

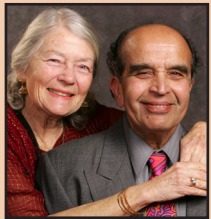


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CHARLES FERGUSON IS ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

Academy Award winner honored at 80th Anniversary Gala

Charles Ferguson, a resident of I-House from 1973-76, received the 2011 Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature as director of *Inside Job*, a film that explores the 2008 economic crisis. In accepting the Oscar, Ferguson said, "Forgive me, I must start by pointing out that three years after a horrific financial crisis caused by fraud, not a single financial executive has gone to jail, and that is wrong."



Charles Ferguson, *Alumnus of the Year*, honored for his global impact through groundbreaking documentaries.

The documentary, narrated by Matt Damon, has been praised for its global scope and intense interviews with politicians, journalists, academics, and financial insiders. The film reveals that there are now five lobbyists for every lawmaker in Congress and that American financial industries invested \$5 billion in their lobbying efforts. Ferguson says that parts of the American economic profession had a supporting role in causing the economic crisis.

"I thought I was prepared," says the documentary filmmaker about what he was to learn of the actions of Wall Street insiders, "but I had grossly underestimated the level of extraordinarily unethical and even fraudulent behavior that occurred on such a large scale."

For more than 20 years, Ferguson had been intensely interested in film and regularly attended film festivals. After learning that no major documentary film was being planned to examine US policy in Iraq, he founded Representational

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RESIDENTS CREATE DAVIS PEACE PROJECTS IN ETHIOPIA AND THE PHILIPPINES

More than 750 children in Kaliti, Ethiopia, now arrive three hours before school starts to use solar-powered computers in a new learning center at a school with so few resources that there are no textbooks and electric power is sporadic at best. "The two computers – one used primarily by girls and one primarily by boys – are the focus of amazing collaborative learning communities," says Jason Atwood, Ethiopia ConnectED project organizer. "Hundreds of students benefit by watching each other and teaching each other."

In rural Albay, Philippines, Jacqueline Barin recruited local community "motivators" who, in turn, recruited women from the community to attend weekly classes on topics including nutrition, maternal health, family planning, mental health, child development, and disease prevention. "Better informed mothers are making better decisions that benefit the health and well-being of their families and the entire community," says Jacqueline who initiated the Healthy Ka Pamilya (Your Healthy Family) project.



Jason Atwood with students at the Ethiopian school where he established a learning center with solar-powered computers funded by the Peace Project award.



Jacqueline Barin (center) with the community "motivators" who helped her implement a series of family health workshops in rural Albay, Philippines.

as an opportunity to put his knowledge to work. Key innovations in his project include the use of solar power (which was a revelation to students); collaboration among students; and the project's self-sustaining structure.

As testimony to how Jason's project promotes peace, one parent said, "You are not from our country, we don't speak the same language; we're not even of the same race. And yet, you did more with us and for us in five weeks than the government has done in five years. Every child in this school, as well as their siblings and parents and neighbors, are forever inspired by the spirit of generosity you shared with us through this project."

Jason is expanding Ethiopia ConnectED into a non-profit organization to build computer learning centers in under-resourced communities throughout the world. His first priority is to provide more computers to the Sinai School in Kaliti, Ethiopia, while continuing to evaluate the impact on student achievement and motivation. To get involved, contact Jason at jasonatwood@gmail.com.

Projects for Peace gave Jacqueline Barin the opportunity to use the skills she developed as a public health undergraduate to inspire people to create positive change in their communities. Soon after graduating from Cal, Jacqueline – who is of Chinese-Filipino heritage – was in the Philippines preparing lesson plans for weekly classes, conducting meetings, and building bridges between cultures. "This was my very first time in the Philippines," says Jacqueline. "I chose this particular province of

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"BECAUSE OF I-HOUSE"

Because of I-House, I know an Asian that hates math and studies German, a German that is allergic to beer but drinks French wine – I know French people that love America, and Americans that love soccer. I learned I could be crushed in a game of Scrabble by multiple non-native English speakers. I-House was a much more humbling and eye-opening experience than I ever expected.

– Bret Strogen (IH 2003-04, 2008-09)



Bret completes his Ph.D. at Cal in Environmental Engineering in May and recently accepted a Science and Technology Policy Fellowship in Washington DC awarded by The American Association for The Advancement Of Science. The goal of the fellowships is to develop "policy-savvy scientists and engineers... to improve public policy through the infusion of science."

More "Because of I-House" statements on page 4.

PROGRAMS FOCUS ON MIDDLE EAST

With hopes for democracy sweeping the Middle East, International House programs explored the politics and celebrated the cultures of the region.

Traditional Wednesday night Coffee Hours are popular events for celebrating cultures. An **Israeli-Iranian Coffee Hour** observed the connections between Israeli and Iranian cultures at an event sponsored by Cal's Iranian Students' Cultural Organization and the Hillel Jewish Student Center. A **Lebanese Coffee Hour** featured Lebanese food, presentations, and dancing.



Students enjoyed the Lebanese Coffee Hour.

During the weeks of protest in Egypt that led to President Mubarak's resignation, resident **Mohamed Aly Moustafa** from Egypt was asked by many about his perspective on



Current Resident Mohamed Aly Moustafa from Egypt.

events in Egypt. "I was super excited and wanted to share this with everyone," says Mohamed. "I am still a little worried, but very optimistic about the future of my country."

Mohamed, a Ph.D. student in Civil and Environmental Engineering, plans to be

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80 YEARS OF REMOVING BARRIERS



One memorable moment of I-House history involves the night the House became unambiguously co-educational. For decades, imposing doors separated the genders at I-House, presumably for mutual protection. Then on the evening of December 3, 1968, the doors mysteriously vanished. Executive Director Sherry Warrick wisely treated their disappearance with benign neglect and the barriers faded into legend, thus ending a long tradition.

In fact, change is our most enduring tradition. Change that takes place inside us as we remove barriers to other cultures and peoples. Change happens as we become fast friends with people we never imagined meeting and whose names we could not pronounce at first. We carry change with us to the world beyond the walls of I-House.

A chunk of concrete graces my office table. While its presence calls into question my taste in decoration, I happily inform visitors that this piece of concrete was chipped by me years ago from the Berlin Wall. It serves as my daily reminder that I-House is about removing barriers, helping our residents to change the way they experience the world.

This is the year of 80th Anniversary celebrations and I have just returned from the I-House reunion in Seattle. As we gazed over the beautiful waters of Lake Washington, alumni reminisced about the shared experience that brought them together. As always, I am impressed by how quickly we coalesce into community. For me the most poignant moment of these gatherings of the I-House community is when alumni discuss how the I-House experience changed their lives, how I-House helped them to acquire a perspective on life that they value deeply. I hope you enjoy reading the “Because of I-House” statements on page 4 that reflect the impact I-House has had on so many lives and I invite you to submit your own “Because of I-House” reflection.

