

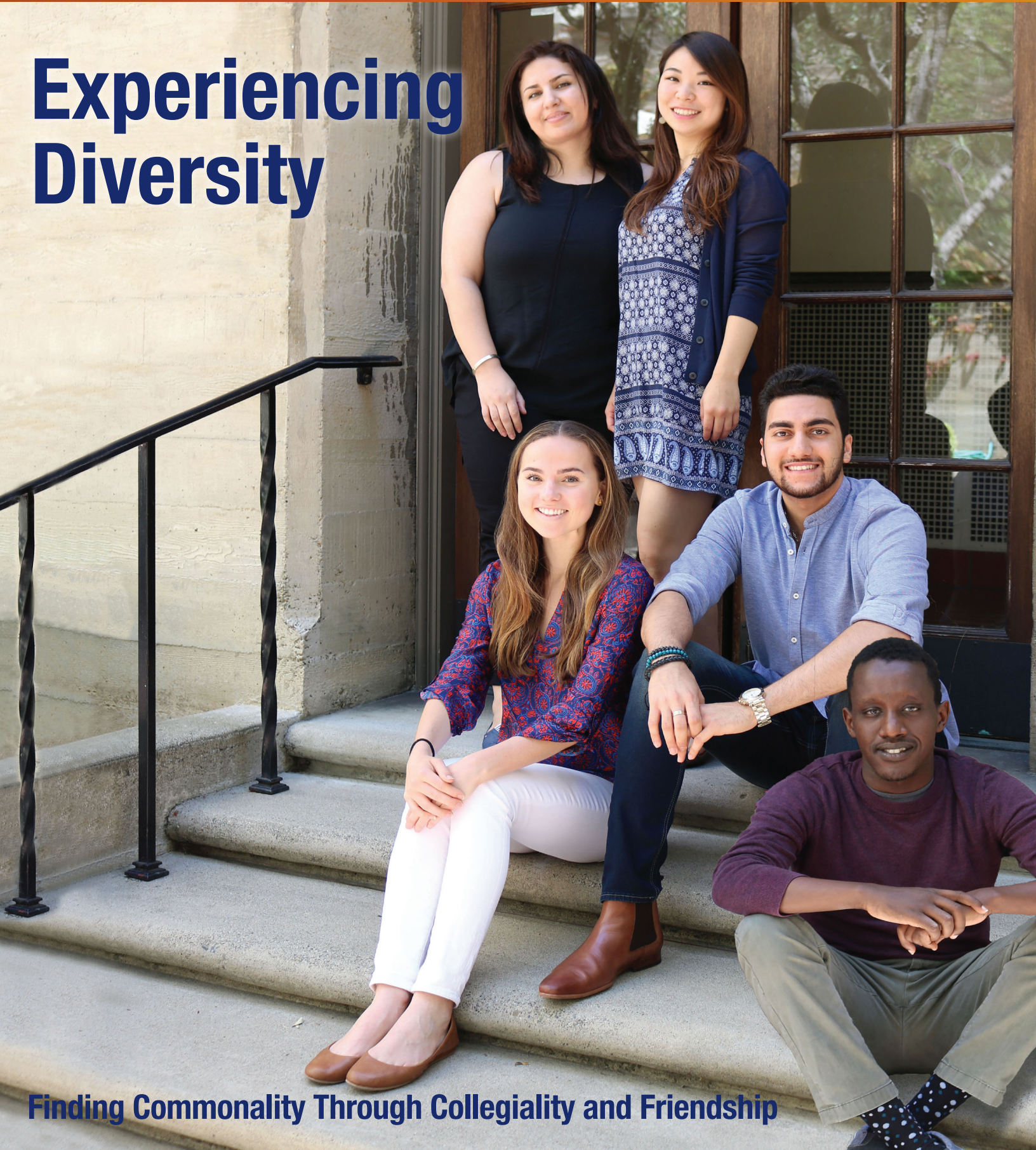


# INTERNATIONAL HOUSE TIMES

THE NEWSLETTER FOR FRIENDS & ALUMNI OF INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

2018 SPRING/SUMMER

## Experiencing Diversity



Finding Commonality Through Collegiality and Friendship



# Executive Director's Message



## Finding Collegiality Out of Conflict and Difference

In this era of increasing polarity of beliefs, customs, and traditions, it is all too easy to find people with whom one disagrees about key topics. One's natural reaction to such disagreements often leads to interpersonal conflict. For instance, one's internal voice may say, "There is just no way that I can get along

with that person." Or, even worse, "I am going to avoid interacting with that person because there is no possibility of building a bridge between our divergent points of view."

These natural inclinations or tendencies of dealing with others who are different need to be confronted and surmounted if we are going to have a global society where people learn to get along better than they often do now. Failure to find common ground can lead to an ever-growing chasm between those who see the world so differently and eventually lead to interpersonal anguish, strife, and animosity.

Current residents and alumni of I-House Berkeley know that there is indeed a better way of dealing with those with whom one has considerable differences. This doesn't necessarily come easy, but it is something that one can learn over time. This is an approach based on trainings embraced and taught by our Robertson Center for Intercultural Leadership. This training involves identifying how we deal with such conflicts, so that we can overcome them by learning to display a sense of appreciation and understanding of others' values, even if we don't agree with them or see them as counterproductive.

For social enterprises such as International House, the challenge and resulting need is that we must find a spirit of community, even in the face of such different ways of seeing the world. Living together in relatively close proximity actually helps move this along because one simply can't avoid a number of conflicts because they are literally in one's face every day. The reality is that when such differences are dealt with successfully, then all community members share in the common satisfaction of knowing that what was once considered to be a substantial difference is something that can be overcome.

In recent years, we have seen this tendency playing out on the world stage frequently. Real progress in overcoming such differences is hard to achieve, however, because many world leaders have not learned how to transcend their own narrowly framed personal perspectives with the broader view of appreciating and valuing the other's value system and the behaviors that stem from it.

