85 Years of International House

On August 18, 2015, International House Berkeley turns 85! To celebrate this milestone, we are seeking stories about the I-House experience from our alumni, donors and friends to share over the course of our 85th year. Since opening in 1930, I-House has been home to more than 90,000 residents – inspiring friendships, igniting dialogue, and forever impacting those who have called I-House home. While the stories generated within these walls are as varied as the people who have lived within them, they share a common theme: life under the dome is truly a life-changing experience.

We are pleased to premier the “85 Stories for 85 Years” initiative with a story of Executive Director Emeritus Sheridan “Sherry” Warrick (IH 1961-87), and his wife, Betsey. (Learn more about The Warrick 70th Anniversary Celebration on page 8)

Betsey shared the story of how every evening after coming home from I-House, she would cook dinner for Sherry. While she moved about the kitchen preparing the meal, Sherry sat in his favorite kitchen chair and told her about his day. Whether there was good news to share, or an impossible task to tackle, Betsey listened, allowing him to share the burden of his responsibilities. He led I-House during pivotal moments in American history, as his tenure included navigating the turmoil of the Free Speech Movement and the student activism against the Vietnam War. Through this nightly ritual, Sherry was able to re-energize and attack the next day’s challenges anew.

The 26 years Team Warrick spent at I-House forever impacted Sherry and Betsey, as well as all who lived at I-House during that time. Theirs is a story of steadfast commitment and inspiring passion not only to I-House and its mission, but also to each other.

We want to hear how I-House has impacted your life. To share your story, e-mail us at ihalumni@berkeley.edu or submit your story at ihouse.berkeley.edu/85years.

Dining Commons Construction Nears Completion

As we near the final phases of the Dining Commons Transformation Project, our anticipation to experience the new and updated space grows with each day. The Dining Services staff are arguably the most excited.

Through an interview with I-House Chefs Liam Bonner and Fidel Coria, we get a glimpse of what’s in store.

“It will be fun to be home,” says Bonner. Even more than the new, energy-efficient equipment, he’s looking forward to getting back in front of the students. “Going to the new set-up, there will certainly be a lot more interaction than there was before,” he says.

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We Are Listening

The multi-million dollar Dining Commons Transformation Project is the largest single renovation to our historic home to date and requires an orchestrated effort by the Board of Directors, staff, construction crews, architects, donors and residents to work together to ensure the project’s success.

During the past six months of construction, we’ve received a tremendous amount of feedback, especially from our residents. Working with the Resident Council and key staff members, resident concerns and suggestions were addressed at weekly construction meetings, Board meetings and at two resident forums. We learned from their comments, which resulted in several construction changes and a substantial increase in the dollar amount and number of residents receiving discounted residential fees.

In our interim dining facilities at the Field Club at California Memorial Stadium, our Food Service Manager Maureen Spoldoro displays and responds to each and every comment card, making note of popular dishes, adjusting ordering and planning fun new theme meals.

We’d like to hear from you! Check out the Dining Commons Transformation page on our website or come join us for a meal and let us know what you think. Contact our Alumni Relations office at (510)642-4128 or e-mail us at ithalumni@berkeley.edu.

What is it precisely that makes I-House operate well?

International House at UC Berkeley is an 85-year-old social enterprise with a remarkable mission. A global residential and learning community with a focus on advancing a world of greater respect, tolerance, and understanding, I-House strives to accomplish this task in its historic facility that requires constant upgrades and improvements to remain competitive as a viable student housing option. Given full occupancy and regular turnover due to the high mobility of its residents, I-House must run its operations smoothly in order to maintain its financial standing as a stable independent organization.

What this comes down to is providing great service in the face of constant change and numerous challenges. The change is most often found in the ongoing need to upgrade and improve the historic facility. Built in a different era with an antiquated set of facilities standards, student needs, wants and technological underpinnings, I-House must translate the standards of that era into the desires of students in 2015 and beyond. The challenges are encountered in meeting resident needs responsively and consistently. Honoring our past but also dealing proactively with the challenges of the present is clearly the key to our future.

Effective operations of a community like I-House requires maintaining a sense of balance between revenues, expenditures, and the variety of tasks that are undertaken to keep the facility in top shape. We need to bring in enough revenue to keep our doors open and our staff compensated in such a way that the setting is an attractive and appealing home for our residents. If we skimp in any area – whether it’s the serviceability of our renovation projects, repairs, or the quality of our food service – we know that we will eventually feel the displeasure of our constituencies. Accordingly, we have to find that sweet spot where we bring in enough resources to keep everything running at an attractive, yet efficient level of service.

My belief is that this works best when we have a strong sense of cooperation and support among students, staff, and alumni who all understand that we can’t have everything that we want but we’ll get most of what we need if we keep an eye out for one another’s interests. For the staff’s part, I can say that we come to our roles each and every day with a mindset that we are here to make our residents’ experiences the absolute best that this special environment can possibly provide. Offering this kind of conscientious service is what motivates me in my role as Executive Director and which guides me as decisions are made about priorities and pursuits.

I trust that years after our residents’ I-House experiences are over, they will look back and see that they received just what they needed from their residencies here and perhaps even a bit more to make their stays in Berkeley all the more meaningful and memorable. An I-House experience tends to stick with the ups and downs of residency here, our alumni will say that the overall experience was indeed one of their fondest university-related, personal memories.

Here’s to an even more memorable and impactful future.

Hans C. Giesecke, Executive Director

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

The Center for Intercultural Leadership is in full swing. Here are a few highlights from our work at I-House, on campus, and in the community.

