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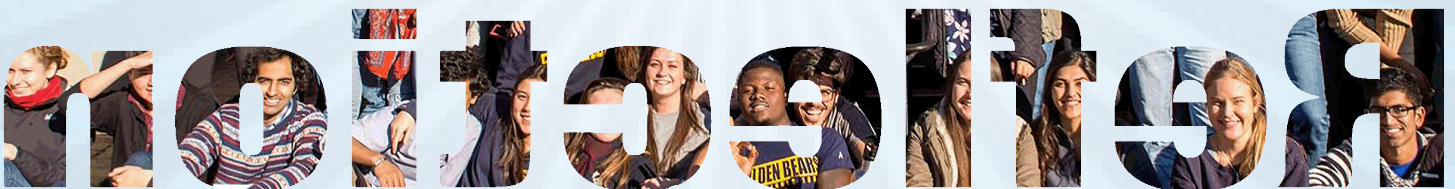
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and the Berkeley College Republicans Club D.I.V.E. into Conversation

Executive Director's Message

Standing Up for the Mission of International House During Times Like These



Here at International House we try to emphasize and repeat the mission of our organization as often as possible so that our various stakeholder groups understand why we exist: “The mission of International House is to foster intercultural respect and understanding, lifelong friendships and leadership skills for the promotion of a more tolerant and peaceful world.”

As much as we strive to promote this mission through our residential operations, our beautifully-renovated Dining Commons and the related programming now offered there, and through the outreach work of our Robertson Center for Intercultural Leadership, we regularly confront societal, economic, and political forces that assail this mission.

It would be far simpler to run an International House that is made up of people from nations that are largely similar to and friendly with the USA. But, as we all know, that is not what makes the I-House experience such a powerful and impactful period in our residents' lives. What makes the experience so meaningful and enduring is that one is confronted by the enormous amount of global diversity in this place and has to then figure out how to make sense of it, come to grips with it, and use this comprehension of diversity as a fulcrum for understanding one's own place in the global landscape. It is precisely for this reason that we have developed an admissions policy and a companion financial aid program that is designed to continually and consistently increase the academic, economic, and geographic diversity of our resident body.

The present circumstances highlight our challenge. Our national government's most recent attempt to establish a travel ban on entry into the USA for individuals from six predominantly Muslim nations hinders us from achieving our goal of geographic diversity. At present, we only have two students from the affected nations — one from Iran and one from Sudan. Our overall representation of students from throughout the Middle East and Northern Africa is lower than it should be. Under the current circumstances, it is hard to imagine that these numbers will improve very much; the most likely scenario is that they will decrease.

It is for this reason that I believe that we have to stand up for the ideals that allow our mission to bear fruit. These are the values of access, mobility, and open doors to students and scholars from around the world who have the academic wherewithal to be successful in this particular university environment. If we don't stand up for these values, we lose the opportunity to be the kind of place that truly challenges our residents' mindsets about what the world is now and what it can be if people from different regions and cultural understandings learn to live together more productively and successfully.

I believe that the entire I-House worldwide movement is threatened by any measure that blocks individuals from realizing their academic potential because they can't enroll and reside at universities that have accepted them for study or research. It is incumbent on all of us to promote the mission of I-House and that ultimately means standing up for the values that enable this mission to prevail. ■

Hans C. Giesecke, Executive Director

UC Berkeley Welcomes First Woman Chancellor Carol Christ



As of July 2017, Dr. Carol Christ, current interim executive vice chancellor and provost, will become UC Berkeley's 11th chancellor, succeeding Nicholas Dirks who will be returning to teaching and research in history and anthropology.

Christ (rhymes with “list”) first came to Berkeley in 1970 as a professor of Victorian Literature, having completed her Ph.D. in English at Yale University. Since her arrival, she has become increasingly involved on campus and proved herself to be an invaluable administrator and academic on Berkeley's campus, serving at various levels within the English Department and the College of Letters and Science.

“Berkeley transformed me, as it has transformed so many of us, and it transformed my understanding of higher education.

I had never been in a place of such intense intellectual vitality, with as great a sense of the consequence of its research. There seemed no field of knowledge or endeavor that someone on the faculty did not know profoundly—and indeed was not working to extend its understanding. And I had never been in a place so deeply committed to widening the doors to educational opportunity.”

- Chancellor-Designate Christ

We are especially excited to welcome her as the first woman to become chancellor in UC Berkeley's history, as she has maintained a passion for women's rights and gender equality throughout her career in academia. Traditionally, the chancellor serves as Chair of the I-House Board of Directors, and we are looking forward to working with Christ to further encourage diversity and inclusion on campus. ■

Standing Up for I-House

In light of the current political climate in the US, alumni from around the world have sent messages of support for the I-House mission. Many shared stories of how their time at I-House strengthen their international friendships and cultural understanding. Email ihalumni@berkeley.edu to share your thoughts.

More power to you and all the rest of us who believe in and are firmly committed to greater and not fewer international exchanges of life experience and knowledge that cut across and transcend national, ethnic, racial, and religious boundaries, without fear and with respect and compassion for our fellow man.

Bradley (IH 1980)

I knew a number of people from countries that were at odds with each other that got along great at I-House. Once they were removed from the negative environment back home, they found that they had a lot in common with people from neighboring countries that were perceived as enemies. I-House has done a great job of providing an environment where people can step back from the battles at home, get to know people from around the world and realize that most people are good no matter where they come from.