Our hope is that when more of our own alumni infuse the world's political and social systems with a broader perspective of appreciation and understanding for successfully bridging such differences, then there will be a better sense of cooperation and harmony in the world, too. We will continue to do our part to advance this way of approaching difference here at I-House, and we hope that you will do so as well in your own spheres of influence. The outcome that we hope to see is a much more widely displayed atmosphere of collegiality in the midst of so much disharmony and polarization. ■

Hans C. Giesecke, Executive Director

## International House Board Transitions

### New to the Board



**Mark Cavagnero** is founding principal of the architecture firm, Mark Cavagnero Associates in San Francisco, known for its work with civic and educational organizations nationally and internationally. He received his M.A. in architecture at UC Berkeley.



**Charles Guo** (IH 2013-14) serves as a strategy consultant at Ernst & Young Parthenon with the corporate development team. Charles received his M.B.A. from the Haas School of Business focusing on emerging technologies and innovations. While living at I-House, he served on the Resident Council.



**Jenna Hahn** specializes in social impact, program management, and strategy design as the Global Social Performance Advisor, Corporate Responsibility at Chevron Corp. Jenna received a Masters of Development Practice degree from UC Berkeley.



**Bukola Mabadeje** is an attorney with Buchalter in San Francisco. Bukola specializes in commercial, technology, life sciences, and real estate lending. She is a former resident of the International Student House in Washington, D.C.



We are pleased that **Joan Kask** and **Robert Wong** are returning to the Board of Directors after their mandatory one-year hiatus periods. Both longtime supporters of Cal and I-House, we look forward to continue working with them.

### Retiring from the Board



**Diane Dwyer** termed off the board effective June 30, 2018 after nine years of dedicated service. Diane served on the Executive and Program Committees and chaired the Technology Committee.



# Katie's Farewell

By Katie Cummins

On May 15 2018, former I-House resident, Katie Cummins, posted a touching message on Facebook that we could not help but give an enthusiastic thumbs up! Following is Katie's post and her personal I-House story.



Over these past few years at UC Berkeley, there have been political shifts that have created fear and unrest among the student body. For me, it was the best time to be living at I-House, a place where I was reminded every day of the power of inclusivity, the beauty of our differences, and the pure joy of connecting with others.

I had the pleasure of serving as a resident health worker during my time at I-House. In charge of promoting wellness, I decided to start teaching evening yoga classes in the Gamble Lounge. There was something amazing about teaching in a space with so much history. The energy in I-House is something special; it's almost as though the love and warmth that has been cultivated over the last 88 years is held within its wood paneled walls.

My favorite part of the health worker role was the peer counseling component, which allowed me the opportunity to connect with residents on a deeper level. Some of my favorite I-House memories

are the moments I met with my peers, listening to their unique life stories. I would listen to the raw emotions of my peers, and suddenly all our differences disappeared. From these vulnerable moments grew lifelong friendships. My biggest take-away was that, although I lived in one of the most diverse communities on campus, we were all navigating the same ups and downs of life. You're never in it alone. We are all human and share the experiences of heartbreak, loss, loneliness, and fear and, on the other end, joy, excitement, passion, and love. These are the things that matter most in life and they are universal.

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*"But far more meaningful than learning about the many different cultures that filled the house, was seeing the way that people can connect regardless of differences"*

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I-House will always hold a special place in my heart. I thank everyone who has contributed to keeping its magic alive. ■





# One Summer at I-House



Kimi Mojica leads a summer programming strategy meeting

Whether residents live here for a few weeks or a few years, the impact of the International House experience is lifelong. Every resident has opportunity to access a full range of programming distinctive to I-House Berkeley that is true to our mission, no matter the length of their stay.

During the academic year, some 600 upper division students, graduate students, and visiting scholars from six continents reside at I-House. However, during the summer, we are able to offer housing and services to an even more diverse community of residents. With seven distinct summer sessions and special programs, I-House is abuzz with the many new faces moving in and out of this historic building.

All this transitioning during the summer allows us the flexibility to expand the eligibility requirements regarding academic level to include first and second year students. Expansion of eligibility requirements facilitates a unique sharing of perspectives among and between a wider range of age groups and experience levels.

The flexibility of the summer also allows us to partner with various organized groups. In collaboration with Summer Programs at UC Berkeley, I-House coordinated with multiple group reservations services, including The Center for Energy Efficient Electronics Science and the Transfer-to-Excellence Summer Research Program for lower division, Californian undergraduates. In addition to representing students from Colorado State University, Stanford University, and UCLA, these groups are comprised of residents from Norway, Hong Kong, Germany, Pakistan, and South Korea, bringing almost 200 residents, who create a kaleidoscope of diverse communities, as they enter our halls, to live and learn together.

Regardless of these differences in the resident population during the summer, the I-House Program Office spearheads the effort to ensure that the experience is just as powerful for the residents in the summer as it is in the academic year. In addition to regular resident programming, new options this summer include trips to the Redwood Botanical Gardens Concert Series and the Ice Cream Museum, the Heller Patio Sunday Brunch Concert, World Cup viewing, and special summer-themed Coffee Hours.

This year, the Program Office also hosted a Sunday Supper in July as a way of inspiring residents to make the most of their relatively short time here by becoming active and engaged early on. I-House's most enduring, continuously held event, Sunday Supper, has traditionally been held only during the regular academic year. Kimi Mojica, the Program Office's student engagement officer said, "We hope this new summer tradition fosters a sense of community early on, and helps residents connect their presence here at I-House directly to the larger I-House movement."



Student Engagement Officer, Kimi Mojica welcomes guests at the first Summer Sunday Supper

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Summer Program Assistants, Moses Surumen and Mariko Mizogami, serve as masters of ceremonies for Summer Sunday Supper

When the MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program gave Moses Surumen, from Kenya, the chance to pursue his bachelor's degree from a university in the United States, he chose UC Berkeley because of its legacy for social activism and the possibility of living at I-House. Although somewhat reserved, Moses has regarded living at I-House as an opportunity to learn and grow within a community that reflects his values and his "Kenyan style" of greeting acquaintances, no matter how much time it may take. He feels a responsibility to return to Kenya to help improve his community after he completes his studies.

Mariko Mizogami, an undergraduate exchange student from Waseda University in Tokyo, Japan, had such a wonderful year living at I-House during 2017-18 that she decided to continue living here throughout the summer as well. She also decided to apply to be a summer program assistant so that she could help provide to summer residents the same amazing experience that she had. Mariko shared, "I have changed a lot and gained confidence after living at I-House. I can offer my opinion and just be myself, which is very freeing."

