

IH Times

*I-House Through the Decades
Stories of Transformation*



Fall/Winter 2023-24

For Alumni & Friends of International House

Executive Director's Message

The Impact of Living at I-House



As we usher in the Fall 2023 semester at International House, it is my privilege to extend a warm welcome to our residents, both new and returning. I'm delighted to introduce this issue of the *I-House Times Newsletter*, filled with inspiring stories, updates, and recognition of some of the remarkable individuals who make our mission possible.

This issue explores the profound impact of living at I-House as we delve into the transformative experiences that residents undergo during their time with us. From the forging of lifelong friendships to the broadening of cultural horizons, the impact of I-House resonates far beyond the boundaries of our physical space. It is a testament to the power of diversity and cross-cultural dialogue in shaping global citizens.

I am pleased to announce two new members of the I-House Board, **Margaret Andrews (IH 1983-85)** and Dorothy Militar, and two returning members, **Daniel Mouen-Makoua (IH 1984-85)** and Peter Robertson. I-House expresses its heartfelt thanks to Joan Kask and to **Jawahar Gidwani (IH 1973-76)** for their many years of dedicated service on the Board.

In our "By the Numbers" feature, we provide a snapshot of the financial health of I-House and the statistics that define our vibrant community, showcasing the diverse and international tapestry that makes I-House a true global hub of cultural exchange and understanding.

This issue shines a spotlight on the Robertson Center for Intercultural Leadership & Programs (RCILP). We provide

the latest news and an exciting calendar of events, offering residents and the I-House community opportunities to engage with distinguished leaders from various fields and expand their leadership potential.

In the "Philanthropy Matters" section, we share stories behind a remarkable chain of generous and inspirational support for financial aid. We honor the donors who have contributed to scholarships and invite you to consider the extraordinary recipients of this invaluable support. I am thrilled to announce the establishment of the Florence & Harry Edmonds Legacy Circle. This circle of esteemed individuals honors those who have included I-House in their estate planning, recognizing their commitment to ensuring that our mission endures for generations to come.

This issue also includes the "Honor Roll," where we recognize the extraordinary contributions of our donors, whose generosity enables us to make a meaningful impact on the lives of our residents. We celebrate alumni who have visited through our "Back to Berkeley" feature, highlighting the unique ways in which they continue to carry the I-House spirit with them on their journeys. Furthermore, our "News and Notes" section provides updates on the latest happenings within our community, and we take a moment to remember and pay tribute to those we have lost through our "In Memory" section.

As I reflect on the recent academic year, I am humbled by and wish to thank you for your support in keeping the I-House dream alive.

Sincerely,

Shaun R. Carver, Ed.D., MBA
Executive Director

Board Member Transitions

New



Margaret Andrews
(IH 1983-85)
Harvard Instructor
Founder, MYLO Center



Dorothy Militar
Vice President, Director
of Operations
Osterweis Capital
Management

Returning

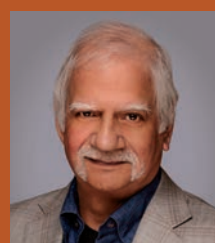


Daniel Mouen-Makoua
(IH 1984-85)
Director, Bwamanga
Sustainable Investment
Advisors



Peter Robertson
Independent Oil &
Energy Professional

Rotating Off



Jawahar Gidwani
(IH 1973-76)
Founding Chairman and
CEO of QuSwami, Inc.



Joan Kask
Director of
Administration, UCB
Interdisciplinary Social
Science Programs,
College of Letters

I-House by the Numbers

Dramatic increases in costs and inflation as well as supply chain problems, decreased workforce availability, and aging infrastructure continue to present challenges for I-House. Given these pressures, staff have done an outstanding job managing resources in support of our not-for-profit organization. Philanthropic support and fiscal responsibility allow us to keep increases in annual room and board rates at less than the inflation rate, and I-House fees remain below the comparable rates elsewhere on campus.

Our 2023-24 operating budget of \$18.2 million includes a \$150K contingency fund and continues the practice of returning 3 percent of our gross revenues to the operating reserve. Through the generosity of alumni and friends, I-House will be able to provide \$1 million in financial aid again this academic year for room and board for residents with financial need.