In a 1930 letter to UC President Robert Gordon Sproul, the donor who made I-House possible, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., wrote:

International House is a...new kind of experiment – the day to day practice of international fellowship among men and women. Such a community of university students, representing all nations living together beneath one roof, will further the cause of peace throughout the world; for peace is the product of knowledge and understanding.... It is difficult to overvalue the importance of this service for the well being of the world.

For 80 years, I-House has created an environment that nourishes openness to others, embracing change within ourselves as we reach out to different cultures and traditions. We are committed to ensuring that the next eight decades of I-House will be just as meaningful as the first eight. However, these years occur against a very different backdrop. The University of California is becoming more of a national university featuring ever more students from abroad and from other regions of the U.S. Global links among students are becoming the norm.

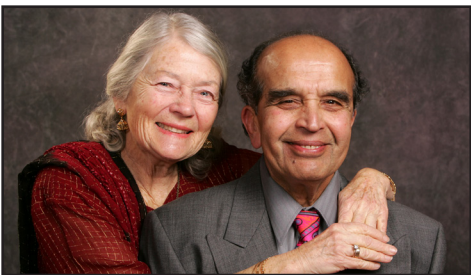
As the globe becomes ever more interdependent, the ability of I-House alumni to remove barriers to cooperation becomes ever more important. We strive to better provide our residents the critical cross cultural skills they need through workshops and courses. Our hope is that I-House will always be a “new kind of experiment” that furthers the cause of peace and that I-House will always be the change we want to see in the world.

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Martin Brennan
Executive Director

RESIDENT ROOM DEDICATION HONORS
REMARKABLE ALUMNI COUPLE

Helen and Raj Desai met in the I-House Dining Hall. Recently, they celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary. Generous champions of International House and its mission - in word, voice, deed, and philanthropic support - International House is pleased to confer a resident room naming opportunity to honor the Desais. A mahogany-mounted brushed brass plaque engraved as follows will soon adorn the fifth floor hallway:

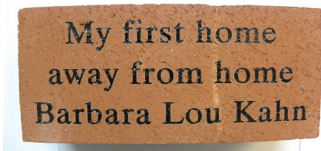


Helen Crane Desai (IH 1951-52) & Raj Desai (IH 1951-53)

DEDICATED TO HELEN & RAJ DESAI
Helen Crane, a native Californian, was an undergraduate in 1952, when she met Raj, a graduate student in Structural Engineering who had arrived recently from his native Bombay. As fellow residents, they fell in love. Raj completed his Masters degree at Cal while Helen completed both her BA and Masters degrees in Art History, and together they established many lifelong friendships that sustained and enriched their remarkable partnership, including world-wide travels, productive careers, and raising three children and seven grandchildren, including two new generations of I-House residents. I-House is honored to dedicate Raj’s former room, 547, in their honor.

INSCRIBED BRICKS CELEBRATE I-HOUSE,
ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

Alumna Barbara Cohen-Schweitzer (1959-62) recently inscribed a brick on the I-House patio, only a few months after her 70th birthday. She celebrated the milestone in London with a longtime I-House friend, Peter Dickerson and family. Peter had been among friends celebrating her 21st while she was a resident of I-House in room #457.



During a recent visit, Barbara met the current resident of her former room, Connie Ing from California, a student in Environmental Engineering Science.

Name your room or inscribe a brick through your gift to International House. Contact Shanti Corrigan at 510.642.0124 or shanti@berkeley.edu.

PROGRAMS FOCUS ON MIDDLE EAST

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a professor of Structural and Earthquake Engineering at Ain Shams University in Cairo where he currently has a position as an assistant lecturer. “My plans are to get back to our NEW Egypt to convey all of what I will be learning here after completing my Ph.D., hopefully in 2014. Because of I-House, I felt so supported during the hard days early in the revolution when I lost contact with my family but received lots of connections at I-House that helped me get through this difficult time.”



Board member Atef Eltoukhy being interviewed by ABC News at the Egyptian Performance on February 1st.

I-House Board member **Atef Eltoukhy**, who is also from Egypt, attended a performance by the **Sausan Egyptian Dance Company** at I-House in February as protests occurred in his home country. “It has been a generation with no change in Egypt, so this was definitely overdue,” says Atef. “Everybody was expecting something to happen, but it just somehow took much longer than anticipated, so it’s about time.” Susan Moulton spoke for the dance company in saying that they did the performance to build understanding of Egypt during a time of turmoil.

A panel of campus and community experts discussed **Insurrection or Revolution? The Democracy Movement in the Middle East** on March 7. Mayy ElHayawi from Egypt, currently a Fulbright Scholar at Stanford, commented on the diversity of views represented, noting that this was the first time she had heard the perspectives of neighboring countries together in a single program.



Mayy ElHayawi from Egypt.



Dr. Aftim Saba from Libya.

Dr. Aftim Saba who was raised in Libya reflected on efforts to bring democracy to his country and said, “For the first time in decades, it feels good to be an Arab.” “It is easier to start a revolution than end a revolution,” noted Lara Bitar from Lebanon and a producer for Link TV’s *Mosaic: World News from the Middle East*, who was joined on the panel by fellow producer Abdallah Edwan. UC lecturer and Arabic Program Coordinator, Dr. Sonia Shiri from Tunisia, shared a poem, *The Will to Live*, by Abulkacem El-Chebbi:

*If one day a people desire to live
Then fate must answer their call.
And their night must then begin to fade
And their chains break and fall.*

Dr. Shiri adds, “This poem goes against the fatalistic approach to life that people often adopt in the face of adversity – hence its appeal and its seeming impossibility. This line inspired Arabs elsewhere and they started to believe that their ... wishes can become true when they decide they are ‘a people.’”

Dr. Larry Michalak, retired Vice Chair of the UC Center for Middle East Studies, moderated the panel. Zoreh Solemaini, an Iranian journalist and UC visiting scholar, and Yasmeen Daifallah, a Ph.D candidate in Political Science from Egypt, also participated. The Center for Middle Eastern Studies and the Peace and Conflict Studies joined I-House in sponsoring the program.

Dr. Liliane Koziol, I-House Program Director, says, “The many regions represented allowed the audience to compare and contrast different perspectives. We all left inspired with a great sense of what the meaning of hope is in the Middle East and the rest of the world.”

Norooz Persian New Year was celebrated on March 18 with a festive meal and entertainment in the Dining Room. This is one of many theme dinners held throughout the year to celebrate the world’s cultures.

The Berkeley Forum on the Middle East: from Persia to Iran is the title of the Road Scholar (Elderhostel) program, June 5-11. For details visit ihouse.berkeley.edu/roadscholar



MEET I-HOUSE RESIDENTS


I-House is home to 575 residents. Ajay and Emily are representative of the diverse talents, backgrounds, and promise of I-House students, and are among 84 residents who receive full or partial room and board scholarships.