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Originally from Iran, Kian Talaei, got his first taste of the international and programmatic diversity offered at I-House Berkeley beginning last year with his job as a security monitor. He was so inspired by the community that he decided to apply to be a resident this summer and also became a resident assistant.

## Summer Resident Reflections

"International House creates a collaborative environment where residents with different cultures and backgrounds can come together and interact within a very special social, academic, and professional setting. For me, it has created unforgettable memories and bonds that extend thousands of miles. From encounters with new people every day in the Dining Commons and listening to music in the Game Room, this place has truly allowed me to experience a small dose of culture from dozens of countries." – Kian Talaei, USA/Iran

Narges Karimi is in the Innovation Norway Group Summer program at UC Berkeley through the Centre for Entrepreneurship affiliated with the University of Oslo and a current summer I-House resident. Coming from a multicultural background, Narges remarked, "From my first day at I-House, I felt an instant sense of community and I look forward to the unique experiences I will continue to have throughout the rest of my stay."

Below from left: Narges Karimi and Kian Talaei





# Conflict Style: A Different Look at “Diversity”

By Jason Patent, Director of the Robertson Center for Intercultural Leadership

## *How do you like your conflict?*

It's a silly question, right? Who likes conflict? But behind the question, there's a lot worth digging into. We might not like conflict, but we all have preferences for how we manage conflict, called “conflict styles.” Understanding conflict styles, and how they vary across cultures, can enable us to guide our organizations toward resolving conflict more effectively, making us better leaders.

Conflict style isn't a kind of diversity we're used to thinking about. At I-House we tend to think of diversity mostly in terms of national culture and geographical origins. Within the U.S. context, “diversity” often refers to layers of identity such as race, class, sexuality, gender expression, physical ability, religious beliefs, and countless others—a different, but related, sense of diversity, shaped by culture in ways that differ from national culture.

Even though conflict style isn't usually front and center when we think of diversity, it's an important way in which people behave differently from one another. On May 23, 2018 the Robertson Center for Intercultural Leadership (CIL) hosted a workshop for members of the board of directors, I-House staff, and various CIL stakeholders and partners, entitled *Managing Conflict across Cultures*. This has been one of CIL's most popular workshops and we're excited to share some of the content and key takeaways with you in this article.



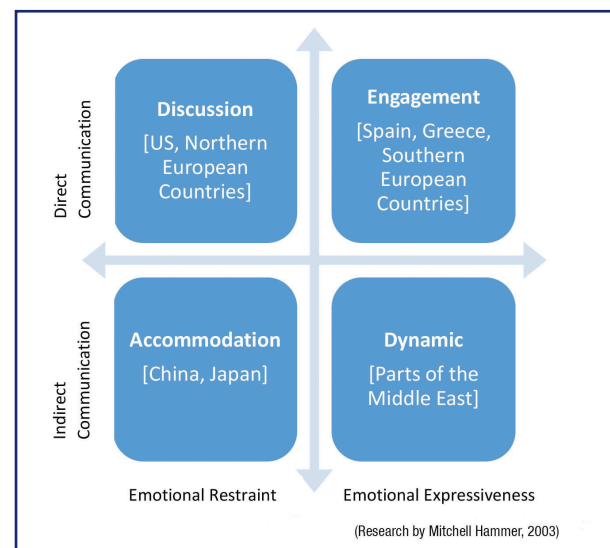
Finding Commonalities activity

We encounter conflict every day, whether or not we call it conflict. For the workshop, we define conflict in a broad way. Two things matter: (1) there is disagreement, and (2) the people who disagree with each other care enough to have feelings of some kind. When we encounter conflict, the brain, shaped by millions of years of evolution, senses threat, which tricks the brain into thinking that our literal, physical survival is at

stake. This in turn leads to the “fight, flight, or freeze” response, making rational thought extremely difficult, if not impossible.

How we behave when our brains react this way defines our conflict style. Conflict styles vary along two dimensions: (1) How directly do I communicate? and (2) How emotionally expressive am I? Depending on how we come down on these two dimensions, we are said to prefer one of four conflict styles listed below (Hammer, 2003):

1. Discussion (direct communication, emotionally restrained)
2. Engagement (direct communication, emotionally expressive)
3. Accommodation (indirect communication, emotionally restrained)
4. Dynamic (indirect communication, emotionally expressive)



When we're in disagreement with someone who has a different conflict style, we often will see that person's behavior in negative, stereotyped ways. For instance, people who prefer *Discussion style* might view those with an *Engagement style* as overly emotional, or they may see *Accommodation style* as a passive-aggressive approach to conflict. In the workshop, we focus on the brain's tendency to make snap judgments like this, and we analyze the reasons for our reactions. Essentially, the brain notices a certain behavior (such as elevated voice pitch, a hallmark of emotional expressiveness) and decides in a split second whether it likes this behavior, based on what we care about most—in other words, based on our values.





- Learning to manage our own negative reactions to the varied conflict styles of the people we're leading, and shifting to an appreciation-based approach

- Recognizing when our colleagues' conflict styles are out of sync with cultural norms, and creating space for these colleagues to be their authentic selves—thereby fostering a sense of inclusion and belonging
- Enabling us to guide our organizations toward resolving conflict more quickly, while strengthening human relationships

This gives just a taste of the many angles on managing conflict that we presented in the four-hour workshop. This fall, as part of CIL's course, ***Global Leadership in the 21st Century***, which includes many I-House residents, there will be a specific

Diversity is everywhere, not just where it's obvious. The more we can dig beneath the surface and understand what motivates people to behave as they do, the more successful we will be—as leaders, as roommates, as friends and spouses, and truly in all aspects of our lives.



A recent participant of the *Managing Conflict* course stated:

“This workshop was both fun and engaging. The workshop leaders are clearly versed in this material. They answered questions honestly and vulnerably, which encouraged us to do the same. This workshop definitely passed the morning-after test. I am still thinking about, processing and even applying this information days after the workshop happened.”

