in the lives and achievements of such notable alumni as Sadako Ogata, Firoozeh Dumas, Markos Kounalakis, and Arun Sarin who are featured in this newsletter. All residents and alumni who cherish their I-House experience make a difference for a more hopeful world.

Through gifts of time, talent, and funds from our broader community, we can ensure that our presence and purpose, like the Mosque of Djenne, will be upheld for generations to come. I invite your participation.

Sincerely,

Martin Brennan
Executive Director

P.S. Visit us on-line to review our active program schedule, reconnect with alumni via I-House@Cal, or to learn more about I-House’s remarkable history and promising future.

THE FUTURE OF I-HOUSE: TAPROOT FOUNDATION GRANT SUPPORTS “PRE-STRATEGIC PLANNING”

A pro-bono consulting grant valued at \$70,000 was awarded to I-House by The Taproot Foundation in February, 2009. The grant provides six professionals who volunteer their expertise to help I-House evaluate opportunities and threats in the near and long term while measuring House strengths and weaknesses. The findings, largely gathered by surveys and interviews with I-House residents, Board, staff, alumni, and community members, will be gathered over six months and will inform a formal strategic planning process the Board will complete by year’s end. The Taproot Foundation is dedicated to strengthening non-profits by engaging business professionals in service and is the largest non-profit consulting firm in the country, providing both volunteers and non-profits with training to ensure successful collaborations of mutual benefit.

“With Ambassador Brennan as a capable new leader and with new challenges confronting I-House – including the worldwide economic downturn and its impact on residents of today and tomorrow – this is a perfect time to seek input on how to best fulfill our mission in coming years,” says Martha Hertelendy, Chair of the I-House Development Committee, who is part of the seven person I-House team helping manage the grant.

Additional team members include Executive Director Brennan, CFO Shirley Spiller, Dr. Liliane Koziol, Director of Programs, Shanti Corrigan and Ishara Casellas-Katz of Alumni Relations and Development, and Hellmut Meister, Information Services Manager.



Professional consultants volunteering with the Taproot Foundation to assist I-House proudly display their “team jerseys” at the March, 2009 “kick-off” meeting. From left to right: Annelique Augereau, Renee Chung, Arthine van Duyne, John Wyek, and Vince Bryant. Not pictured: Dylan Rivas.

The I-House team met with the Taproot volunteers in March for a “kick-off” meeting. Taproot Volunteer Project Director **John Philip Wyek** is Executive Director of Strategies Consulting, which he founded in Brussels, Belgium in 1992 during his nine-year residency there. He speaks three languages and has worked internationally with industry leaders such as Nike, Keds, Ford, FootLocker, and Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, among others, and was Director of the Office of Strategic Research for Levi Strauss & Co. **Dr. Angelique Augereau** is an international consultant with McKinsey and speaks three languages. **Arthine van Duyne**, MBA, speaks four languages and has lived in Switzerland. **Vince Bryant**, MBA, has lived in Korea and Germany. **Dylan Rivas** spent two years in the Peace Corps in Honduras and is bilingual. And **Renée Chung**, MBA, is bi-lingual and served Habitat for Humanity in Costa Rica.

Together they bring more than fifty years of experience to I-House’s pre-strategic planning effort! The team will be conducting over a dozen internal and external interviews to shape an “environmental scan” and analysis of I-House strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats.

\$100,000 CHARITABLE ANNUITY BENEFITS I-HOUSE AND DONOR

An anonymous alumna of I-House recently established a \$100,000 gift annuity with UC Berkeley that will provide her a robust annual income of over \$6,000 per year for life and which will ultimately serve the future residents of International House. “Of course I’m happy to support I-House, but I also see this as a solid investment in a challenging economic environment, while offering tax benefits as well,” said the alumna.

Charitable Gift Annuities (CGAs) are simple contracts often shaped within a few days. Gift annuities provide fixed payments annually for life to their donors, with rates that are set depending on the age of the donor. Donor gifts are eligible for charitable tax deductions in the year the gift is made.


Sample Rate Chart for a \$25,000 Single Life Gift Annuity*					
	Payments deferred		Payments begin immediately		
Annuitant Age at Gift	50	60	65	75	85
Annuity Rate	9.8%	6.5%	5.3%	6.3%	8.1%
Charitable Deduction**	\$5,985	\$7,395	\$7,444	\$10,621	\$13,816
Annual Payment	\$2,450	\$1,625	\$1,325	\$1,575	\$2,025
*Minimum gift \$10,000					
**Deduction will vary slightly with changes in the IRS Discount Rate. Assumed rate 2.6%.					

International House is fortunate to draw on the UC Berkeley Office of Gift Planning and attorney Amanto Marcotulli in establishing such gifts. For a free no-commitment personalized gift illustration, contact Amanto at (510) 643-9702 or amarcotulli@berkeley.edu.

I-HOUSE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:
INSPIRING LEADERS FOR GLOBAL UNDERSTANDING

I-House is home to 585 residents, 115 of whom are able to live "under the dome" thanks to scholarships that help offset room and board expenses. The four students profiled below are representative of the diverse talents, backgrounds, and future promise of our inspiring residents. Scholarships are funded by contributions to the Fund for International House and by named, endowed funds. Profiles of scholarship opportunities and links to support this vital I-House aid program are online at *ihouse.berkeley.edu*.

