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## “CULTURE BRIDGE” FORGES PATHS FOR GLOBAL UNDERSTANDING

The pursuit of intercultural knowledge is nothing new to International House – it's been fundamental to its purpose for nearly 80 years and touched the lives of more than 80,000 residents. This fall launched a new initiative that formalizes intercultural skills training at I-House as never before under the mantle of “Culture Bridge.”

“What we've discovered from resident feedback is that while the House still includes astounding cultural diversity, the number, length, and quality of conversations between residents has shifted over time....” says Executive Director Martin Brennan, who established the new initiative. “The average length a resident stays has shortened, and the competition for student time and attention has shifted in our vastly more technological world. We realized we needed to chart new paths to connect residents to one another and to a deeper understanding of what defines culture. This is a new means to expand an appreciation for cultural differences and human commonalities – and a response to those seeking insights and practical tools to enhance competitiveness and efficacy in an increasingly competitive global marketplace,” said Brennan.

“The concept is to build a flexible curriculum in intercultural skills training that draws on the best of I-House: our residents, face-to-face cross-cultural conversations, and exposure to cultural traditions including music, food, and art from around the world. Role-playing and simulations are included to deepen engagement with cultural concepts and fellow participants, and always the need for respect as a basis for successful and peaceful cultural navigation is emphasized.”

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I-House residents like those pictured at the spring 2009 Candlelight Supper will “carry the torch” of I-House's mission via the new Culture Bridge initiative in intercultural skills training taught by Martin Brennan (front row, second from left) and Dr. Liliane Koziol (front row, second from right).

### GIFT HONORING PETER & CANDY ROBERTSON SUPPORTS CULTURE BRIDGE

A \$250,000 contribution from Chevron honoring Peter Robertson, recently retired as Vice-Chairman, and his wife Candy, has underwritten \$50,000 for Culture Bridge first-year activities including room and board awards for two resident scholars, Jennifer Jue-Steuck and Lisa Kamino. The scholars are charged with monitoring the progress of the initiative including auditing the first semester-long course while conducting background analysis to ensure the House is aware of intercultural resources and training best-practices on and off campus.



Lisa Kamino (left) and Jennifer Jue-Steuck are the Peter & Candy Robertson Culture Bridge Scholars.

Jennifer Jue-Steuck is a Department of Comparative Ethnic Studies Ph.D. Candidate who brings a unique perspective to her Culture Bridge role. “As a transracial and transnational Chinese adoptee who grew up in a multicultural American family in Laguna Beach, California, I learned during my early years how intercultural issues impact lives on a daily basis.” Jue-Steuck, who was born to a birth mother from Jiangsu Province, China, and is founder of Chinese Adoptee Links (CAL) International continues: “It's easy to think that culture is ‘natural’ –like the air that we breathe—but the truth is that culture is socially constructed. Without learning how to translate the science of different social codes, our ability to navigate cultures is severely

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### MACARTHUR “GENIUS” SAUL GRIFFITH AT FALL LODESTAR

A capacity crowd is anticipated at the House's biannual Lodestar Dinner in November when 2007 MacArthur “Genius” Award winner Saul Griffith (IH 1994-'95) keynotes. A wind energy pioneer, Griffith is working on machines that fly at 2,000 feet and generate clean electricity. “So this is audacious you say? I agree. But audacious is what has happened many times before in history,” said Griffith at the 2009 TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) conference. His dreams inspired a \$10 M + investment by Google in his young company, Makani Power. Founder of Instuctables.com, Low Cost Eyeglasses and HowToons, Griffith's lecture will be posted online and covered in the next I-House Times.



Saul Griffith (IH 1994-95)

## FALL PROGRAMS EXPLORE INTERNATIONAL POLITICS, RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS AND THOUGHTFUL TRAVEL

An impressive series of fall programs engaged students, alumni, and community members in programs on topics of international significance. Two Members of Parliament, a travel writer, and a business leader challenged audiences to expand their awareness of international politics, to promote understanding in their travels, and to support businesses that tackle environmental challenges.

Malalai Joya, elected to the Parliament in Afghanistan in 2005 and suspended for her critical views in 2007, spoke at I-House on November 10. She discussed elections, noting that democracy will never come to Afghanistan through the barrel of a gun and said, “The struggle will be long and difficult but the values of real democracy, human rights, and women's rights will only be won by the Afghan people themselves.”

Sally Jewell, President and CEO of Recreational Equipment, Inc. (REI), explained how businesses can and must be part of the solution for problems such as environmental degradation and climate warming at a lecture on *Creating a “Virtuous Cycle” of Business* on October 1. She explored how “business as usual” must change when a company makes addressing these challenges instrumental to success.



Clockwise, from left: Malalai Joya, MP in Afghanistan, Rick Steves, Citizen Diplomat, Anwar Ibrahim, MP in Malaysia, and Sally Jewell, REI President and CEO.

Rick Steves, acclaimed travel writer and host of PBS travel programs, presented *Promoting Global Peace and Understanding Through Travel* at an International Career Symposium on October 27. The inspiring author of *Travel as a Political Act* told the crowd that travel connects people to people, inspires creative solutions to persistent problems, and promotes greater understanding of the interconnectedness of our world.

Anwar Ibrahim, Member of Parliament in Malaysia and Leader of the Opposition, addressed *Islam and Democracy in East Asia* on September 29. An ardent advocate for freedom and democracy, he was imprisoned and held in solitary confinement for six years before his conviction was overturned. In the 2008 elections, he forged a coalition that gained control of six of fourteen states, initiating a transition to a two-party system.

For information about future programs, visit <http://lihouse.berkeley.edu>.



A FRESH PERSPECTIVE: INTERNATIONAL HOUSE IN 2010 AND BEYOND

I used to go window shopping in San Francisco with my grandfather, Mansuetto Puccini. This vigorous activity involved visiting a string of produce markets where he would gently squeeze the fruits and vegetables as if they were grandchildren at a family reunion. Visual inspection did not suffice. We invariably ended up at the fruit and vegetable store at 22nd and Irving. There my grandfather would break into a wide smile as he held the oranges, tomatoes, lettuce and stuff I viewed with suspicion: “Look at this! See how fresh it is? Fresh! Fresh!” Frankly, looking at produce ranked right up there with mushroom growing in my panoply of exciting things to do – but I got the point: fresh is quality. Fresh is important. Fresh makes a difference.

Most of the 80,000 residents who made I-House their home since we opened our doors in 1930 thrived amid the unique mix of cultures, growing in ways they had not imagined possible. Many have told us that their I-House experience was a transformational point in their lives. I am happy to report that residents still have life changing and life enhancing experiences at I-House.