Resident Statistics 2023-24

Top Five Areas of Study

Economics
Computer Science
Business Administration
Law
Mechanical Engineering

Top Five Countries

United States
India
China
France
Japan

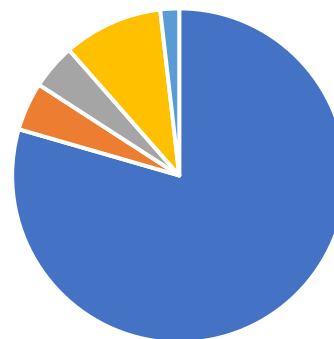
- 617 residents represent 73 countries
- 503 international, 114 U.S.
- 283 graduate students
- 81 majors
- 323 undergraduate students
- 11 visiting scholar/post doc
- Average age is 22 (range 18-50)

I-House remains strong, and residents report overall satisfaction with their experience here. As you can see from the stats on this page, philanthropic support represents a significant and growing portion of our operating budget.

Thank you for helping International House light the way for generations to come! To learn more about how your giving makes a world of difference at International House, visit ihouse.berkeley.edu. ■

FY 2023-24 Support & Revenue

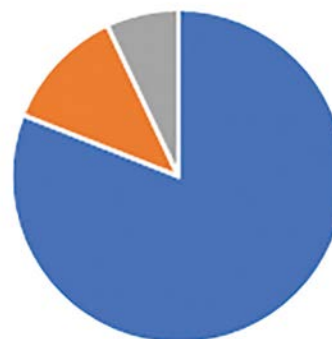
\$18,202,283



- Room & Board (Net Scholarships & Allowance)
- Philanthropic Contributions
- Edmonds Cafe
- Hospitality (Dining, Catering Events)
- Other Operating Revenue (Includes Release from Restriction)

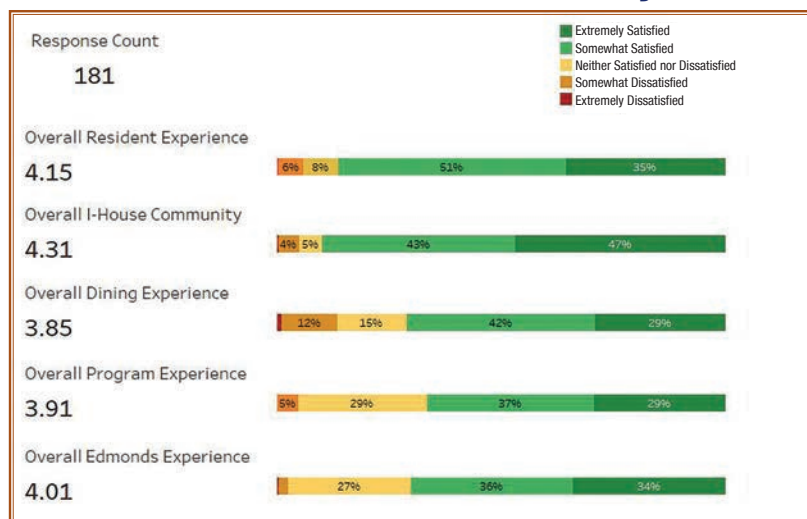
FY 2023-24 Functional Expenses

\$18,199,891



- Program Services Expenses
- Management & General
- Fundraising Expenses

Resident Satisfaction Survey



Transcending Borders

The Robertson Center for Intercultural Leadership and Programs

In our highly interconnected world, the ability to navigate differences and foster meaningful connections across cultures is essential. Recognizing this, the Robertson Center for Intercultural Leadership and Programs (RCILP) continues to be a beacon of cultural celebration and understanding at I-House.

During the past academic year, RCILP brought back many I-House signature events that had been on hold since the beginning of the pandemic, launched new programming, restructured the resident leadership program, and welcomed new team members. Through RCILP, residents made friends; shared the foods, music, dance, and art of their home cultures; explored the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond; and much more. Residents also engaged in critical conversations about current and historical world events and issues. Sometimes they agreed to disagree peacefully—sometimes mindsets shifted.