To learn more about CIL's work at I-House and beyond, visit [cil.berkeley.edu](http://cil.berkeley.edu) or email us at [cil@berkeley.edu](mailto:cil@berkeley.edu). ■



## INTERNATIONAL HOUSE BERKELEY

30TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION & AWARDS

# Gala

The 30th Annual Celebration & Awards Gala on Monday, April 9th, was an inspiring and memorable evening under the dome with **Chancellor Carol Christ** and honoring **Irving Tragen (IH 1943-47)**, with the ***Global Ambassador of Peace and Inspiration Award***, and the **WattTime** team, with the ***Young Alumni Initiative Award***. Eighteen resident hosts greeted nearly 200 guests, who enjoyed the fantastic I-House cuisine, prepared by Chef Todd Koenigsberg, resident entertainment, and panel discussions with the Chancellor, Irving Tragen, and the WattTime team members. It was a wonderfully rewarding evening experienced by all who came!

I-House board member, journalist, and Haas faculty member, **Diane Dwyer** moderated an engaging Q & A with Chancellor Christ and Irving Tragen. She began by introducing Christ as the new Chair of the I-House Board of Directors and congratulating Tragen on receiving his award for exemplifying I-House principals throughout his personal and professional life. Tragen served over 55 years in Inter-American Affairs and was with the U.S. Foreign Service, with diplomatic and development assignments in eight Latin American countries.



Moderator Diane Dwyer, Chancellor Christ, and Irving Tragen during their Q & A

He felt his I-House experience truly shaped his professional career due to the “exposure to different cultures, and the perceptions that I acquired living at International House that changed me from a provincial boy from San Francisco to someone who understands that the world is much broader. I think I-House and UC Berkeley was the place that essentially led me to believe that the way to build understanding is by building bridges—not walls.”

Photos by Lori Cheung

Both Christ and Tragen agreed that I-House is a major influence on UC Berkeley and on the world. Christ said, “Person-to-person understanding of how things look from a different location or through a different set of glasses is what I believe fosters intertwined understanding, and this is what we all should be committed to. This is a world where it is so hard for people to find common ground and for me, I-House is the impetus for finding common ground, through difference.”

After the rousing Q & A, the ***Young Alumni Initiative Award*** was presented to the original I-House members of the WattTime team, **Gavin McCormick (IH 2011-14)**, **Margot Fried (IH 2013)**, and **Vishwanath Bulusu (IH 2014-16)**. WattTime was started with an idea that originated at I-House, and grew from a small student project into a new way of measuring energy emissions across a wide variety of corporations, tech organizations, and eventually, governments.

Jason Patent, director of the Robertson Center for Intercultural Leadership (CIL), moderated a discussion on inclusive global leadership and high-performing teams and revealed why WattTime could only have been founded at I-House.



From left: Jason Patent, Gavin McCormick, Margot Fried, and Vish Bulusu

McCormick commented, “Had I not eaten in the I-House Dining Commons, I would not have been talking to residents from other majors who were new to this country and were looking to join something interesting. I remember that Margot said that I was not good at explaining things, so she volunteered to build a mock-up. Vish, who was an engineer, asked, ‘Why stop there? I can build a prototype of the device.’ Every day someone new would join. Econ majors passed the baton to engineering students, they passed the baton to business majors, and so on. This could only have started at I-House where all of the members had different skill sets, were from different countries, and were all thinking about how we can make the world a better place.”

View the full interview on our website:  
[ihouse.berkeley.edu/gala](http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/gala) ■

Photo right by Ryan Gourley





# Chengdu Food & Culture Festival

## *at I-House*



As part of the “Chengdu Days” around the Bay Area, I-House was selected to host part of the Chengdu Cultural Festival, celebrating the city of Chengdu, China, and showcasing an evening of Sichuan cuisine and entertainment on November 2, 2017.

I-House guests, residents, and UC Berkeley students and staff indulged in a special Sichuan cooking demonstration with celebrity chef Martin Yan, Chinese dancers, and opera performers. Chefs from Chengdu worked with the I-House culinary team to create a delicious Sichuan meal for all festival guests and I-House residents to enjoy.



Chef Martin Yan demonstrates his cooking expertise

San Francisco **Mayor Ed Lee** and his wife, **Anita**, were instrumental in establishing San Francisco and Chengdu as Friendship Cities. The first *Chengdu Food and Culture Festival* took place in San Francisco in 2016. This led to further cultural exchanges between the two cities. Due to their support, the event expanded to a two-week celebration. In 2017, there was an opening night gala at San Francisco City Hall, hosted by Mayor Ed Lee. *Chengdu Days* events at I-House and various Bay Area technology companies were a great success.

As the capital of Sichuan, Chengdu is the shining star in fast-growing Western China. More than just a business hub, Chengdu is an artistic and cultural center with over 2300 years of continuous history. The city was home to many of China's best-known scholars, painters, and poets. Chengdu is also famous for its local cuisine and has been named UNESCO's first City of Gastronomy in Asia. Last, but not least, Chengdu is home to the lovable giant pandas.

### San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee

Mayor Ed Lee will be fondly remembered by the UC Berkeley and International House communities. San Francisco's first Asian American mayor, and the man who presided over San Francisco's transformation during the recent tech boom, passed away on December 12, 2017.

Born in Seattle, the fourth of six children of immigrant parents, Lee grew up in housing projects. He won a scholarship to Bowdoin College in Maine and then went to UC Berkeley Law School. As a law student and intern at the Asian Law Caucus in 1978, he represented residents of the Ping Yuen public housing complex, who were angry over unsafe and unsanitary conditions in the first tenant rent strike against the San Francisco Housing Authority.



He is remembered by many as someone who loved the community and had a great sense of humor. We were honored to have Mayor Lee's participation in the Chengdu Cultural Festival at I-House on November 2, 2017.

Would you like to reunite with I-House friends?  
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or call (510) 642-4128.



# Making a World of Difference

The World of Difference Wall was established in 2008 to recognize donors whose cumulative giving to I-House exceeds \$5,000. From monthly gifts over the course of several years, to a one-time gift, these generous donations enable I-House to preserve our historic facility, provide intercultural programs, offer scholarships to residents with both promise and need, and expand our technological resources.