Ajay Kumar Yadav

From: Kanpur, India

Degree, Field of Study: Ph.D., Materials Science and Engineering

Accomplishments: Ajay grew up on the campus of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in



Kanpur, India, where his father taught. He completed his Bachelor of Technology in Materials and Metallurgical Engineering at IIT where he was awarded the *Batra Gold Medal* and recognized for the Best Academic Performance in 2009. After a year of research, he came to Berkeley to follow his passion for the fields of Multiferroics and Thermoelectrics.

Future: “After graduation, I plan to stay in academia and return to my home country as I strongly feel that there is need for more research and teaching in India.”

Because of I-House: “Living in I-House is the most enriching experience of my life. I never thought I would learn so much about different cultures. It has definitely broadened my perspective on life.


I feel truly honored to be a recipient of Rafael Rodriguez/Golden Age Foreign Student Scholarship. I would like to give my sincere thanks to all of the donors who make this scholarship possible, especially Professor and I-House Golden Age alumna Marion Ross.”

Emily Tung

From: São Paulo, Brazil

Degree, Field of Study: B.S. Business Administration with a minor in Spanish Language

Accomplishments: Emily immigrated to the U.S. with her family in pursuit, as she says, “of the American



Dream.” She has led service projects, including the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program for which she helped train volunteers in tax return preparations and is a facilitator of a student-taught class, the Microfinance Decal. Currently she is in Asia to learn about the rise of the Southeast Tiger economies.

Future: “After graduation, I am moving to New York to start a career in management consulting and would like to pursue projects in developing countries in Latin America and Asia. After a few years, my goal is to return to graduate school for a Master’s in Developmental Studies and Public Policy.”

Because of I-House: “I’ve had the experience of a lifetime. Belonging to a tightly-knit community allowed me to find many lifelong friends who will always be in my heart. I have met some of the most wonderful and extraordinary people!

The I-House Scholarship has tremendously helped my family, and has aided me on my quest of becoming a global citizen.”

RESIDENT DEBATES FOSTER INTERCULTURAL RESPECT

Provocative and intriguing discussions informed by multiple cultural perspectives are a hallmark of life at I-House. Residents from 2010-11 have re-established a formal Debate Club with regular public-access discussions of controversial subjects of international importance.

Last fall a discussion regarding legalizing prostitution garnered considerable resident attention, and the spring topic was: *Should International Actors Promote Democracy in the Middle East?*



Debates take place under a banner bearing the motto of the original I-House Debate Club founded in 2002 by Israeli law student Daniel Benoliel and Lebanese engineering student Ziad Nakat: "Listen-Argue-Respect"

Debaters pictured from left: Benjamin Maurice (France), Andrew Wilson (USA), Andrew Stokols (USA) and Minh Nguyen (Vietnam).

CAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HONORS I-HOUSE’S VICTOR PINEDA

"I-House was the birthplace of the Victor Pineda Foundation," reported Victor Pineda on a recent visit to I-House. Victor was awarded the *Mark Bingham Award for Excellence in Achievement by a Young Alumnus* at the Cal Alumni Association’s (CAA) 2011 Charter Gala in recognition of his leadership in international disability rights, including founding the Victor Pineda Foundation. The foundation educates and inspires young people with disabilities, particularly in poor countries, to help them overcome their challenges.

Created in 2002 by Victor while completing his Cal bachelor’s degrees in Business and Political Economy, and a master’s in City Planning, the foundation now provides over \$200,000 in annual awards, just part of Victor's tremendous achievements as an international disability rights advocate, including presentations at the U.N. Originally from Venezuela, Victor recently completed a book of essays with others entitled *Philosophy of Disability: Reflections on Invalidity*. He is now a Ph.D. candidate at the UCLA School of Public Affairs. "Nobody is perfect, we're all born with constraints and challenges. It's how we use those that define us," says Victor Pineda, CAA honoree and I-House notable alumnus.



Disability Rights Activist Victor Pineda.

CHARLES FERGUSON IS ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

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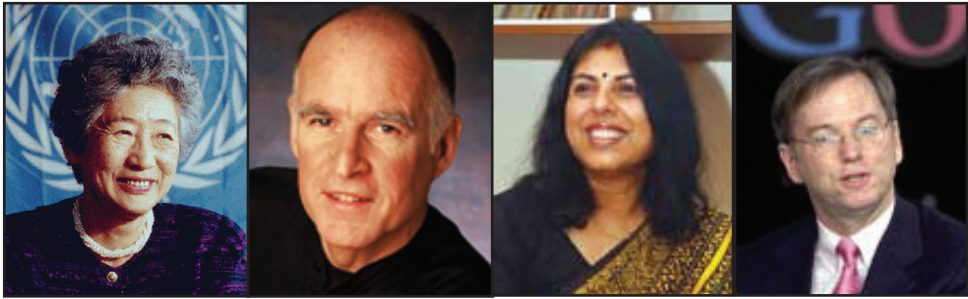
Pictures in 2005 and began production of his first film, *No End In Sight: The American Occupation of Iraq* (2007) which was nominated for an Academy Award.

The filmmaker, writer, and political scientist is a native of San Francisco who earned a bachelor’s degree in mathematics at UC Berkeley in 1978 and a Ph.D. in political science at MIT in 1989. He conducted postdoctoral research at MIT before founding the company that created FrontPage, an early Web-authoring tool, which he sold to Microsoft in 1996.

Ferguson was a Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution and a Visiting Scholar at MIT and UC Berkeley. He has written for the *Harvard Business Review*, *The New York Times*, *Foreign Policy* and authored several books including *High Stakes, No Prisoners: A Winner’s Tale of Greed and Glory in the Internet Wars* and *Computer Wars: The Post-IBM World*.

The May 4, 2011 80th Anniversary Gala Soirée honors Charles Ferguson as Alumnus of the Year.

LEARN ABOUT MORE I-HOUSE NOTABLE ALUMNI AT IHOUSE.BERKELEY.EDU/NOTABLE



From left: Sadako Ogata (IH 1956-57),United Nations; Jerry Brown (IH 1960-61), California Governor; Chitra Divakaruni (IH 1978-79), Best Selling Author; Eric Schmidt (IH 1976-80), Google Chairman and former CEO.



PIANIST VISITS I-HOUSE

Internationally acclaimed pianist **Ruth Slenczynska**, a child prodigy who once studied with Rachmaninoff, graced the halls of I-House with the sound of her music during an impromptu visit in December. She tried the pianos in the Great Hall and Home Room, and realized that one was the same Steinway she played 60 years ago while she was a student at Cal! Plans are underway for a performance at I-House in the fall.



GREAT HALL GETS GREATER



A new coat of paint - the first in over a decade - brightened the Great Hall this winter, along with new L.E.D. lights and upholstery on furnishings. These functional and aesthetic upgrades are part of the Strategic Plan to ensure today's residents benefit from an environment that provides intellectual stimulation, intercultural learning opportunities, social activities, good food and an environment that offers comfort and beauty. Look for ongoing upgrades and news of these activities in the next *I-House Times!*

I-HOUSES WEBSITE REDESIGN

With the help of a Taproot Foundation grant and team of volunteers, I-House is redesigning its website. The new website will be able to accommodate more multi-media offerings and better integration of social media to serve prospective residents, alumni and friends worldwide. The new site will debut in the summer of 2011.