Dance performance during the Diwali Themed Dinner

We look forward to welcoming I-House alumni and friends to RCILP events throughout the year to celebrate diversity, promote inclusion and authenticity, and encourage positive change at both local and global scales. Be sure to check out RCILP's upcoming 2023-24 events on the back cover! ■



More than 200 new I-House residents participated in Fall 2022 retreats

This year, RCILP is launching a certificate program for I-House residents, through which participants will explore cultural differences, challenge assumptions, and develop practical skills to lead with empathy and respect in culturally diverse environments.



Weekly **DiversiTEA** and **Coffee Hours** provide a space for residents to share their cultures through food, performance, and activities. Cultures and festivals celebrated in 2022-23 included: Romanian, Mid-Autumn Festival, Hispanic Heritage Month, Int. Day of Peace, Jewish, Iranian, Afghan, American, Diwali, Brazilian, Mexican, Japanese, Irish, British, Taiwanese, French, Spanish, Réunion Island, Norwegian, Canadian, Fastnacht, Nowruz, SE Asian, Italian, and Hong Kong.



The 2022-23 Resident Council, from Left: Briana Steven, Ricardo Armentia Moliner, Marina Ruiz, Abby Pope (Secretary), Eric Guntermann (President), César Rojas Angel, Olivia Agnew, Manal Siddiqui (Treasurer), Bryant Larson (Vice President), Mary Pompee (Communications Officer), Daniel Edrisian, Oke Iroegbu

Resident Benefit Concerts showcased the talents of I-House residents from across the globe. Proceeds from ticket sales were donated to charities chosen by residents, including the Berkeley Food Pantry, the Syrian Emergency Task Force, and the Turkish Education Foundation.



Continuing the tradition of the **Edith Coliver Festival of Cultures**, the new **I-House International Culture Festival** was launched in April 2023 to celebrate cultural traditions from around the world, showcasing traditional dress, art, and cuisines from Botswana, China, Germany, India, Korea, Mexico, Romania, Singapore, and the USA, as well as music and dance performances.



I-House's partnership with local Rotary Clubs was revived to provide international residents with a cultural exchange during Cal's spring break. Participants visited a local vineyard, went horseback riding, skied on Mount Shasta, and even learned how to line dance!



In March 2023, RCILP hosted IMPACTathon with Joey Lee, Founder of Bridgeway Learning – a new I-House event designed to leverage the diversity at I-House for social change. Residents participated in a design-thinking workshop to imagine solutions to pressing social and environmental issues. Each team finished the day by pitching a newly developed concept or business idea.



The Lodestar Speaker Series (above) strives to bring our community together for meaningful dialogue that sparks curiosity, inspiration, and intercultural understanding. The first event in this relaunched series addressed anti-Blackness and Colorism, and included Assistant Professor, UC Berkeley African Diasporic Art History, Nana Adusei-Poku; multimedia journalist, filmmaker/digital media producer, **Chan'Cellore Makanjuola (IH 2019-20)**; and Associate Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Berkeley Haas, Marco T. Lindsey.

Each of the three 2022-23 Sunday Suppers (right) concluded with the IH Candlelight Ceremony and the words, *As light begets light, so love, friendship, and goodwill are passed from one to another. We, who have come from many nations to live in friendship at International House, promise one another to pass the light wherever we go.*



Stories of Transformation

from Personal Growth to Global Impact

There are many different lenses through which we can clearly view the tens of thousands of individuals who have lived at I-House over the past 93 years. Some characteristics of our resident body composition are easily quantifiable. For example, we know the home countries, languages, academic disciplines, genders, and ages of our residents each year. We know how many individuals seek help to pay for room and board at I-House and to how many we can offer some financial assistance. We count the number of residents who eat in the Dining Commons every day, and through regular surveys, we know how many like the food prepared in our kitchen. We know how many residents participate in the programs of I-House's Robertson Center for Intercultural Leadership and Programs. We know how many alumni come back to visit. We also know of and celebrate many notable alumni who have famously made the world a better place.

But determining just how an individual's I-House experience informed their understanding of the world and influenced their personal and professional lives is a bit more difficult. The answer is simply more nuanced.

