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Over nearly nine decades, the impact of the International House movement has been, and continues to be, extraordinary on so many individuals choosing to live in this remarkable place. However, the nature of the experience tends to morph over time as technology advances and people's interests evolve to keep up with societal trends and global norms. Accordingly, the I-House experience needs to be recalibrated regularly to respond effectively to worldwide changes in order to keep its focus relevant for 21st century global citizens.

We are seeking to develop new initiatives that will connect current I-House residents, our alumni around the world, and affiliated organizations through various projects targeted at providing proactive solutions to issues with an overarching humanitarian global impact. Through the establishment of such dedicated activities where social and economic improvement concepts can be reviewed, analyzed, and implemented, an I-House “idea incubator” or launchpad will turn these concepts into actual programs that can be realized by cross-pollinated teams of I-House residents and alumni in various sites around the world.

Problems such as the refugee crisis in Europe—spawned by civil wars and the resulting economic and social chaos in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Syria—will be confronted by a connected community of individuals from around the world. Projects will link together organizations with common histories and missions in an initiative that draws out the talent and passion of participants with a view toward instigating social change, while also raising the profile of the International House movement.

As this happens, we can start to measure the true impact of the I-House experience. We know for certain that an I-House residency has extraordinary effects on many individuals' lifetime relationships, but can it also be more than that? Our review indicates that many societal improvement initiatives have emanated from ideas generated at International House Berkeley and other I-Houses around the world. The big question is, how can we use these ideas as springboards or pole vaults for even more expansive societal improvement projects?

Our intent is to take the intelligence and feedback gleaned from the projects that have already been initiated and continually assess what works best and has positive benefits on the overall quality of life around the world. As we undertake such assessments, we will be more able to guide our current residents and alumni into activities that are making a real difference in various settings where the needs are most obvious.

One such initiative came out of the Davis Project for Peace grant in Ghana during summer 2014. This is the Recycle Up! Ghana project that was started by Torben Fischer and Manuel Schulze after their I-House residency in 2013-14. This project has continued well past its implementation in 2014 and now involves some 40 to 50 individuals who have committed their time to working on recycling efforts in Ghana every summer. This kind of commitment garnered the project a Google Impact Challenge Award for 2015-16 and has raised $50,000 more to keep the dream of this initiative alive. Read more on page 9.

This is but one example of a number of such initiatives spawned at International House Berkeley that have continued to serve as levers for improving the quality of life around the globe. We are constantly looking for more initiatives so that we can continually assess and improve the launchpad which I-House has become.

Hans C. Giesecke, Executive Director
This year’s Gala on March 31, 2016, was a historic event, celebrating over 100 I-House alumni who are current UC Berkeley faculty members and faculty emeriti. “I have often noted that I-House serves as an incubator for future faculty members, as there is hardly any better place to sharpen the skills required for a fruitful academic career,” says Hans Giesecke. Seventeen I-House alumni in attendance were recognized for advancing the principles of I-House every day as faculty members.

I-House alumna and world-renowned neuroscientist Professor Emerita Marian Diamond, Ph.D. (IH 1949-52) was also honored. A true trailblazer, Dr. Diamond has experienced many firsts in her life – she was the first woman ever admitted to UC Berkeley’s Department of Anatomy, the first to discover the secrets of Albert Einstein’s brain, and the first recipient of the I-House Alumni Faculty Award, given this year in memory of Dr. Glenn Seaborg, former I-House Board member and Nobel Prize winner.

Proceeds from the Annual Celebration and Awards Gala benefit The Fund for I-House, a critical resource that provides life-changing scholarships, barrier-breaking programming, and crucial maintenance to the historic House.

Thank you to all who joined us and a special thank you to all of the evening’s sponsors, including Chevron, the event’s Premier Sponsor.

Pictured clockwise from top right:
Professor Marian Diamond (IH 1949-52) enjoys the presentation. I-House resident, Caroline Koldtvedgaard (IH 2016) delights the audience with a musical performance. I-House residents serve as Gala Hosts awaiting to greet guests. Chancellor Nicholas Dirks provides the first toast of the evening in celebration and appreciation of the I-House Alumni Faculty and Faculty Emeriti. 2014 I-House Alumnus of the Year, Professor Ashok Gadgil (IH 1973-75) reflects on his time at I-House and how it has influenced his career in academia. Photos by Jim Block and Jennifer Horn. For more photos from the evening, visit ihouse.berkeley.edu/gala.
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One of the projects that came out of the initiative is the I-House video, *If These Old Walls Could Speak*, demonstrating the I-House experience from different eras. The film features previous I-House residents talking about their memories, like George Chang (IH 1961-64) who says of I-House, “It’s a little bit like a family. Over the decades, the faces of the members change, but we’re all part of the same family.”

Following are excerpts from the *I-House Stories* website:

**David Alexander**

My mom, Maude Susanna Alexander (IH 1936-38), dreamed of attending UC Berkeley, and she was accepted as a rising junior. Her first order of business was to find a place to live, and she loved the concept of diversity and cultural exposure International House offered students. Late in the fall semester of 1937, she noticed a new busboy whom she later described to me (when I was about 12) as “tall, dark, and handsome” and decided on the spot she had to meet him. During meals that semester, she made small efforts to find him and flirt. Finally, one day when she saw him scheduled to work at dinner, Mom called down “sick” and asked for room service. She knew he would be the one bringing up the food, and indeed he was. That was the first real introduction of my parents. Ignatius Leon Billy (IH 1938-39) attended Berkeley from 1938-40, and a slow romance blossomed. When Ignatius was ready to graduate, he invited Mom to meet him in the I-House cafeteria where the booths were located next to the windows. At one of the booths, he asked her to marry him, and she accepted. A successful I-House proposal! My dad and mom were married for 37 years. They had four children, one of whom loved and cherished his parents’ I-House memories and history. That was me. As a postscript, in September 1979, I invited Margaret Christie Bohn, a California gal I met at a conference in Chicago, to meet me in the cafeteria by the window booths in I-House. After some very serious nervousness, not my normal countenance, I asked her to marry me, and she accepted: Another successful I-House proposal!