Bill (IH 1977-79)

I commend I-House for taking a stand on important issues... It is my hope that you can raise a groundswell of support for the principles that I-House stands for. We cannot go forward hoping for world peace and understanding between all people if barriers to understanding and cooperation are put forward and accepted without challenge. Congratulations to you all for doing so. While living at I-House I gained some of the most enriching experiences of my life.

Janet (IH 1964-65)

As an alum of I-House, a passionate citizen of the EU and a friend of the US, I thank you so much for your clear mission. We pray for your freedom since it is indivisible. I-House is a marvellous place and an important institution to stand up against illiberalism. God bless America and the whole world. May he make us strong to defend our values. Best regards from Frankfurt.

Thomas (IH 1986-87)

Three Days in December 1941

By Margaret Miller (IH 1939-43)



Margaret's I-House application photo

In a recent letter to Executive Director Hans Giesecke, Dr. Margaret Miller wrote:

"I am enclosing a short story of my experience as a student living at I-House on December 7, 1941. I am now almost 95 years old and feel that I am re-living part of my experience when I was 19."

Following is Margaret's story...

The fall semester of 1941, I was 19 years old and had been living at the International House for almost a year. I left I-House Friday afternoon and took the F Train from Berkeley to our home in San Francisco. On Saturday night the whole family gathered to trim the tree that was set up in the front window so that the hundreds of lights would shine out onto the street.

On Sunday morning, December 7, I was sitting with my mother having a late breakfast. My father was in the living room listening to one of the local radio stations. A little after 11:00 am he yelled, "Japan has bombed Pearl Harbor!" The

three of us huddled around the radio for hours listening to CBS and NBC interrupt their programs with continuous announcements of the attack on our fleet at Pearl Harbor by Japanese naval airplanes. The Western Defense Command reacted immediately. The West Coast of the United States was in danger. Vulnerable targets in the Bay Area included both bridges as well as shipyards in every county surrounding the Bay. We couldn't believe what was happening.

I decided to go back to I-House that day instead of staying the night in San Francisco. As I walked up the hill, I was frightened. I-House was a model of the way that people from countries from all over the world could live together peacefully. How would the day's events affect all of us who lived there? The I-House staff called a meeting to bring us up-to-date with orders from the War Board, which included blacking out all windows in the very large building. As I helped prepare I-House for blackout, I realized that my parents' house would also be blacked out, and the tree with all the beautiful lights would not be visible from the street that year.

The next morning, on Monday, December 8th, we were called into the Great Hall, where we listened to President Roosevelt's radio broadcast where he spoke before Congress these famous words: "Yesterday, December 7th, 1941 — a date that will live in infamy —

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Election Reflection

An ILI Project Taking the First Step to Increase Understanding Between Opposing Sides of the Political Spectrum

By Jeanette van der Lee



Jeanette van der Lee

writes about navigating opposing sides of the political spectrum on her journey of discovery.

I'm half Dutch and half American, but I was born and raised in the Netherlands and had never lived in the US during a presidential election. I knew the election was going to be emotional, but the amount of anger and even hatred that I saw around me before, during, and after the election truly shocked me. I observed people not understanding each other and not understanding each other's fears. I noticed that people either didn't know anyone with—or distanced themselves from—others with different political opinions.

On social media, many people often saw a polarized image of the other party. No one seemed to see the supporters of the other party as human beings anymore. As much as I wanted to change this situation, I didn't know what I could do on my own or where to start. However, my participation in the Intercultural Leadership Initiative (ILI) at I-House introduced me to methods and strategies that changed that.

In ILI, we were taught skills for working in an intercultural environment and how to lead an intercultural team. At the end of the course, our final assignment was to work in teams and teach the skills we had learned to a community of our choice. My fellow team members, Karen Elve Strand (Norway) and Mark Smith (USA), also wanted to increase understanding between people from different sides of the

political spectrum. Suddenly it seemed at least possible to take a small step towards reversing the polarization of the election, so we decided to organize a meeting between members of the Berkeley College Republicans and residents of I-House.

"It's hard to admit, but like others, I saw Republicans more and more as a group of people whose ideas differed from my own and less as individuals with their own ideas, their own personalities, and their own experiences."

The skill we chose to teach during this meeting was how to DIVE. The letters in DIVE stand for describe, interpret, verify, and evaluate. "Diving" is a tool that can be used in situations in which people are unfamiliar with or different from one another. It's a tool that helps people question stereotypes or assumptions they have and helps them avoid jumping to conclusions. Often when we see or experience something, we interpret it and jump straight to an evaluation before verifying our interpretation, especially when we're experiencing a culture that's different from our own. This is a common, often unconscious human reaction, and it does not happen just in intercultural situations. For example, think back to a time when you just assumed something about someone, based solely on what you saw, and later learned that your assumption wasn't correct at all. Chances are you



Teaching the DIVE method

weren't even aware of what you based your evaluation on. Applying the DIVE model means first describing what you are experiencing (being conscious of the interpretations you make based on that experience), then verifying those interpretations and, only then, evaluating the experience. My team wanted to make both the I-House residents and the Berkeley College Republicans more aware of their assumptions about members of the other party and of whether those assumptions were true or not.

During this meeting we first taught the participants how to implement the DIVE model. Then we discussed assumptions that I-House residents had of Republican viewpoints, after which the Republican students addressed those assumptions. We also did this the other way around. We talked about topics such as immigration, diversity, gun laws, and climate change. We didn't change each other's opinion on these topics—that wasn't the goal of the meeting. The goal was to teach people the skills to become aware of and verify their assumptions about others before jumping to conclusions. Another goal was to increase understanding between the members of the Berkeley College Republicans and I-House residents. Based on the evaluations we got afterwards, we met those goals!