OAK TREE FALLS



As residents watched while eating breakfast, an oak tree as old as the House toppled over during February storms. The tree was located in the garden behind the Dining Room. When it fell, it filled the entire garden with its branches. Fortunately no one was hurt and there was no damage to the building. The arborist who examined the 50 foot specimen noted a decades-old crack through the heart of the tree that had weakened it.

2011 Peace Projects

Congratulations to the 2011 Davis Peace Project award winners who were announced late in March. The I-House winners are: **Aravind Unni**, India, (MA Architecture 2011) for a *Mobile Library for Peace* in Mumbai, India, and a shared award to **Andrew Stokols**, USA, (BA 2010 Urban Studies and History) and **Lisa Fleming**, USA, (BS 2011 Environmental Science) for *Empowering Citizens with Environmental Awareness in Sri Lanka*. Their projects will be featured in future issues of the *I-House Times* newsletter.

BECAUSE OF I-HOUSE

Alumni and friends are submitting “Because of I-House” reflections on the impact I-House has had on their lives as part of the celebration of the 80th Anniversary of International House. To contribute your own perspective about the impact of I-House on your life, please send your brief statement to the I-House Alumni Relations Office or email ihalumni@berkeley.edu. For more perspectives and photos, visit <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/testimonials/>.

I see a world that is so big yet so small. People from all over the world can bond together in one house. That's awesome!

-Xunxun Liao (current resident)

I-House is all about caring. Caring for people across cultures and across the ages. When I arrived at I-House in 1961, I was the youngest resident. The older residents looked out for me. Although this was my first time away from my home in Hong Kong, I felt quite at home in I-House, my home for the next four years, with all the caring people around me. This is how I see I-House: your home and family.

- Kwei Sang Ü, IH 1961-65



Scholarship founders Kwei Sang Ü (left) and Michele Ü (right) with Xunxun Liao (center) from China, recipient of the Adrian Hao Yin Ü Gateway Fellowship.



I can travel the world for 10 months straight – visiting many friends in many countries.... accompanied by an amazing wife who I met in the Great Hall! Thank you I-House!

-Giovanni Gonzalez, IH 2003 & Sara Bakhtary, IH 2004

Because of I-House the world was opened up to me. As a 19 year old undergrad, I was a protected young girl and after 3 years as a resident I left I-House as a self assured young woman. The opportunity to interact with international graduate students gave me the interactive skills I use today in my small business (English Studies Institute).

-Bonu Ghosh, IH 1982-85



I've been given a unique opportunity to enjoy the wonders of the vast cultural diversity the world has to offer!

– Lars Foleide, current resident

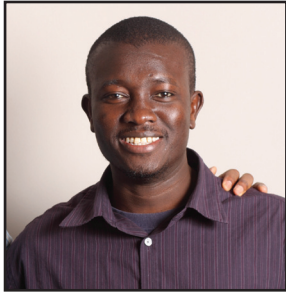
I have met so many beautiful people here, and I will always cherish them in my life.

– Monique Porsandeh, IH 2007 - 08

I've learned how beer brings cultures together.

– Juan Cuberta, current resident

I-House thanks residents Taràs Czebiniak and Jacqueline Barin for capturing the beautiful smiles of residents and alumni at our “All Decades Reunion” at Yoshi’s San Francisco in January.



Because of I-House I received the Mouen-Makoua Fellowship and have lived in a great environment that helped me finalize my Ph. D. I certainly cannot thank you enough. I will just keep saying THANK YOU.

- Assane Gueye, IH 2010-11

BECAUSE OF I-HOUSE: A NEW FRIENDSHIP!

Leave it to I-House to connect two unlikely friends of vastly different backgrounds – Bonnie McPherson Killip (IH 1949), originally from California and 2011 resident Herbert Docena from a small island in the central Philippines. But connect they did at a March presentation celebrating 80 years of I-House at St. Paul’s Towers senior community in Oakland where Bonnie is one of more than a dozen I-House alumni.



Bonnie McPherson Killip (IH 1949) and Herbert Docena (current resident)

Bonnie and Herbert recalled different experiences of I-House but a common appreciation for its power to influence residents in important ways.

Bonnie recalled living at I-House as an undergraduate and being admonished by Executive Director Allen Blaisdell that she needed to “see more of the world.” His encouragement and her I-House friendships led her to a study abroad program in the Netherlands and, upon her return, more advice from Blaisdell that although the Fulbright deadline had passed, the military might offer international study opportunities. This triggered Bonnie’s application to be a civilian teacher in the U.S. Army and subsequent studies in Paris. She credits I-House for shaping her career, her passion for all things international (amply displayed in her docent work at the Oakland Museum and volunteer ushering with the world-class drama and music performances at Berkeley Rep and Oakland’s Paramount Theater). “So many friends and so many memories have shaped my life and work....all because of I-House,” says Bonnie.

Herbert feels that his I-House experience would not have been possible without a generous scholarship. He relayed his perspective in remarks to St. Paul’s residents:

Coming to the US to study – to Berkeley and to the International House – has been a dream come true: it has literally and figuratively been a long journey from the small isolated island in the central Philippines where I grew up. My parents were swept up in the mass migration to the Big City, to Manila, to pursue a better life, and one of their sacrifices was to send me back to the province where my grandparents could take care of me while they worked in the city.

When I was eight, they took me to Manila, so I could begin to study, and I guess that initial shock of arriving in the city has been imprinted on my young mind – shock at the massive differences between city and country, between rich and poor, between me and my classmates. This awakened in me an abiding curiosity about history and society, leading me to pursue economics in college, then sociology here at Berkeley.

On my first few weeks at the I-House, I saw this fascinating photo exhibit of I-House residents from the 1940s – pictures of young men and women studying in the I-House library, having dinner together in the Dining Room, dancing, hanging out.... I saw a young Filipino like myself with other young students from all over the world and it was as if nothing much had changed for the eight decades that I-House has existed. They just changed their clothes and hair styles.

I-House continues to provide a home and a comforting refuge for people like me who are torn from their roots and in the middle of long-distance journeys, trying to understand themselves, to understand their world, and to understand their place in it, so they can know how to change it, hopefully to make it a little better. Long before respect and equality among people regardless of race or ethnicity became accepted, I-House was already proving that these values, these dreams can be achieved. Opposition to Japanese internment during World War II, for example, was definitely one of I-House’s proudest moments.

Today, I-House residents are not only living those dreams, they are also keeping them alive in the face of old and new challenges. If only there was at least one I-House in every major university or in every major city in the world, the world would be a much better place.

To me, I-House was not a dormitory, it was a community of scholars and gifted people who profoundly changed my life, so much so that I ended up living there for 10 1/2 years and earning 5 degrees in the process.

- Dr. Kamran M. Nemati, IH 1984-95



I have a bit more confidence in my fellow global citizens and future leaders- in their intelligence and sensitivity, and their commitment to a more just global community.