**Audrey O. Stewart (IH 1952-53)**

I remember we sat for hours with different groups of people from all countries at the long refectory tables. I remember in particular Big John (from England) giving us a lesson in cricket. He used utensils, salt and pepper containers, anything available to set up the playing field. I’m not sure if we really understood cricket better, but we all had fun. He was a storyteller. When he spotted American tourists in his little hometown, he often walked them all over, pointing out the spots of historic events: “Here is where king so-and-so was killed,” or “On this spot king so-and-so won a decisive battle.” The gullible Americans duly took pictures and wrote down the historic “facts.”
Milos Petrovich (IH 1999-02)
The first time that I made a relationship with anybody who is disabled was with Victor and I didn't know how to handle him. I didn't know how to talk to him. I didn't know how to physically handle him. As a matter of fact he would ask me, “Lift me here, lift me there, can you help me brush my teeth?” or something and I thought to myself, “Now how do I do this without looking clumsy?” I was uncomfortable and the people who lived in I-House with us for those three years, I think were, for the first time, exposed to that.

Victor Pineda* (IH 1999-02)
I remember when I had no way to get from my wheelchair to my bed and I remember that I felt so stuck and alone but I could knock on Milos’ door and he would be like, “Alright! Let's get you into bed.”

It became almost a regular routine that in the middle of the night, I would wake Milos up and so without even opening his eyes, in his pajamas he would just go across the hall and turn me around and go back.

And it’s that kind of friendship that makes you realize that you can do anything if you have a good person who’s watching your back. And people like Milos and other people at I-House actually show me that I have so much to share with the world.

*Read more about notable alum, Victor Pineda’s appointment by President Barack Obama to the United States Access Board on page 15.

Stories of Life Under the Dome

Paul E. Hockings (IH 1960)
When I arrived at I-House from Canada in 1960, there was a young law student on the front steps greeting all the new arrivals and carrying their bags inside for them. He was the first American I got to know. His name was Jerry Brown (IH 1960-61). Newly arrived students from Asia were amazed, for it quickly became known that he was the California governor’s son. “You would never see a governor’s son carrying bags in India!” people said.

Carol A. Snow (IH 1971-72)
How else would a girl from the Orange County suburbs rub shoulders with Christian and Muslim Lebanese or go dancing in the Mission with a group of Latinos from south of the equator? Answer: dinner conversations nightly at I-House. Nothing was more real than living in I-House when East Pakistan became Bangladesh and being able to talk to students from both parts of the former Pakistan. Everyone should have this experience. And I so miss folk dancing with our dapper Austrian instructor!

Visit ihouse.berkeley.edu/stories to read more or submit your own story at ihalumni@berkeley.edu.

It is striking how the wartime experiences of these 18 interviewees varied greatly. Experiences ranged from participation in the Norwegian underground (Terje Jacobsen) and survival of Auschwitz (Lottie Salz) to isolation in neutral Sweden (Ingrid Björnland and Mopsen Ohlsen). Among the Americans, there were men who fought in France (Gene Horwitz) and others who piloted planes, one ending up in a German prison camp (Bob Brewer). There were women who served in the United States Naval Reserve (Dorelee Castello, Joan Rush and Marie Schutz) and others who attended colleges strangely devoid of men.

**Following are excerpts from the *Golden Age of International House Berkeley* book:**

**Julia Fraser (IH 1946-51), Page 36**

Once, as I will always remember, we went to see a horrible movie about the war in Italy. We came back to I-House without saying one word to each other, and we began laughing. We said, “Why did we go to that stupid movie?” As we were sitting on the front steps, talking about the war and laughing, a guy standing on the steps said, “How can you laugh, talking about the war?” Lottie looked at him and said, “Don’t you think it’s too late to cry, now?” Lottie always had something to say...

**Reeve Gould (IH 1941-43, 46-48), Page 44**

Any political tensions? The only tension I can relate was the Norwegian boy who married a Turkish girl. She was glamorous! She and her sister – the Sunel sisters, Esin and Suzie. The architecture student, Esin Sunel, married a Norwegian boy – Paul Olson was his name, I think. After they were married here, they tried living in Turkey, and he didn’t feel he was accepted in Turkish society. So then they tried living in Norway, and she didn’t feel accepted in Norwegian society, so they came back to the Bay Area. Yes, that says something about the Bay Area, and it says something about people with ethnic differences who get along famously at I-House but don’t always find it easy to go home, particularly if they bring home a remnant of an I-House romance.

**Marion Ross (IH 1946-51), Page 66**

I can remember Ismail Ergonenc very well. He did very badly that first year, because his English was not good. So a wonderful man in engineering told him to buy a round trip ticket on a Greyhound bus to the East Coast and back for $99 and sit next to anybody who did not have a companion; and he did. At the end of that summer, he arrived in San Pedro on the Greyhound bus with practically perfect English. A lot of people whom he met on the bus had invited him to stay with them. We called him Smiley – he looked like a Texan, and he had a sunburnt, outdoor look. He spent a couple of nights with my family. Daddy woke up in the middle of the night, heard something downstairs, came down, and there he saw Smiley taking apart the washing machine. He had never seen a washing machine before that. But then Smiley put it back together again.
May Day Tea

International House alumni from the 1940s and 50s enjoyed a delightful May Day Tea on May 1 in the Chevron Auditorium. This reunion featured remarks from Executive Director Hans Giesecke and a reading from the newly republished *The Golden Age of International House Berkeley - An Oral History of the Post World War II Era*. It was also an opportunity for attendees to share some of their favorite I-House memories.