Huda Ahmed Al Hamdani
Country: Iraq
Scholarship: Fund for International House
At I-House: 2008 to present
Field of Study: Master's in Journalism
Accomplishments: Huda worked as Special Correspondent for McClatchy Newspapers and the Washington Post in Baghdad. She was honored by the International Women's Media Foundation and



received the Elizabeth Neuffer Fellowship for research at the MIT Center for International Studies in 2006-2007. She received the Courage in Journalism Award for 2007 and a fellowship for 2007-08 in International Studies at Stanford. She was recognized by Knight Ridder's Washington bureau for extraordinary bravery in covering combat during the siege of Najaf in Southern Iraq.


Future: Huda plans to return to the Middle East to work as a journalist. She hopes to transfer the skills she learned at Berkeley to a new generation of journalists, to expand new media technologies, and to promote a free, accurate, and fair press in the Middle East.

About I-House: "I-House is like a Mecca station where

one can see the whole world without traveling. I didn't expect that I would learn so much from my friends here or that they would learn from me. We just melted in one pot. I-House is a home for the whole world. I hope that the I-House will remain a place and symbol of sanctuary, friendship, modesty, tolerance, humanity, and multicultural knowledge."

About her scholarship: "I am grateful for this precious chance to meet such great friends who have become part of my close family. All this would not have happened if it was not for the noble generosity of people who believe that no matter where you are from, there is a place for you in I-House."

Brian Halaburka
Country: U.S.
Scholarship: Joe Lurie Returned Peace Corps Volunteer Fellowship
At I-House: 2008 to present
Field of Study: Master's in Environmental Engineering
Accomplishments: Brian served as a Peace Corps



volunteer in rural Namibia teaching math, science, and English to middle school students. During his two year service, he acquired hundreds of new books for the school library, initiated an HIV/AIDS club to teach students about prevention methods, and started a science club that sent several students to compete in Namibia's national science fair.


Future: Brian hopes to work internationally in water resources management and water quality.

About I-House: "When I learned that I had been accepted to Berkeley, I knew that the I-House would be

the perfect place to live. My experience here has been excellent. It has only reaffirmed what I learned in the Peace Corps – that cross-cultural friendship promotes understanding and teaches us that despite our differences, people are pretty much the same."

About his scholarship: "I am grateful for the generosity of alumni who made this fellowship possible and know that subsequent Joe Lurie Fellowship recipients will enjoy their time here as much as I have. I look forward to taking my I-House experience abroad once I have earned my degree."

Gathu Kirubi
Country: Kenya
Scholarship: Fund for International House
At I-House: 2005-2007 and 2008-present
Field of Study: Ph.D. in the Energy and Resources Group
Accomplishments: Gathu researched the connection between the decline in access to energy services and the rise in poverty in Sub-Saharan Africa and explored the potential



for community-based electric micro-grids as a strategy to accelerate off-grid rural electrification. He also helped organize the first UC summer course at Kenyatta University. In collaboration with the Bay Area's Asante Africa Foundation, Gathu is working to improve the quality of math and science education in primary and secondary schools in Kenya and throughout Africa.


Future: Gathu has accepted a position at Kenyatta University where he will teach courses on energy, technology, and sustainable development beginning in the fall of 2009. In addition to teaching, he accepted an offer to start and lead operations for a new solar energy

company, Sun Transfer (Kenya), a sister company to Sun Transfer Germany.

About I-House: "I-House is not only a conducive study environment; it also offers a unique experience in terms of cross-cultural exposure and tolerance. An open mind in terms of culture and an open mouth in terms of food have made every visit to the dining room a moment to cherish and a moment to look forward to."

About his scholarship: "As Winston Churchill said, 'We make a living by what we earn, we make a life by what we give.' Thank you."

Yuwei Liu
Country: China
Scholarship: Rafael Rodriguez/Golden Age Foreign Student
At I-House: 2008 to present
Field of Study: Ph.D. in Atmospheric Science
Accomplishments: At Peking University, Yuwei was the top ranking student in his class



of atmospheric science majors and received the Outstanding Student Award for 2007.

Future: "I will complete my Ph.D. in five years, and hopefully find the causes of droughts in Africa in the last century, the topic I'm researching now. I hope to use my results to predict future climate patterns in Africa and offer suggestions to prevent extreme climate and corresponding famines from happening again. After graduation, I'd like to return to China and become a professor, transferring the knowledge I learn in Berkeley and researching climate change in China."

About I-House: "I'm glad to live in I-House. Meeting friends from different cultures is the most impressive thing. I-House offers a good platform for observing and making a difference in the world."

About his scholarship: "I regret that I cannot thank each of the alumni who has made it possible for me to stay at I-House, but thanks to this newsletter, I can express my gratitude to those whose names I don't even know. Hopefully in the future I'll join their work and pass down the support as well as the spirit."

VALENTINE’S TEA CELEBRATES “A LOVE AFFAIR WITH I-HOUSE”

An audience comprised of more than fifty alumni and residents enjoyed afternoon tea and reminiscences of I-House history at a pre-Valentine's gathering in February. Three of the four Executive Directors who have served the House in its 79 year history were present and shared memories. Sue Blaisdell Carroll, the daughter of the founding Director, Allen Blaisdell, was also present, and joined with family members in unveiling an oil painting of his likeness which the House commissioned by the renowned portrait painter Ro Kym of Korea.