The meeting had an important impact on me personally.



Discussing viewpoints

It's hard to admit, but I viewed Republicans more as a group of people whose ideas differed from my own and less as individuals with their own ideas, personalities, and experiences. What really had an impact on me was hearing how one of the members of the Berkeley College Republicans had been pepper sprayed and another was punched in the face, just because they were standing at a table sponsored by the Berkeley College Republicans or wearing a Trump t-shirt. It made me realize that they were also experiencing negative consequences of their political viewpoint and were targeted just because of what they believed in. This shocked me and made me feel more compassionate towards them.

The I-House residents, for the most part, did not seem as experienced in defending their ideas, and at times it was hard for them to be heard. But what struck me was how several

members of the Berkeley College Republicans responded to this. When they noticed other members of their group being a bit overwhelming or talking over one of the I-House residents, they would step in and tell the other to give the resident a chance to speak. Republicans are often portrayed in the media as though they don't care about others, and this reminded me that the average Republican is very different from the negative image that is often portrayed in the media.

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This meeting had a significant impact on the participants' way of thinking about people on the other side of the political spectrum, too. About a month after this meeting, I listened to President Obama's farewell address. His speech was excellent, but the one thing that he said that touched me the most was, “If you're tired of arguing with strangers on the internet, try talking with one of them in real life.” The ILI mentors challenged the participants and me to do exactly what President Obama said. I recommend that everyone try this method. We were surprised by what we learned, and if you try it, you will be too. ■

Leadership Retreat

The Student Leaders Retreat took place on January 28, bringing together Resident Council members, Resident Assistants (RAs) and Program Assistants (PAs) for a full day of community building and planning. Resident Council is an elected group of residents who work with the Program Office to fund and shape educational, cultural, and social activities and liaise with the administration on behalf of I-House residents. RAs are student live-in staff that help to build and maintain a safe and enjoyable living environment for residents. PAs plan and coordinate signature I-House events and its vibrant cultural programming, and support resident-initiated activities that aim to build community.

These vital and visual student leaders of I-House are charged with modeling and embodying I-House's mission. Investment in their development is key because they influence the resident experience through their important leadership roles.



I-House Gets Into the Spirit of...

Activism *and* Leadership

The First I-House Activism Era Scholarship Awarded

I-House congratulates Jeffrey Yamashita for being the first resident to receive the new Activism Era Scholarship for the 2016-17 academic year!

I-House alumni from 1960-75 envisioned creating this unique scholarship through which the recipients would carry on the spirit of activism they had embodied as UC Berkeley students: that of questioning the status quo, born from a passion for exercising our rights as US citizens to instigate change to improve our society.

Jeffrey is a high-achieving Ph.D. student in Ethnic Studies with a interest in community building and inclusion. Since high school graduation, he has been financially independent and has worked arduously to fund his education. Coming from Hawai'i, an ethnically and socio-economically diverse state that many consider "paradise," his graduate studies focused on the notion of "paradise and home." He wrote, "If I took you to my neighborhood, you would see that Hawai'i has one of the highest rates of houselessness for its indigenous

population. I don't use the word 'homeless' because Hawai'i is 'home' to all of them."

Jeffrey's graduate fieldwork is being completed in both the US and abroad to enrich the breadth of his research.



Glenda Pawsey (IH 1965-67) and Stuart Pawsey (IH 1964-66) with 2016-17 Activism Era Scholarship recipient, Jeffrey Yamashita

Jeffrey expressed appreciation to the many donors who made it possible for him to discover "a new home" in the I-House community. This future leader's passion for challenging surface-level images of society and striving to make a positive impact for change in the world truly embodies the spirit of the Activism Era Scholarship. ■

Three Days in December 1941

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the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the empire of Japan."

During the three short days that I was away, the US had gone from an anti-war, pacifist country to a one at war with Japan and its allies, Germany and Italy. The situation at I-House had changed. I had close friends there from Japan, Germany, and Italy, and now their countries were our declared enemies.

I am grateful that, although our countries were at war, nothing changed between my friends and I because we lived at International House. ■



Margaret with her family at a women's march in January 2017

Resident Statistics Fall 2016

Resident Population:

588 residents represent 76 countries
42% Women / 58% Men
77% are international students, 23% are US passport holders
44% Graduate Students
49% Undergraduate Students
7% Visiting Scholar/Post Doc
Average Age is 23 (range 18-61)

Top Five Countries:

United States	134
China	43
Japan	33
France	31
Singapore & Germany (tie)	28

Top Five Areas of Study:

Law	46
Mechanical Engineering	39
Economics	37
Civil & Environmental Eng.	34
Elect. Eng. & Computer Sci.	27

Financial Aid Statistics 2016-17:

113 residents from 35 countries received financial aid for room and board
\$701,626 awarded in financial aid

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

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ALMOST 87 AND LOOKING BETTER THAN EVER!

CHECK OUT THE I-HOUSE GROUNDS AND BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

Greeting students as they walk up Bancroft Street, the new International House lettering displayed above the I-House Café was a particularly meaningful project that was completed last fall (August 2016). The letters, which are consistent with house-wide branding, replaced the previous awning. New UV-protective film was applied to the café windows and new signage was installed to enhance our curb appeal.

We're always working to improve our public and residential spaces at I-House, and we are delighted to highlight a few of our recently completed projects and give you a glimpse of our upcoming summer projects!

Recent Improvements

The front corner and the Egon von Kaschnitz Patio Garden underwent new landscaping, re-leveling, and the installation of an additional bike rack open for public use (October 2016). In addition, a new path was made to provide better access to the parking lot.