Elaine Ove (IH 1955-56), pictured left, shares her memories of her experience under the dome with her friend, Mary Dobbs. “This reunion was the perfect chance for longtime friends to reconnect with those who have experienced the magic of I-House together,” says Giesecke. “It’s so important that our alumni know that while they no longer live under the dome, they always have a home away from home at I-House.”

Photography by Jennifer Hom

Köln, Germany

Over 30 I-House alumni from across Europe (pictured above), joined Executive Director Hans Giesecke and his wife, Susan, in Köln for a lovely afternoon of *kaffee* and *kuchen* (coffee and cake). They reconnected with friends and heard Manuel Schulze (IH 2013) give a presentation about *Recycle Up! Ghana*, an organization that was founded with fellow alum Torben Fischer (IH 2013-14) during his time at I-House. (See page 9 for more about *Recycle Up! Ghana*.)

Irving Tragen (IH 1943-47), pictured below, joined the reunion on a stopover on the Cal Discoveries Trip, *Cruise the Face of Europe*, hosted by Hans Giesecke.

Photography by Joël Thai (IH 2010-11)

All I-Houses Alumni Reunion to be held during the International House World Wide Directors Conference in London

On June 30, alumni from 17 International Houses across the globe will come together in London to celebrate a shared vision of intercultural respect, understanding and friendship.
The Robertson Center for Intercultural Leadership (CIL) offers educational programs for I-House residents, including the Intercultural Leadership Initiative (ILI), a semester-long certificate course in intercultural communication and leadership. Since its launch in 2012, ILI has trained over 100 I-House residents, providing them with the knowledge, attitudes, and skills needed to be effective global leaders.

CIL’s newest program leverages its success with ILI by offering an advanced opportunity for ILI graduates to train their peers at I-House.

“Our goal was to provide a practical intercultural leadership experience for ILI graduates to learn how to design, plan, and facilitate a successful intercultural training, and reach higher numbers of residents with original programming,” says Lauren Moloney-Egnatios, Intercultural Training Specialist.

CIL Director Jason Patent declared the pilot a great success and is excited to continue offering the internships to residents with an advanced level of intercultural training and interest in intercultural education. “This train-the-trainer program allows us to do much more than we’d been able to do before,” says Jason. “We are meeting residents where they are developmentally, and helping them understand how they fit into a larger global and intercultural context.”

Five interns participated in the pilot program and reached nearly 150 of their fellow residents in one semester.

The programs that the interns planned ranged in format and covered many topics. They included a self-evaluation of unconscious biases during a historical tour of San Francisco’s Tenderloin neighborhood; a dining experience exploring the roles of guest and host around the world; and an evening of residents sharing their intercultural stories by using just 20 slides and only 20 seconds per slide.

“I feel more comfortable talking with future employers in interviews about the skills I learned in ILI by using specific examples from the CIL internship,” says Hayley McVicar. Hayley assisted CIL with a new career development workshop aimed at helping residents translate their I-House experience into valuable transferable skills, and providing strategies for effective resumes and job interviews appropriate to professional culture in the United States.

The internship program also complemented the work of the I-House Program Office, which creates opportunities for residents to foster intercultural friendships and fun through events, trips, and activities, and build meaningful connections between I-House and its wider community. “These internships are great examples of how CIL’s expertise enriches the programs we regularly offer residents by deepening the learning,” says Kimi Mojica, I-House Student Engagement Officer.

“While only one program out of many, the new internship program is a great example of how lessons learned under the dome can continue to have a lasting impact on residents: professionally, academically, and personally,” says Jason. “CIL is starting to bring its work to external organizations — nonprofits, universities, and corporations — in order to prepare people to lead in an ever-more-diverse world, and to spread I-House’s mission to promote a more peaceful world.”
When Kathryn Davis created Davis Projects for Peace (DPP) on her 100th birthday, she challenged today’s students to do what previous generations could not: to create lasting peace in the world.

Her support of these international, student-led projects and the impact they have proves that you are never too old (or too young) to make a difference.

As an alumna of I-House New York, Mrs. Davis wanted to ensure that I-House residents were included in the program. After her passing, her son, Shelby, carried on her vision. Every year since 2008, at least one I-House Berkeley resident (and in some years as many as four) has won a DPP grant. In 2015, I-House was chosen to also coordinate the applications for an annual grant for UC Berkeley undergraduate students.

Each fall, I-House DPP grant winners have presented their projects to fellow residents at Sunday Supper. Often inspiring and creative, several projects have gone on to have a major and lasting impact on the communities they serve.

Last year, Kassandra Kachakji, who was the first UC Berkeley undergraduate DPP award winner, moved to Jordan to help young girls in a Syrian refugee camp cope with their disrupted lives and education by learning capoeria. A Brazilian art that combines martial arts, dance, and rhythm, capoeria creates a dialogue between two people—a conversation through movement.

Kassandra is still there, a year later, helping to bridge the divide between Jordanians and the Syrian refugees. She has built a program of trainers who provide girls with positive female role models and the opportunity to become trainers themselves using their new skills.