Reaching students on campus

In early March, Jess Delegencia and Jason Patent led a workshop for students in the Master of Development Practice Program in the College of Natural Resources. These first-year M.A. students are preparing for summer practica that will take them all over the globe, where they will work with partner organizations on development-related projects. The workshop focused on bringing awareness to one’s own, and to others’, cultural preferences, with an eye toward adapting one’s thinking and behavior in order to be more successful. George Scharffenberger, Program Director of MDP, said, “The offerings of CIL build on the reputation of I-House as a campus leader in preparing students for successfully navigating intercultural situations. With 40 students heading into intense collaborative experiences around the globe this summer, we decided to turn to CIL to give our students a better understanding of how they can operate well in different cultural contexts.”

Engaging UC Berkeley staff

With the increasing globalization of its campus, UC Berkeley staff are recognizing the need to be culturally competent. CIL continues to offer open enrollment workshops at I-House to all campus employees, helping augment their knowledge, awareness and skills around intercultural topics. Most recently this spring Breidi and Jason led a staff group through the “Get Global Ready” workshop, using a unique online tool called GlobeSmart that was created by the intercultural firm Aperian Global. As more staff are learning about CIL training — through open enrollment workshops or other means — we have also started to deliver custom, department-specific workshops for staff groups across campus.

The corporate world

In mid-February Breidi and Jason delivered two half-day workshops at Chevron’s global headquarters in San Ramon. Chevron is a truly global company with a well-established corporate culture, and several organizational sub-cultures. The CIL workshops helped employees gain awareness of these varied cultural influences within Chevron, in order to help them navigate these complex waters more deftly and effectively.

“This workshop should be required for the entire workforce. I feel like I gained a better perspective about how my colleagues might see the work or issues we face and I gained confidence along with helpful tools to be a better colleague to my co-workers.”

-Cultural Adaptation workshop participant

Stay tuned for updates as CIL continues to expand its reach. Visit ihouse.berkeley.edu/cil for more information.

Expanding Training for Residents

by Jess Delegencia

The Intercultural Leadership Initiative (ILI) is now offered each semester. CIL’s flagship program for its residents and student staff is a semester-long training and certification program. This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for I-House residents and student staff trains participants in developing their leadership skills and intercultural mindsets, equipping them to be thoughtful change agents in an increasingly globalizing world.

The ILI Fall 2014 cohort receive certificates for successfully completing the semester-long program

The Spring 2015 ILI cohort (pictured below) was composed of 16 diverse members representing ten countries. Highlights of the program included two “intercultural adventures,” where cohort members immersed themselves in the cultural complexity of the San Francisco Bay Area and applied the concepts and tools they were learning in ILI. Many of the Spring ILI members shared their ILI experiences on our blog. To read their blog posts, visit ihberkeley.wordpress.com.

The ILI Spring 2015 Cohort pauses to take a picture at Jack London Square during a cultural immersion in Oakland

The ILI Fall 2014 cohort receive certificates for successfully completing the semester-long program
Thought-Provoking Lectures
International House has a long-standing history of hosting lectures co-sponsored by UC Berkeley colleges, schools and departments. This spring we welcomed Laura Tyson, Director, Institute for Business & Social Impact, Haas School of Business; Kathleen Sebelius, former Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services; and Al Gore, former Vice President of the United States.

In an impassioned campus speech, Al Gore urged nearly 400 Berkeley-Haas students, faculty and staff, alumni, and community members to “stop tolerating the destruction of humankind,” the environment and to redouble efforts to stop climate change. See more at: newsroom.haas.berkeley.edu

Rich Traditions Still Going Strong

Sunday Supper, one of the longest continuing International House traditions, is a wonderful celebration of multicultural community and fellowship.

The February 8th Sunday Supper featured Sidee Dlamini, one of the MasterCard Foundation Scholars currently living at I-House. She expressed gratitude in her speech, Accomplishments and Aspirations:
“...My gratitude goes to the donors, directors, staff, instructors and most importantly, my fellow residents. None of this would matter if there were no residents to do it all for.”

Read Sidee’s speech and see photos on our blog at: iuberkeley.wordpress.com/2015/02/11

Coffee Hour is another long-standing favorite that occurs on Wednesday evenings as residents gather in the Great Hall for coffee and treats from around the world. Student organizers share songs, dances, sweets and traditions of their home countries with their house-mates. As resident Jee Hyun Choi says, “At Coffee Hour every week, I arrive exhausted from my classes but am welcomed by a sea of people dancing to Bollywood tunes and KPop videos. How can I not feel happier at the end of the day?”

The excitement of Coffee Hour captured the attention of the Daily Cal, which filmed six episodes for their new YouTube series International Students at Cal. See videos on our channel at youtube.com/ihouseberkeley.

Global Voices on I-House TV

I-House TV is a new program with the goal of producing resident-driven digital content, emphasizing research, education and special initiatives that complement the educational and living experiences of our residents. This spring I-House TV premiered a student-produced original video series, Global Voices, which features 3-minute documentaries of residents who touch on a variety of subjects.

The first episode featured resident Ollie Rutherford (pictured above) from England, spotlighting his love for building community and his journey to UC Berkeley.

The next episode, starring resident Avantika Sood from India, was met with massive enthusiasm at the India-themed “Chai” Hour in the Great Hall.

The third episode, launched at the April 26th Sunday Supper, featured resident Paige Rothschild from California training for a half marathon.

Student Executive Producer Skylar Economy says, “Being a part of I-House TV and helping to produce Global Voices has allowed me to learn and share with others the personal lives of the diverse mix of people who live in I-House.”

Stay tuned for more I-House TV offerings on youtube.com/ihouseberkeley and facebook.com/InternationalHouseTV.