And they are certainly a source of inspiration for me. Yet, some things have changed. We all live in a fast-paced digital age. Stays at I-House are shorter and residents are highly mobile. I-House resident Monica Farid observed in her weekly *Daily Cal* column how constant texting and twittering often take the place of meaningful personal exchanges among students. She discovered that lunch in our Dining Room provides a welcome opportunity for real interaction. For her, it was, well, *refreshing*.

After eight decades, our challenge is to discover fresh approaches to provide those opportunities in abundance. From a fresh new format for our overnight new-resident retreats to updating our weekly roster of programs and activities, we are increasing opportunities for residents to better experience this unique intercultural community. And, thanks to the generosity of Peter and Candy Robertson (please see article on page 1), we have launched the ambitious Culture Bridge Initiative to enhance our residents’ ability to bridge cultures and to help others across cultural divides.

Perhaps I hear my grandfather saying: “Fresh, fresh!”

We need these fresh perspectives to meet the challenges of our time. The economic climate for the University of California challenges us to rethink – with a fresh approach – how to be most efficient and cost-effective in everything we do. And, regrettably, the economic shifts of the past year have significantly diminished I-House scholarship endowments at the moment we are experiencing a rise in scholarship requests from residents worldwide who are expressing real financial need.

We invite your support, your “fresh” ideas, and your participation in the events we are planning to celebrate our 80th anniversary year in 2010 (please see article page 4). After nearly eight decades, the notion of a more compassionate and peaceful world still refreshes. Join us!

Martin Brennan

Executive Director



Jim Block Photo



Martin Brennan lingered on the steps with former resident Bianca Cerchiai as she prepared to depart from I-House and return to her native Italy. He reminded her of the words of a former resident, “You may no longer live in I-House but I-House will always live in you” and you are always part of our family.

LETTER FROM: AHMED USMANI (IH 1993-1995)

Another I-House Romance!

“Maggie Cooper (IH 1996-1998), my beloved sweetheart, and I finally married in Metuchen, New Jersey, on May 27th, 2009, after 14 years together. I saw Maggie the first time in fall of ’95 when she came to International House for Wednesday night Coffee Hour and just knew in my heart that this was the girl for me but I was too shy to talk to her. Fortunately, a common friend took pity on me and introduced us. We went on our first date to the Divali celebration in the I-House auditorium and since then we have been inseparable.



“Both of us remember our time at International House fondly. My home country is Pakistan and I came to Berkeley right after the death of my parents. I was alone and grieving in a new land and trying to adjust to a new culture. International House truly became my home away from home. I met people from so many different countries and, united by our common immigrant experiences, I gained a heightened admiration and respect for other cultures. Maggie is from Sacramento, California. She is a second generation Japanese American. One of her favorite memories from I-House was being a hostess for the Gala dinner. She attended dressed up in a beautiful maroon sarong belonging to a fellow I-House resident from Myanmar.

“I have been working as a research scientist on cancer therapies in the Bay Area. Maggie finished her Ph.D in 2008 in neuroscience and recently started her postdoctoral training at Yale University, in New Haven, Connecticut. Her research is focused on the mechanisms underlying psychiatric disorders like schizophrenia. We have just moved to Orange, Connecticut.

“We have dedicated a brick to demonstrate the affectionate place I-House will always have in our hearts since it was the place that brought us together.”

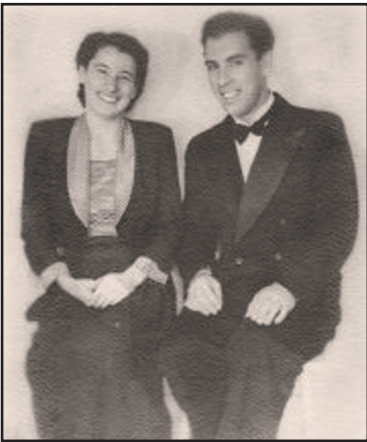
Their brick inscription reads:

Peace, Love, Harmony  
Ahmed and Maggie  
Always and Forever

LETTERS FROM....

Do you have a unique I-House story or do you know an I-House alum who is doing something notable or amazing? Send a message to the editor at [johnsonb@berkeley.edu](mailto:johnsonb@berkeley.edu) or send a letter to Editor, I-House Development Office.

ALUMNI COUPLE ELLEN AND BJARNE HISDAL LEAVE LEGACY FOR I-HOUSE



I-House couple, Ellen Grunwald Hisdal, originally from Germany, and Bjarne Hisdal, from Norway, at their wedding in New York in 1949.

Ellen Grunwald Hisdal of Germany and Bjarne Hisdal of Norway met at I-House as UC Berkeley students in 1946, establishing a life partnership that would shape their ensuing six decades together. They generously included a bequest of over \$70,000 to International in their estate plans to support I-House’s work to foster intercultural respect and peace. The House will dedicate Ellen’s former room, number 341, in their honor.

Ellen was born in Germany and fled to Israel with her family when Hitler came to power. She studied at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem then came to Berkeley to continue her studies in physics. Grace Thompson Altus, Ellen’s roommate in 1946-’47 recalls, “We got along beautifully.” The lifelong friends corresponded and enjoyed visiting each other in Oslo and Santa Barbara. Ellen, a professor at the University of Oslo, was the first female professor of physics in Norway.

Bjarne, who came from Bergen, Norway, and studied electrical engineering at Cal, researched optics and was instrumental in getting Norway and other countries to adopt the practice of leaving car headlights on in the daytime as well as at night. He and his colleagues confirmed that the money saved from fewer accidents was far more than the money spent on lights.

The couple enjoyed a rich life together in Oslo, Norway, and took great pleasure in their frequent trips to Israel to visit Ellen’s parents, hiking trips in Switzerland, and the affection of their extended family.


When Executive Director Emeritus Joe Lurie visited with the Hisdals in Norway in 1999, he gave them the applications that they had submitted in 1946 to live at International House. Joe recalls that they were elated to receive the applications and enjoyed reading the statements they had made more than five decades previously.

Executive Director Martin Brennan says, “International House is honored to dedicate room #341, the room that Ellen and Grace shared, in memory of the Hisdals. A plaque will remind generations of residents of the Hisdals’ dedication to the House and its mission.” For more information about gift planning, contact Development Director Shanti Corrigan at 510-642-4128 or email [shanti@berkeley.edu](mailto:shanti@berkeley.edu).




GATEWAY SCHOLARSHIPS BRING PROMISING PH.D. AND M.P.H. TO CAL AND TO I-HOUSE

The Gateway Scholarship Program represents an unprecedented partnering of University and International House resources. Recipients receive room and board at I-House plus University awards for tuition and fees and a stipend. This full scholarship package brings some of the world's most promising graduate students to Cal and to the I-House community. Eight Gateway Scholars, including the two students profiled below, are at I-House this year representing diverse talents and fields of study. I-House scholarships are funded by contributions to the Fund for International House and by named, endowed funds. More information is available by calling 510-642-4128 or at *ihouse.berkeley.edu*.