Manuel Schulze (IH 2013) and Torben Fischer (IH 2013-14) began their project, Recycle Up! Ghana, in 2014 with a summer camp to educate high school students about the dangers of plastic waste on city sanitation. This project made an impact, since most plastic waste in Ghana ends up in the streets, clogging storm drains and causing cholera outbreaks almost 60 times a week in the capital city of Accra.

Today, Recycle Up! Ghana has grown into a significant educational and volunteer program, teaching students about proper waste management and helping them create practical recycling and sanitation solutions for communities across Ghana to reduce the spread of disease. The group’s vision is to grow Recycle Up! Ghana into Recycle Up! Africa.

The group recently won the Google Impact Challenge with a prize of nearly 10,000 EUR, enabling them to conduct 3 summer camps in 2016 and empower an additional 90 Senior High School students to become agents of change in their communities. Manuel and Torben’s vision is to grow Recycle Up! Ghana into Recycle Up! Africa.

To learn more, please visit: recycleupghana.org/about/

This year’s Davis Projects for Peace winners include Thanh Mai Bercher (pictured left), who will be traveling to the Middle East to empower adolescents by teaching filmmaking, and Hayden Shelby (pictured right), who will be producing both a conference and a documentary film about peaceful activism for college students and youth living in the slums of Thailand.
Thanks to generous partnerships with I-House alumni and donors, I-House was able to offer over $669,000 in financial aid to 127 student residents during this academic year. Of these 127 residents, 43 were domestic students and 84 were international students, representing 31 countries. Many residents would not be able to live in this vibrant and unique community without financial assistance. The financial aid program works to support residential admissions goals to increase the socioeconomic, academic and international diversity of the I-House population. This program offers UC Berkeley students the opportunity to reside under the dome and experience true intercultural education and personal connections. Subsidizing room and board fees helps to ensure all deserving students have the chance to experience this lively and distinctive global community.

During each academic year, many donors and scholarship recipients have the wonderful opportunity to meet and get to know one another. In 2015-16, Allan Ongwag, the Daniel Mouen Makoua Gateway Fellow, met with Nashilu of the Mouen Makoua family (pictured right) who seeded the endowment fund for his fellowship.

"I give to open new opportunities for gifted young people to experience what I-House taught me: a better understanding of the world and to the connections needed for a life of active contribution.”
~ Daniel Mouen Makoua (IH 1984-86), Board Member and scholarship supporter

New named scholarships include:
The Activism Era, the William J. and Florrie M. Milligan, and the Janine Rosenzweig Scholarships

Marty Milligan enjoys Diwali with her scholarship recipient, Thibault Martin (pictured right) with Resident Council and IH staff members Joy Iwasa and Bonnie Johnston

Pictured from left: Greg Washburn, Diana Chu (Hong Kong/USA, B.A. in Economics and scholarship recipient), Joy Iwasa (IH Development and Communications Director), and Anne Rosenzweig (Benefactor) at the I-House 2016 Gala
For Making a World of Difference

I-House financial aid recipients realize how important gifts can be. Not only do the recipients benefit from such generosity, but many financial aid supporters also find real meaning in these exchanges.

Bonnie Johnston, financial aid coordinator, says, “One of the greatest joys of my job is bringing together deserving residents with the donors that made their I-House experience possible.” Through these exchanges, deep and lasting connections are forged for both the residents and donors that may last a lifetime.

Opportunities to help support residents often come in the form of named scholarships. Both large and small gifts can be contributed to the Fund for I-House, the new Activism Era Scholarship, or the Open Gateway Fellowship, allowing more students to benefit from the I-House experience.

Financial aid recipients are so grateful for the financial help they are offered. They know that gifts from alumni and friends who may have been in the same situation when they were students and are now able to give back are what made their stay at I-House possible.

“I was honored to be the recipient of an I-House scholarship to cover a great part of my room and board expenses. I remember vividly the day I got the email saying that I will have the money to live at I-House. That day, I knew that I was one step closer to be able to attend the school of my dreams. To be able to call I-House my home has been one of the best things that has happened to me. I never felt alone; I had a home away from home. I am eternally grateful to the people that made this possible and I can’t wait to give back in return.”

~ Catalina Moncada, Colombia, Masters of Law Graduate and recipient of the Eleanor & Irving Tragen Fellowship for Boalt Students

“I had a wonderful experience at I-House and really benefited from the daily contact with students from as many as 70 countries, and it has been a great pleasure to keep in contact with some of them over a number of years. This amazing experience helped to inspire me to work in international development in a number of countries in Africa and Asia and I’m delighted to be able to support residents like MK who have a bright future ahead of them.”

~Basil Hoare (IH 1952-53), former vice principle of the Agricultural College in Botswana

It is our honor to recognize and thank our donors with various naming opportunities. Anne Brewer (pictured left with Jeanine Castello) recently dedicated a bench in the Egon Von Kaschnitz patio in memory of her parents, Nancy (IH 1948-51) and Robert Brewer (IH 1947-51).

The plaque reads as follows:

In Loving Memory of Nancy and Robert Brewer (1951) and Their Cherished “Golden Age of I-House” Friends
1. Daniel Forchheimer (IH 2009)
Daniel from Sweden, while visiting his sister in the Bay Area, stopped by I-House to see his old room and spend some time reminiscing in the café.

2. Abhirup Chatterjee (IH 1990-94)
Abhirup and his wife, Leena, visited I-House with their son, Aritro, who they hope will follow in his father’s footsteps by going to Cal and living in I-House after he graduates from high school.