Ms. Carroll also read from the memoirs of her father, who documented the personal dramas and challenging cultural context surrounding many I-House romances among residents from different nations. Sherry Warrick (1961-1987) recounted a dramatic flood and many more recollections of students from varied backgrounds pitching in together in ways that celebrate the mission of I-House. Joe

Lurie launched his tenure as Executive Director on Valentine's Day in 1988 for what turned out to be a long-term love affair with the House, and recalled how his wife Donna, an I-House alumna from 1969, had predicted before she met Joe that she would one day marry the Executive Director of I-House. Martin Brennan reported on his two year tenure and the remarkable promise of residents today who are making a difference around the world.

Audience members included alumni from the 1940s to the current era, and many also volunteered their recollections to the group, including Marion Ross (IH 1946-51) who recalled the life of Rafael Rodriguez of the House's "Golden Age." She enjoyed chatting Yuwei Liu (see profile above), the current recipient of the scholarship named in honor of Rodriguez.

To track upcoming I-House events visit *ihouse.berkeley.edu*.



Sue Carroll joined with her twin grandsons to unveil an oil painting of their family patriarch, Allen Blaisdell, the first Executive Director of International House Berkeley. The painting hangs in the Home Room of I-House where Blaisdell officiated over many cross-cultural marriages.



EDITH COLIVER
FESTIVAL OF CULTURES



The Edith Coliver Festival of Cultures at I-House is held annually each April in conjunction with UC Berkeley's "Open House" known as Cal Day. Resident sponsored culturally themed tables sharing crafts, food, and artifacts from around the world compliment a variety of vendors and five stages with a diverse assembly of traditional dance performances, music, an international fashion show, poetry, and a special "kids room" for younger visitors. View photos and video highlights from 2009 and plan your 2010 visit - visit <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/springfest>.

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 panel on page 7 or email ihprograms@berkeley.edu.

ONLINE ALUMNI SURVEY

Please help I-House continue its tradition of excellence for residents worldwide by sharing your insights and experience. Complete the 2009 Alumni Survey online at <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/survey>.

NOROOZ PERSIAN NEW YEAR

Norooz Persian New Year was celebrated with foods from Iran, a traditional *Haft Sin* table representing spring, and a belly dancer! Mitra Forati, I-House alumna and Director of Admissions, worked with Iranian residents to prepare the festivities.



From left: Mehdi Maasoumy Haghighi, Gary Beitch, Mitra Forati, Pedram Hassanzadeh, Alireza Lahijanjan, Bahador Jafarpur.

I-House Dining Services offers many dinners with cultural themes each year including Lunar New Year, African American, Mardi Gras, St. Patrick's Day, Australian, Bastille Day, Cinco de Mayo, and Divali. The next theme dinner is Bastille Day Celebration on July 14 from 6pm to 8pm in the Dining Room. Friends and alumni are invited to join residents for these special dinners. Free for residents and \$9.25 for the public.

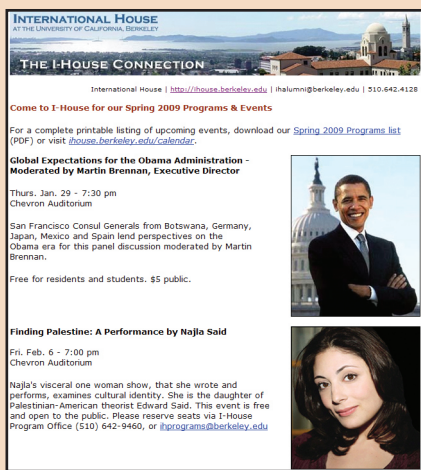
Suggestions for guest chefs and special menus are welcomed by Gary Beitch, Director of Dining Services, at (510)643-3266 or gbeitch@berkeley.edu.

HOUSE GOES WIRELESS

When residents returned from winter break, they happily discovered that access to a wireless network was available throughout the building. Residents can now roam with laptops or G1s, iPhones, and other wireless devices while maintaining their wireless connections. Due to the size and age of I-House, the design and implementation of the new service presented many challenges for the Information Systems staff who designed and installed the system. During the spring semester, the system's performance will be monitored to balance the signal strength more evenly and more access points will be added in the months ahead. The system is based on the latest wireless technology and will serve residents for years to come.

SIGN UP FOR THE *I-HOUSE CONNECTION* E-NEWSLETTER!

Keep your connection to I-House alive and help conserve resources by signing up for email updates. We'll email you *The I-House Connection* and a notice when the latest edition of I-House Times is online. Sign up at ihouse.berkeley.edu.



IHOUSE@CAL & @CALCAFÉ

If you are a current or former resident of International House Berkeley you are welcome to join I-House@cal. The site includes access to the @calcafe – with many fun social networking tools, the career network, and interest groups.

The sites are affiliated with UC Berkeley so a single sign-in connects you both to fellow I-Housers as well as alumni from your academic unit at Cal.

To register for I-House@cal, visit:
<http://ihouseonline.berkeley.edu>

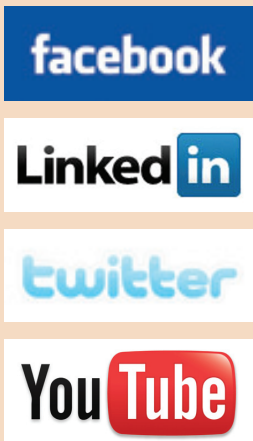
- For those with PINs printed on their mailing address label of this newsletter, click on [Sign Up Today](#). (Your PIN is a unique number assigned to you by UC Berkeley when you complete a degree at Cal.)

- If you don't have a PIN, click on [Verify your I-House residency](#) to request an account.