-Shenaya Tarapore, IH 2004-05
Also pictured: Pirzad Motafram

My years at I-House were pivotal. I met my wife, Eleanor “Bunny” Dodson, of 57 years. I made friendships that have lasted all my life. I chose a legal career dedicated to international relations and peaceful settlement of disputes. The exposure to people of different ethnic, racial, religious and social orientation imbued me with a deep respect for others and a desire to understand how we can accommodate our differences.

- Irving G. Tragen (IH 1942-45 & 1947)



Irving Tragen (left) with Joan Obidine Rush (IH 1946-59) and Rollo Rush (IH 1946-49)

FRIENDSHIPS AND REUNIONS

1990s REUNION IN JANUARY LED BY I-HOUSE FRIENDS TRANG AND SAM

Trang Nguyen and Samantha Abbato organized a reunion of 1990-92 residents held January 16 at I-House. The event brought together 30 I-House alums plus spouses and children (future residents likely among them!), and included a Dining Room brunch followed by reminiscences, videos, and remarks by Executive Director Martin Brennan in the Great Hall.

Although Sam and Trang have stayed in touch, the reunion was the first time they had seen each other in person since their days as residents. Sam, who lives in Australia, and traveled to the reunion with her family, became friends with Trang when they met as students in 1990. Trang, who lives in Seattle, WA was also accompanied by her family.

“Because of I-House, I have made some of the most valuable life-long friendships I have today, especially Trang, whom I met on my first day at I-House. We have been in close contact for 20 years even though we live on opposite sides of the world,” said Sam. She also credited I-House with influencing her career path, helping Australian nonprofits and government agencies provide culturally appropriate services to diverse constituents, including newly arrived refugees.

Trang admitted that seeing Sam again and hearing her words choked her up. “The many friendships I made at I-House opened my eyes and awakened in me a curiosity about the world and its many



Sam Abbato (left) and Trang Nguyen met as residents at I-House 20 years ago.

cultures, which I have explored through travel, learning a new language, and living abroad,” said Trang. “Some of my closest friends are still those I have made at I-House and through friends of I-House. It was, without doubt, a highlight and turning point in my life.”



Alumni from 1990-92 gathered in the Great Hall in January for a reunion and were welcomed by Executive Director Martin Brennan (left) and Dave Tozer, Assistant Director of Development & Alumni Relations.

PLAN YOUR OWN REUNION AT I-HOUSE OR ELSEWHERE

Would you like to get together with I-House friends? Using Facebook, Twitter, and email, you can spread the word and plan your own reunion at I-House or elsewhere. For more information, email ihalumni@berkeley.edu. The Office of Alumni Relations can help:

- Contact alumni from your era
- Brainstorm timing and format for a gathering
- Reserve a gathering place at I-House
- Publicize reunion on Facebook & I-House website
- Share videos and staff remarks (even by Skype!)
- Document the fun in the IH Times!

LETTER FROM: *KATIE BOKAN-SMITH (IH 2007-08) IN TAKASAKI, JAPAN*

My experiences at I-House fueled my aspirations to teach overseas and immerse myself in new cultures. Living at I-House allowed me to converse with people from around the world and instilled in me a passion for international cultural exchange and global understanding. My time there will certainly inspire and positively affect the decisions that I make in the future. I will never forget my incredible year at I-House. It was the best year of my life.

On March 11, Japan experienced a horrific 9.0 earthquake and terrifying tsunami that has severely damaged and washed away several towns and cities on the east coast of Japan. However, despite these tragic events, the Japanese people continue to surprise and inspire me by carrying on with their daily lives in calm and respectful ways, helping rather than fighting their neighbors to survive.

The earthquake lasted several minutes and many of us quickly retreated under our desks. Luckily, at this time, only after school sports clubs remained at school. After the first shake, we ran outside to make sure our students were safe.

Daily life in Takasaki has definitely changed with long lines at the gas station and reduced gas allowances, scheduled rolling blackouts to conserve energy, food shortages at the grocery store, and a general fear that the nuclear plants in Fukushima may explode and emit dangerous radiation.

I live in Gunma prefecture, an inland prefecture northwest of Tokyo and 300 km from the Fukushima nuclear plants. I currently feel safe and school continues as normal with daily classes, except for reduced school lunches.

Despite the shock of the earthquake, the students still come to school with smiles on their faces and an eagerness to learn English.

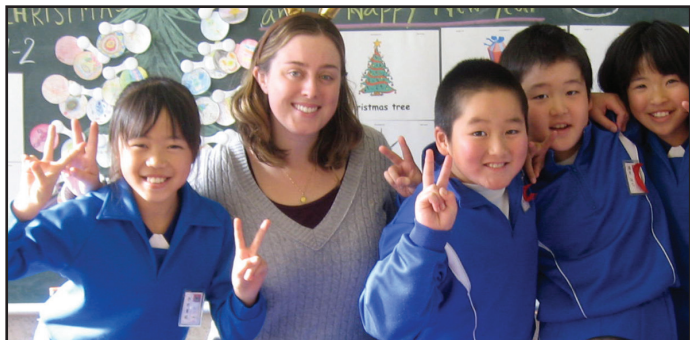
I began my overseas pedagogical adventure seven months ago and now feel settled in my role as a teacher, language assistant, and international ambassador from the U.S. As a Japan Exchange Teaching Program (JET) participant, my goals are to foster cultural exchange and global awareness between my home country and Japan.

My job is never dull, especially when students approach me with entertaining questions such as “Do you eat *natto*?” or “Do you have a boyfriend?” I create lessons that introduce new vocabulary and cultural ideas that my elementary and middle school students can learn from and enjoy. I began without any knowledge of Japanese and was thrown into a Japanese-speaking work environment. Since then, I have been attending a Japanese class, learning to play the koto (a traditional stringed instrument), and playing the violin in the community orchestra.

My heart goes out to those who have lost loved ones and to those who continue to search for family and friends. The Japanese spirit and resilience to maintain hope and courage continues to inspire both people in Japan and the global community.

Katie Bokan-Smith graduated with honors from UC Berkeley in May 2008 with bachelor's degrees in English literature and French. Following graduation, she completed a teaching credential program at Saint Mary's College of California followed by a Master's in Education. In the fall 2012, Katie plans to pursue a Ph.D. in International Education with an emphasis on second language learning.

Update: Later in March, Katie wrote that she was preparing to leave Japan but hoping to return when conditions improve.



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 I-House Development Office at ihalumni@berkeley.edu.

YOSHI HOSTS *ALL DECADES REUNION*

More than 200 bay area alumni joined current residents to celebrate I-House past and present at an 80th Anniversary All Decades Reunion held at Yoshi's Jazz Club and Japanese Restaurant in San Francisco. The January event was hosted by I-House Board members Diane Dwyer, NBC Bay Area News Anchor, and Yoshi Akiba (IH 1973), founder and namesake of Yoshi's.