From left: Consuls General Hilde Skorpen (Norway); Cassie Doyle (Canada); moderator Professor Minoo Moallem, UC Berkeley Gender & Women’s Studies Department; Consuls General Nathalie Defru-McGuire (Belgium); and Hugo von Meijenfeldt (Netherlands)

Residents perform a Soran Bushi dance at the Japan-themed Coffee Hour
Projects for Peace is an initiative inspired by the late Kathryn W. Davis. Upon the occasion of her 100th birthday in 2007, Mrs. Davis, mother of Shelby M.C. Davis (see sidebar at right), chose to celebrate by committing $1 million for one hundred Projects for Peace with the objective to encourage and support today's motivated youth to create and try out their own ideas for building peace. Since 2008, 17 Davis Projects for Peace Awards have been granted to I-House Berkeley residents, including this year's recipients: Diana Quelhas from Mozambique and Samuel Fernandes from Australia for their project, Solar Energy for Community School in Mozambique and Patricie Uwase Mavubi from Rwanda for her project, Women's Leadership Mentoring Camp in Rwanda. Previously, only I-House residents were eligible for a Projects for Peace Award administered by I-House Berkeley. This year, however, the Projects for Peace program expanded to provide an additional competition among all UC Berkeley undergraduates for these prestigious grants. From the generosity of the Davis family, we were able to award a $10,000 Projects for Peace Award to Kasandra Kachakji for her project, Capoeira Para Todos: Developing Local Female Trainers to Support Psychosocial Well-being in an Azraq Refugee Camp. To learn more about this year’s award recipients and to see project details, visit ihouse.berkeley.edu/davis2015.

International Houses Worldwide Directors Conference

I-House Berkeley is pleased to be hosting the first part of the I-Houses Worldwide Directors Conference in late June. 17 IHWW leaders are coming from the US (California, New York, Pennsylvania, Washington DC, Arizona), Canada, London, Australia and Romania. The four day conference is kicked off by an all-I-Houses Alumni Reception, followed by a Bay Area tour, a workshop by the Center for Intercultural Leadership, a campus tour, and a presentation by former Executive Director, Joe Lurie. The IHWW Directors will transition to San Diego for the latter half of the conference.

CalDay @ International House

On April 18th, I-House celebrated Cal Day with a variety of activities. The day began with a festive brunch with more than 50 alumni of United World Colleges (UWC) and this year’s recipients of the Davis Projects for Peace Award.
New Books by Alumni Authors

Did you know that I-House has been home to many professional authors? Each spring we feature a variety of books by alumni authors so you can discover the world through the creative minds of your I-House friends!

The Daily Practice of Compassion
Dora L. Wang (IH 1982-84)
“A wonderful history of how a dedicated group of men and women conceived and built a new type of medical school.”
–Janet Napolitano, President, University of California

Villages in the City
Stefan Al (IH 2008-09)
Countless Chinese villages have been engulfed by modern cities. It is the world’s largest urban demolition. Stefan’s book argues for the value of urban villages as places that need to be enhanced and preserved.

The Checkmate Pendulum
Antonio Maria Costa (IH 1966-69)
History’s pendulum oscillates between Berlin and Paris, Washington and Moscow. Eventually it comes to rest in Beijing, where investigative journalist Bosco finds evidence that China’s quest for supremacy is more than neo-imperialism: it’s vengeance.

The Gift of Cancer: Turn Your Tragedy into a Treasure
Wendy Treynor (IH 2006)
Wendy communicates a little-known secret—a universal cause of human suffering and its cure—that offers breakthrough understanding to help you heal yourself and our world.

Cooked Up: Food Fiction from Around the World
Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni (IH 1978-79)
This perpetually fascinating subject has inspired a unique collection of fiction from a wonderfully diverse and international group of authors.

Perception and Deception: A Mind-Opening Journey Across Cultures
Joe Lurie, I-House Executive Director Emeritus (1988-2007), has written a new book about perception and misperceptions across cultures that includes a chapter about cultural conundrums and discoveries among I-House residents. Joe shares stories from his own experiences and research across cultures, as well as from a long career in international educational exchange. In the foreword, former IH Executive Director, Ambassador Martin Brennan writes, “No matter your background or age, Perception and Deception will expand your understanding of other cultures (and your own!) in astonishing ways. If only I’d had Joe Lurie’s intercultural awareness while serving in the diplomatic corps in Asia, Africa, and Europe, I’d have understood the deeper cultural messages that escape people who hear largely what they’re used to hearing and see mostly what they are used to seeing.”

Many I-House alumni remember Joe Lurie’s charismatic gift of storytelling. His new book is sure to be a hit with residents and alumni alike. Take a sneak preview of Joe’s forthcoming book at PerceptionandDeception.com. The book will be available in paperback and Kindle on Amazon in July 2015; E-book versions on Barnes & Noble and Apple. Stay tuned for Joe’s book launch this summer and the Cal Discoveries trip to South Africa in the fall – see details below.

CAL DISCOVERIES TRAVEL
I-House alumni are welcome to join Joe Lurie and Donna Rosenthal (IH 1969-1971) for the Cal Discoveries Treasures of Southern Africa tour September 30 - October 14, 2015. Joe will be a guest lecturer on the tour that includes visits to Cape Town, Robben Island, Soweto, Victoria Falls and a three-night luxury Safari.

For details see alumni.berkeley.edu/travel or contact Cal Discoveries Travel at 888.225.2586 or e-mail alumni.berkeley.edu/caldiscoversies.
Alumnus Orville Golub (IH 1938-40) celebrates his 100th birthday this August with an intimate gathering with his family in Carmel. Orville’s daughter Judith shared a letter he wrote to her about how he met his love of a lifetime, Ellina Marx Jacob Golub (IH 1938-39) in the Great Hall. Elli passed away in 2008 but leaves behind a lasting legacy and many cherished memories.

‘Twas the Summer of 1939.

I had been in Berkeley since August 1937, but only living in International House since the summer of 1938. During my first year in the Dept. of Bacteriology I became friends with another Ph.D. candidate, Abdul Majid, from Afghanistan, who had been sent over by his government to be educated in the biological sciences. He also was living in I-House when I moved in, so we spent time together. He was bright, had a great sense of humor, and made friends easily.