- Once you're in, join the I-House Alumni Group and other features of the @calcafé.

Need help or want to provide feedback or comments?
Email ihouseatcal@berkeley.edu.

If you're already plugged-in to social networking, look for I-House Berkeley on:



We invite you to participate and keep us posted about other networks that celebrate I-House Berkeley. See you on the Web!

ARUN SARIN: LESSONS ON LEADERSHIP

I-House Alumnus **Arun Sarin** (IH 1975-78), former CEO of Vodafone, the world's largest mobile phone company, was nonplussed when a cell phone ring interrupted his April, 2009 lecture on campus. He encouraged the audience: "Answer it! That's revenue!" The laughter that followed belied the thought-provoking nature of his remarks which were enjoyed by Haas Business School students and invited residents of I-House. With typical charisma and insight, Sarin encouraged listeners to evaluate their own leadership skills along four key dimensions.

Leaders, he said, must have acumen for strategy, but strategic vision alone doesn't distinguish a leader. Skills in operations are also critical, and these two skill sets can sometimes be mutually exclusive. Also critical are people skills: the ability to interact, motivate, and "read" people well. "People decisions are the hardest" said Sarin, who also underscored a fourth capacity he said takes on greater prominence today than ever: "Leaders today and tomorrow must be able to work cross-culturally."

Sarin cited global economic growth statistics underscoring the roles such countries as China, India, and Brazil will have in our global marketplace, and encouraged everyone at the lecture to "go to the I-House – have coffee with someone from someplace else and learn about their culture." Sarin met his wife Rummi while both were I-House residents, and their Board leadership and support resulted in the dedication of the I-House Sarin Program Office in 2006.

ROOMS, BENCHES, AND BRICK DEDICATIONS HONOR ALUMNI

International House has been pleased to recognize members of our community whose generous support ensures the vitality of our institution.

Room Dedication:

Room 564 was recently dedicated by distinguished businessman Kazusue Konoike, President of the UC Berkeley Japan Alumni Association.



Dedicated to Kazusue Konoike

A resident of International House from 1974-76, Kazusue Konoike, originally from Japan, was dedicated to the purposes of International House in his personal and professional life. Room #564, his former residence, is named in his honor.

Forthcoming Bench Dedication:

A patio bench will be dedicated this summer in honor of George and Helen Break (see the obituary on page 7). In a 2006 note George wrote: "I-House played a very important part in our lives, as we met there when we were both residents. We made many friends there and it has always had a special place in our hearts."

Brick Dedication:

Betty Everett (IH 59-62), pictured with her late husband, Robert, whom she met at I-House, recently arranged a brick inscription in Robert's memory.



For information on establishing brick, bench, and/or room dedications call (510) 642-4128 or visit <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/naming/>

ALUMNA OF THE YEAR *Continued from page 1.*

"It is in places such as I-House that we learn to see beyond nationalities, borders, and religions and see instead our shared humanity. It is the only recipe for world peace. At I-House, I realized that I was not alone in the way I think about the world."

Ms. Dumas met her future husband Francois, from France, at International House, fueling more cross-cultural stories. They are the proud parents of three "future I-House residents."

Firoozeh Jazayeri Dumas was born in Abadan, Iran, and moved to California at the age of seven. She grew up listening to her father, a former Fulbright Scholar in Texas, tell the colorful stories of his life. She decided to write her stories as a gift for her children. The result was her bestselling memoir, *Funny in Farsi: Growing up Iranian in America*.

Readers of all ages and backgrounds love her stories. Jimmy Carter calls *Funny in Farsi*, "A humorous and introspective chronicle of a life filled with love – of family, country, and heritage." The National Iranian American Council says, "Firoozeh is helping our community set our image in our own words." The Persian translation of her book is a bestseller in Iran. Ms. Dumas is the first Middle Eastern woman to be a finalist for the prestigious Thurber Prize for American Humor and ABC announced a pilot television program based on *Funny in Farsi*.

Growing up as an immigrant in America, Ms. Dumas struggled to mix with American classmates who knew nothing about Iran. She shares her experiences with prejudice and racism, yet throughout the hardships, she emphasizes the significance of family strength and love in her life.



Arun Sarin, top left, pictured with I-House residents who attended his April, 2009 campus lecture.

SADAKO OGATA RETURNS "UNDER THE DOME"



Dr. Ogata is shown wearing a silk scarf created for I-House by noted Italian designer and alumnus Ermenegildo Zegna (IH 1970).

Sadako Ogata (IH 56-57) returned to I-House in November, 2008. She met with current residents over tea, reflected on her own time as an I-House resident, answered questions, and listened as residents shared personal stories. "It was indeed a great pleasure to have cheerful conversations with the students in International House. Everything there brought back old memories to me," she writes.

Board members Isao "Steve" Matsuura and Martha Hertlendy were also in attendance to welcome Dr. Ogata home to I-House. Dr. Ogata is the former United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and President of the Japanese International Cooperation Agency. She visited campus to keynote a Cal symposium on *Japan's International Relations: Diplomacy and Foreign Aid*. Learn more about Dr. Ogata and other notable I-House alumni at ihouse.berkeley.edu/notable.

LODESTAR PROGRAMS

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2010 California governor's race, was elected five times to represent Silicon Valley in Congress. He was Director of the California Department of Finance and Dean of the Haas School of Business where he continues to serve as a professor.