We continue to update the Jewell Patio, which was renovated as part of the Dining Commons Transformation Project last year. New additions include two beautiful seating areas with wooden tables and benches overlooking the garden and Dining Commons interior.

Summer Projects

Two major renovation projects will be taking place this summer!

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), updates will be made to the Great Hall and Heller Patio to make them more accessible. A ramp will be constructed connecting the two, offering direct access via wheelchair and opening up the space for larger house-wide events.

The first floor offices will also be undergoing major renovation this summer, in an effort to increase efficiency and access to the services available for residents. The concept involves an open office environment, making it easier for students to directly interact with staff members. We look forward to collaborating with residents as we continue to promote diversity and inclusion throughout the house. ■



Egon von Kaschnitz Patio Garden



Parking lot access, garden & bike rack



Jewell Patio

29TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION & AWARDS

Gala

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2017

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 our historic home, furthering the I-House mission of fostering intercultural respect, understanding, lifelong friendships, and leadership skills to promote a more tolerant and peaceful world.

For more information and to purchase tickets visit *ihouse.berkeley.edu/gala*.

2017 Gala Honorees



Sir Desmond Rea (IH 1966-67)

Global Ambassador of Peace and Inspiration

Sir Desmond Rea was selected in 2001 as the first Chairman of the Northern Ireland (NI) Policing Board for two terms. Knighted by the Queen in 2005, he is credited with upholding human rights in the context of policing civil unrest and terrorism while dealing with the legacy of inter-communal violence.



Arlene Blum (IH 1967-68)

Alumna of the Year

Dr. Arlene Blum is a visiting scholar in Chemistry at UC Berkeley and executive director of the Green Science Policy Institute. Her work with the Institute has contributed to reducing the use of harmful chemicals in consumer products globally. Blum led the first American and all women's ascent of Annapurna I and the first women's team to climb Denali.



Dean S. Shankar Sastry (IH 1977-78)

Distinguished Alumni Professor of the Year

Dean Sastry has held the directorships of the Information Technology Office at DARPA and the Electronics Research Laboratory at Berkeley. He served as chair of the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science department at Cal from 2001 to 2014 and as director for the Center for Informational Technology Research in the Interest of Society (CITRIS) from 2006 to 2008. He currently serves as the dean of the UC Berkeley College of Engineering and faculty director of the Richard C. Blum Center for Developing Economies.

Marian Diamond Day Proclaimed on March 14



The Berkeley Chamber of Commerce declared a "Marian Diamond Day" on March 14, 2017. Professor Marian Diamond (IH 1949-52), was presented with the I-House Faculty Alumni of the Year award at the

2016 Celebration and Awards Gala. Professor Diamond was the first ever faculty honored in 28 years of the annual Gala's

history. A portion of the documentary *My Love Affair With the Brain: The Life and Science of Dr. Marian Diamond*, produced by Luna Productions, was featured at the Gala. The world premiere of the full documentary aired on KQED on March 22, 2017.

Marian found her passion in neuroscience at a time when very few women entered the field of science. Her groundbreaking work set the stage for new understandings of how the brain works, which continues to provide a scientific foundation in neuroscience education and research. ■

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Thanks to our donors, on November 17, 2016, during the Big Give, UC Berkeley's 24-hour fundraising blitz, we raised over \$30,000 for International House. We also won \$6,000 in the Big Bang contest for ranking 4th in participation, and \$2,000 in the Big Countdown contest for an international donation between 5 and 6 a.m.—proving that the I-House effect is

strong in the world! See contest results on the leaderboards at biggive.berkeley.edu. We thank everyone who shared their I-House Berkeley effect on hand-written butterflies and posted photos on social media. We feel your love! See Big Give photos on Facebook and Instagram at: facebook.com/berkeleyihouse and instagram.com/ihouseberkeley

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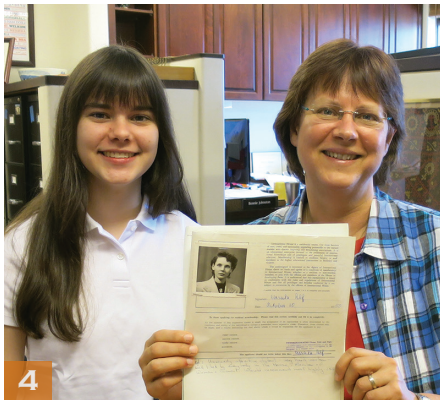
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Sambamurthy & Nadia Nagarajan
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Jennifer White
Rhita Williams
Professor Olly & Elouise Wilson
Marvin & Karla Wolf
Kiyoko Woodhouse
Dolly Wu
Wayne & Keiko Yasutomi
Isami Yoshihara, PE
Grace Yu
Peggy & Lee Zeigler
Anonymous (2)

Back to Berkeley

Look Who Came To Visit!



1. Wayne K. Yasutomi (IH 1987-89) and Keiko Nakamura (IH 1988-89) I-House couple Wayne and Keiko stopped by the alumni office in August while visiting from Japan to help their son, a freshman at Cal, get settled in. They shared with Director of Development, Joy Iwasa the story of how they met in the Great Hall. Keiko remarked that before they officially met, she always saw Wayne watching the Olympics in the Great Hall, so it was a treat to see residents watching the Olympics together during their visit.

2. Ralf Kellermann (IH 1999) and his family picked up their teenage son from Vancouver Island and came to visit Berkeley. They enjoyed staying in the Ambassador Suite at I-House.