Jim Block Photo


**Fadekemi Oba**  
**Country:** Nigeria, Trinidad and Tobago, and USA  
**Scholarship:** Allan and Kathleen Rosevear Gateway Scholarship  
**Field of Study:** Ph.D. in Chemistry  
**Background:** A native of Nigeria, Fadekemi moved with her family to Trinidad and Tobago and then to California where she earned a BS in chemistry at Cal State University, Bakersfield. Her experience as a chemistry facilitator for the Mathematics, Engineering and Science Achievement (MESA) program aroused an interest in teaching. “Many educationally disadvantaged students in MESA were the first in their families to go to college. I wanted to go to Cal because it is a diverse and leading public institution dedicated to education and research. After getting my Ph.D. here I will be well equipped to educate others and to be a role model for students who may not fully imagine their potential in the sciences.”  
**Future plans:** Fadekemi plans to be a research scientist with a long-term goal of becoming a chemistry professor. “I hope I can be a role model and inspire students. It’s important for underrepresented groups to have role models to inspire them to become future leaders, researchers, and university professors.”  
**About I-House:** “I-House is an exciting place to meet people with different life experiences. I am constantly reminded that many of the concerns here in the U.S. are universal, hence the need for collaborative research to address issues such as clean energy.”  
**About her scholarship:** “This gracious scholarship has allowed me to live near campus without having to worry about my basic amenities. I am grateful that I can focus all of my attention on my studies.”



Jim Block Photo

**Ivan Balbuzanov**  
**Country:** Bulgaria  
**Scholarship:** The Open Gateway Scholarship, funded by I-House friends and alumni  
**Field of Study:** Ph.D. in Economics  
**Background:** “Soon after my birth, my father lost his job due to the economic restructuring in the wake of the fall of communism and he never worked again. My mother had to borrow money to pay for testing and fees for me to apply to college, even putting our apartment up as collateral. Thankfully, I was admitted to Colby College in Maine with a scholarship and soon discovered the discipline that called to me: economics. Economists often focus on poverty and inequality and these issues really hit home for me. I traveled and did research in Sub-Saharan Africa, Chile, and Costa Rica which furthered my understanding of issues in developing countries. This fueled my desire to seek a Ph.D. at Cal – one of the top economics programs in the world.”  
**Future plans:** “I hope to find an academic job after completing my Ph.D. and continue my study of the intricate world of development economics. My sincerest hope is to contribute something toward lessening the plight of the billions in the impoverished Global South.”  
**About I-House:** “I am awed by the friendly atmosphere at I-House. In addition, the variety of viewpoints represented here and the intellectual curiosity of the residents make for accidental but exciting and intensely stimulating discussions.”  
**About his scholarship:** “This scholarship has allowed me to pursue my studies in the congenial and peaceful environment of I-House and to enrich my understanding of different cultures.”


RESIDENT IMPLEMENTS SUMMER PEACE PROJECT IN INDIA



I-House resident Usree Bhattacharya

Usree Bhattacharya, an I-House Berkeley resident and Ph.D. student in education received a “Davis Project for Peace” grant to implement a summer program she created for an orphanage near New Delhi, India. She aimed to improve literacy and enhance the children’s sense of belonging in the world by helping them reach out to the world through a social media site with their own messages of peace.

“As I think back,” says Usree, “I am overwhelmed by a sense of gratitude, promise, and a sense of collective accomplishment. We did not accomplish exactly what we set out to do; but I believe the true worth of the project ... lies in the ineffable value of building a powerful sense of community, of being connected to the world in ways we had not imagined we were before. What we commenced with was ‘potential,’ and the beautiful note we end on is ‘promise.’”



Students in Usree's Peace Project at an orphanage near New Delhi

The Davis Projects for Peace were created by Kathryn Davis who celebrated her centenary birthday by contributing \$1 million to I-House New York to fund \$10,000 grants for summer Peace Projects around the world. After tremendous success, the program was extended to include students at International Houses worldwide.

BARBARA LYNCH ESSAYS CAPTURE I-HOUSE EXPERIENCE

Each year, residents are challenged to describe their International House experiences in the *Barbara Lynch Crossing Borders Essay Contest*, named in memory of Barbara Lynch who touched the lives of thousands of residents during more than two decades as a staff member in the Program Office.

Katie Bokan-Smith (USA) and Beat Schwendimann (Switzerland) teamed up to write *Living Outside of the Box: Experiencing the Cross-Cultural Phenomena*, the first place essay for the 2008-'09. The complete essay is online at <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/pl/essays08.html>. Following are excerpts that may ring true for alumni of all decades:

“The moment that my overloaded suitcase thumped up the stairs and I walked into the sliding glass doors of the International House, I experienced a release of tension—I had found my second home, my home away from home. I quickly learned that Karen, my boisterous and tiny roommate from Cologne, Germany ... [and I] both possessed a passion for learning about other cultures. You could even call us your international sponges, waiting to soak up new cultures, language, and people. It is undeniable how strong the I-House family continues to be; without my second home at I-House, I would feel lost and disconnected in Berkeley. I-House has created an inviting atmosphere and given me a second family that openly accepts, respects, and celebrates my culture, along with the cultures of so many others. The sense of validation and tolerance in the I-House has successfully brought a diverse group together, a group that has taught me so much about the world and about humanity itself.”



Border Crossing Essay Contest winners (from left): Beat Schwendimann (Switzerland), Katie Bokan-Smith (USA), Pui-wa Li (Hong Kong) and Vinicius G.R. Vieira (Brazil).

I-HOUSE WELCOMES 2009-2010 RESIDENTS

- For 79 years, International House has opened its doors to students and scholars from around the world. Some facts about this year’s residents:
- 579 residents represent 64 countries.
  - 166 residents are from the USA.
  - Men outnumber women, 58% to 42%.
  - China, Germany, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, and the Netherlands are each represented by 20 or more residents.
  - Our diverse community includes students from Belarus, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Malta, Poland, Trinidad/Tobago and Uganda.
  - 54% are grad students or visiting scholars.
  - 46% are undergraduates.
  - 15% receive I-House financial aid reflecting a 21% reduction in scholarship funding due to decreased earnings on endowed funds.
  - 252 residents learned about the House and met fellow residents by participating in fall orientation retreats.

**Bay Area Hosts Needed**

Friends and alumni of International House are invited to extend the hand of friendship to an international student far from home by offering a holiday meal, outings to local attractions, and, most of all, friendship. To receive more information about the International Friendship Program, please return the RSVP panel on page 7 or email [ihprograms@berkeley.edu](mailto:ihprograms@berkeley.edu).