I-House couple Mingjie and Mark Hoemmen visited from New Mexico in December to relive their first meeting. They got a kick out of seeing Mark’s picture in the 2004 Resident Directory.

4. Anne Rosenzweig
Anne Rosenzweig, who established the Janine Rosenzweig Scholarship at I-House in memory of her mother, came by to visit with I-House resident, Xin “Alisa” Zhao. Anne and Alisa first met in March at this year’s I-House Gala and discovered a mutual connection through Alisa’s hometown in Qingdao, China.

5. Ana Carolina F. Mello (IH 2006)
On February 9, Ana Carolina Mello (pictured left) stopped by with her parents, who never had a chance to visit when she was a resident. She is originally from Brazil but is now living in the Bay Area. She met her husband here at I-House.

6. Lani Anaya Jiménez (IH 2012) and Lucia Crespo (IH 2012-13)
Former I-House roommates Lani Anaya (pictured right), from Mexico, and Lucia Crespo, from Spain, spent an afternoon at I-House to reconnect. This was their first reunion since graduation.

7. Karen Lowe (IH 1979-80) and Joseph Matthews (IH 1977-80)
met in the Dining Commons in 1980. Karen described that meeting as “love at first sight,” which led to marriage. Driving to California from Washington State, Karen and Joe embarked on a nostalgia tour that included a stay in I-House’s Ambassador Suite and a visit with friend and fellow alumna Tami Yem Ewald (IH 1979-81) in Carmichael, California.
8. Anne Freekje Mollema (IH 2010)
Anne and her mother stopped by I-House on their trip from the Netherlands. Anne was thrilled to show I-House to her mother, to whom she gives the credit for making her stay here possible. She keeps in touch with many of her friends from the 4th floor and considers them family.

9. Basil Hoare (IH 1952-53) and Celeste MacLeod (IH 1952-53)
Basil Hoare visited the Bay Area from his home in London, England. He joined Executive Director Hans Giesecke and Hans’s wife Susan, scholarship recipient Monkgogi “MK” Othhogile, and dear friend Celeste MacLeod for the Japanese-themed dinner in the Dining Commons. They reminisced about their time under the dome. Basil shared a copy of the second edition of his memoirs, and Celeste updated us on the novel she hopes to complete at the end of this year.

10. Zeph Rose (IH 1943-45)
While participating in the 2016 Open House held on Cal Day, Zeph Rose regaled Fundraising and Events Coordinator Izzy Goodwin with stories of the Callahan Hall years.

11. Adil Bandial (IH 2010-11)
Adil Bandial made I-House his first stop when he visited the Bay Area from Pakistan. Adil completed his Masters Degree in Law while a resident then returned to Lahore, Pakistan, where he practices law. Adil enjoyed a tour of I-House and reflected on the support and community he found as an I-House resident and his plans to give back to I-House.

12. Joost Walda (IH 2001-02)
Joost Walda, from the Netherlands, returned to I-House on June 3 during a two-month tour of the United States with his family. Joost was excited to show his wife his former home and to see the many building improvements that have taken place in the past 14 years, especially the renovated Dining Commons.

13. Sanford J. Chan (IH 1972-73)
On April 8, 2016, Sanford Chan (pictured left) visited I-House with his aunt and sister. They were impressed with the remodeled Dining Commons and enjoyed the infamous I-House cookies. They were touched when presented with the original housing application of Sanford’s mother, Katherine Jang, who lived here in the 1940s.
1950s

Evelyne Rowe Rominger (IH 1950–51)
Evelyne is back on the family ranch north of Winters, California, with her husband Rich. Rich became California Secretary of Agriculture in the first Jerry Brown administration and Deputy Secretary of the USDA in the Clinton administration. An editor of The Aggie at UC Davis before transferring to Berkeley, Evelyne says she specialized in cutting Rich’s speeches in half!

Patricia A. Heer (IH 1957–58)
Patricia writes, “I spent only one semester living at I-House, but long enough to meet my husband, Naranjan Singh Heer. After graduation in 1958, he went on to Boalt School of Law and I earned a teaching degree at Cal. Our son, David S. Heer (IH 1984–86), also lived at I-House while earning his Masters in Finance. I enjoy spending time in Berkeley for Osher Center for Lifelong Learning classes and to visit I-House. I plan to go for lunch at the new Dining Commons. I’m most nostalgic about the magical place which I so enjoyed. Our brick is on the café patio.”

1960s

Krishna P. Bhattacharjee (IH 1965–66)
Prof. K.P. Bhattacharjee (pictured left) is shown being honored at the Centenary of the Indian Institute of Architects on May 12th, 2016, in Calcutta, India. He is an author, eminent architect, and former Chairman of the Indian Institute of Architects, W. B. Chapter and Eastern Chapter.

Lila de Araújo Rayol (IH 1966)
Lila de Araújo Rayol, retired professor, active sworn translator for the State of Para, Amazônia, Brazil writes, “I turned 79 on May 18, about 50 years since I was a resident at I-House. I no longer travel by myself, so visiting I-House on my own is no longer feasible. My two daughters (Brazilian American kids) live in the Greater Boston area. Best wishes to all!”

Hinrich C. Seeba (IH 1967–68)
Hinrich writes, “Coming from Germany with a recent Ph.D. from the University of Tübingen, I spent a happy year at I-House before starting my academic career in Berkeley’s German Department from 1968 to 2008, I am still active academically and returned to my department to teach a five-week compact seminar on Kleist in 2015 and Fontane in 2016.”

John D. Sharp (IH 1963–65)
John writes, “I enjoyed living at I-House and met my wife, Sara Colegrove (IH 1990), there. In June 2016 we will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary.”