To accommodate the ever-growing list of names of donors who have reached this milestone, the wall was recently redesigned with the names of donors etched into glass and mounted on plates with the original marble-effect.

It is displayed prominently, opposite the inside entrance to the I-House Café and adjacent to the northern entry to the Great Hall, ensuring that each year, thousands of visitors, friends, alumni, and members of the campus and resident community will enjoy the opportunity to peruse the names of those without whom our work would not be possible.



We truly thank all of our generous contributors who are so crucial to the success of I-House.

## Bench Plaque Dedicated to the "Intrepid Spirit," Virginia Hamerslag Friedman

Virginia Hamerslag Friedman was very loyal to Cal from the day she entered as a freshman in 1935. Her family, namely her three children, Diane Brett (M.B.A. from UCB 1981), Robert Friedman, and John Friedman (B.A. from UCB 1968), along with her niece, Carol Turner, and nephew, Richard Jeweler (B.A. from UCB 1971), came together to honor what would have been Virginia's 100th birthday on March 11, 2018.

Virginia's family said...

"I-House inspired Virginia to pursue her desire to learn about different cultures and make meaningful connections with people from around the world. She became a world traveler who visited the "four corners" of the world and inspired so many family members to do the same."

Below is the wording engraved on the plaque:

Virginia Hamerslag '39, An Intrepid Spirit  
Met Husband Jay Friedman at I-House Dance  
Loving Mom, Nana, Aunt and Friend to All

For more information about naming opportunities at International House, please visit our website at [ihouse.berkeley.edu/naming](http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/naming)





# As Cal Celebrates 150 Years

## I-House is Proud to Join Several Campus-wide Events, Including Big Give and Cal Day



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

# BIGGIVE

I-House was proud to participate once again in Big Give, UC Berkeley's 24-hour online fundraising blitz on March 8th. This year's event was truly momentous! In honor of our 88th anniversary this year, the first 88 donations to I-House, regardless of size, were matched with an additional \$100 thanks to three generous donors: Susan Klee, Kwei Ü, and the Berkeley Club of Switzerland.

The record total of 104 donations, enabled I-House to win an additional \$6,000 in the Big Bang Contest for reaching participation goals, bringing the total amount raised to more than \$30,000.

We would like to personally thank all who participated. We also want to thank I-House resident, **Emily Weisberg (IH 2018)**, along with her fellow Social Welfare Class 155 team members who gathered donations from their friends and family for Big Give. We could not have exceeded our goals without everyone's thoughtful support that we received throughout the day. For a list of Big Give donors, see page 16.



# CalDay

Over 125 I-House residents, alumni, and community members alike came to I-House to enjoy the Global Beats, Brunch, and Tours event during Cal Day on April 21st, with live music and international cuisine. I-House board member, Richard Palmer, along with the other event attendees enjoyed the fabulous resident entertainment and the delicious international brunch on the Heller Patio.

We were also excited to welcome back notable alumnus, **Victor Pineda (IH 1999-2000)**, due to the ramp construction to the Heller Patio that took place last year in an ongoing effort to continue to make I-House, and UC Berkeley, an inclusive and welcoming space for all. Pineda served as President Obama's appointee to the United States Access Board. Pineda shared his joy of being able to access the patio for the first time through the newly built ramp.



Pictured above right: board member Richard Palmer with Student Engagement Officer, Kimi Mojica. Pictured right: Victor Pineda with Director of Development and Communications, Joy Iwasa.



# Back to Berkeley

## Look Who Came To Visit!



**1. Lorna Marlow-Munoz (IH 1988)** brought her Solano Community College's French Club members to I-House for a tour and lunch in the Dining Commons. They all enjoyed their time here while conversing in French with three I-House residents.

**2. Helen Posnansky Thorndal (IH 1990-91) and Anders Yang (IH 1990-91)** became friends while they were residents of I-House. They fondly remembered all the times they spent in the Library.

**3. Jacklyn Lauchland-Shaw (IH 1967-70)** returned to Berkeley to attend UC Berkeley's 150th Anniversary Charter Day festivities. She was grateful to have an I-House tour, which brought back many fond memories, including celebrating her college graduation with her parents on the Heller Patio.

**4. Donna Artusy (IH 2009-10) and Chee Hae Chung (IH 2009)** were delighted to stay in the Ambassador Suite and relive their days as roommates at I-House. Chung traveled from South Korea for this special reunion. A favorite moment from their visit was having lunch with Larnie Macasieb from the Program Office.

**5. Christine Cook Stone (center), the daughter of Christiane Barbarin Cook (IH 1946-47), and dear family friend Sophie Blanc (right) met with Fundraising and Events Coordinator Angela Rauch.** They reminisced about the days when Christiane lived here as a foreign exchange student from France.

**6. Horst Simon (IH 1976-79) (right), Deputy Laboratory Director at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, visited with Hans Giesecke, Executive Director of I-House, to discuss future collaboration with international and post-doc students.**

**7. Julie Thaysen Elming (IH 2016) (left), from Denmark, truly enjoyed visiting I-House and was thrilled to have the chance to see her old room and show her friend all her favorite places.**

**8. Kaya Tuncer's (IH 1959-62) wife Mary (right), along with daughter Deniz, visited I-House to honor him and pay tribute to his time at I-House. Notable IH alumnus, Kaya and his wife Mary, established a California nonprofit, *Global Friendship Through Space Education*, aligned with I-House's mission to foster intercultural understanding.**



# Back to Berkeley

## Sunday Supper: A Time-Honored Resident Tradition

Sunday Supper, one of I-House's oldest and most distinctive resident traditions, is an ongoing special gathering that welcomes residents, alumni, and guests to share food, entertainment, and friendship four times each year. I-House friends and supporters Anne Rosenzweig, Nancy Lim, Joan Jenkins, and the incoming University Section Club officers were delighted to have had the opportunity to attend Sunday Suppers that were held in February and/or April.



1. Anne Rosenzweig (pictured 2nd from right) attended the February Sunday Supper, where she enjoyed speaking French and Spanish with I-House residents. She created an I-House-named scholarship in the memory of her mother, Janine, that is awarded to a deserving international student each year.