SENREI NISHIKAWA PERFORMS AT I-HOUSE



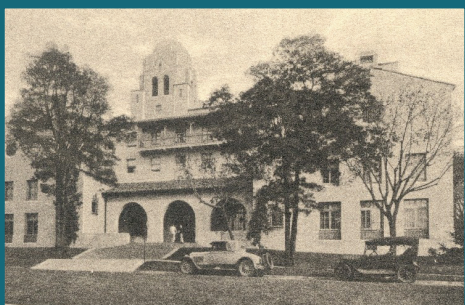
Senrei Nishikawa, an internationally acclaimed Japanese dancer, choreographer, and artistic director, presented and compared four types of Japanese dance, all inspired by an 11th century folk story. Dance types included Noh theater, dance odori, dance Mai, and Senrei’s own creation. In addition to her captivating performance, the full house of attendees at the October event appreciated her thoughtful responses to questions and her explanation of the use of the fan in Japanese dance. Steve Matsuura (IH 1971), a former I-House Board member who was honored as 2007 Alumnus of the Year, was instrumental in bringing Senrei to the U.S.

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS AT WORK: IMPROVEMENTS IN INFORMATION SYSTEMS

- To meet the needs of current and future residents, significant improvements include:
- A House-wide wireless network is now available to residents and facilitates group projects.
  - Improved internet reception in the auditorium provides internet access for 100 participants.
  - Applicants will soon be able to apply on-line from anywhere in the world with options for selecting a roommate and a room.
  - Residents can now pay room & board fees online.
  - We are working with Board members on plans to update the Residential Computer Center and seek contributions to make this dream a reality.



## HELP US CELEBRATE 80 YEARS!



August 2010 marks the 80th anniversary of the opening of International House in Berkeley. Special events and reunions are planned for our anniversary celebration from June 2010 to August 2011 as well as sharing perspectives on I-House experiences.

### 80 PERSPECTIVES FOR 80 YEARS

Share your I-House perspective – a memorable encounter, a special friendship, or a personal reflection. Contributions in any format are welcome: a story, poem, video, photograph, or artistic creation. To contribute your own perspective, use the enclosed envelope, visit <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/80> or email [ihalumni@berkeley.edu](mailto:ihalumni@berkeley.edu). Stories will be published as space allows on the website and in the I-House Times during our anniversary year.

### SAVE THE DATE!

Please visit <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu> and select “Alumni Relations” for information about these and other events:

June 6-12, 2010: Middle East Forum International House, see page 5

June 2010: I-House Berkeley Alumni Reunion New York, NY

June 25-27, 2010: Worldwide Alumni Reunion For Alumni of All I-Houses Philadelphia, PA

September 26, 2010: Golden Age Tea Reunion of 1940s and '50s Alumni International House

Tentative plans are also underway for a 1960s reunion at I-House in June 2010.

More information about 80th Anniversary events will be included in the spring I-House Times.

Plan your own reunion! We can help. Contact [ihalumni@berkeley.edu](mailto:ihalumni@berkeley.edu)

To learn about new developments, please send us your email address on the RSVP on page 7.

## SIGN UP FOR OUR AWARD WINNING E-NEWSLETTER!

Keep your connection to I-House alive and help conserve resources by signing up for email updates. We'll email you The I-House Times e-digest when the latest edition of I-House Times is online. Sign up at [ihouse.berkeley.edu](http://ihouse.berkeley.edu).



## I-HOUSE ON THE WEB

I-House alumni and residents are welcome to join the I-House@cal Online Community. Sign up at [ihouseonline.berkeley.edu](http://ihouseonline.berkeley.edu).

We also invite you to participate and join other social networks that celebrate I-House Berkeley. See you on the Web!

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## ALUMNI REUNIONS HELD IN LOS ANGELES & SAN DIEGO

Friendships decades old were rekindled when I-House alumni gathered in Los Angeles and San Diego in April 2009. Informal receptions hosted by I-House Executive Director Martin Brennan and his wife Giovanna, attracted alumni from the 1940s to 2007 and preceded "Discover Cal" lectures organized by UC Berkeley.



Former I-House roommates Lee Bridges (left) and Mathilde Rottier were reunited at the Los Angeles Alumni Reunion.

Former roommates Lee Bridges (IH 1989-90) from the U.S. and Mathilde Rottier (IH 1988-90), originally from France, were reunited in Los Angeles after many years only to discover they live in the same city and work in the same field. Dorina Bauer (IH 1978-79) brought her son Aaron, who enrolled in Cal this fall and aspires to live at I-House later in his undergraduate career. "It was great to introduce my son to a global

I-House community—one that ultimately creates peace in our world, one relationship at a time."

To re-connect with I-House alumni visit [ihouse.berkeley.edu](http://ihouse.berkeley.edu).



Alumni at the San Diego reunion included (from left): Dorina Sarkis Bauer, Giovanna Brennan, Bonnie Ritzenthaler Wilson, Irving Tragen, and Executive Director Martin Brennan.

## GOLDEN AGE ALUMNI GATHER FOR TEA AND STORIES



From left: Ingrid Bergstrom Borland, Nancy Nowell Brewer, and Bob Brewer.



Development Director Shanti Corrigan and Lorraine Fletcher Elliott marvel at Lorraine's well-used Resident Directory.



From left: Marian Coolidge O'Regan, Mary Ann Quackenbush Fisher, and Marion Ross.

The halls of I-House echoed again with familiar voices from the 1940's and 1950's when forty alumni of the "Golden Age" era returned for an afternoon tea in September. Executive Director Martin Brennan welcomed the group and praised their lifelong commitment to the ideals of the House:

*You epitomized the commitment to the greater good by welcoming a world of diversity and respect. Today we see the fruits of your efforts and see just how far in the forefront you were. Your acts of kindness and friendship to each other and your willingness to challenge the prejudices of the day demonstrated the potential of I-House to be a beacon of hope.*

Brennan shared reminiscences gathered by Jeanine Castello-Lin and invited others to share their memories. Ingrid Bergstrom Borland, originally from Sweden, recalled that many of the residents had been affected by war and were determined to prevent future conflict, "Everyone wanted peace, there was never going to be another war, we were going to work for world peace – that is why they call it the Golden Age."

Paul Salz recalled the experiences of his late wife, Lottie Wallerstein Salz who escaped to Denmark from a concentration camp only to be interned because she looked German. "Then they unwrapped the bandages from their arms and showed their concentration camp numbers. And then, they were free! I-House was Lottie's home." He remembered the sometimes raucous discussions: "The Arab-Israeli conflict was just over and tempers were flying high. But at 10 pm everybody would move to the café for a cup of coffee. We would cut off all debate and friendship was restored."

Marian Coolidge O'Regan described her I-House experiences, "In Texas, I hadn't met many people from other countries. Everyone took me in hand and educated me: 'You must go to this lecture, read this book' to get me up to snuff... At I-House, you could talk to everyone."

Bob Brewer remembered that singing was an important aspect of the life of the House, "After dinner, we would sing for hours and have the most wonderful time." These alumni are still ready for a song. When their 1950s I-House recording of a song written by Rafael Rodriguez, a fondly remembered friend and alumnus, they reprised it 58 years later.