"The election holds out the hope ... that the United States has forever turned the corner on issues of race," stated Campbell. "The United States is going to be respected and ... even liked in the world for two things: one because of our remarkably resilient democracy which has allowed a peaceful transition of power, and secondly because of the clear statement of openness that our country has made after so many years to the contrary."

Alumni and guests are invited to join students for Lodestar dinner programs in the fall and spring. If you haven't received invitations and would like to be added to the mailing list for future Lodestars, please check off the box on the RSVP panel on page 7.

JUSTICE BREYER AT I-HOUSE



U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, one of the world’s most powerful jurists, issued a modest plea for justice and reason when he spoke in April 10th at I-House, portraying the rule of law as “a subtle thing” that depends upon the willingness of citizens to follow it – and the determination of governments to enforce it.

The San Francisco native was appointed in 1994 and remarked “The most important division in today’s world,” is between those countries that put their “faith in reason” and working together to resolve problems, and “those who have lost that faith, and believe in nothing but force.” Just as it did in the United States, he cautioned, “it takes time” to build “habits” of independent justice.

Speaking of the high court’s landmark decision in Brown v. Board of Education, he noted that despite the desegregation ruling, Arkansas Gov. Orville Faubus deployed the National Guard to block African American students from entering a school building.

“We had nine justices” who signed the unanimous Brown decision, noted Breyer. “But they didn’t have the militia. It was Governor Faubus who had the militia.” It took President Dwight Eisenhower, he added, to send in the army’s 101st Airborne Division to enforce the court’s ruling. “That,” said Breyer, “was a great day for the rule of law.”

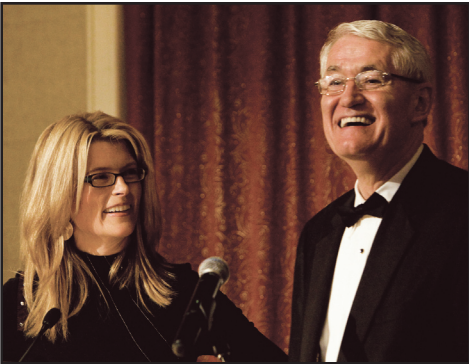
The biggest applause from the capacity crowd was drawn when Breyer discussed another important ruling saying “Hey, I didn’t like Bush v. Gore. I dissented. All right?”. Read more of Breyer’s remarks at by visiting Cal’s *The Berkeleyan* newspaper online, from which this story draws.

WILLIAM & PHYLLIS DRAPER HONORED AT I-HOUSE GALA *(continued from page 1)*

collaboration: “Let’s strive for a world in which humanity is spared the scourge of war, women’s rights are honored, education is available to all, poverty and hunger are eliminated, and the environment is protected. I-House students and alumni possess the initiative, the drive, and the power necessary to give rise to this better world.”

William H. Draper III, served as Administrator/CEO of the United Nations Development Program from 1986-93 as well as President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the U.S. He founded the Draper Richards Foundation, which has launched social entrepreneurial organizations such as Kiva, the Genocide Intervention Network, and Room to Read.

Phyllis Draper served for five years as Assistant to the Director for the Peace Corps, and has been involved with a myriad of organizations dedicated to women, children, and the arts, including The Asian Art Museum, The International Museum of Women, and The Kennedy Center – a testament to her conscientious global citizenship.



Gala co-hosts Diane Dwyer and Chancellor Robert Birgeneau.



I-House resident hosts gather before welcoming guests to Gala. Clockwise, from left: Erik Messopian (USA), Bianca Cerchiai (Italy), Mehdi Maasoumy (Iran), Bret Strogon (USA), Viacheslav Sheremirov (Ukraine), Estefania Santacreu Vasut (Spain), Mariko Katsura (Japan), Gathu Kirubi (Kenya).

LETTER FROM: JEAN MURIEL PHILLIPS GALVAN (IH 1945-46)



Another I-House Romance!

“Jose Guillermo Galvan (IH 1945-49) and I, sweethearts at I-House more than 60 years ago, were married in Santa Ana, California, on August 18, 2008. Jose and I hadn’t had any contact with each other for 59 years. We were both widowed. Jose was previously married to Maria Dolores Bonilla (IH 1947-49) for 52 years, and I was married to Albert Solomon (from my hometown) for 49 years.



With the help of I-House friends, Artemes Smernes and Joan and Roland Rush, we became reacquainted with a phone call in June, 2004. This just proves that love has no age barrier. I am 83 and Jose is 81.”

The happy couple, still active and busy, lives in Anaheim, California, and looks forward to many years together.

LETTERS FROM....

Do you have a unique I-House story or do you know an I-House alum who is doing something notable or amazing? Send a message to the editor at johnsonb@berkeley.edu or send a letter to Editor, I-House Development Office.

ALUM REPRESENTS I-HOUSE IN POLAND

Bart J. Tkaczyk (IH 2006-07) invited the U.S. Embassy’s deputy political counselor to Poland, Craig Conway, to speak on potential changes in U.S. foreign policy under the Obama administration at the University of Economics and Innovations in Lublin, Poland. After Conway’s remarks, Tkaczyk, who was a Fulbright scholar at UC Berkeley and is the founder and CEO of ENERGIZERS, a performance consultancy, gave a presentation on I-House and showed the movie on International House, *The Visionaries*. Tkaczyk has also volunteered to be the I-House country contact for Poland. To find out more about I-House country contacts, visit <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/countrycontacts/>.