As alumni reconnected and enjoyed the “sushi, sake, and jazz” theme of the event, a new I-House historical retrospective film played on monitors. Executive Director Martin Brennan welcomed guests and was joined on stage by Executive Director Emeritus Sherry Warrick who shared his memories of I-House. Host Diane Dwyer invited guests to commemorate the 80th anniversary by writing their reflections beginning with “Because of I-House.”

Most sincere thanks go to Yoshi Akiba for providing a spectacular venue for the gathering. Yoshi, who was orphaned during World War II, came to the U.S. to study fine arts, dance, and dance therapy. She lived in I-House in 1973 and while still a Cal student established a North Berkeley sushi bar that was owned by a trio of struggling students. With growing success, Yoshi's moved first to Claremont Avenue in Oakland where live music was incorporated and then to Jack London Square. Yoshi's San Francisco opened in 2007. Over the years, Yoshi's earned a reputation as the Bay Area's premier location for great food and world-class jazz.



Because of I-House I learned that my life would be about connecting with other people.

- Yoshi Akiba, IH 1973

GATHERINGS IN LA, NEW MEXICO, SEATTLE

Alumni gatherings outside the Bay Area celebrated I-House's 80th Anniversary. Alumni gathered at Shuttlers on the Beach in Santa Monica, CA, on November 8, 2010 following a “Discover Cal” event sponsored by campus, and shared an informal and quite lively dinner. Executive Director Martin Brennan attended the event and also



hosted similar gatherings in Albuquerque, NM on February 18 and in Seattle, WA on March 18th, a night co-hosted with alumnus Kamran Nemati. “It really is inspiring to find that through so many decades and in so many different distinct ways, I-House has made an important impact on the lives of alumni, in every academic field and from every cultural background,” says Brennan. 80th Anniversary gatherings will continue throughout 2011 (see <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/80/>).

1980s ALUMNI REUNION - OCT. 28-29, 2011

Calling all 80s alumni! Alf Brandt (IH 1985-87) is helping organize a reunion the last weekend of October in 2011 - centered around Sunday brunch on the 29th. Look for evolving details at <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/80/> and I-House's Facebook page.



Submit your news online at:
<http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/a/notes>

1930s



John “Wally” Gerhart (above) joined in a fun afternoon program at his retirement community, Piedmont Gardens, in Oakland, CA, in December honoring the 80th Anniversary of I-House. Wally shared reminiscences about many happy times, including meeting his late wife, Ruth, at I-House, and good times with the friends he met “under the dome.”

Masaichi Hashiba, a retired professor at the University of Tokyo, writes from Japan, “I enjoyed reading the newsletter and remembering that my whole life would have been completely different if I had not received the scholarship and resided at I-House. I enjoyed staying there, meeting students from the States and from China and Africa. May I-House flourish.”

Betty Koehler Burton-Loop writes, “I-House should continue to be lauded for its progressive programs in providing scholarships and encouraging students and people of all countries to accept one another despite cultures, beliefs, and religions. My two years at I-House from 1937-39 were a highlight in my life in that I made friends with many foreign students and our friendships continued over the years.”

1940s



Elliot Castello visited I-House recently with his daughter Jeanine Castello-Lin, seeking photos to supplement a project collecting 19 oral histories of I-House “Golden Age” residents, including both her Dad and Mom, Dorelee. The collection of stories will be available this summer and promoted in the next *I-HouseTimes*. The project was shaped by Jeanine with Tonya Staros and the Berkeley Historical Society.

Barnet Cooperman writes, “My dear wife, Roslyn, passed away on June 22, 2008, one week short of our 61st anniversary. We met at I-House and had a wonderful marriage, 5 children and 9 grandchildren. We both loved I-House and are glad to contribute to others who will share our happy life.”

Patricia Mathewson writes, “I remember often my years at I-House and the friends I made. I later served with the EOA (Marshall Plan) in Lisbon and Paris after receiving my BA in International Relations. I continue to live in an “active retirement” community in Huntington Beach.”

Congratulations to **Irving Tragen** who was honored at Boalt Hall School of Law with the 2010 Citation Award in October 2010 recognizing his “outstanding accomplishments as a diplomat and tireless efforts to combat drug trafficking.”

Anne Waybur writes, “I enjoy reading about former and current residents - their activities, interests, associations. The young ones are our future! Thanks for your efforts for peace.”

Bernice Livingston Youtz says, “I have the best memories of I-House where I met my husband, Byron. I recently went to Iran where I had a wonderful time – everyone was so friendly. I am more convinced than ever of the need to get to know each other.”

1950s

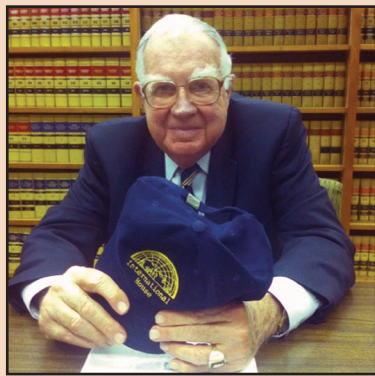


Marcia Garbus Burnam visited with Martin Brennan before the L.A. alumni reunion in November (see article page 5).

Basil Hoare recalls, “I met so many interesting people from all over the world, a number of whom remained friends all my life. I worked with the UN for over 16 years, as well as with UK Aid – 18 years in Africa, teaching and training, and it all started at Berkeley, really. I also remember the hospitality at I-House - we were always invited to American homes. It was quite an amazing experience for me.”

Carol Salin John and **Walter John** write, “Living in I-House was a wonderful experience and provided us with many happy memories. When our daughter, **Leslie John**, moved to I-House... I walked into the room and realized it was the very same room I had occupied so many years ago! Leslie met **Greg Blackman** at I-House and they were married in Faculty Glade. Happy 80th Birthday I-House!”

Klaus Netter writes, “Having celebrated my own 80th birthday, I feel that I cannot but comment on I-House’s anniversary of the identical age. Although my first residence at I-House goes back 60 years, the imprint it has left on my life is indelible. The choice of serving the UN and other international organizations was in good part due to my I-House experience, where I was able to acquaint myself with different cultures ... where language tables provided a forum for animated discussions for people from countries at odds with each other, and which provided foreigners (like myself at the time) contacts with American families eager to learn from us, while giving us insight into American family life.”

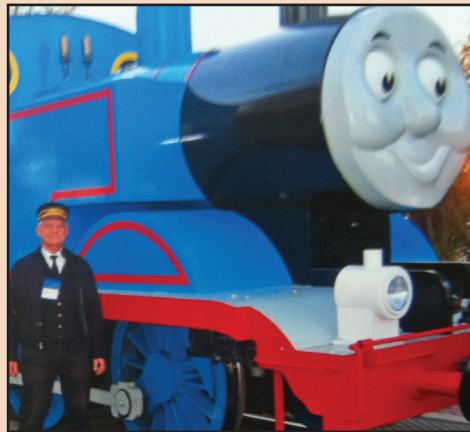


John Taylor (above) visited with Alumni Relations Director Shanti Corrigan in January at his law office in Pasadena, CA, the city where he lives with his wife, Elizabeth. A Haas and Boalt grad, he recalls his days “under the dome,” his lifelong friendship with **Charlie Clapp** and lasting affection for his favorite team. GO BEARS!