The group plans to gather again next year at I-House on September 26, 2010. If you didn't receive an invitation to this year's tea and would like to be included next year, please check off the item about the tea on the RSVP form on page 7.

## CROWN PRINCE OF NORWAY IS ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR



Haakon Magnus, Crown Prince of Norway (IH 1996-97)

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Haakon Magnus of Norway and his wife Crown Princess Mette-Marit were recently forwarded a limited edition I-House silk tie and scarf made by noted Italian designer and fellow I-House alumnus Ermengildo Zegna as a gift to commemorate the Prince's designation as I-House Alumnus of the Year, 2009.

His Royal Highness was selected by the I-House Board of Directors in recognition of his wide-ranging humanitarian work via the United

Nations Development Programme and UNAIDS, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS. "I accepted the invitation to become a Goodwill Ambassador for UNDP, because I strongly believe that all people are equal and should have equal rights to realize their potential as human beings," reports the Prince, who has long advocated for measures to reduce the gap between rich and poor worldwide and is a champion of achieving the U.N. Millennium Development Goals by 2015, and co-founded "Global Dignity Day."

Haakon Magnus is renowned in Norway as something of an iconoclast for deciding to attend Berkeley in lieu of Oxford, the traditional choice of royalty. "I wanted to study abroad and see a different perspective of international politics. I chose Berkeley because it's a brilliant university and its students are very diverse," Magnus said. While living at International House, he turned down the chance to have his own room, opting instead to live with a roommate. As it turned out, his roommate was an American of Cuban descent who introduced the Norwegian prince to salsa dancing. Magnus, a political science major, has received significant attention for his work supporting Norway's indigenous Laplander population, as well for gay and women's rights.

Although unable to receive recognition at I-House last April with his counterpart Alumna of the Year 2009, noted Iranian-American author Firoozeh Dumas (IH1986-87), Martin Brennan reports, "We hope to celebrate with the Crown Prince at a future gathering of I-House Alumni and friends in Europe." View a statement from the Crown Prince about Global Dignity on our YouTube channel, linked to on our homepage at [ihouse.berkeley.edu](http://ihouse.berkeley.edu).

Whimsical Cat Cards drawn by renowned I-House alumnus, Costa Rican botanist and artist Rafael Rodriguez, are now available for purchase thanks to the generous contributions from Golden Age alumni.

To view more images or purchase cards visit <http://picasaweb.google.com/IHouseBerkeley/> or call (510) 642-4128.





CAL QUADRUPLES NEW ALUMNI GIFTS TO I-HOUSE

Thanks to a generous matching fund established by the UC Berkeley Foundation Board of Trustees, a “New Alumni Challenge” will provide three matching fund dollars for every dollar donated to UC Berkeley or a specific campus unit, including I-House. Gifts thus quadruple in value when allocated by alumni who graduated with a Cal degree between 2005 and 2010. “The match exponentially increases the value of every gift, however small, at a time when we are finding resident need for room and board scholarships as well as many basic operating costs are increasing,” says I-House Director of Development and Alumni Relations Shanti Corrigan.

To futher inspire first-time gifts, the House has adjusted the standard \$500 rate to inscribe a brick in perpetuity on the I-House Cafe patio to the discounted resident rate of \$300 - meaning a \$75 contribution once quadrupled reserves such an inscription.



Gaurav Moudgil (IH 2005-06)

I-House alumnus Gaurav Moudgil, a Cal Structural Engineering grad from 2006, originally from India and now working near Delhi at Global C Inc., was one of the first donors to take advantage of the match. His gift will be commemorated on the I-House patio with the inscription:

*If gratitude is the soul of nobles, you have made me a king.*  
– Gaurav Moudgil, I-House 05-06

Guarav reports: “Wherever I travel, I will run into a friend from I-House. I hope this legacy continues for all time and that many more students have the chance to experience what I did at I-House.”

The matching gift program was launched in the fall and will continue until June 30, 2010. For more information or to make a gift, see <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/newalumni>.

FORUM ON OBAMA AND MIDDLE EAST PEACE DRAWS ALUMNI, FRIENDS  
JUNE 6 - 12, 2010

Join UC professors and scholars for a week-long program at I-House entitled *The Berkeley Forum on the Middle East: Can the Obama Administration Forge Lasting Peace?* The June 6-12, 2010, program is co-sponsored by the California Alumni Association and UC's Center for Middle Eastern Studies whose Vice Chair Emeritus, Dr. Laurence Michalak, will serve as anchor professor.

The lecture and discussion series will consider the complex issues behind the headlines including the role of the U.S. in the Middle East under the Obama administration, the impact of troop withdrawal in Iraq, religion and politics in Iran, and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict with emphasis on cultural and social trends.

The Program fee of \$753 includes accommodations, meals, classes (all at I-House), afternoon tours of UC museums and libraries, and a coach trip to the new and spectacular California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco. The Berkeley Festival will be on campus during this same week, offering dozens of early music concerts.



I-House alumni and friends were among the 45 participants in the 2009 program. From left: Marcelle Scholl (IH 1952), Hal Kerber (IH 1956-47), Jeanne Griffith (IH 1952-54), Connie Fraser (IH 1963-64), Karen Wright, Ellie Russell, Bob Wright (IH 1947-50), Elaine Anderson and (seated) Betty Goren (IH 1951).

The program is open to adults ages 21 and older under the auspices of Exploritas (formerly known as Elderhostel and limited to adults over 55). For more information visit <http://www.exploritas.org> or <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu>. Register with Exploritas at 1-877-426-8056.

“CULTURE BRIDGE” FORGES PATHS FOR GLOBAL UNDERSTANDING

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The initiative was launched with a semester-long UC Berkeley sponsored course in “Navigating Cultures” taught at I-House jointly by Brennan and Dr. Liliane Koziol, Director of Programs, with 35 undergrad and graduate students from I-House and Cal. In the spring, Culture-Bridge will be formulated in a one-day workshop format convened twice in order to give access to 100+ more residents. Eventually a format geared toward business professionals and the general public is envisioned, as is a series of complimentary residential programs that bring together scholars from cultures in conflict to “Build Bridges” through shared intercultural training and joint projects.

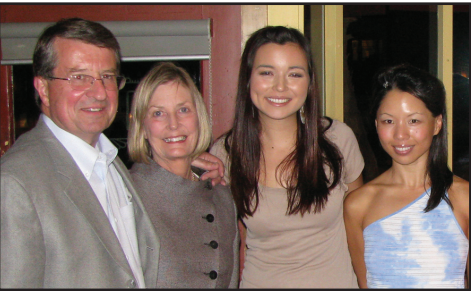
Says Brennan, “This is an exciting work in progress – and in many ways new territory for I-House—but we are benefiting tremendously from the investment of time and ideas from countless alumni and friends who support this vision.” (See related article on Robertson Scholars, right). I-House welcomes suggestions, referrals and questions on Culture Bridge at [ihouse.berkeley.edu](http://ihouse.berkeley.edu), [ihouse@berkeley.edu](mailto:ihouse@berkeley.edu) or (510) 642-4128.