2. Members of the Rotary Club of Redding, pictured with Larnie Macasieb (right), always enjoy the candle lighting ceremony at the spring Sunday Suppers. Each year, they coordinate a fun trip for residents during spring break.

3. UC Berkeley Section Club member and I-House supporter, Joan Jenkins (left), was hosted by the club's scholarship recipient, Zareen Chema.

4. Nancy Lim (left) pictured with Joy Iwasa, Director of Development and Communications, enjoyed meeting I-House residents and learning more about their UC Berkeley experience. Nancy was first introduced to I-House by attending the 2017 Global Homecoming.

## Alumni Are Always Welcome to Visit Their Former Home!

To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of arriving in America, **Ashok Desai (IH 1968-69)** (pictured 6th from left) returned to I-House with his entire family to observe this significant day that changed his life. He enjoyed showing all his children and grandchildren his favorite areas and sharing many of his beloved I-House memories. The family was very proud to celebrate this very momentous day with him.





# Alumni News & Notes

## 1930s

**Anne Waybur (IH 1939-40)** writes that she is “living happily in the senior residence, The Redwoods in Mill Valley, among many educated and interesting residents, keeping current with our tortured politics and with our wonderfully developed cultural achievements—ballet, opera, and symphony!”

## 1940s

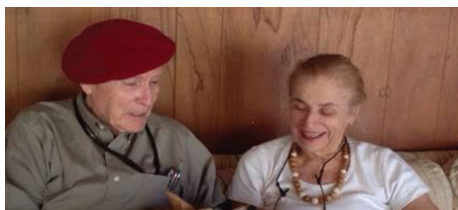
**Mason Gaffney (IH 1948-52)** writes, “I’ve been emulating Titian, publishing my best work in my 90s. I just want my old pals to know their old messmate is still active, although nominally retired. Also to let the youngsters know they don’t have to hang up their cleats just because they reach ‘mandatory retirement age.’ If you have something new to say, there’s still a market out there! Here’s a pic of me attacking a really huge rubber tree with a truly ordinary axe. I’m slower than I was in my prime, so it took almost two hours.”



**Clive Justice (IH 1947-50)** met his wife while he was a resident at I-House and reflects on their beautiful life together. He writes, “My wife, Wanda Elizabeth, passed away March 31, 2014. We were married in June 21, 1948 in Oakland. Our reception was held at I-House in the Ambassador Suite. Wanda and I enjoyed 62 years together and had four boys: Clive Michael in 1951, Charles Edward in 1953, Rodney Philips in 1955, and Douglas Edward Clive in 1957.”

## 1950s

**Ellen Alkon (IH 1956)** writes, “Over 61 years ago I spent a wonderful summer at I-House. I met fascinating people, including Paul, who is now my husband of 60 years. Thanks to I-House for a formative experience.”



**Marcia Garbus Burnam (IH 1950-51)** shared a story about her family’s ongoing relationship with an Ethiopian family. The family asked Marcia whether she would be willing to take in their son, Tewodros Gedebou, to have him live in the United States with her. Marcia was able to help raise him, and he is now a reconstructive plastic surgeon. Dr. Gedebou returned to Ethiopia ten years ago, and built an American-style surgical hospital, which is the first of its kind in Ethiopia. He named it after Marcia to honor and thank her for taking such good care of him. Without the experience living in the I-House community, none of this could have happened.

**Lawrence Giver (IH 1953-62)** and his wife, Rhonda, send their family’s best wishes to I-House. He writes, “Our eldest daughter, Cindy, and her family visited from Atlanta, Georgia at Christmas.” Pictured below is the entire family, including their son and three daughters, their spouses, and their four grandchildren.



**Barbara Robben (IH 1954-59)** still visits I-House regularly and brings guests to eat in the Dining Commons. She enjoys sitting with residents and staff. She noted, “The red tile floors and architecture evoke pleasant memories. I-House alumni may find the dining entrance relocated and the cafeteria area modernized, but the feel of the dining room will be pleasantly familiar.”

## 1960s

**Ronald Bolstad (IH 1963-65)** just celebrated 51 years of marriage to his wife, Marilyn, whom he met at an I-House social while he lived here.

**Marna Feldt (IH 1963-66)** reminisces on her time at I-House and service on the Resident Council over 50 years ago. She writes, “with an M.A. and all but a dissertation between [her] and a Ph.D. [she] left I-House, not knowing what was going to happen next. What followed was a fantastic 30-year career working as a cultural and information officer for Sweden!”

**Susan (Pokrass) Kravis (IH 1962-63)** now lives in Chicago and has many fond memories of I-House. She served as a member of the I-House Resident Council. She would come back to school early in the fall to greet the new residents and be involved with a trip to San Francisco. She always enjoyed being present and witnessing the joy these new residents had seeing San Francisco for the first time.

**John Sharp (IH 1963-65)** met his wife **Sara Colegrove (IH 1963-65)** at I-House in 1963. Last year, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and still have fond memories of their time here.

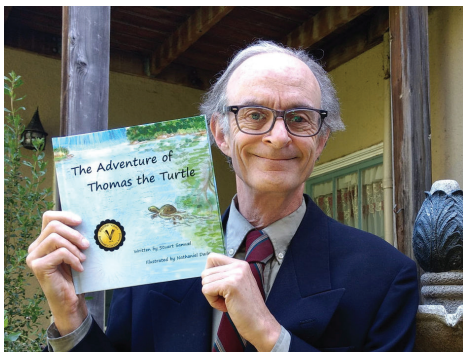


# Alumni News & Notes

## 1970s

### Stuart Samuel (IH 1975)

Stuart is happy to report that his children's book, *The Adventure of Thomas the Turtle*, has won several prizes: a 2018 Reviewer Choice Award, a Be Kind to Animals Prize from Feathered Quill Book Reviews, and an Independent Press Award 2018 Distinguished Favorite.



## 1980s

**Nanette Chadwick (IH 1982-83)** has fond memories of the diversity of people she met and befriended while residing at I-House. She continues to be dedicated to the mission of I-House through her involvement with the International Women for Peace and Understanding, a small international group of women in Alabama who work for peace. Learn more at: [www.iwpuauburn.org](http://www.iwpuauburn.org).