I think it was on a Saturday afternoon, probably in July. Majid and I were standing and talking together in the Great Hall of I-House, just at one end of the large fireplace. That position gave a clear view of the front doors and anyone who was entering. While we are conversing, I see a tall, good looking, athletic-looking girl striding into the Hall and she heads straight for us across the room. I thought maybe she was interested in me but, no, she was a friend of Majid’s and greeted him warmly. She was living at I-House for the Summer, but hadn’t met her … Majid had the good sense to introduce me to the young lady — her name was Dicky Jacobs at that time, not Elli as we now know her. I must admit, she had an aura about her — more likely it was an aroma of the horse she had been riding.

There’s a book I have about the evolution of life entitled “From So Simple a Beginning” and that could be the title of the rest of our lives together. Elli had a car, a lot of enthusiasm for doing things, and was full of ideas as to what we should do together. As a result, we did them. I was still just a grad student and teaching assistant, earning $75.00 a month. I could hardly think of getting too serious about a girl.

In the summer of 1940, I moved into a shared apartment near the campus with a good friend of mine from I-House. The three of us were together quite a bit, going to movies, going skiing, even to Carmel once. Then my roommate, who already had his Ph.D. in organic chemistry, became serious about Elli and asked her to marry him! When she told me this one evening while the two of us were in Auntie’s apartment in San Francisco, I was dumbstruck! She said she didn’t think she wanted to marry him. I told her that I couldn’t promise her anything. I was making $75.00 a month, and didn’t know when I was going to finish my degree. She said, however, that she would wait around and see what happened, but wouldn’t marry him.

When I transmitted this information back to my roommate, he blew his stack and promptly moved out of our apartment arrangement. Haven’t seen or talked to him since. I moved to a room in a private home in the Berkeley hills north of the campus. In December of that year, shortly after Pearl Harbor, I was called to active duty in the Navy Medical Reserve Unit to which I belonged. The commanding officer was my professor in the Department: Commander Albert P. Krueger, M.D. My salary was $125.00 a month, enough to get married on! I asked Elli to marry me and shortly thereafter, we had an engagement party in San Francisco in May, and we were married in June. The rest is history.

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We send a big thank you in advance for your participation in this critical survey. We are excited to hear from you, and to make your I-House Alumni experience the best it can be!
Warricks’ 70th Anniversary

Former Executive Director of I-House, Sheridan “Sherry” Warrick, and his wife, Betsey, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on March 24th, 2015.

The Warricks invite you to share in their milestone and join them for an Anniversary Dinner later this fall. Forever the I-House champions, they have requested that all proceeds from this event benefit The Fund for I-House, which supports scholarships and programming, among other critical components of I-House life.

Known for his “noodling,” or walking around I-House to meet residents and compliment custodial and kitchen staff, Sherry was head of the staff team as Executive Director from 1961 – 1987.

Susan Klee (a.k.a. Susan Mihaly), Assistant to the Executive Director from 1971 to 1981, echoed the sentiments of many: “Although Sherry had been a professor, he was a brilliant administrator. The budget was balanced. Residents complained about very little, except the food, of course – and that was only in winter.”

Many people remember Betsey being extremely active as the I-House First Lady, attending retreats, hosting dinners for Resident Council members, and organizing holiday staff parties for employees. (Read more of their story on page 1)

I-House is thrilled to honor Sherry and Betsey, and we hope you will join us at the Anniversary Dinner. Keep an eye on our website and your inbox for the date, details and opportunities for sponsorship. If you have any questions, please contact Izzy Goodwin at (510) 643-6917.

Expanding Partnership with MasterCard Foundation Scholars

International House has expanded its partnership with the MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program beyond our financial aid program for room and board. This past year, I-House worked to match MasterCard Foundation Scholars with Bay Area host families. Jessica Clarkson, MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program Advisor, writes, “Realizing that feeling at home is so important for international students, and not wanting to reinvent the wheel, we are so grateful to International House for including our Scholars over the next two years as they come to our campus as freshmen. The I-House Host Family Program was able to accommodate a couple requests in the spring semester and we look forward to rolling out a full matching system in fall 2015 with our incoming cohort of 20 freshmen and three graduate students.”

“Every international student should have an accompanying host family.”

-Micheal Omeka, International student from Nigeria

In addition to providing matches with host families, International House hosted five students from Africa while their dorms were closed during winter break. Ryan Jones, I-House Director of Admissions, coordinated with Jessica to discuss additional outreach and support that I-House could provide to the program. Jessica writes, “Several of our scholars mentioned how nice it was to have a ‘home away from home.’ Thank you to I-House for hosting some of our undergraduates over winter break.”
Schmidt Matching Challenge Boosts 27th Annual Gala to Record-Breaking Year

This year’s 27th Annual Celebration and Awards Gala was a night of fun, friends, and fanfare as I-House recognized UC Berkeley alumnus and U.S. Ambassador to Mexico E. Anthony Wayne as the 2015 Global Ambassador of Peace and Public Service, and I-House alumni Gikas and Susan Hardouvelis as the 2015 Alumni Couple of the Year.

During his welcome, Executive Director Hans Giesecke remarked “For the past 27 years, the Gala has served to shine a light on those who embrace and embody the mission of I-House. But tonight is much more than an awards ceremony. It is an evening where friends are reunited and decades-old memories made under the dome are relived.”

The evening’s festivities began with a reception that included I-House Residents serving as hosts to greet and mingle with guests, followed by dinner in the Chevron Auditorium and a conversation with the honorees led by UC Berkeley Chancellor and Chair of the I-House Board of Directors, Nicholas Dirks.