The "I Feed The Bears!" Facebook badge allows donors to share their Cal spirit on their Facebook profile after they make a gift to UC Berkeley. Get your own "I Feed The Bears at I-House!" donor badge and display it proudly on Facebook by making a gift online to the Fund for I-House. To learn more or to make a gift, visit <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/giving>.

GIFT HONORING ROBERTSONS FUNDS CULTURE BRIDGE

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Peter & Candy Robertson (left) with Culture Bridge scholars Lisa Kamino and Jennifer Jue-Steuck.

limited, like driving a car in fog, unable to see the lay of the land. I’m very excited and honored to participate in this project, which I hope will provide new clarity, insights, and skills for navigating cultures to empower individuals to be leaders at the forefront of cross-cultural communications in our increasingly global world.”

Lisa Kamino, a a first-year graduate student at the School of Optometry, feels personally connected to the Culture Bridge Initiative due to her multicultural background. “Growing up in suburban Camarillo, CA, I wasn’t able to enjoy the same level of diversity that we have here at UC Berkeley. I often felt alienated, not just because I was ‘different’ from my classmates, but also because I didn’t quite ‘fit-in’ with my father’s Japanese family or my mother’s 5th-generation Californian family. I feel like many other students have experienced a feeling of cultural disconnect at some point in their lives, whether it be personally or professionally,” says Lisa Kamino. “My vision for the Culture Bridge Initiative is to empower students to feel more ‘at home’ in the global community, not only through learning about other cultures, but also through discovering more about their own identities as well. In the future, I hope to translate my studies and I-House experience to work internationally providing vision care services to communities in need. I feel that the Culture Bridge program is a great stepping stone to learning how to work with members of different cultures to achieve humanitarian goals.”

Peter and Candy Robertson expressed their enthusiasm for the two scholars and Culture Bridge initiative: “We think Jennifer and Lisa are terrific and are glad we can support them and this important new initiative for International House—a cause and a purpose we back whole heartedly.”

NEW BOARD MEMBERS DWYER AND AKIBA

I-House is honored to include two prominent Bay Area women on its Board for three year terms beginning July, 2009: NBC Bay Area News Anchor Diane Dwyer, and jazz club owner and restaurateur Yoshi Akiba.



Yoshi Akiba, orphaned during World War II, came to the U.S. from her native Japan to study fine arts, dance and dance therapy. She opened Yoshi’s Japanese Restaurant which over the next 25 years won a reputation as the Bay Area’s premier location for great food and the best jazz anywhere. Ms. Akiba will serve on the program committee of the Board and says, “I’ve followed my spirit like cultivating a cloud ... My life is about connecting with other people.”

Diane Dwyer is an Emmy-award winning news anchor at NBC station KNTV, and a Cal undergraduate business school alumna who has covered Barack Obama’s inaugural from D.C. and Olympic games in Torino, Italy, and Beijing, China. She will serve on the Nominations and Program Committees of the Board and looks forward to helping spread the mission of International House to a broader audience, expanding intercultural programs, and enjoying the rich diversity inherent to I-House.

EDITH COLIVER FESTIVAL OF CULTURES



I-House was alive with activity at The Edith Coliver Festival of Cultures, held annually each April in conjunction with UC Berkeley’s “Open House” known as Cal Day. Resident sponsored culturally themed tables sharing crafts, food, and artifacts from around the world complement a variety of vendors and five stages with a diverse assembly of traditional dance performances, music, an international fashion show, poetry, and a special “kids room” for younger visitors. To view photos and video highlights visit <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/springfest>. Cal Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 17, 2010.

2009 ALUMNI SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

- 98% would encourage others to live at I-House.
- 88% developed meaningful friendships with people whose cultures were different from their own.
- 81% follow alumni news.
- 70% remain in contact with other I-House alumni.
- 69% are interested in participating in future I-House reunions.



# NEWS & NOTES

## 1930s

**Tito Moruza** was interviewed by journalist Martin Snapp for an article about the 65th anniversary of the liberation of Paris. As an American intelligence officer, Tito landed in France the night before D-Day in a flimsy glider made of canvas and plywood. The French Resistance smuggled him into Paris where he later seized papers at the Gestapo headquarters that was used as evidence at the Nuremburg War Crime Trials. Tito recalls that his greatest honor was being chosen to deliver certificates of gratitude signed by General Eisenhower to the French and Spanish families who smuggled escaped American prisoners to safety.

## 1940s

Alumni gathered for a reunion tea in September (see article, page 4). Plan ahead and come see old friends at the next reunion on Sept. 26, 2010.

**Ingrid Bergstrom Borland** attended the Golden Age tea and enjoyed seeing a photo of herself as Saint Lucia with a crown of candles on her head. She recalls, “Eugenie Carneiro, the Program Director, organized so many activities. She asked different nationalities to share their traditions and one Christmas I represented the Swedish tradition as Saint Lucia.” Ingrid came to the U.S. as a nanny to learn English. “But it happened that the grandmother of my American family was interested in education for women. She told me I could work my way through college and within six months, I was at I-House, studying at Cal. When I came to I-House, it was a whole new world for me. It not only opened me up as a person, I-House opened the world to me.



## 1950s

Congratulations to **Carroll Sheperd Hochschild** and **Richard Hochschild** who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in July. The happy couple met at I-House in 1956 and now live in southern California.

### CELEBRATE ROMANCE!

Did you meet your spouse at I-House? We know of more than 900 couples who met here and would love to add you to the list on the I-House Couples page: <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/a/notable/couples.html> Use the RSVP panel or email [ihalumni@berkeley.edu](mailto:ihalumni@berkeley.edu) and let us know when and how you met.

Congratulations to **Michael Parsont** and **Mina Raines-Lambe Parsont** who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 5th. The couple met at I-House 55 years ago and were married in Paris. They recently moved to a senior apartment complex in Gaithersburg MD.

**Isaiah Zimmerman**, who is originally from Shanghai, is retired from his psychology practice and divides his time – together with his wife Susan Dowling – between Arlington VA and San Francisco. He recalls his days at I-House as a time of “warmth, great friendships, and a marvelous preparation for a multi-cultural world.”

## 1960s

**Gwendolyn Bates Hickman** writes, “I have just retired from 30 years of teaching French (and occasionally Spanish), the last 16 years of which were at Belleville East High School, in Belleville, IL. My husband and I plan to do lots of traveling and to move back to the West Coast, to Washington State. I have many wonderful memories of I-House and we’d like to attend an Elderhostel in the future.”