3. Richard Vondrak (IH 1964-66) (pictured far right) and his wife **Mary (IH 1963-66)**, reunited with fellow alumni, **Stuart Pawsey (IH 1964-66)** and **Glenda Pawsey (IH 1965-67)** while visiting UC Berkeley for Richard's 50th reunion at Cal. Richard, an Emeritus Scientist for Lunar Exploration at the Nasa Goddard Space Flight Center, presented Stuart Pawsey and Hans Giesecke with photos of the Pawsey Crater on the far side of the moon that is named after Stuart's father, the Australian radio astronomer Joseph Lade Pawsey.

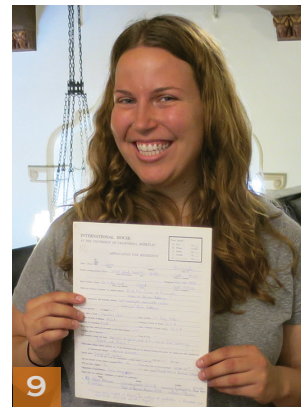
4. Andrea Eberly and her daughter Linnéa stayed in the Ambassador Suite while Linnéa was checking out colleges. Linnéa's grandmother, **Ursula (AIf) Graebe (IH 1950-53)**, was an I-House alumna. They were delighted to receive the original copy of Ursula's application.

5. Manuel Schulze (IH 2013), the 2014 Davis Projects for Peace winner for *Recycle Up! Ghana*, visited I-House to share lunch and updates about his project with Hans Giesecke, Executive Director; Sulaiman Haruna, resident from Ghana; and Shirley Spiller, I-House Sr. Advisor for Business & Financial Affairs.

6. Charles Foster, former I-House Board of Directors member, met with Joy Iwasa and had an unexpected reunion with I-House Human Resources Manager, Deborah Preston. Deborah states, "Charles was the Executive Director of the Port of Oakland and was my mentor for many years when I worked at the Port. He truly helped propel my career in human resources and facilitated my exposure to the Oakland community." Charles continues to mentor and support leaders in the community and has pledged his support of our financial aid program at I-House.

Back to Berkeley

Look Who Came To Visit!



7. Zahwa Amad (IH 1982-86) (pictured right) and **Bonu Ghosh (IH 1982-85)** (center) spent an afternoon under the dome with a tour of recent I-House renovations and lunch with Director of Development, Joy Iwasa. Zahwa was the winner of the 2016 Global Homecoming I-House raffle prize that included two deluxe I-House goodie bags and a meal for two in our Dining Commons.

8. Philip Geier (center with tie), cofounder and executive director of the Davis United World College Scholars Program at Middlebury College, joined Hans Giesecke; the 2016 Davis Projects for Peace award recipients Hayden Shelby and Than Mai Bercher (center front); and UWC scholars for lunch and conversation of their shared vision of intercultural understanding.

For more information on the I-House Davis Projects for Peace program, visit ihouse.berkeley.edu/davis.

For background on the United World Colleges (UWC) scholarship program, visit www.uwc.org.

9. Laura's daughter, Genie Bettencourt, visited I-House to see where her mother, **Laura Burroughs Bettencourt (IH 1969-70)** lived. Laura was in the Slavic language program and graduated in 1970.

10. Alexandre Bureau (IH 1996-98) and his wife **Sylvie Marceau (IH 1995-98)** visited I-House with their two daughters while on a vacation that included a visit to Disneyland.

11. Do Young Jeon (IH 1988 & 91) and his son, visiting from Seoul, Korea, met with Financial Aid Coordinator Bonnie Johnston to make a gift to I-House. Having received a scholarship when he was a resident, he was inspired to give back to help other deserving residents.

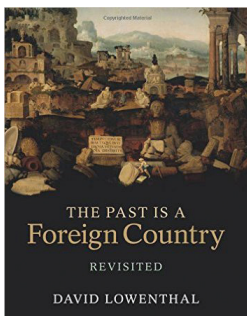
12. Michele Ü (left), **Hong Liu (IH 1961-67)** (2nd from left), and his wife Jenny joined fellow I-House alumni and their spouses for a 1960s reunion at the Fall Sunday Supper. The guests enjoyed a tour of the House and reminisced about their time under the dome, including Sunday Suppers, one of our longest held traditions.

Would you like to reunite with I-House friends?
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Alumni News & Notes

1940s

David Lowenthal (IH 1947-1949) was awarded the 2016 British Academy medal for his book *The Past Is a Foreign Country-Revisited*. The medal honors landmark academic books that transform understanding in the humanities and social sciences. His book is available on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).



Mason Gaffney (IH 1947-49) just released a new book, *Beyond Brexit: The Blueprint*, which covers a topic of timely interest. Mason writes, “Wish more of my old pals were around to see it. But the key to life is making new friends, while still cherishing and nurturing great memories with the survivors, like those from International House’s ‘Golden Years’.”

Mason Gaffney included a poem he included with his update:

*Golden days, in the sunshine of a happy
youth,
Golden days, full of gaiety and full of truth.
In our hearts we remember them all else
above
Golden days, days of youth and love.*

*How we laughed with the joy that only love
can bring,
Looking back through memory's eyes,
We will know life has nothing sweeter than
its springtime.
Golden days, when we're young
Golden days.*

Jamshed K. Fozdar (IH 1946-48) is a scientist by profession and a theologian by passion. At the age of 22, he was the recipient of a letter of commendation from Albert Einstein for his paper on the Fourth Dimension. He just launched a new book, *The Last of the Conquerors*, his magnum opus depicting the trajectory on “terra firma” of a uniquely long life where science and theology have intermeshed. His years at I-House with **Terje Jacobson (IH 1946-48)**, **Piloo Mody**, **Zulfikar Ali Bhutto** are featured on pages 74-84 of this 600 page tome. Scroll through the flipbook or purchase a copy at jamshedfozdar.com.