Donations made to the Gala as well as sponsorships were matched dollar for dollar thanks to the Schmidt Matching Challenge, a program established by I-House alumna Wendy and Eric Schmidt. Their generosity helped propel this year’s event into one of the highest grossing Galas to date, raising over $120,000 for The Fund for I-House.

Residents enjoyed the evening as model global citizens and hosts for our guests

Dining Commons Construction Nears Completion

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Interaction between kitchen staff and residents has always been a staple of the I-House dining experience. Once completed, the renovated space will provide more opportunities for staff and residents to customize their meals and provide increased options for residents with special dietary needs.

“There will be a grill station, a pizza and pasta station, and an international station,” explains Coria.

Each station will allow staff members to create vegan, gluten-free, or vegetarian versions of the options provided that day. With nearly 600 residents from 70 countries, accommodating dietary restrictions is part of the routine, and not one that Bonner and Coria take lightly.

“As we get to know the students better, we are able to anticipate what they want and need,” says Coria.

International House is also excited about new dining staff members joining the team when we transition back to our home at I-House.

“The idea of the renovation is to make it nicer for the residents and guests,” says Bonner. “We like to make people happy. That’s what’s fun for us.”

The official ribbon cutting ceremony for the Dining Commons will take place this fall.
Welcome Board Members

Board members are committed volunteers, charged with the oversight of I-House Berkeley. They are integral to supporting and promoting the overall mission and vision as well as determining the direction for financial, programming, physical operations, development and service to residents of I-House Berkeley.

Fiona M. Doyle was appointed to the Board by I-House Chair, Nicolas Dirks, UC Berkeley Chancellor, where she will serve on the Financial Aid Committee. Professor Doyle became Dean of the Graduate Division at UC Berkeley in January 2015, previously serving in a variety of faculty and senior administrative capacities.

Judith Dunbar is senior advisor for Global Social Performance at Chevron Headquarters in San Ramon. Previously she spent 10 years with USAID's Office of Conflict Management and Mitigation, working in Bangkok, Thailand and Washington, D.C. She earned a B.A. in Russian Studies from the College of William and Mary and an M.A.L.D. in Development Economics and International Conflict Resolution from the Fletcher School at Tufts University.

Welcome Board Members

Kit Choy Loke, an I-House alumna, earned her J.D. and L.L.M. from the Boalt Hall School of Law, and holds a L.L.B. from National University of Singapore. Formerly a partner at Winston & Strawn LLP, she specialized in real estate, corporate, commercial and finance law and has practiced in the US, Hong Kong and Tokyo. She previously served on the Board from 2005 – 2014.

Farewell Board Members

Having previously served in several leadership roles, Martha Sam Hertelendy departed from the Board in the fall of 2014. She was recognized as the I-House 2006 Global Citizen of the Year and served as Vice Chair for the House’s 75th anniversary Campaign.

Joyce Hicks most recently served as Vice Chair of the Board and Chair of the Executive Committee. She previously served as the Chair of the Nominations Committee. Joyce is the Executive Director of the Office of Citizen Complaints of the San Francisco Police Commission. She obtained her J.D. from Boalt Hall School of Law. She is formerly Chairperson of the Lawrence Hall of Science Advisory Council, and a former board member of the Cal Alumni Association and a former trustee of the UC Berkeley Foundation.

Amy Slater, a lecturer at the Goldman School of Public Policy, left the Board on March 30 after eight years of dedicated service. She served most recently as Chair of the Development Committee and led multiple successful fundraising efforts.

Farewell Staff

We wish Mike much success and happiness in his new position at Cal State Fullerton.

Staff News

Jessica Burns
Food Service Worker

Lap Hua
Cook

Liliana Cardile
Events Coordinator

Loraine Laurente
Housing Coordinator

Elizabeth “Izzy” Goodwin
Fundraising & Events Coordinator

Joshua Sulloway
Student Affairs Liaison

Greg Rodolari
Director Physical Operations

Liliana Cardile
Events Coordinator

Rebecca Topete
Assistant to the Director, Physical Operations

Ronald Silva is the Founding Principal, President, and CEO of Fillmore Capital Partners, a private investment firm in San Francisco. Previously he was Executive Vice President of Lowe Enterprises and a Vice President of Wells Fargo Bank. He earned his B.S. from UC Berkeley, his J.D. from John F. Kennedy University Law School, and is a member of UC Berkeley College of Chemistry Advisory Board.

Jay Paxton most recently served on the Executive, Finance and Nominations Committees. He received his law degree from Boalt Hall School of Law, and is the Managing Director at Buchalter Nemer Law Corporation. He has served on the board almost continuously since 1974 and is currently appointed as the I-House trustee on the UC Berkeley Foundation.
Alumni News & Notes

1940s

Nels B. Nelson (IH 1940-42)
Nels Nelson visited I-House with his wife and two friends from the University of Oslo and reminisced about his time at I-House as he gave them a tour of the Hall of History. He exclaimed, “it feels good to be back home!”

1950s

Barbara Hyde Crafford (IH 1950-52)
Barbara writes, “My two years at I-House added incredible richness to my life: my husband, Wally Crawford, life-long friends from many cultures, four years overseas in Pakistan and Sri Lanka and an enduring interest in world affairs.”

Sherwin S. Lehrer (IH 1956-57)
Sherwin writes, “In 1956, six residents met at I-House. We all became friends and this resulted in three marriages, all of which are still intact. Except Alice Chen, who died suddenly in 2001 and was married to David Kearns. Patricia Olson and Richard Bozak, along with Liane Reif and Sherwin Lehrer are still together.”

William “Whitney” W. Shane (IH 1951-54)
William writes, “I’m still hard at work at the Monterey Institute for Research in astronomy. We have a summer student program where students work one-on-one with staff members on current projects. Last summer I worked together with a colleague and two students. We worked very well together. On a hunch, I enquired what languages we all spoke at home. All four were different - English, Dutch, Spanish & Farsi. A multicultural experience close to home! But I-House is still top.”