Architect **Takuo Kanno** performed at the Festival of Cultures in the spring and returned in July to lead a musical “fireside chat” and discuss the link between music, science and other fields. Taki played songs of Japan, Ireland, Russia, and other countries, interspersed with explorations of brain maps, world beginnings, and why the Japanese have incorporated so much music from other cultures into their own. The longtime radio host also broadcasted a radio show from I-House in October exploring the Universality of Music.

## 1960s



**Slobodan Mitric** (right), returned to I-House with his friend **Hugo Tarazona** (center) and visited Martin Brennan. Slobodan is a traffic systems expert, retired from the World Bank, who studied at Cal under the mentorship of alumnus **Wolf Homburger**. Slobodan was visiting from Belgrade and also resides in Kensington MD.

**Tiruneh Sinnshaw** visited from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, where he is retired from a long career with UNICEF as Senior Programme Coordinator. He is a consultant in public health and development.



**Ann Reid Slaby** enjoyed a visit with **Günter Witzsch** in Germany where Günter practices law after retiring as a law professor. He is on the city council of Fürth and serves as a delegate to United Nations Climate Change Conferences. He worked in Kenya for the U.N., created the environmental laws for Lesotho, wrote a book about the global warming entitled *From Rio to Kyoto*, and wrote numerous articles published law journals. Ann writes, “Gunter and I had not seen each other in 40 years. I found his address on the I-House website a few years back and we began exchanging Christmas cards.”

**Nancy Stock Tivol** is the second generation of a three-generation I-House family. Her parents, **Morton Stock** and **Rita Breslauer Stock** were I-House residents in the 1930s and her son, **Steven Tivol** lived in I-House from 1991-’93. Nancy writes, “My parents and I attended a Sunday Supper when Steve was living at I-House. He may have been one of the first third-generation residents. Other relatives in my parents’ and my generations lived there as well. I-House was a marvelous experience for all of us.”

### I-HOUSE — A FAMILY TRADITION?

Have multiple generations of your family lived in I-House? Share your story and a photo of the generations.

## 1970s



From left: **Alberto Alesina**, **Patrizia Bartolini**, **Franco Belloni**, and **Roblyn Simeon**. I-House friends from 1977-1979 enjoyed getting together in Milan, Italy.



**Lalit Roy** and **Sue Regan** attended Sunday Supper in October. Lalit writes: “I have fond memories of I-House. My wife and I met in I-House in January, 1973.”

## 1980s



**K. Paddayya** (left), visited I-House with his wife (right) and family. He is the former Director of Deemed University in Pune, India, and writes, “Sweet memories reeled off my mind when I visited I-House in August. As a Fulbright Scholar in the Anthropology Department, I enjoyed and benefited from the spirit of camaraderie and friendship that permeated the House. It’s so nice to learn that the House continues to serve as an effective forum for promoting understanding among peoples and cultures across the globe. Still fresh in my memory are the friendly talks and discussions with students and scholars representing different nations and cultures.”

**Kevin Renner** is writing a book profiling 100 women from around the world, and how their life stories were shaped by their fathers. He welcomes inquiries or research volunteers, and can be reached at <http://www.linkedin.com/in/kevinrenner>. Publication is expected in 2010.

## 1990s



**Xavier Casal** visited in October soon after resigning his position as Minister of Transportation and Public Works in Ecuador. He will teach at the Universidad de Guayaquil as he continues his efforts to help the people of Ecuador. He writes, “My memories of my stay in I-House remain deep in my mind and my heart.”



**Puja Kumar Bhutani** (left) returned to I-House with her husband, Nitin, and children, Ishaan, age 7, and Arnav, age 11. “It was a nostalgic trip for me, as I showed my kids around the campus. It brought back so many memories of the time spent talking, arguing, and laughing in the Dining Room and on the I-House steps.” They live in Portland OR where Puja has a planning and urban design consulting practice. Puja was a recipient of the Rafael Rodriguez/Golden Age Scholarship created by alumni from the Golden Age era (see page 4).

**Ruja Parikh Manghani** and **Raj Manghani** write, “We met at the I-House and have been happily married since 1996 with two beautiful children - son Om, age 7 and daughter, Sonam, age 4. Our memories of I-House will forever be an integral part of our lives.”

### TO FIND OLD FRIENDS

Visit <http://ihouseonline.berkeley.edu> or send a note to the Development Office and we'll forward it. Address the envelope to your friend, c/o I-House Development Office.

## 2000s



**Ilaria Bosso** and **Philip Jonas** (right) at Buckingham Palace. Philip writes, “As I attended Summer School at London School of Economics (LSE) this year and lived in a dorm I know now even more that I-House is really special and unique. I still feel very connected and am in contact with so many residents from last semester. At LSE Summer School I met Ilaria, she lived in I-House too. Even my lecturer lived at I-House! So you see that the I-House spirit keeps on going.”



**Erasmia Kitou** (left) and **Michael Surowiecki** were married in Greece in June. Erie and Mike met at I-House during Coffee Hour. Erie, who received her Ph.D. in engineering in 2002, is working on climate change issues. Mike received his MFE in 2002 and works in the finance sector. They currently reside in Brussels.

**David Sulitzer** from France stayed in the I-House in the summer of 2008 and writes, “The adventure didn’t stop there! After meeting so many great people from all over the world, I was not going to let it all go away!” David created a Facebook group called “Califriends” and organized reunions first in Amsterdam and then in Madrid where 25 people from seven countries attended. “The International House Spirit was back, only it was in Europe!” says David. “Califriends Reunion N° 3 ‘cause Berkeley is wherever we want it to be!” View Califriends videos on our YouTube channel.

**Andreas Schmidt** volunteered to serve as I-House Country Contact in Singapore and hopes to help alumni in Singapore connect. Andreas is Chief Scientific Officer of Living Health Technologies at the National University of Singapore, Division of Bioengineering.

**Yang Yang** was selected as a “Goldman Sachs Global Leader” and went to Beijing for the award presentation ceremony and other events last spring. The program identifies students who demonstrate academic excellence and leadership potential and provides them with opportunities for leadership development.

### SEND US YOUR NEWS!

Please send us YOUR news on the RSVP panel on page 7. Photos will be published as space allows.

## STAFF NEWS

**Joe Lurie**, I-House Executive Director Emeritus, held a career workshop tailored for I-House alumni in October. Joe is currently an executive coach, consultant, speaker and intercultural trainer, who also teaches groups and individuals how to navigate and network through today’s tough job market.

A retirement celebration was held in June to honor Nancy Becker (Accounting), Adil Elgaili (Purchasing), Alicia Guzman (Dining Services), Luz Parker (Accounting), and John Vuong (Dining Services).