Many alumni describe important and enduring lifelong relationships—in some cases, marriages—as the most significant outcome of their stay at I-House. **Ron Olson's (IH 1959-62)** story is a familiar one:

"Living at I-House was probably the most defining experience of my life. The collection of friends I made there and the fact that they were from all over the world were profoundly influential. As we figured out young adulthood, shared new experiences in Berkeley and beyond, and imagined our



Ron, Denise, and Gladys—friends for life.

futures, we all realized that we had a lot more in common than our differences in language, background, and culture."

Ron, an undergraduate student of anthropology from the USA, came to I-House with an established interest in other cultures. "But my understanding of different cultures was sort of theoretical. The world opened up in a real way when I came to I-House. I made dear friends from

Egypt, England, Germany, Italy, Tunisia ... I attended an Orthodox Easter celebration with a Ukrainian friend. These people all taught me so much while I was at I-House and throughout my life. Though our approach to the world might be different, people are people. We are all pretty much 90 percent the same."

Ron's time at I-House also influenced his professional career. "I met several graduate students who were studying public health, and it was through conversations with them that I decided I wanted to do something with public health too." Ron stayed on at I-House while he pursued his graduate work at UC Berkeley. After obtaining his master's in public health, he joined the Peace Corps where he worked as a health educator in Ethiopia, and then went on to work for the City of San Francisco Department of Public Health, and later with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. "If it were not for my time at I-House and the people I met there, I would never have found that path."

Mike Zingg (IH 1992-93) likewise recognizes the influence of his I-House experience on his professional life. Born and raised in Switzerland, he came to I-House as an exchange student from Sophia University in Japan to study economics at the Haas School of Business. Though from a fairly young age, Mike was curious about cultures outside of his own, he says his time at I-House grew that interest and accelerated his learning. "At I-House, when talking to all the people there, you begin to see that everywhere around the world we have similar issues—social, environmental ... even issues in the workplace. And if you listen, you can really grow by learning how other cultures and countries have addressed those issues."



Denise Shual Ronan (IH 1959-60), Ron Olson (IH 1959-62), and Gladys Kroub Ball (IH 1959-60) in front of I-House, circa 1960.



Mike Zingg (IH 1992-93) and his children on a recent visit to I-House.

Mike has spent most of his career living and working outside of Switzerland for international companies, including Novartis, IBM, and Takeda—all companies for which having an intercultural mindset is key. “I’ve carried and applied what I learned at I-House throughout my professional career. There’s so much research showing that diverse teams are more successful because the team members bring differing perspectives and approaches. It’s so important. And DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) is built right into the mission of I-House. It’s a mind-opening, world-opening experience. At I-House, I learned to at least try to see through the eyes of others, and it had a huge impact on my life.”

Teresa Echeverria (IH 2015-16) says, “At I-House, stereotypes are broken down when you connect with people on a personal level. I’ve experienced it myself.” She came to I-House from Spain to complete a graduate certificate through UC Extension. “Up until then, my community was very much made up of the same types of people.” The people she interacted with at home—even in the university setting—mostly looked like her, sounded like her, and shared similar experiences. She explained that when she came to I-House, she was a bit overwhelmed. “At first I stayed with other Spaniards or with people who spoke Spanish.” That’s not an unusual way to begin one’s time at I-House. But Teresa soon realized that her fellow residents shared much in common—they were students, very busy with their course work, and most of them were far from home. “That’s when I began to interact more with others, and I still maintain those

friendships today. In fact, some of us had a small reunion in London a few weeks ago!”

What’s more, Teresa gained communication skills that are integral to her professional work today. She works for a company that supports and invests in entrepreneurial opportunities in emerging and underserved markets around the world and says that, as a hiring manager, she seeks out people who have intercultural communication skills. “The skills I learned at I-House—the skills that everyone learns at I-House just through daily interactions—are essential in the global workplace.”

“My time this summer at I-House has been about defining and celebrating my full cultural identity, which is truly multicultural,” says **Olivia Matuschek (IH 2023)**. Her Austrian father, **Rudi Matuschek (IH 1996)**, and her mother Clotilde, met while at Cité Internationale of Paris, which shares in the I-House vision and mission. Olivia grew up hearing her dad’s stories about his time at I-House. She came to study at UC Berkeley this summer, in part, so that she could have her own I-House experience.