1960s

Miguel E. Bonangelino (IH 1965)
Miguel and his wife, Josefina traveled to Berkeley from Maryland for a reunion with his former I-House roommates and friends. Pictured from left: William Grant, Paul M. Russo, Miguel E. Bonangelino, William Podolsky, Karen (Reiner) Podolsky and Jim Daley. In addition to forming longstanding friendships within this group, I-House Couple, Karen and William Podolsky formed a longstanding marriage, celebrating their 44th anniversary this June.

Norman E. Goldstein (IH 1960-61)
Norman and Susan (Newfield) Goldstein (IH 1963-64) celebrated their 50th Anniversary at their vineyard in the Sonoma Valley. Norman, former Earth Science Division Director at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, retired in 2002. Susan, founder of her own executive recruitment company in San Francisco, retired the same year.

1970s

Hong-sun Liu (IH 1961-67)
Izzy Goodwin and Joy Iwasa visited Quanta Laboratories in Santa Clara and received a tour from the lab’s Founder and President, Dr. Hong-sun Liu (pictured in front of one of the lab’s signature testing chambers.) Quanta Laboratories is the largest and most experienced independent environmental testing laboratory in Northern California and specializes in simulating environments to verify the robustness of a product’s design and manufacturing process during operation, transportation and storage. During his career, Dr. Liu has developed four patents in environmental testing and has also taught engineering courses at UC Berkeley.

Larry G. Ludwig (IH 1963)
Larry retired from the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington DC in 2003. He later moved to Washington state where he volunteered with the National Park Service, the Spokane Opera, the Washington State Democrats and taught English as a Second Language classes. He discovered a passion for Brazil and is currently spending six months a year there.

Sherri Sawaya (IH 1964-66)
Sherri writes, “Thank you to all the staff & I-House Council for all you do! My time living there was one of the most significant experiences of my life. And I still treasure and enjoy the friendships I made there. Bravo!”

Jaime D. Tabares (IH 1966-67)
Jaime came from Columbia to visit I-House with his wife of 44 years and his sister in-law. He shared a story of how Marvin J. Baron, Director Emeritus of UC Berkeley’s Services for International Students and Scholars here at I-House, got him an interview for a summer job with a petroleum company with one phone call. Jaime was pleased to say he got the job!

Susan Aberg (IH 1976)
When Susan lived at I-House, she held a work-study position at The Oakland Museum to assist the Art Curator with her Professor, Wayne Thiebaud’s retrospective exhibition. After a brief time away from the Bay Area, she has worked in many departments at UC Berkeley ever since: academic, international, public outreach, and administrative. Susan is currently Executive Assistant to the Associate Vice Chancellor and the Senior Strategic Advisor in the Research Department. Susan is an avid hiker, traveler, and singer/songwriter. “Since my memorable I-House experience,” she writes, “I have continued to be drawn to cultures and experiences different from my own.”
Richard Bauman (IH 1978-80)
Richard visited I-House on Cal Day, April 18, with his cousin, Austin Mendoza, who will attend UC Berkeley as a freshman this fall. They went on a terrific guided tour of I-House led by Ryan Jones, Director of Admissions, who discussed the history of I-House and pointed out its many new technological features. After the tour, a current I-House resident asked Richard “How did I-House residents survive before e-mail? You must have had a lot of face-to-face conversations.” Richard responded, “That was indeed the case, and memorable, enjoyable conversations they were.”

Boel (Ahlgren) Jenssen (IH 1972)
Boel joined Joy Iwasa for lunch at the Field Club and shared her story of how she followed her husband from Finland to Berkeley and moved into I-House after the dissolution of that relationship. She remarked that living in I-House and the romances that followed, made what could have been an unpleasant time of her life, one of the best.

Markos Kounalakis (IH 1977-78)
Markos is a print and network broadcast journalist and author who covered wars and revolutions, both civil and technological. He is President and Publisher Emeritus of the Washington Monthly and is currently researching the geopolitics of global news networks. His latest writing and news are available at markoskounalakis.com: Foreign Policy Takes from the Californian Edge of the Pacific Rim, that features thought provoking stories including “The Perverse Act of Recruiting Kids for War” and “Fear of Doctors; Vaccines in California and Around the World.”

1980s

Teresa J. Gagnon (IH 1986) and Sharon Huang (IH 1982-84)
Teresa and Sharon visited I-House with their families and Teresa remarked, “It was certainly surreal for my sister and me to be back at I-House after so long. It was a treat to have my family be able to experience this beautiful place as well.”

Heribert A. Hirte (IH 1988-89)
Heribert was elected into the German Parliament (the Deutscher Bundestag) in 2013. Since February 2014, Professor Hirte has been serving as chairman of the CDU/CSU parliamentary St. Stephen’s Group, which promotes religious tolerance, religious freedom and works to end the persecution of Christians. He continues to serve as Managing Director of the Institute for Trade, Shipping and Business Law (SHSW) at the University of Hamburg.

Mark D. Jenkins (IH 1987)
Mark visited from Australia. Among his many stops in Berkeley were his fraternity and a visit with his former I-House roommate. Mark stopped by the Development Office to chat about what is going on in I-House. He was excited to see his old directory photo and pointed out a couple of familiar faces.

Po-Yang “Paul” Y. Lu (IH 1980-81)

1990s

Wendy Jia (IH 1997)
Wendy visited with her two daughters to show them Berkeley as a future college prospect. Wendy met her husband at UC Berkeley while studying Civil Engineering.