In Memory

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

1930s ALUMNI

Ruth Fuller Hendrix  
March 31, 2009

1940s ALUMNI

James Bullare  
September 29, 2008

Elizabeth C. Hall  
November 4, 2008

Ellen Grunwald Hisdal  
March 25, 2009 - See page 2

Marguerite Hayward Lemmon  
September 14, 2008

A native Californian, Marguerite grew up in Salinas, attended Cal, and enjoyed living at I-House. A lifetime member of the Sierra Club, she had a feisty interest in politics and was an avid supporter of women's rights. Survived by her children.

John C. Loper  
June 26, 2008

Deputy District Attorney in Alameda County before joining an Oakland law firm. He served as President of the Alameda County Bar Association and was a lifelong Rotarian. Survived by three children.

Ruth Opper Plainfield  
March 8, 2009

Born in Germany, she fled to the United States in 1938, worked as a psychiatric social worker, and as a therapist at Cowell Hospital at Cal. She was a devoted volunteer to numerous causes serving the homeless, battered women, refugees, and victims of the Holocaust. Survived by her husband Sanford and their children.

Dietrich von Bothmer  
October 12, 2009

In a career spanning more than six decades in the Department of Greek and Roman Art of The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, he rose from Assistant Curator to Chairman to Distinguished Research Curator. Throughout his career, he enhanced the depth, quality, and study of the collections under his care. Von Bothmer, a German citizen, was a student at Oxford who came to the U.S. in 1939. As war broke out, he could not return to Oxford and decided not to return to Germany while Hitler was in power. He came to I-House in 1940 where receiving a scholarship was a pivotal event. "The day I arrived in Berkeley in 1940 is engraved in my mind," he recalled in 1995. "I did not come to Berkeley because of I-House but the extraordinary generosity of the I-House Scholarship made it possible for me to come to Berkeley." As a reflection of his gratitude, he established the Dietrich von Bothmer Classical Scholarship Endowment at I-House to assist graduate students majoring in any aspect of classical antiquities. Survived by his wife, Joyce, his son, Bernard, and his daughter, Maria.



1950s ALUMNI

Marjorie Smith Fisher  
January 16, 2009

Born in Vancouver, BC, she came to Berkeley for graduate work where she met and married Walter Fisher, an economics professor. A devoted mother and wife, she was an academic researcher, teacher, editor of a nutrition magazine, environmental and nutritional activist, and active in the ACLU. Survived by their children.

Richard M. Lessler  
August, 10 2009

Earned his Ph.D. in nuclear physics at Cal with Glenn Seaborg as his advisor. His career included positions at Lawrence Livermore Lab, the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the United Nations in Vienna, Bechtel Engineering, and the Environmental Protection Agency in San Francisco. His favorite pastimes included hiking, square dancing, and traveling with his wife Lillian during their 41 wonderful years of marriage. Survived by his wife, Lillian.

Theodore C. Nark  
December 1, 2009

Born in Brooklyn, New York, Ted earned his masters in mechanical engineering at Cal and Ph.D. at Ohio State University where he was honored as a Distinguished Alumnus. An adjunct professor at several universities, he also worked as an aeronautical engineer for Boeing for over 30 years. Ted enjoyed coaching youth soccer teams and volunteered for the Court Appointed Special Advocates program. Survived by his wife and their children.

Mark R. Rosenzweig  
July 20, 2009

A professor of psychology at Cal since 1950 best known for research that demonstrated neurochemical and neuroanatomical changes in brain in response to differential experience. His doctoral research at Harvard was used to screen newborns for hearing loss. In 1947, he married Janine Chappat from France. They were married for 60 years until her death in 2008. A dedicated teacher, his dedication to science was matched by his devotion to his family. He is survived by their three children.

Gertrud Zierau Wijsman  
April 21, 2009

Trained and practiced as a pharmacist in Copenhagen before coming to I-House where she met her future husband, Robert Wijsman. She started a business in Berkeley featuring Scandinavian design then moved to Illinois where Robert was a professor at the University of Illinois and she became a prolific artist with a passion for equal rights, humanitarian causes, and the environment throughout her life. Predeceased by her husband, Robert, survived by their three daughters.

1970s ALUMNI

Can Altinbay  
June 18, 2009

Born in Tokyo and raised in Yokohama, Japan, he earned a BS in Turkey and an MS from the Illinois Institute of Technology. He was a software engineer for many years before discovering that using his tri-lingual skills translating was more rewarding. His great passions in life were music and theater. He displayed his delightful sense of humor to the end. Survived by his wife, Joan.

FRIENDS

Charles A. Anderson  
April 17, 2009

President and CEO of SRI International, I-House Board member from 1978-82 and 1984-89. He enjoyed flying, time with his family at their Santa Cruz cabin, and served on the boards of many community organizations. Predeceased by his wife Betty, survived by their three children.

Marion Sproul Goodin  
July 13, 2009

Received her BA and MA in English from Cal, served as an economic analyst for the US State Department and was sent to Lima, Peru, where she met her future husband, Vernon Goodin. The daughter of Chancellor Robert Gordon Sproul, she served on the I-House Board from 1973-79 and 1982-87. Predeceased by her husband, Vernon, survived by three children.



John Hargrove  
August 22, 2009

Worked in I-House Dining Services for 24 years before retiring and always had a kind word and a smile for everyone.

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- ☐ Add us to the list of I-House Couples (see <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/a/notable/couples.html>)
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## INSPIRING LEADERS FOR GLOBAL UNDERSTANDING



International House residents in May, 2009. Dozens remain as current residents “under the dome” this fall, while many more have joined our vibrant worldwide network of alumni.

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- home away from home to nearly 600 Cal students from the US and over 60 countries – with academic excellence in every field.
- global community of 80,000+ alumni, including international leaders in business, academia, diplomacy, and seven Nobel Laureates.
- site of hundreds of thought-provoking programs and events annually – including cross-cultural lectures, films, and festivals, open to the public.
- historic 240,000 square foot facility including a public Dining Commons and Café that welcome residents, the campus community, and the public.
- a purpose that has united thousands since our founding in 1930: fostering cross-cultural respect, understanding, lifelong friendships and leadership skills to promote a more tolerant and peaceful world.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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November 5, 2009	Native American Dinner
November 25, 2009	Thanksgiving Dinner
December 14, 2009	Holiday Celebration Dinner
January 27, 2010	Korean Night Dinner
February 12, 2010	Lunar New Year
February 16, 2010	Mardi Gras Lunch/Dinner
February 26, 2010	African American Night
March 5, 2010	Guest Chef Series Dinner-Culinary Academy/CIA
March 17, 2010	St. Patrick's Day Dinner
March 20, 2010	Narooz Persian Dinner
March 2010	Lodestar Dinner - date to be announced.
April 17, 2010	Edith Coliver Festival of Cultures & Cal Day
April 22, 2010	Festival de Seville Dinner
May 5, 2010	Cinco de Mayo Dinner
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