### Floris van den Broek (IH 1988-90)

and his wife, Eva, have been living in Amsterdam for the past ten years, after having lived in New York and Paris. Floris writes, "I've been running several technology companies, and currently, I run a cyber-security company, called Redsocks Security, based out of the Netherlands, selling virus-detection software worldwide. I often see other I-House friends of the same period, including **Julius Pinckaers (IH 1988-89)**, **Mieko Tachikawa (IH 1988)**, and **Shunsa Hayashi (IH 1988)**."

## 1990s

**Sylvie Brieu (IH 1991-92)** writes, "My last book, *Burma: The Roads to Freedom*, about women change-makers in Myanmar who lead the way to peace, freedom, and democracy was published in 2016. I'm currently working on a new editorial project about the American West." When she is not in the field, Sylvie leads workshops and seminars on cultural diversity in schools, and hopes to return to UC Berkeley to continue this conversation with students here.



## 2010s

**Johannes Bogen (IH 2015)** and **Minji Song (IH 2015)** met at I-House in September 2015, only to separate nine months later when they returned to their home countries of Norway and South Korea, respectively. Nevertheless, the couple got engaged in April 2017, and are currently planning a Norwegian wedding!



### Nneka Vivian Okafor (IH 2013-14)

writes, "A lot has happened on my end since leaving I-House in 2014. I married my longtime friend and classmate from my undergrad studies in Nigeria. We live and work in Washington D.C. Also, I was hired by the International Finance Corporation, a member of the World Bank Group. I'm enjoying the job and love the team I work with."

### Christina Randall (IH 2015-17)

has moved to Houston, Texas to clerk for a federal judge for the next two years. Christina writes, "I have to admit that, as much as I loved living at I-House when I was still a law student, I am coming to appreciate it even more now that I am an attorney out in the world. In my opinion, the intellectual curiosity at I-House is second to none. I-House fosters an appreciation for the diversity of experiences and cultures all around the world. And what has struck me since I graduated and left my little room on the 8th floor, is the sheer optimism of the students. These are students who truly believe that they can not only be someone important, but that they can be a force for positive change in this world—all parts of it." Christina is not the only I-House alum in her family; in fact, she and her brother, **Morgan Randall (IH 2014-16)** were both residents and scholarship recipients during their time here. Christina is grateful for the aid that she received while at I-House and looks forward to being able to support scholarships at I-House in the future.





## Alumni News & Notes/ I-House Staff Transitions

**Zhongrui Li (IH 2017-18)**, a student in the Department of Chemical Engineering, and the 2017-18 Chevron-Xenel Ph.D. Gateway Fellow, shares his thoughts before moving out. "I had a lovely and unforgettable time living at I-House. As an international student, this is my first year living in the U.S., and living in I-House made both my life and study easier and more convenient. Though I am always shy to talk with strangers, I like the feeling of immersing in different cultures living here." Zhongrui has made breakthroughs in his research on E.coli strains involved in colorectal cancer and is preparing to submit a manuscript on his work, where he intends to express appreciation for his I-House Gateway Fellowship.

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### Staff Transitions

November 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018

#### Welcome New Staff

Nathaniel Dickens – *Custodian*  
Jiana Gonzalez – *Cook*  
Todd Koenigsberg – *Executive Chef*  
Grace Michel – *Intercultural Training Specialist*  
Raymond Sharp – *Sous Chef*  
Benjamin Stopper – *IT Manager*  
Michael Yamamoto – *Catering and Dining Team Lead*  
Nicolas Zimmerman – *Catering Manager*

#### Farewell

Clifford Addison – *Custodian*  
Jessica Burns – *Sr Food Service Worker*  
Aaron Clark – *Residential Life Coordinator*  
William Doyle – *Info Systems Analyst*  
Jordan Lichman – *Executive Chef*  
Shirley Spiller – *Sr Advisor for Business and Financial Affairs*  
Ricardo Willis – *Sous Chef*

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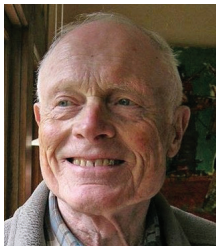


# In Memory

1940s

## Paul Grunland (IH 1943-45)

February 2, 2018



Paul Grunland, a longtime supporter of I-House and a well-known and beloved community member passed away at the age of 93. He lived at

International House during the Callaghan Hall era, and met his wife, **Peggy Post Grunland (IH 1946-47)**, who welcomed I-House residents by name at the front desk between 1947 and 1951.

Grunland was active in the Berkeley Historical Society, Berkeley Path Wanderers, and El Cerrito Historical Society. He led informative walking tours in Berkeley, Kensington, and El Cerrito and documented the history of the Berkeley Woods tract, where he made his home with Peggy, his wife of 62 years. Before retiring, Paul managed the Capwell's store in El Cerrito Plaza. Paul recognized the special bonds of I-House residents in the post-World War II era, and was instrumental in the publishing of *The Golden Age of International House Berkeley: An Oral History of the Post World War II Era*, where Peggy's story is featured.

## Robert William Wright (IH 1947-50)

December 9, 2017



Robert William Wright was born in Atchison, Kansas, in 1923. He completed two undergraduate degrees over five years in math and physics at Carnegie Tech (now Carnegie

Mellon University.) He then served in the U.S. Navy in preparation for the planned invasion of Japan. After his discharge, he pursued a Ph.D. in nuclear physics at UC Berkeley, where he was a key member of the team that discovered a theta particle without hyperon in 1956.

Robert lived and participated actively in community life at International House during his years in Berkeley. It was through I-House activities that he met Fern Sneder, whom he married in 1954. He was equally passionate about politics and current affairs, history, historic ships, and skiing. He will be remembered for his enthusiasm, wide-ranging intellectual curiosity, and his interest in and generosity to others.

## Bernice Livingston Youtz (IH 1946-48)

November 18, 2017



Bernice was born in Santa Ana, California, in 1926. She read avidly and developed a lifelong love of history, literature, world travel, politics,

and social justice. As a student reporter at Occidental College, she covered the meetings in San Francisco that founded the United Nations.