Sophie Marnette-Piepenbrock (IH 1991-93)
Dr. Sophie Marnette visited from London before giving a lecture for the UC Berkeley French Department. Her first stop was the I-House Café where she shared fond memories in an interview with Laurie Ferris for the I-House Blog. Read more at ihberkeley.wordpress.com/2015/02/13.
Robert M. Shore (IH 1992-93)
Bob Shore is proud to announce his new position as partner and head of patent litigation at Raines Feldman LLP.

2000s

Luis Alcazar (IH 2002-03)
Luis visited I-House from Yakima, Washington while traveling to Berkeley for a friend’s wedding. Luis shared that his time on the Resident Council kept him quite busy and introduced him to many of his I-House friends. In fact, he’s had the honor of attending a few I-House couples’ weddings over the years.

Estefan Ramirez Vazquez (IH 2003-05) and Stefan Safko (IH 2001-03)
While visiting I-House, Estefan and Stefan ran in to Maribel Guillermo who they remember fondly. Estefan said “My time at I-House was unquestionably one of the most valuable parts of my education. Some of the best friendships I have ever made came from this wonderful place.” Originally from San Diego, and traveling much of the time, Estefan is currently working with Phoenix Tower International and continues his dream to run a fund capable of analyzing and operating businesses globally. He looks forward to helping Stefan carry out his vision of the “Flying Chair Foundation” where people can donate frequent flyer miles to help students who otherwise couldn’t afford to fly home for the holidays, or fly families in for graduation. Stefan, originally from Sweden, is developing this dream, and is working in solar energy at Sun Edison.

Samveg Saxena (IH 2008-2011)
Samveg currently leads a vehicle powertrain research program at Lawrence Berkeley National Lab, and was recently featured in an article dispelling the myths of electric vehicle battery range, Goodbye, Range Anxiety? Electric Vehicles May Be More Useful Than Previously Thought. For more information visit: newscenter.lbl.gov/2015/03/30

Yuichiro Tsuji (IH 2004-06)
Yuichiro Tsuji (pictured far left) attended Boalt Law School and was a Program Assistant for two years. He graduated with a Doctorate of Science of Jurisprudence. Currently, he is Associate Professor at the University of Tsukuba, Japan. Last February he came to visit with his top students and accompanied I-House residents on a visit to Google in Mountain View.

2010s

Fredrik Olovsson (IH 2010-11)
Fredrik writes, “Living at I-House sparked my interest in driving donations to causes that aim to make the world better. Creddon.com was launched in April by winning Startup Weekend East Bay. Creddon is a website that enables users to donate $1 to a good cause by Tweeting a photo (your own or one featured on the site). The photo shows the logos of the organization and the sponsor, to give them media exposure. We’ve featured organizations like the Nepal Red Cross (disaster relief) and Kiva.org (poverty alleviation). Please visit Creddon.com for news and updates.”

Renee Manneh (IH 2012-14)
Renee came to visit I-House friends and stopped by the Alumni Relations Office to hear more about the Dining Commons Transformation Project. She is excited to return for a meal in the new Dining Commons.

Friends

Mary M. Tuncer
Mary writes, “I-House holds a special place in my heart because my late husband Kaya Tuncer and I met at I-House way back in 1962. It is my pleasure to continue to support I-House and the wonderful role it plays in connecting people from different countries and cultures. Back in 2002, Kaya and I created a non-profit with a very similar mission as that of I-House: Global Friendship Through Space Education (www.gftse.org). We get young people together in the neutral environment of Space Camp Turkey.”

Alumni: Where are you now?
We have a new series on our blog called “Where are they now?” that features in-depth interviews with alumni. So far we’ve highlighted Sunny J. Mistry, IH Couple Sophie Marnette & Ted Piepenbrock, David Fanfan, and Kathryn Anthony. Read their interviews at ihberkeley.wordpress.com.

If you would like to be featured on our blog, e-mail lferris@berkeley.edu or call (510) 643-7735. Photos and video format messages are welcome!

Stay Connected to I-House!
We welcome your participation on our social networks.
In Memory

1930's Alumni

George Ho (IH 1937-38)
June 4, 2014

In 1959, George Ho founded Hong Kong’s leading radio station, Commercial Radio Hong Kong (CRHK), and held the position of Honorary Chairman there until his recent death. George was awarded the Order of the British Empire from the British Government and the Gold Bauhinia Star from the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region for his contributions to society. He is survived by his son, George J. Ho, who lived at I-House in 1970 and is the current Chairman of CRHK, daughter-in-law Paulette, daughter Linda Ho, and grandchildren.

Mary Frances Norman
March 22, 2015

Mary Frances attended Randolph-Macon and Pomona colleges, and studied abroad in Switzerland before obtaining her Masters Degree in French Literature at UC Berkeley. She went on to work at the state department in Washington, DC. Married to Winston Norman, an ad agency executive in 1954, the couple resided in San Francisco, having one son. She was widowed in 1974 and moved to Berkeley in 1981. She travelled the world extensively with friends, was an avid potter, harpist and docent, among many other cultural and artistic pursuits. Mary Frances was an intellectual and liberal Renaissance woman whose easy-going manner touched all who knew her.

Joan Safarian
September 11, 2014

Joan received an M.A. in Social Work at UC Berkeley in 1950. She and her husband Ed (IH 1946-50) lived mainly in Toronto where Ed was a Professor of Economics and where they had four children. Joan worked in various social agencies and Universities but mainly as a medical social worker at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto. She never forgot the great friends and wonderful years at I-House. She was active in a number of organizations which emphasized peace, support for one another, and education.

1940's Alumni

Lou Ann Moynihan Hellmers
December 31, 2014

Lou Ann Moynihan Hellmers was born in San Mateo, California and lived her early childhood on the family ranch in Dixon, California. Later she moved with her mother and two brothers to Priest Station near Yosemite National Park. Lou Ann met Henry Hellmers (IH 1941-42) at I-House while both attended UC Berkeley. After marrying in 1945, the two eventually settled in Pasadena in 1950. Lou Ann served as a teacher in the Pasadena school system.