Kristin von Kreisler (IH 1967)
Kristin has a new novel out. Earnest is about a lovable rescued yellow Lab whose owners break up and fight over custody of him. Of course, being a wise and intelligent dog, he helps them see what matters most in life. See: kristinvonkreisler.com/books/earnest/

1970s

Mary Kyle Cocoma (IH 1976–78)
Mary recently retired from ten years of service at UC Berkeley’s College of Environmental Design. Mary (pictured second from left) and three friends walked the Camino de Santiago in northern Spain in September 2015. She writes, “The experience was magical. We had a wonderful time meeting people and enjoying the countryside. I never expected to do anything like it and now, I’d go back in a heartbeat.” The spirit of the Camino continues at I-House. Mary presented a shell and pilgrim blessing to staff member Laurie Ferris, who walked the Camino Portugués in May 2016.

Asha G. Mansinghka (IH 1975)
Asha and her nephew stopped by I-House and shared with Associate Director of Development Johnny Avots-Smith some of her fond memories of life under the dome, including a wedding of her friends in the Great Hall.

Rolene J. Walker (IH 1970)
Rolene writes, “I met incredible people at I-House and remain friends with a couple of them to this date: Carlos Lopez, Bogotá Colombia, and Pedro Rohde, Guayaquil, Ecuador. I am presently in graduate school at San Francisco State and teaching a course called ‘Journey to the Third Age’ about moving from work to proactive retirement. It’s a very interactive class where the participants uncover what their deepest self is clamoring to do and take practical steps to make it happen.”

Mark Winn (IH 1974–76)
Mark writes, “My career path since I-House has not been one in academia. I have been and still am an actor and have carried the legacy of my two years at I-House in my acting roles and my regular jobs. I have been merely a simple, hard-working guy who has loved, worked, and enjoyed international cultures long before the catch phrase ‘global economy’ seemed to come into being.”

1980s

Pauline Chan-Fabries (IH 1983–84)
Pauline writes, “I love and treasure my I-House experience. I brought my family to visit in 2014 and showed my two sons where I spent my glorious time at UC Berkeley. Since receiving my MBA in 1984, I have lived in France where I’m now the CEO of my own firm after a fantastic career working for the world cosmetic giant L’Oréal in Paris. Here’s a photo of me in my I-House room.”
Alumni News & Notes

Katie Leydorf Dustin (IH 1982–84)
Katie writes, “Three I-House alums from the 80s recently reunited after 20 years. Dianna and I worked together as program assistants. Dianna met Stamatis, and they are married and living in Seattle. I recently visited Seattle and stayed with them. It was like the years just melted away, and we were back to the in-depth conversations we had during our 1-House days! Pictured from left are Dianna Previs (IH 1982–85), Stamatis Vokos (IH 1983–92), and me.”

Steve Goldstein (IH 1982–84)
Steve writes, “I continue to remember I-House fondly. I work as a New York State Workers’ Compensation Law Judge and live in northern New Jersey.”

Yoshinobu “Nobu” Kitamura (IH 1986–88)
After his current deanship at Sophia Law School in Tokyo, Japan, Nobu Kitamura plans to visit UC Berkeley during a sabbatical leave from 2016 to 2017. He is looking forward to stopping by I-House and seeing his name inscribed on a brick on the patio in front of the I-House Café.

Andrew Young (IH 1983–85)
Andrew Young serves at the US Embassy in Bamako, Mali, as Chargé d’Affaires. He is pictured here on a bike ride with Peace Corps volunteers to promote good nutrition and sanitation practices.

1990s

Neil and Marloes Smyth (IH 1997)
Neil writes, “We both lived at I-House in the fall of 1997 - I was a masters student from Ireland and Marloes on a semester’s exchange from the Netherlands. Our relationship started at the I-House Halloween party, me as a bloody Caesar and Marloes as Morticia Adams. I did have to look past the outfit that night! ... Despite only having a short time together in Berkeley, we are now happily married with two lovely kids in the Netherlands, we’ve had many cross cultural alignments to work through during our nearly 20 years together.” Read the full story at ihouse.berkeley.edu/stories.

Nilmini Rubin and her nine-year-old daughter wrote a children’s book called How Carrots Became Orange, which is available on Amazon.com. The story is set in the 1600s, when two sisters decide to enter a contest to honor William of Orange in the Netherlands. Their big idea? To make the world’s first orange carrots. (Spoiler: Carrots weren’t always orange.) The book is very much in the spirit of I-House, demonstrating our connections across lands and delving into our appreciation of food.

Mario Micheli (IH 1998–99), now a visiting professor of mathematics at Bowdoin College, is getting married to Jin Kwon, a graphic designer at Bates College, on June 25, 2016.

2000s

Victor Santiago Pineda (IH 1999–2002)
President Barack Obama has named Victor Pineda to the United States Access Board, also known as the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Access Board. This independent federal agency provides leadership in accessible design under the ADA and other laws.

Katie Bokan-Smith (IH 2007–08) and Beat Schwendimann (IH 2007–09)
Katie and Beat write, “Like many other residents, we established lasting friendships with people from all over the world during meals in the dining hall, elegant events in the auditorium, cultural events in the Great Hall, and study sessions in the library. I-House had an even greater influence on our lives.” Katie found a best friend for life in her roommate, Karen. Even more remarkable, both Katie and Karen met their future husbands at I-House. Katie (from the United States) and Beat (from Switzerland) got married in 2013 and Karen Sonnenschein (from Germany) and Luke Anthony (from Australia) got married in 2016. Katie and Karen were each other’s maids of honor and always managed to stay close, no matter the distance between them. The life paths of all four former I-House residents crossed again in Sydney where they worked and lived.