1950s

John (Mike) Corley (IH 1953-54) writes, “There was a Hans Kaiser at I-House in the early ‘50s who was a key player on the I-House soccer squad! We correspond frequently, and I visit him in Culemborg [The Netherlands] whenever I go to Europe. We are both in our 80s. I shall be 87, still hale and hearty.”

Donald M. Platt (IH 1953-54) has published a new book, *The Sorceress and the Skull*, about a female descendant of Nostradamus who has his gifts of prophecy. Hidden since birth, protected by aliases, an aunt, and a gargoyle, Michele has become a fugitive at age 13, fleeing across Europe and Canada before finally arriving in San Francisco in 1946. Donald’s books are available on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).



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1960s

Ines R. Gomez-Monreal (IH 1963) returned to I-House to have lunch in the Dining Commons and to share photos from her time at I-House. The photo below was of herself (left) with fellow alumni **Bertrand Geraud de Galassus (IH 1963-64)** and **Huynh Kieu-Dung (IH 1963-64)**, pictured in front of I-House before going out on the town.



She also shared her memories of students gathering in the Great Hall to follow major world events on TV, and she was pleasantly surprised to learn they still do.

1970s

Andrew W. Harrell (IH 1971-74) writes, “I was able to have a wonderful trip to the South of France and Italy for 30 days this March and April. A blog at ourprayergroup.blogspot.com chronicles the whole trip.”

Karen E. Lowe (IH 1979-80) and **Joseph Matthews (IH 1977-80)** I-House couple Karen and Joseph wrote a note to Bonnie Johnston after their recent visit: “We feel very fortunate to be part of the International House family, and we treasure our friends and experiences of these wonderful years. We were delighted to meet you and your team, and we look forward to future visits to I-House.”

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Anne (Biederman) Struthers (IH 1979-80) Anne writes, “I am currently working as a division manager for Contra Costa County, managing the General Assistance program for Employment and Human Services. A couple of years ago I ran into another I-House alum, **Elaine Coyne (IH 1976)**, who also works for Contra Costa County in the building next door. It’s a small world when you’re an I-House alum! I also keep up with my best friend from I-House, Dr. **Karen Jones-Mason (IH 1970s)**. She has dedicated her recent research to finding correlations between secure/insecure youth and specific chemical changes at the cellular level.”

Ernesto Pernia (IH 1971-72) was appointed Director General of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), a Philippine government agency responsible for the country’s economic development and planning.



A former lead economist of the Asian Development Bank, he also serves as the Secretary for Socioeconomic Planning under the administration of President Rodrigo Duterte.

1980s

Elaine Adler Goodfriend (IH 1978-80) Elaine writes, “I have many happy memories of my experience. I keep in



touch with I-House friends **Barbara Wachsman (IH 1978-79)**, **Sheryl Rosenberg Thouin (IH 1977-78)**, and **Chris Lazarus (IH 1974-78)**. Here is a picture of me with two friends from 1978, **Joel Grinberg (IH 1978-79)** and **Michael Erceg (IH 1975-77)**—Michael returned to New Zealand and sadly passed away in 2005.”

Judie L. Ram (IH 1983-84) visited with her husband, and they both enjoyed the tour of I-House. She reflected on her time at I-House as the “best time of my life.” In a follow up email, Judie wrote, “We are excited to have seen both the amazing changes and the tried-and-true mainstays. Can’t wait to come back with our son as soon as we can. We pray he will have the opportunity to attend Berkeley and live in this amazing place! We’re sending our best to you all! I-House RULES!”

Andrew Young (IH 1983-85)



President Obama nominated Andrew Young as the next United States Ambassador to Burkina Faso. Ambassador Young writes, “At International House, I saw firsthand how people from multiple cultures could live together in harmony while building bridges across vast cultural gaps that had erupted in violence in their home countries. I left with a stronger commitment to pursue cross-cultural

understanding as a powerful tool to help make the world a better place. As I take on the responsibilities as ambassador in Burkina Faso, I will carry with me the lessons of community that fellow students from International House shared with me.”

Ambassador Young joins the growing list of ambassadors on our Notable Alumni page at ihouse.berkeley.edu/alumni/notable/

Mark Kierlanczyk (IH 1982-84)

Alex Kierlanczyk, an incoming UC Berkeley student, came by to visit I-House, where his father, Mark, lived. Alex said that the only reason his dad was able to escape communist Poland in the 80s was because a mathematics professor at Cal accepted him into a Ph.D. program when other US schools declined. Alex could see why his father liked I-House so much, and he might apply for residency himself.

1990s

Mashape Todd Lethata (IH 1992)

writes, “I had the time of my life while staying at I-House. It exposed me to diverse cultures, traditions, and technology. I-House is larger than life and offers remarkable opportunities. Most of my I-House alumni friends are diplomats of their countries and many more have branched into businesses of their own. In South Africa, I work as a facilitator for a government economic development agency known as Gauteng Growth Development Agency (GGDA). In a way, I am also a diplomat. My dear colleagues and fellow alumni, next time you are in South Africa, please contact me.”

Todd is the official Country Contact for South Africa. Visit our Country Contacts page for details: ihouse.berkeley.edu/alumni

Alumni News & Notes

2000s

Amy Merrill (IH 2004) created the impact travel community JOURNEY.