1960s

Melvin Ching writes, “I met my wife, **Jane Shia Ching**, in the 1960s when I opened the door to the Dining Room with my crutches (having broken my leg). It was then I decided to marry her after she snubbed me and didn't say thank you. Now, two children and two grandchildren later, we're both retired and do what retired people do - travel, etc. I-House is a great place to meet your future spouse!”

Shishir Mukherjee writes, “Thank you for sending the newsletter which reminds me of friendships created during the period (1964-69) that I stayed at I-House. I returned to India in 1971 to teach at the Indian Institute of Management and came back to California in 1980. I have been working for the Electric Power Research Institute and the City of Palo Alto in the field of energy and climate change. My stay at I-House has enriched me in my international work, requiring travel to many countries including China, Mongolia, Philippines, Indonesia, and Thailand. I-House is making giant efforts to fulfill its noble mission.”



Allan Rosevear (above, with “Thomas the Train”) volunteers with the Orange Empire Railway Museum in Perris, CA featuring historic trolley cars and trains. “I’ve worked my way up from trolley motorman to conductor and locomotive engineer, something I could only dream of as a kid! And half the fun is chatting with the museum visitors,” he says. Allan and his wife, Kathleen, created the Rosevear Gateway Fellowship which provides tuition, I-House room and board, and a stipend with priority to students in physics or astrophysics. Allan enjoyed a career as a computer systems designer including work on the Electrostatically Suspended Gyroscope which became the heart of the navigation system for the Trident submarine.

Carol Trust enjoyed the article about I-House chefs introducing new flavors in the Dining Room in the fall newsletter. She writes, “I had my first Indian meal, tasted my first avocado, puzzled over my first artichoke when I lived at I-House from 1966-68. After growing up in Concord, NH where canned vegetables were the only vegetables we had, the exotic I-House meals were memorable.” Carol is the Executive Director of the National Association of Social Workers, MA, Chapter.

1970s

Yoshiro Azuma enjoyed visiting I-House and learning more about the philosophy, programs, and management of the House. He is a Professor of Physics at Sophia University in Tokyo which is considering building an International House. He is also involved in the coordination of exchange programs for the University.



Burn Lewis (above) and his wife Linda visited after taping the man vs. computer series for “Jeopardy!” a popular television quiz show. In case you missed it, “Watson,” the computer, was the overwhelming winner. Burn, a computer scientist in the Research Division of IBM, was responsible for the system that interfaces the Watson/DeepQA system to the Jeopardy! game computers. The system manages the signals to all of Watson’s appendages: the DeepQA brain, the hand that presses the buzzer, the voice that gives the answers, and the face displayed behind the podium.

Maura Mack served as a Senior Development Advisor for USAID in Afghanistan. She writes, “I enjoyed my job and felt like quite a bit of what we did was meaningful despite the serious challenges of trying to accomplish development in a war zone.” In June, Maura was injured in a rocket attack and now writes, “I am feeling like my old self now, thanks to all the outstanding medical care I received in Kabul, Germany, and Tucson. I am looking forward to returning to work and resuming my normal life. My next assignment with USAID will be at headquarters in Washington, DC.”

1980s

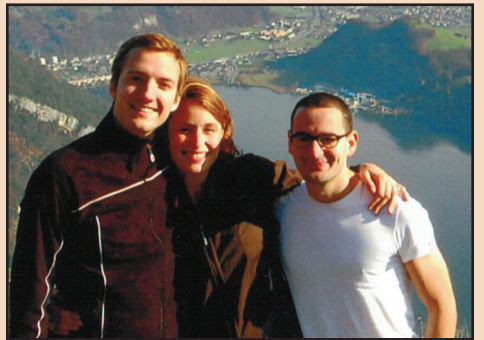
Jacki Noh enjoyed a December trip to Egypt.

Alf Brandt is organizing a reunion of 1980s alumni October 28-29, 2011, centered around Sunday brunch at I-House. Details at ihouse.berkeley.edu/80 and the I-House Facebook page.

1990s

Kamran Nemati is an associate professor in the Department of Construction Management and Civil Engineering at the University of Washington. He lives in Seattle where he enjoys sailing and world traveling. Kamran writes, “.... no matter how many years I have been away from Berkeley, the minute I step into I-House, it feels like being home again!” Kamran co-hosted a reunion of I-House alumni at the University of Washington in March (see page 5).

2000s



Philip Jonas (left), Stephanie Kodibede, and Soroush Aazami enjoyed a hiking trip near Lake Lucerne, Switzerland. Philip writes, “Even though I left I-House more than a year ago, my life still is deeply influenced by the I-House family and new experiences add to great memories of my stay in Berkeley.”



Cindy Pang and **Cesare Gussago** write, “We are pleased to let you know of yet another union of two I-House alumni. We met at I-House in 2003 and will never forget I-House as the special place that brought us together. After spending years apart in different countries, we finally got married in Lake Como, Italy, in October. We would like to say a special hello to all our I House friends.”

Fermin Reygadas is happy to be back in his hometown of La Paz, Mexico, where he is teaching ranchers to use a UV Tube to disinfect drinking water. 120 units have been installed with plans to install more in low-income communities. His research on the effectiveness of UV Tubes in reducing disease has taken him to Sri Lanka and Bolivia.

Wendy Treynor is the author of *Towards a General Theory of Social Psychology Understanding Human Cruelty, Human Misery, and, Perhaps, a Remedy*. She is the Founder and Director of Healing Consulting in Redondo Beach CA.



Nicolas Woringer and **Maria Terekhov Woringer** write from London, “After living the world apart for a number of years, we got married in France in 2008. Our wedding was attended by many of our close I-House alumni friends from all over the world! We are very happy to announce the birth of our daughter, Tatiana, in September. Born in England to a Russian-American mom and a French dad, Tatiana is a true citizen of the world!”

STAFF NEWS

Farewell to longtime staff members **Bethann Johnson** and **Hellmut Meister** who will retire in June. A staff member for 20 years, Bethann is Coordinator of Alumni Relations and the Annual Fund. Hellmut, a staff member for 23 years, is the Manager of Information Systems.

In Memory

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

1930s ALUMNI

Barbara Murdoch Phillips
November 20, 2010

Passed away peacefully in Fullerton at the age of 94. Born in Boston, she attended Radcliffe and UC Berkeley. She met her future husband, Horace Phillips, at I-House. They married in 1942 and moved to Whittier to raise their family. Barbara always found herself engaged in volunteer activities, including Girl Scouts, the Harvard and Radcliffe Club, Friends of the Library, and the altar guild. She is survived by three children and one grandchild.