ELDERHOSTEL 2009

The Berkeley Forum: The Power Triangle of India, China and the U.S.
May 31-June 6

International House will host an Elderhostel program open to seniors ages 55 and better, at which UC professors will explore the new geopolitics that drive relations among India, China, and the U.S. Co-sponsored by I-House, California Alumni Association, the UC Center for South Asia Studies, and the Berkeley China Initiative. Field trips, classes, meals, and accommodations are included in the fee of \$734 for the program, May 31-June 6. For more information, visit the I-House web page or sign up to receive a flyer on the RSVP panel, page 7.

Resident Wish List

- The following list was compiled by residents as items that would contribute to the quality of life of residents of I-House. Contact the Development Office for details if you might contribute to help make these dreams come true:
- ✓ Film Projector and screen for Chevron Auditorium
 - ✓ Wireless access technology for resident floors
 - New concert grand piano for performances
 - Natural gas line to allow fires in the Great Hall fireplace
 - New sofas and drapes for the Great Hall
 - More field trips, like the trip to Google

ALUMNA PAULA GOLDMAN SPEAKS AT INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY TEA

Alumna Paula Goldman (IH 1996-97) presented her award-winning multimedia project, “Imagining Ourselves,” at the annual International Women’s Day Tea on March 6th. Goldman, a Ph.D. candidate at Harvard, is the founder and director of the Imagining Ourselves project for the International Museum of Women. She asked thousands of young women, “What defines your generation of women?” The result, “Imagining Ourselves,” documents the social change shaping a generation of women and helps connect young women around the world, inspiring them to create positive change.



Paula Goldman (left) and Program Director Liliane Koziol

Goldman lives in San Francisco and teaches at Mills College and at UC Berkeley. Participants also enjoyed a presentation by Jane Roberts, co-founder of the 34 Million Friends campaign, a grass-roots movement that seeks to raise \$34 million to support reproductive health care for women through the donations of 34 million donors.

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>

Use the RSVP panel or email ihalumni@berkeley.edu and let us know when and how you met.

1940s

Elizabeth Hudson Boba writes from Seattle, “I-House is one of the best ways of promoting world peace. All best wishes for your success!”



Marcia Tillson Gedanken (above) recalls that she enjoyed her Red Cross work so much that she decided to come to Cal for her master’s in social work. At I-House, she appreciated living in an inclusive community with people from around the world. She fondly recalls the ski lodge built by I-House residents and alumni near Lake Tahoe, now part of Granlibakken Lodge. Marcia, who met her late husband Bernard at Cal, worked for several child welfare organizations. In her final project before retirement, she worked with adoptive parents on the first inter-country adoption handbook.

George Hildebrant writes, “I-House was and is a guiding force in the 88 years I have lived.”

Bonnie McPherson Killip writes, “Even though I lived at I-House for just one summer, it had such a great influence on me and the experience helped me win a Fulbright Scholarship to the Netherlands in 1951.”

Francois Pinson writes from France, “In 1949, my roommate and I lived at I-House and I did not think that we would live so long! Our friendship remains as solid as our bones were then.”

Isaiah Zimmerman, originally from Shanghai, is retired from his psychology practice. He and his wife, Susan Dowling, divide their time between Arlington, Virginia, and San Francisco. He recalls his days at I-House as ones of warmth, great friendships, and a marvelous preparation for a multicultural world.

SEND US YOUR NEWS!

Please send us YOUR news on the RSVP panel on page 7. Photos will be published as space allows.

1950s

Roberta Armenta writes, “This year, celebrating our 30th year of marriage, we travelled to Costa Rica and Alaska and cruised the St. Lawrence Seaway from Montreal to Boston. Looking forward to a trip to Italy to explore the ‘boot heel’ along the Adriatic!”

Parviz Azari and Harriet-Ann Coates Azari write from Fort Collins, Colorado, “We treasure our memories of I-House!”



Barbara and Leroy Kuehl (above) from Utah returned to I-House with their family to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary – all wearing t-shirts created for the occasion. They expected to enjoy a typical dinner in the Dining Room and were delighted to discover that dinner was a celebration of Norooz, Persian New Year, featuring a special Persian menu (see page 3).

Bal Raj Sehgal is an Emeritus Professor of Nuclear Power Safety at the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm and continues to teach, research, and consult. He also enjoys travel for committee work and visits to children and grandchildren.

1960s

Arlene Blum, Himalayan mountaineer, biochemist, and founder of the Green Science Policy Institute in Berkeley, was awarded a \$100,000 Purpose Prize for her work mobilizing scientists, government, industry, and consumers to protect health by reducing toxic chemicals in our homes and the environment. The award is given to people over 60 who are taking on society’s biggest challenges.

Gregor Dallas is a noted historian and author of several books including *Metrostop Paris* (2008), a collection of tales about the history of Paris inspired by travels around the city’s metro system. Other books include *The War-and-Peace Trilogy* and *At the Heart of a Tiger: Clemenceau and His World 1842-1929*.

Hong Liu returned to I-House with two friends to cook seven wonderful dishes that were served in the Dining Room for a very special Lunar New Year dinner. A native of Taiwan, he is the president and founder of Quanta Laboratories in Santa Clara CA which tests products for high-tech electronic industries.



Bill Mills and his wife, **Kit**, (above) visited I-House in April during a trip around the world in celebration of Bill’s 80th birthday. Their home is near Port Elizabeth in South Africa where Bill is active with Rotary International.