Amy writes, “Fueled by experiences of cross-cultural learning, like at I-House, plus nearly a decade of tackling social change from the inside of nonprofit organizations, my co-founders and I set out to unite and collectively solve our world’s social and environmental challenges. A JOURNEY is a 6-day trip—part-service, part-mindfulness and adventure. Groups of 30 to 50 people spend two days doing impact work (projects include building homes, revitalizing schools, and refugee aid) and three days of integration (mindfulness, shared meals, yoga, and surfing). For videos and photos from a recent Journey, visit wejourney.co.”

Robert Sepeda (IH 2006-07) was back in the Bay Area in November for the Education Pioneers Conference in San Francisco. He was one of ten honorees for an EPic Alumni Award for transforming education. His work



with Families Empowered in Texas helps support immigrant, refugee, and low-income families. Learn more about his work at: educationpioneers.org/what-we-do/meet-our-pioneers/robert-sepeda

Bartosz J. Tkaczyk (IH 2006-07)

Dr. Bart Tkaczyk, MBA, won the Global Human Resources Development Research Excellence Award, presented by the International Federation of Training and Development Organisations (IFTDO). Dr. Tkaczyk was honored at the opening ceremony of the 45th IFTDO World Conference held in the Kingdom of Bahrain, under the patronage of His Royal Highness, Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain. IFTDO represents the human resources



profession through its affiliation with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (UN).

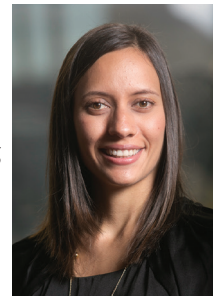
Elisabetta Tollardo (IH 2007-08)

writes, “I am happy to announce that, following the completion of my doctorate in history at the University of Oxford, I have published my first book, titled *Fascist Italy and the League of Nations, 1922-1935* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2016). By uncovering the traces of the Italians working in the organization, the volume investigates Fascist Italy’s membership of the League, and explores the dynamics between nationalism and internationalism in Geneva in the interwar years.”

2010s

Catalina Moncada Cano (IH 2015-16)

writes, “I’m doing well back home in Colombia, and I enjoy my work a lot! I’m currently working as senior associate for a multinational law firm called Dentons, Cardenas & Cardenas. I work on infrastructure, telecommunications, and public procurement issues. I hope everything is going well at I-House Berkeley. I still miss that place so much!”



Staff Transitions as of December 2016

Welcome new I-House Staff:

Ivan Barrios, Cook
Rovelyn Diaz, Sr. Food Service Worker
Andrew Edlen, Business Tech Support Analyst, Information Systems
Bobby Henderson, Custodian
Hirona Hona, Public Events Specialist
Robertson Center for Intercultural Leadership
Miranda Loos, Marketing Specialist, Robertson Center for Intercultural Leadership
Giovanni Morisco, Events Specialist, Dining Services - Catering
Janette Starke, Events Supervisor
Dining Services - Catering
Jacqueline Trovato, Custodian
Ricardo Willis, Chef

Farewell Staff:

John Avots Smith, Associate Director
Development
Nicole Callis, Events Supervisor
Dining Services - Catering
Liliana Cardile, Events Specialist
Events and Rentals
Jess Delegencia, Intercultural Training Specialist, Robertson Center for Intercultural Leadership
Arnulfo Gomez, Cook
Kelly Kurtenbach, Catering and Dining Team Lead

In Memory

1940s

Anne Frolik Adams

October 18, 2016



Anne got a degree in music from UC Berkeley, then spent four years in Paris. But she had to return to Berkeley, where she met Ernest Adams, a professor of philosophy at UC Berkeley, whom she married in 1957. They had two sons, Jim (born 1962) and Bill (born 1964).

The family moved to Soquel 1969, living there for nearly 40 years. Anne was a violinist in the Santa Cruz Symphony and wrote several plays. Anne was a lifelong lover of music, books, swimming, travel, and trips to the beach. Anne and Ernie moved to Lakewood, Colorado, in 2006 to be near Bill's family. Ernie passed away in 2009, a deep blow to Anne. During her residence in Colorado, Anne wrote her autobiography *From There to Here*, a fond reminiscence covering her first 90 years. Anne brought joy to her family and to her many friends.

Louise Ahern

May 26, 2016



Born in Roundup, Mussellshell County, Montana, Louise moved (with her parents) to California at the age of 8. While living at I-House, she was getting not only a degree in English from UC Berkeley but also a teaching credential and a fiancé! She and George Ahern, a naval officer, married in 1945.

She lived in Modesto, Sonora, Turlock, and finally lived in Oakland for 70 years. She had many lifelong friends as bridge partners and belonged to the same book group for over 30 years. She was known as an avid reader, a deep thinker, and she was "the center of [her] family's universe."

She is survived by her sister, Betty Ann Guy of Turlock; and her 3 children, Carol Andersen, Thomas Ahern, and Gail Ahern of Oakland; her son-in-law, Richard Andersen; her daughter-in-law, Beverly Ahern; five grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Grace Merriman Thompson Altus

September 13, 2016



Grace came to UC Berkeley to obtain a Ph.D. in Psychology. A post-doc at Columbia led to a career as a school psychologist. Grace married William (Bill) David Altus, a psychology professor at UCSB. Nepotism laws meant no faculty position was available to her there, so she mentored interns

and co-authored papers with her husband. Her research included factors that influence school achievement and test patterns in children. She became a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Psychological Association, and was listed in *Who's Who of American Women*. She set swimming records into her 70s. She was a volunteer for Santa Barbara organizations and a life member of the Sierra Club. She was a voracious reader and delighted in taking her children and grandchildren to Chaucer's Bookstore to choose gifts. When Grace was a youngster, her family could not afford music lessons, so she nurtured her children's musical interests and ensured that they had the lessons for which she had yearned.