Horace P. Phillips, Jr.
January 11, 2011

Earned a BS in mechanical engineering at Cal in 1939 and met Barbara Murdoch at I-House. At the Jet Propulsion Laboratories in Pasadena, he helped design the hydrostatic bearings which supported large deep space radio telescopes and received the Apollo Achievement award from NASA as a member of the team that worked on man's first landing on the moon. He always found time to be a volunteer, mentor, math tutor and Sunday school teacher. Barbara passed away shortly after the couple celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary. He is survived by their three children and a grandchild.

1940s ALUMNI

Giles Fredrick Carter
March 22, 1930 - August 10, 2010

A Professor of Chemistry at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, Michigan and research chemist at Dupont. He enjoyed researching Roman coins, the Shroud of Turin, and genealogy. Survived by his wife, three sons and three grandchildren.

Jane Hohfeld Galante
December 1, 2010



A native San Franciscan and classically trained pianist, Galante performed across the U.S. and Europe during a performance career that spanned five decades. She was a driving force for the Morrison Chamber Music Center at SF State and Morrison Artists Series, providing free access to world-class chamber music. A champion of chamber music and the arts, she was the founder and director of the Composer's Forum of San Francisco, honorary trustee of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, trustee of San Francisco Performances, and co-founder of the San Francisco Friends of Chamber Music. A music historian, she was recognized by the French government for her scholarship and service to French music. She was honored with the President's Medal for her years of work with SF State at the 1998 Commencement ceremony. She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Clement, two sons, and seven grandchildren.

Richard N. Goldman
November 29, 2010

A native San Franciscan best known as a philanthropist and civic leader, Mr. Goldman supported many charities, including Jewish causes, reproductive rights and ecological causes. He and his late wife, Rhoda, founded the Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund which has distributed more than \$680 million to charitable organizations and causes around the world. Spurred by the Exxon Valdez oil spill, the Goldmans founded the Goldman Environmental Prize as a way to finance and publicize worldwide efforts to protect the environment. Mr. Goldman founded Goldman Insurance Services in 1949 and served as the company's chairman. He is survived by his two sons and daughter, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Tilak Raj Lall
October 26, 2010

Born in Mianwali, India, Tilak passed away at his home in Dana Point with his family by his side. He came to the US to Cal and I-House where he made lifelong friendships. Sponsored by his I-House friends, Joan and Rollo Rush, he later immigrated to the U.S. and settled in Kansas where he married June Misner. They moved to Cleveland where Tilak worked for NASA and later to California where he worked for Douglas Aircraft in Long Beach. He is survived by five children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Emmett J. Rice
December 21, 1919-March 10, 2011

Emmett J. Rice, 91, a former World Bank official, member of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors, and the father of Susan E. Rice, the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, passed away at his home in Camas, WA. During World War II, he was an officer in the famed Tuskegee Airmen, a black unit in the Army Air Forces, then came to Cal and I-House. He was the first black member of the Berkeley fire department, spent a year in India on a Fulbright, and received his doctorate in economics in 1954. He was an economist with the Federal Reserve Bank of NY before going to Nigeria to help develop the banking system. Dr. Rice came to Washington DC to work in the Johnson administration and was tapped by President Carter for the Federal Reserve Board. Dr. Rice helped steer the nation's financial policy through a severe recession, the savings and loan crisis, and banking deregulation. In addition to his daughter, he is survived by a son and four grandchildren.

1950s ALUMNI

John S. Conroy
February 28, 2010

At Macquarie University in Sydney, John taught education majors how to teach students mathematics. After retiring he drove an hour each way to teach similar skills to Indigenous students at a university. He also consulted in Indonesia and taught there for a semester. John is survived by his wife, Una, a son and three granddaughters.

Dick Wilson
January 17, 2011

Dick became a journalist and worked for the Financial Times in London before moving to Hong Kong where he edited the Far Eastern Economic Review. Back in London, he wrote 20 books about Asian countries, half about China, others on Japan, India, Singapore, Hong Kong, and Thailand. Survived by his wife, Sally, and two children.

FRIENDS

Clarence L. Baker
Dec. 27, 2010

A resident of Orinda, Clarence enjoyed a 35 year career at I-House as Superintendent of Physical Operations. He is survived by his three daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Chiyoiko Yano
December 27, 2010

Chiyoiko Yano passed away at age 92 following her husband James Isao's passing in 2001. A former I-House staff member, Chiyoiko worked in the accounting office. She is survived by two daughters, two sons and three grandchildren.

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Calendar events and dates are subject to change. Please visit <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu> to view details and more events added daily.

May 2	Festival de Sevilla Dinner 6-8 pm
May 4	International House Gala Soirée honoring Charles Ferguson (IH '73-'76): Director of Academy Award winning Documentary <i>Inside Job</i>, 6-9 pm
May 5	Cinco de Mayo Lunch 11:30 am -1:30 pm and Dinner 6-8 pm
May 12	Barbecue Lunch 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
May 22	Washington DC Reunion (see http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/80/)
June 5 - 11	Road Scholar Program: <i>The Berkeley Forum on the Middle East: from Persia to Iran</i>
June 16	Barbecue Lunch 11:30am - 1:30 pm
June 22	Miss “V” the Gypsy Cowbelle: Sunset Concert in the Home Room
June 23	Filipino Night Dinner 6-8 pm
July 4	America’s Birthday Barbecue Dinner 6-8 pm
July 6	Randy Craig: Sunset Concert in the Home Room
July 14	Bastille Day Dinner 6-8 pm
July 20	Biscuits & Honey: Sunset Concert in the Home Room
July 21	Barbecue Lunch 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
August 9	California Bounty Sustainable/Organic Dinner 6-8 pm
August 25	Barbecue Lunch 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
September 1	Robert Reich Globalization Series Lecture 8 pm
September 16	Mexican Independence Day Dinner 6-8 pm
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October 7	Oktoberfest Dinner 6-8 pm
October 13	Barbecue Lunch 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
October 22	Diwali Festival of Lights Dinner 6-8 pm
October 29	1980s Alumni Reunion Brunch at I-House (see http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/80/)



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BECAUSE OF I-HOUSE

“I’ve learned that friendship has no boundaries”

- Julia Pozuelo, current resident



From left top row: Daniel Vasquez (IH 2007-08), Eric Jabart (IH 2008-10), Sherrie Wayman (IH 2008-09), Rondu Gantt (IH 2010-2011), Sam Saxena (IH 2008-2011)
Front row: Hector Mendoza (IH 2006-08), Bret Strogen (IH 2003-04, 2008-09) Katia Moles (IH 2010-2011).

Because of I-House, students found lifelong friends, chose career paths, fell in love, found a home away from home, experienced a global community, built intercultural leadership skills, talked for hours over dinner with people from diverse backgrounds, broke down walls of prejudice and politics, found inspiration to make a difference in the world, and were, in short, challenged, enriched, enlightened, and changed. Alumni and friends are submitting “Because of I-House” reflections on the impact I-House has had on their lives as part of the celebration of the 80th Anniversary of International House. See more “Because of I-House” statements on page 4.