Janet Willner Myers earned her Doctorate in Educational Leadership in December and will retire in June after a 40 year career in elementary education. What’s next? “Perhaps some college teaching, some tutoring, or some other new venture. But, part-time, so that I can play!”



Gail Reynolds Natzler (above) returned to I-House to attend the Gala and stay in the House. A professional photographer, she is best known for photographing the ceramics of her late husband, Otto Natzler. Both, Gail’s and her husband’s inspiring works have been exhibited in numerous museums and appeared in several periodicals.

Andrew Tanenbaum writes, “I am still a professor of computer science at the Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam where I have been for over 30 years. My research is about making operating systems reliable and secure. I just received a grant from the European Research Council to continue this work for five more years.”

Carol Trust is the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers and enjoys many hobbies, including Argentinean tango. She writes, “We (husband Boris and I) went to Buenos Aires at Christmastime to refine our tango technique and our ‘ochos!’”

Susan Marmon Wagstaff writes, “I had a lovely visit with **Consuelo Lopez Morullas** and **Enrique Merino** (I-House 1967-8) at their home in Calig, Spain. Both are recently retired from the University of Indiana. I am working as a family therapist for the National Health Service in Reading, England.”

TO FIND OLD FRIENDS

Visit <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.

1970s

Angelika Blendstrup, author of two books on international business communication, moderated the panel discussion at *Internationally Cool and Plugged-in! A Gathering of Innovators and Entrepreneurs in Silicon Valley*, co-sponsored by I-House in February.



Bora Özkök (left), pictured with **Martin Brennan**, returned to I-House to give an interactive presentation on his native homeland of Turkey. An architect, musician, teacher of folk dance and folklore, he offers tours of Turkey and Central Asia. More at <http://www.boraozkok.com>.

Anthony Robinson writes, “It was a real pleasure to come back to I-House during Homecoming weekend for my 30th Cal Reunion. I-House was like a home away from home for me.” With two Cal friends, he publishes *TRANSFORMATION: A Journal of Literature, Ideas & the Arts* and notes that they welcome contributions from the international community. He also formed Axis Design which develops energy efficient architectural products.

David Seaborg is an evolutionary biologist and founder of the World Rainforest Fund, a foundation dedicated to saving rainforests worldwide. He was an alternate delegate for Hillary Clinton at the Democratic Party caucus and attended the Democratic National Convention in 2008. He has written his first book of poetry. To purchase a copy, contact David at 1888 Pomar Way, Walnut Creek, CA 94598.

Hidefumi Yamagami writes, “In October 2008, I finally obtained a doctorate in economics from Kobe University, following up on my MBA in 1977 from U.C. Berkeley. Thirty years has passed very quickly.”

1980s

Margaret Andrews recently accepted a position at Harvard University as Associate Dean for Management Programs at the Division of Continuing Education. She loves it and welcomes anyone in Cambridge to stop by!

David Bratt lives in San Francisco where he is renovating a house. He is a marketing writer for a website company in Silicon Valley. His father, **Lars Bratt**, was also an I-House alum and died in 1997.

Cliff Ho’s video, *Solar Energy is H.O.T. !!!*, won the video contest of the *Discover Magazine* in both the official judging and the viewer’s choice poll. The video describes how solar energy can address the world’s three primary energy needs: heating, on-site electricity production, and transportation. View it at <http://nmscience.ning.com/videos/andia-researcher-cliff-hos>



Babu Rahman (above) visited I-House in April with his wife, **Sophia**, a fellow Cal alum, and their two “future I-House residents.” Babu founded AGAMI, a non-profit that promotes education among the underprivileged in Bangladesh.

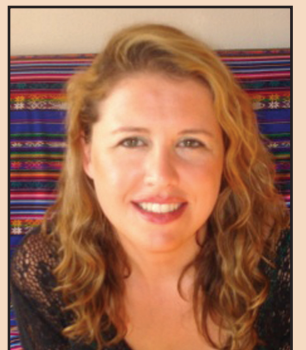
David Rosania is the medical director of the Acute and Chronic Pain Service at St. Joseph Hospital in downtown Chicago and also oversees seven outpatient clinics throughout the Chicago area. He still finds time to play competitive baseball and remains a Chicago Cubs fan.

1990s



Dinah Levy Groesser (above) worked in cancer research at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL) before moving to Sweden where she worked at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm. She returned to Berkeley where she continued working in cancer research at LBNL and met **Torsten Groesser**, a German scientist, at the lab. In February 2008 they were married in Berkeley and were blessed with a baby girl, **Katarina Maria** in November of 2008.

Jennifer Nagel writes, “It’s hard to believe 16 years have passed since I graduated from Cal! So much has happened in that time. I married **Robert Nagel** in 1999 and have two beautiful children, **Nicholas** and **Ann Marie**. I am a private practice attorney in Flagstaff, Arizona, where my primary areas of practice are family law, estate planning, and immigration law.” Jennifer also serves as a judge with the Flagstaff courts.



Susanna Zaraysky (above) returned to I-House in May to lead a workshop on foreign language learning and budget travel. She encourages people to become global citizens by traveling internationally and communicating in the local languages. Susanna is author of *Travel Happy, Budget Low: 190 Money Saving Tips to See the World* and *Language is Music: 65 Fun & Easy Tips to Learn Foreign Languages*.

2000s

Zahra Makoui entertained the guests of the Norooz Persian New Year dinner and 2009 Gala with wonderful belly dance performances.