Mary "Ann" Foley Scheuring
October 20, 2014

Ann was awarded a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship to attend UC Berkeley, where she earned a Master’s Degree in English. In 1961 she married David George Scheuring, with whom she had four children. Ann worked as an editor and writer at UC Davis for more than 20 years, producing a number of books including Abundant Harvest: The History of the University of California, Davis. I-House alumna Clair Haag (IH 1960-61) writes, “Ann was I-House Social Chairman when we met, along with resident David Scheuring…Ann was an accomplished woman and a credit to I-House. My husband and I were honored to be counted among her friends.”

1960's Alumni

Maurice Tauber
October 6, 2014

Maurice came to UC Berkeley and earned his Ph.D. (’66) in entomology. Both he and his future wife, Catherine (Kady) Toschi (B.S., M.S., Ph.D. ’62, ’64, ’68) lived at I-House before moving to Cornell University in 1966 where Maurice was a faculty member for 34 years and served as Chair of the Department of Entomology. After retiring from Cornell, Maurice and Kady returned to California where they continued their research in association with UC Davis. Maurice was a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Entomological Society of Canada, and the California Academy of Sciences. Maurice is survived by his wife, son Paul, son Michael (Ph.D. UCB’02; IH 1992-93), daughter Agatha, and three grandchildren.

Friends

Barbara Cohen Donald
October 11, 2014

Barbara attended UC Berkeley where she joined the Alpha Phi sorority, became an avid reader, worked in the Berkeley High library, enjoyed her friends, sports, classes, and parties. She married William Goodricke Donald Jr. in Soda Springs in 1942 and they were married in 1944. She was a stimulating hostess, storyteller, professional volunteer and enthusiastic organizer. Barbara’s four daughters were rewarded all their lives by her involvement with I-House where she hosted new students from other countries, mentoring them through their stay in the U.S.

Emily Stout Evers
January 23, 2015

Emily met her husband, Henry, at the sophomore honors dinner at UC Berkeley and married in 1943 after receiving their B.A.’s. Emily served as President of the YWCA of San Francisco and Marin County and was a unit chair in the League of Women Voters and education chair of the Junior League of San Francisco. Emily and Henry loved to travel and combined their love of gaining insights about new places with their interest in education through teaching in a Peace Corps-type program in Indonesia.

Frank Charles Kaiser
November 7, 2014

While in high school, Frank got to play the trombone with the Cal Band during the war. He went on to attend UC Berkeley where he received his B.A. in journalism in 1950. Frank wrote an award-winning nationally broadcast radio play, “You Can’t Print That,” and worked as a sportswriter for the San Francisco Call-Bulletin. In the 1960s, Frank left sports journalism to work in advertising. He won two national Addy awards from the American Advertising Federation in 1975 and 1977 for his direct mail advertising campaigns. Frank is survived by his wife Nectar; his daughter, Karri Lynn Kaiser and his son, David Aram Kaiser (IH 1979-81).

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I-House Remembers Former Colleague Jane Leiper

Jane Crichton Leiper passed away May 10, 2015 at the age of 92. She is remembered as a strong woman in a generation that broke down barriers and an active citizen of the world with a principled pursuit of peace, justice and human rights.

After overcoming the passing of her husband Hal in 1960, she opened the door to a career that spanned the next 30 years. Beginning as a Coordinator of Residence in the Office of the Dean of Women at Penn State University, Jane moved to Berkeley in 1968 to take up a position as Residence Director at I-House. She managed residence and counseling services for international students before moving to Washington D.C. in 1975 to serve as Associate Director of the National Council of Churches.

In the memoir that she would write late in life, Jane said, "Like any life, I have been tried and tested, loved and supported. I’ve had successes and failures and many rich experiences. Considering my early days, I have been surprised at how expansive my life became and pleased with how it opened up."

If you have an I-House memory to share about Jane, please contact our Alumni Relations office at ihalumni@berkeley.edu.

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In Loving Memory
Joyce Tucker

With great sadness, the I-House community said goodbye to Joyce Tucker who passed away at her home on May 16, 2015. Joyce joined the Finance and Accounting team of I-House September 22, 1997 and is fondly remembered for her kind heart, big laugh and her dependable spirit.

At a gathering of former and current staff members to celebrate her life, several of her colleagues shared stories of how Joyce would often sit in the patio of the café on the way to her car after work, reveling in the I-House experience as she watched everyone come in and out of the building. From this post, Joyce always greeted everyone with a warm smile even when she was in obvious discomfort from the health ailments from which she suffered.

Shirley Spiller, Director of Business and Finance, read from a letter she wrote to Joyce, “Dear Joyce, I will miss your energy, enthusiasm, determination and patience. I miss your quiet music in the late afternoon and the way you delved into process improvements to make it easier, faster and better to get our work done. I deeply admire your love of family and the care you dedicated to yours; your sons are a credit to you. Thank you Joyce, for all the gifts you gave.”
Upcoming I-House Events

August 18th - I-House Birthday Celebration
Join us as we celebrate 85 years of fostering friendship, peace, and understanding.

September - Sherry & Betsey Warrick Anniversary Dinner
Former I-House Executive Director, Sherry Warrick and his wife, Betsey are celebrating 70 years of wedded bliss, and have requested all funds raised through the dinner benefit The Fund for I-House. The specific date will be announced soon.

October 4th - The First Annual Cultural Homecoming
The annual tradition of Springfest has moved to the Fall! Join us during Cal’s Homecoming weekend as we host our own festivities unique to I-House.

Visit the I-House website ihouse.berkeley.edu for news and updates.

I-House Over the Years...

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