Staff Transitions as of June 22, 2016
Welcome new I-House Staff:
Veronica Alvarez, HR Assistant
Shing “Ben” Cheung, Financial Services Supervisor
Aaron Clark, Residential Life Evening Coordinator
Bobby Henderson, Custodian
Rijan Jacob, Senior Food Service Worker
Kimi Mojica, Student Engagement Officer
Lauren Moloney-Egnatios, Intercultural Training Specialist
Darian Nash, Custodian
Ah Lin Yiu, Senior Food Service Worker
Shanell Williams, Payroll Analyst

Farewell Staff:
Jesse Adams, Receivables Assistant
Monica Alcaraz, Sr., Food Service Worker
Elaine Clark, Financial Services Supervisor
Arnulfo Gomez, Cook
Elizabeth Goodwin, Annual Fund/Event Coordinator
Liliane Koziol, Director of Programs
Mario Tucker, Custodian
Neil Turner, Tech Support Analyst

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International House Board of Directors Transitions
Effective July 1, 2016

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 of I-House, as well as determining the direction for its finances, programs, physical operations, development, and service to residents.

Welcome New Members

Ernie Gundling is founder and president of Aperian Global, a company that assists clients in developing strategic global approaches to leadership, organizational development, and relationships with key business partners. He is also a board member of the Leadership Institute for Ecology and the Economy. Dr. Gundling holds a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago and currently lectures at the Haas School of Business at UC Berkeley.

William Wiebe served as chief legal counsel of AXA Rosenberg Global Services in Singapore. He has also taught as an adjunct professor at the University of San Francisco School of Law. He currently serves as a mediator for the US District Court’s Alternative Dispute Resolution program and is a managing member of 1776 Investments. He holds a J.D. from the University of Washington School of Law and a B.A. in International Studies: Trade and Finance from the University of Washington.

Jay Paxton has served on the board and as a member of the Executive Committee for I-House since 1974 and is returning after a year-long hiatus. He is a shareholder in Buchalter Nemer’s Real Estate Practice Group in San Francisco and a former member of the firm’s board of directors. He is a trustee of the UC Berkeley Foundation. He is a member of the State Bar of California, American Bar Association (Real Property Section), the Bar Association of San Francisco, and the Marin County Bar Association.

Learn more about the I-House Board of Directors and hear about why they serve: ihouse.berkeley.edu/about/board.php

Farewell

John S. Bronson most recently served on the Finance Committee, Executive Committee, and as co-chair of the Development Committee. John originally joined the board in 2007 and has been a faithful advocate for the work and mission of I-House.

Atef Eltoukhy has served on the board of directors since 2007, most recently on the Development, Finance, and Technology Committees. Atef’s family foundation has supported I-House Gateway Fellowships since 2006 for the benefit of Egyptian and Middle Eastern students.

Robert “Bob” Duffy most recently served on the Executive Committee, the Program Sub-Committee on the Robertson Center for Intercultural Leadership External Relations and as co-chair of the Program Committee.

Isao “Steve” Matsuura retired from the board of directors in February 2016, returning to his home in Kyoto, Japan. He resided at I-House when he studied at Boalt Hall School of Law. Steve served on the I-House board from 2000 to 2009 and rejoined in 2010, most recently serving on the Audit and Finance Committees. He was also the vice chair of the board from 2011 to 2015. He formerly served on the board of Bank of the West.
1930s

Thomas Howell Breece  
July 26, 2015

After being raised in China, Howell returned to the US—already fluent in Mandarin, English, French, and Latin—to attend UC Berkeley and live at I-House. Stationed in China during World War II, he translated Japanese radio transmissions and played in high stakes poker games. After his service, he taught English at Napa Community College, San Quentin Prison, and College of Marin. Thomas was a true renaissance man who could hot-wire a car, recite Chaucer in Middle English, speak and read over six languages, build a house, fix a pipe, and answer any historical or grammatical question.

Tomoye Takahashi  
June 4, 2016

Tomoye “Tami” Takahashi was known by many as a walking encyclopedia and had a wealth of stories about the history and people of San Francisco’s Japantown. She double-majored in Oriental Studies and Decorative Arts. A few months following the attack on Pearl Harbor, Tami and her husband were forcibly moved to the Tanforan Detention Center and then to an internment camp in Topaz, Utah. Following the camp’s closing, they returned to San Francisco to raise their family and start a trading company to introduce the American public to the arts and crafts of Japan in hopes of diminishing prejudice and racism. In 2010, the Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco honored Tami with the Order of the Rising Sun for her contribution to preserving and educating the public on the history and culture of Japanese Americans. Tami, who celebrated her 100th birthday in August 2015, is featured in our We Are International House video as well as our alumni stories website at ihouse.berkeley.edu/stories.

Ira Hinsdale Latour  
July 19, 2015

Ira’s teachers recognized his gift for art when he was a young child, and he began classes at the California College of Arts at the age of ten. At 17, Ira was commissioned by the National Railways of Mexico to paint a mural for the Mexican Pavilion at the 1939-40 Golden Gate Exhibition in San Francisco. After serving as chief aerial combat photographer during World War II, Ira studied photography with Ansel Adams, was the international media director for Overseas Weekly, and taught art for over 23 years at Chico State University. He has credits on numerous films and was nominated for an Academy Award. His photographs and films are in the collections of the Smithsonian, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, and the Museum of Modern Art in New York.