Duc Pham exhibited his photography in an exhibition at Foothill College’s Krause Center for Innovation.

Babak Tamadon returned to I-House to accompany current resident **Usree Bhattacharya** on the guitar for the song “Heal the World” at this year’s Gala.

FRIENDS

Richard J. Rapaport was nominated for the 2008 Nobel Peace Prize. He has developed a new global, multicultural, linguistic, and symbolic aesthetic pattern configuration logic that honors peace.

STAFF NEWS

Vangie Canonizado Buell will travel to the Philippines in November where she hopes to connect with I-House alumni. She will travel with a group of educators, students, and writers who will make presentations about Filipino American history and culture at universities throughout the country. Contact Vangie at Vangiec@berkeley.edu.

Joe Lurie is coaching executives, managers and fund raisers; developing international university partnerships; delivering cross-cultural communication workshops (most recently for American Express and the Peace Corps); and working on a book relating to the illusions and realities of living and working across cultures. In April, he led a workshop at I-House for residents on job search skills.

R.S.V.P. WE HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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International House Sunday Suppers

“Sunday Supper” is among the longest standing International House traditions, dating back to 1910 when founder Harry Edmonds and his wife Florence invited U.S. and international students to their home to foster cross-cultural friendships and understanding among scholars. The presumption was (and is) that such understanding enhances the leadership capacity of scholars who by virtue of their academic training may one day assume prominent roles in their native countries. With the success of early suppers, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., was persuaded to attend one such gathering, leading to his decision to fund the establishment of International House New York in 1924 and six years later International House, Berkeley. Proclaimed by Edmonds as an “occasion around which the life of the House is centered,” Sunday Suppers today are festive quarterly events featuring guest speakers, performances by multi-talented residents, and invited alumni guests.



Jim Block Photo

Sunday Supper today...



Sunday Supper in 1935.

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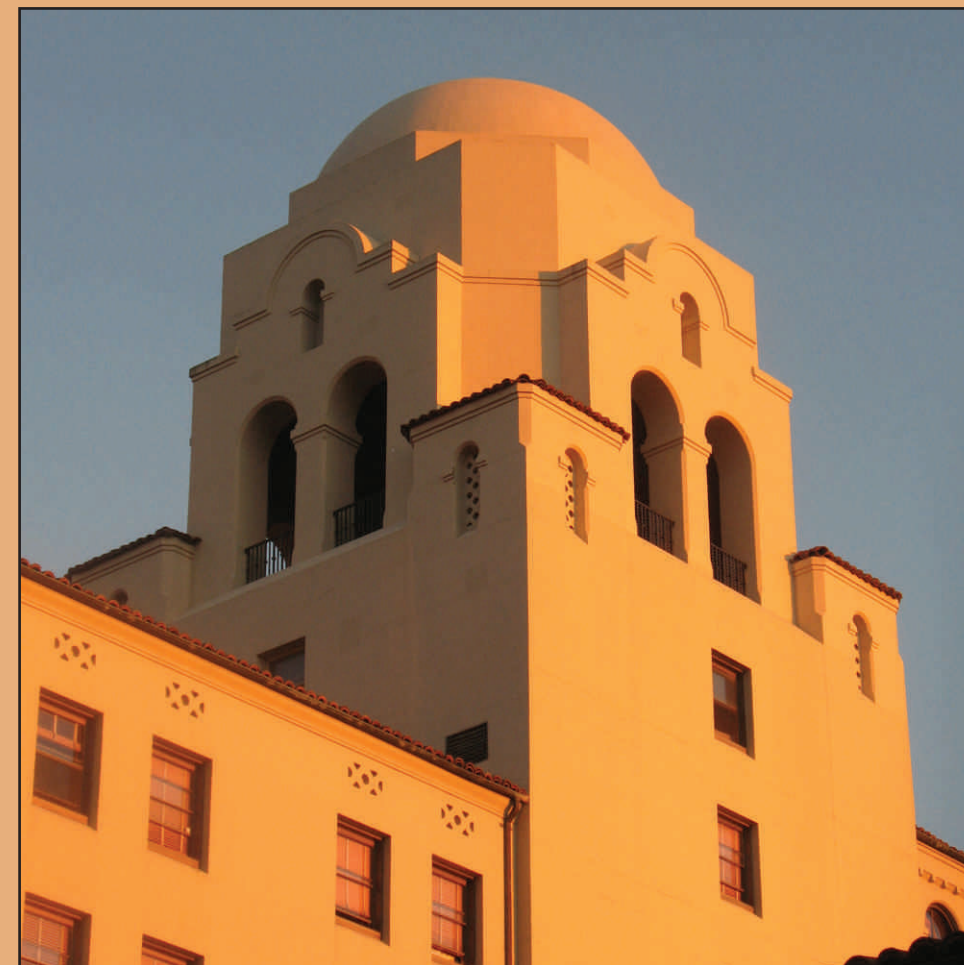
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please visit <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/calendar> to view details and more programs and events.

May 15, 2009	Compassion, Mindfulness and Well-Being Seminar with Dr. Keltner
May 31 - June 6, 2009	Elderhostel: The Power Triangle of India, China and the U.S. See page 5
June 18 - August 27, 2009	Summer Barbecue Lunch - every other Thursday on the Heller Patio, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
July 14, 2009	Bastille Day Dinner, 6 - 8 pm
August 20, 2009	California Citrus Dinner, 6 - 8 pm
October 3, 2009	Homecoming game-day brunch

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