During her graduate studies, Bernice lived at International House, where she met her future husband, physicist **Byron Leroy Youtz (IH 1946-52)**. After receiving a master's degree in French literature and a teaching certificate, she spent a year teaching English at a girls' school in northern France. After her return, she married Byron in 1951, and they moved to Beirut, Lebanon, where she developed a passion for helping Palestinian refugees and civil rights in Israel and the West Bank.

Many will remember her for the letters she wrote over the decades to newspapers, magazines, and world leaders, highlighting the historical roots of current affairs and offering her cogent opinions on policies and injustices. Bernice's autobiography, *Oh! the Places I've Been*, beautifully illuminates the American spirit of the 1930s, travel in postwar Europe and the Middle East, and the tumult of the 1960s.

1950s

## Marvin Abraham (IH 1953-56)

November 30, 2017



Marvin Meyer Abraham attended City College of New York, graduating with a B.S. in physics in 1953. In 1958, he achieved a Ph.D.

in physics from UC Berkeley. He married Reeva Swidler in Chicago and departed for two years to England, where he had a Fulbright Scholarship at Oxford. Marvin enjoyed traveling with Reeva all over the world, collecting books, and watching sports. His legacy lives on through his children and grandchildren and the many people he taught to make and enjoy bagels.

## Edward J. Dierauf (IH 1958-60)

February 2017



Edward Dierauf was an intelligence officer in the U.S. Navy and was admitted to UC Berkeley under the GI Bill. While at I-House, he met

his future wife, Verity Day, and made lifelong friends with **Dave Scheuring (IH 1957-61)**, **Jim Haag (IH 1958-60)**, **Oscar Bradfute (IH 1958-60)**, **Hank Schoenlein (IH 1957-59)**, and **Howard Wiggins (IH 1957-60)**. He was also friends with fellow I-House resident and current governor of California, **Jerry Brown (IH 1960-61)**.

Enticed by the call to service by President Kennedy, the Dieraufs enrolled in a British-USA program, which placed teachers in the newly independent African countries of Kenya, Tanganyika, Uganda, and Zanzibar. They had four children between 1960 and 1965. Verity passed away in October 2017. During the spring of 2018, their children held a memorial for their parents at International House, the location where their love flourished.



# In Memory

## Vern Haddick (IH 1950-51)

October 25, 2017



Vern attended UC Berkeley where he received his M.A. in counseling psychology and then continued with his doctoral studies. In addition, he

received an M.A. degree in library sciences from Columbia University. Vern joined the faculty of the Integral Counseling Psychology Program (ICP) at the California Institute of Integral Studies (CIIS) in 1971. He became the founding library director, where he supported students, staff, and faculty with his vast resources, immense knowledge, and loving kindness. Vern possessed a vast knowledge of world traditions and traveled widely in the U.S., Europe, and North Africa, along with **Paul Herman (IH 1949-51)**, his lifetime partner of more than fifty years, whom he met at I-House. Vern was honored with the title Professor Emeritus in 1995 upon his retirement from CIIS. In 2013, he was honored with the CIIS Alumni Award.

1960s

## Rose G. Buck (IH 1960-62)

September 2, 2017



Rose Gayle Buck was born in Seoul, South Korea, where she attended elementary through high school during the Japanese occupation of Korea. Following

the Korean War, she attended Sue Bennett College in Kentucky, and then UC Berkeley, majoring in business. She married George Hayden Buck, who predeceased her in 1977, and together they raised four children in Oakland, California. She worked at UC Berkeley and Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, before earning a M.B.A. from Holy Names College and becoming an insurance agent with MetLife. In 2012, she moved to Phoenix and lived at Beatitudes Campus until her passing at 88 years old.

## Slobodan Mitric (IH 1967-68)

May 14, 2018



Slobodan Mitric received his M.S. and Ph.D. in civil and transportation engineering from UC Berkeley. He then went on to teach at Ohio State University, followed

by an over 25-year career at the World Bank. It was at I-House that he met his wife of nearly 50 years, **Joan McQueeney Mitric (IH 1968)**, and lifetime friends **Lynn Caporale (IH 1967-72)**, **Richard Hills (IH 1967-68)**, **Zmarak Shalizi (IH 1963-72)**, and **Hugo Tarazona (IH 1967)**, as well as many others who have even visited his birthplace in Lipolist, Serbia. Slobodan was a free spirit known for his generous heart and all-enveloping hugs. An enthusiastic tennis player and a poetic soul, he relished gathering friends around a long table, sharing poetry, and working to reduce global poverty through public transport. He passed away from ALS with his three children at his side, listening to 60s rock and Serbian folk songs.

1970s

## David William Nairn (IH 1971)

March 16, 2018



David lived at International House in the fall of 1971. Over the years, he maintained contact and had many wonderful conversations with friends from

I-House. David returned to Great Britain in 1972 and went on to graduate from Sterling University. He became a successful management consultant, as well as a loving husband to his wife, Diana.

## Friends

### Sue Cork

March 9, 2018



Luise "Sue" Helena Cork was born in 1919 and grew up in New England before receiving her B.A. degree at Boston University. She taught high

school English and art in the Stockbridge, Massachusetts area, where she met her future husband, Bruce Cork. Luise was actively involved with the UC Berkeley Section Club, where she organized and participated in the Adventure Section, in addition to being on the International Student and Scholar Committee until shortly before her death. She and her husband sponsored the families of several international scholars, who became lifelong friends.

### Clement Galante

January 2018



Clement Galante was born on the Island of Rhodes, Greece in 1922. After immigrating to the United States in 1948, he became a fixture in

San Francisco's Union Square as CEO of Maison Mendessolle. In 1965, the Italian Commercial Attaché in San Francisco awarded Clement Italy's Star of Solidarity Medal in recognition for his contribution to the development of commercial relations between the U.S. and Italy. Clement's late wife, **Jane Hohfeld Galante (IH 1946-49)**, lived at I-House in the late 40s, and both contributed generously to a program that brought Jewish Israelis and Palestinians together. The two worked for years to create an I-House in the Middle East where Jews and non-Jews could create understanding by living and learning together. A few years before his passing, Clement succeeded in planting the seeds for an I-House in Israel.



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