Mary D. Voelker  
March 13, 2015

After graduating from Vassar College, Mary lived at I-House before completing her master’s degree from the University of Michigan. She taught elementary school in Lansing until retirement. She enjoyed reading, traveling, gardening, volunteering, and listening to music from her childhood.

1940s

Charles Holloway  
March 23, 2016

Charles attended Stanford University, and after serving with the U.S. Army intelligence units in France and Germany during World War II, he returned to America to complete his bachelor’s degree at UC Berkeley. After studying in France and receiving his master’s degree from Washington State University, he worked briefly for the CIA before starting his career in education at the National Education Association, the College Entrance Examination Board, and the College of William and Mary. A lifelong athlete, Charles continued to play tennis until he was nearly 90.

Wilmon S. Dillon  
Aug. 22, 2015

While working on the staff of General MacArthur in post-World War II Japan, Wilton found himself inspired to become an anthropologist. He studied at UC Berkeley and lived at I-House before receiving a doctorate in anthropology from Columbia University, where he studied under famed anthropologist Margaret Mead. For three decades, he served as director of the Smithsonian Institution’s interdisciplinary conference series, drawing upon his earlier experience as a soldier, journalist, college teacher, foundation executive, and science diplomat. After retiring in 1994, he continued as senior scholar emeritus at the Smithsonian Institution and published his second book, a memoir, Smithsonian Stories.
A. Edward Safarian  
January 30, 2016  
Ed was a professor emeritus of business economics, an active researcher, and a mentor at the University of Toronto from 1966 until his death at the age of 94. He had previously served as president of the Canadian Economics Association and dean of the School of Graduate Studies at the University of Toronto, and was the author of several books. He became a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 1973 and was awarded a Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Medal in 1977. In 2005, he was named a Member of the Order of Canada for his contributions to the social sciences, which included research on multinational enterprises, international trade and investment, Canadian federalism, the Great Depression, and public policy.

Howard A. Shugart  
March 21, 2016  
For more than 60 years, professor emeritus Howard Shugart was a dedicated educator and author of more than 130 scientific papers. He first became interested in science when, at the age of five, his father gave him a train set that he quickly expanded by wiring in batteries. He earned both his master’s and his doctorate from UC Berkeley, during which time he lived at I-House. After earning his Ph.D., he joined the Department of Physics in 1957, where he served as a full professor until 1993. He was among the first to recognize the usefulness of computers within physics and helped to introduce computers into campus laboratories. His passion for teaching extended to the greater Berkeley community through regular “Fun with Physics” lectures and a demo lab on Cal Day entitled “Why Should Students Have All the Fun?” Howard passed just weeks before the 2016 I-House Gala but was posthumously honored along with other I-House alumni and UC Berkeley faculty members.

1960s

Paul Sui Lun Wu  
September 11, 2015  
Born in Canton, China, Paul moved to the US to study Engineering at UC Berkeley and lived at I-House while completing both his bachelor’s and master’s degrees. After graduation he worked for Hewlett-Packard and Lockheed Martin.

1980s

Joonhong Ahn  
June 19, 2016  
After receiving his B.S., M.S., and D.Eng. degrees at the University of Tokyo, Joonhong attended UC Berkeley to earn his Ph.D. in Nuclear Engineering and lived at I-House. He became a faculty member of the Nuclear Engineering Department and the Center for Japanese Studies, as well as a geological scientist at the Lawrence Berkeley National Lab. Professor Ahn’s research included an emphasis on geological disposal, safeguards, and radiological safety of nuclear fuel. After the accident at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Reactor Power Plant in 2011, his research focused on engineering and community resilience and played a key role in the engineering ethics program on campus.

Friends

Elizabeth “Betty” L. Helmholz  
December 15, 2015  
Elizabeth “Betty” L. Helmholz, although a Stanford alumna, was a longtime supporter and former member of the I-House board of directors. Betty and her husband Carl, a professor emeritus of physics at UC Berkeley who passed away in 2003, were very active on campus and were generous donors to the Department of Physics, UC Botanical Gardens, and University Library. In 2008 they established the Carl and Betty Helmholz Gateway Fellowship at I-House to support deserving Ph.D. students in physics.

Sylvia C. McLaughlin  
January 19, 2016  
Sylvia was the wife of former I-House board member Donald McLaughlin. She spent a half-century working to save the San Francisco Bay from the impact of development and pollution, as one of the founding members of the Save San Francisco Bay Association, now known as Save the Bay. She mobilized thousands of residents to stop a plan to double the size of Berkeley by filling in 2,000 acres of the bay and, in the process, sparked the environmental protection movement that has spread across the country. Save the Bay is now the largest organization dedicated to the protection and restoration of the bay with nearly 35,000 employees, members, and volunteers. She served on the boards of virtually every environmental organization in the Bay Area, and was active almost until the day she died at age 99. Her efforts to create parks along the Bay were recognized in 2012 when the state designated eight and a half miles of shoreline from Richmond to Oakland as McLaughlin Eastshore State Park.
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**Sunday, October 2, 2016: Global Homecoming**
We will have multiple events throughout I-House for residents, alumni, and families. The House will be buzzing with excitement, and we encourage you to join in the fun! You can attend as a participant or, better yet, volunteer as a Global Ambassador! Look out for more details later this Fall.

**Thursday, November 17, 2016: Cal Big Give**
We’ll be participating once again in UC Berkeley’s Big Give, a 24-hour online fundraising blitz to rally support for the students, faculty, and research across this amazing university. All contributions made during the 24-hour period to International House count toward the Big Give competitions. Look for more information on how you can join in on the fun this Fall. Go Bears!