She stayed in close touch with her Norwegian roommate and the two of them took a fjord trip together as older women. Bill and Grace had three daughters and three grandchildren.

Barbara Francis Beetem

September 17, 2016

Barbara Francis Beetem passed away on Sept 17, 2016. She always spoke fondly of her years living at I-House and of the many friends she made there.

Noorudin A. Billawala

July 9, 2016

Noor came to the United States in 1947 as the trail blazer among his six siblings. At UC Berkeley, he received a B.S. in Electrical Engineering, an M.S. in Physics, and an M.B.A.. He was enrolled in a Ph.D. program at Stanford until family obligations required him to leave. He worked at Sylvania before becoming a real estate broker and property developer in many communities in the Bay Area. Noor's was a life of development of not only property but also of friendship and support networks for anyone in need. He reached out to the Muslim community and to Hindu friends. He operated Santa's Village (among many other enterprises). Noor is survived by his wife, seven children, and eleven grandchildren as well as siblings, nephews, and nieces.

In Memory

1950s

Robert H. Feinberg

March 19, 2016

Robert was born in Chicago and earned a B.S. at Northwestern before coming to UC Berkeley for a Ph.D. in biochemistry. He worked in Oklahoma and at Vanderbilt, before teaching biochemistry at the University of Tennessee Knoxville for many years. Retirement gave him the time he needed to pursue his love of art and history. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Ruth Feinberg; his sister, Helene Pier; his daughter, Susan Feinberg; his daughter-in-law, Cindy Feinberg; and his grandchildren, Neil, Pete, and Sasha Feinberg.

Marcia Tillson Gedanken

April 21, 2016

Marcia was Class of 1939 at the University of Rochester, and received her M.A. in Social Work from UC Berkeley. At Cal, Marcia met her husband, Bernard, who was getting his master's degree in mathematics. She had a career in child welfare, foster care, and international adoptions. By the time she retired, Marcia was Assistant Chief of the State of California Independent and Inter-country Adoption Bureau; and she had completed editing the first department publication on Inter-country Adoption. Marcia's years at I-House, 1947-48 and 1951-52, led her to underwrite the construction of an I-House ski lodge at Lake Tahoe. Not that she could ski: she wanted a place away from academic life to gather with friends. The lodge was later incorporated into the UC family camp, Lair of the Bear.

Joy Wade Moulton

June 30, 2016

Joy graduated from UC Berkeley with a B.A. in Physical Education after being active in many aspects of campus life. She subsequently got an M.S. in Physical Education at Wellesley. In 1973, her interest in genealogy became professional, and she published books, wrote a regular column, and lectured. She taught courses on the topic at Ohio State and elsewhere. The 120th General Assembly of the Ohio House of Representatives recognized Joy for her many contributions to the field of genealogy with a Special Citation in 1983. Her genealogical collection of nearly 1,000 volumes was donated to the State Library of Ohio, and has been transferred to the Columbus Public Library.

1960s

Ione Marie Minore

July 24, 2015

Ione Marie Minore, born in Muenster, Saskatchewan, began studying the piano at a very young age, and music became a life-long passion. After a year in Vienna and several years back in Canada, she made it to UC Berkeley, studying musicology, and living at I-House. There she met Don Minore, also a graduate student. When their degrees were in hand, they moved to Corvallis, OR. Ione played the organ at St. Mary's church, went to concerts, and the family took trips to the beautiful Canadian Rockies. Don and their children, Anna and Tim, are still in Corvallis.

Friends

Delia Fleishhacker Ehrlich

July 31, 2016

Delia Fleishhacker Ehrlich was a fourth generation San Franciscan who continued her family's tradition of contributing to the cultural life of the city. Her grandfather, Herbert Fleishhacker, was the first treasurer of I-House. Delia was the eldest child of Mortimer Fleishhacker, Jr. and Janet Choynski, who both served on the I-House Board of Directors. Delia spoke at the Gala in 1995 when the Fleishhakers and Fleishhacker Family Foundation were honored. Delia's brother David was a former resident and board member, playing a key role as one of the leaders of the 75th Anniversary campaign.

Erwin Louis Hahn

September 20, 2016

Erwin received his Ph.D. in 1949 at the University of Illinois. During a post-doc there, he made his seminal discovery of spin echoes, leading to the development of MRI/Magnetic Resonance Imaging, which changed the world of medical diagnostics. From Illinois, he went to Stanford, the IBM Watson Lab in New York, and the Columbia Physics Department. In 1955 he became an Assistant Professor at UC Berkeley, in 1961 a full Professor, and finally Professor Emeritus in 1991. Erwin's colleagues and the wider scientific community, will remember him as a brilliant scientist and a gregarious personality with an extraordinary sense of humor.

Gifts in Memory: March 1, 2016 – February 28, 2017

Grace M. Altus
Lesley Alexander

Alfredo C. Anderson
Guheen Margaret

Barbara F. Beetem
John F. Beetem

Nancy Brewer
Mary Ann Fisher

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Minerva L. Erickson
Donald K. Erickson

George E. Gourrich
Dorothy Gourrich

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Naranjan S. Heer
Patricia Lynch Heer

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Thomas & Zoe Ann Graves
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Margaret Ruley

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Mr. Douglas Isaac

William Ernest Jones
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