Though born in France and a French citizen, Olivia grew up in Maryland since early childhood. “I’m a U.S. Green Card holder, and I currently attend college at McGill University in Montreal. There are lots of parts to me. I identify as Austrian, French, and American. And I speak German, French, and English equally well.” Often Olivia has found that when trying to define her cultural identity for other people, they’ve been confused, or worse, dismissive. “But at I-House, people are open-minded. They’re accepting that people are multicultural. Here, you can just be whoever you are.”



Rudi (IH 1996) and daughter **Olivia Matuschek (IH 2023)**. Rudi says, “My I-House experiences truly changed the trajectory of my life and made me a lifelong advocate for promoting concrete international connections, exchanges, and understanding. It was a powerful experience, and Olivia’s life path has been a product of it in many ways.”

There are many I-House families like the Matuscheks among our alumni

Share Your I-House Stories

As we continue to explore the impact of I-House, we would love to hear your story. Submit your photos, captions, stories, and/or videos online here:

ihouse.berkeley.edu/stories

or by email to alumni@ihouseberkeley.org. Select stories may be featured on the I-House website, social media, videos, or in the *I-House Times* newsletter.



Minnie, Susanna, and Carol with their parents, York Yuk Wah Loo and Lily Lai King Hung Loo, seated on a bench the sisters dedicated to their parents.

(the “Back to Berkeley” section of this newsletter confirms this!) The I-House experiences of grandparents, parents, siblings, and extended family members often inspire the stays of other relatives. Each spring, as high school students begin to participate in college tours, I-House welcomes back alumni who are eager for their children to one day make their own memories here.

Minnie Loo (IH 1977-78) came to I-House in the late 1970s and was soon followed by her sisters **Susanna (IH 1978-80)** and **Carol (IH 1986-88)**. Minnie says, “Because my family lived nearby in San Francisco, I was always bringing my I-House friends to my home, and they got to experience a Chinese-American family in San Francisco. They got to know my siblings and my parents, who were immigrants from Hong Kong. And my family got to experience people from other parts of the world. The exchange went both ways.” “By the time I came to I-House,” says Carol, “I knew Minnie’s

Veeral and Ami Desai and their children on a recent visit to I-House, holding Veeral’s father Ashok’s original application to I-House from December 1967 and a collage of photos from his I-House years.



friends, and our sister, Susanna, who studied linguistics, had also lived at I-House. The path had already been shown to me in terms of what was possible there. It was such a natural choice.”

And it’s not only families. “My dad’s experience at I-House and at Berkeley was foundational to his introduction to this country. It profoundly impacted his journey, and ultimately, our family’s story.” Veeral Desai’s father, **Ashok Desai (IH 1968-69)**, applied to live at I-House just four days after he arrived in the United States from India. Veeral says that of all the places in the world, I-House was the most important place to his dad. “This is where it all began. I heard about I-House my entire life. Many people from my dad’s hometown and our community were inspired to go to college, to come to Berkeley, and to live at I-House because of his experience. I attended Cal myself in part to follow in my dad’s giant footsteps and extend his Cal legacy.”

Veeral describes his late father as someone who was deeply compassionate, genuine, and someone who lived with honor and respect for others—wherever they came from and whatever their circumstances. “I think Dad’s mindset was reinforced by his experience at I-House. He was welcomed into a diverse community that made him feel at home when he was thousands of miles away from everything and everyone he knew. He became a leader in his own community and modeled these powerful shared values throughout his life.”

The mission of I-House is to foster intercultural respect and understanding, lifelong friendships, and leadership skills for a more just and peaceful world. Are we attaining that mission? By the personal stories reflected in these pages, we think the answer is a resounding “yes!” Do we have more work to do? Absolutely.

As I-House begins to plan for the next 100 years, we are evaluating our mission, programs, admissions processes, resident amenities, meal offerings—everything that makes I-House unique and the experience so powerful. Our goal is to determine what’s working, what’s not, and how we might improve on it in the future. We welcome your input and, as always, your I-House story at alumni@ihouseberkeley.org or 510-642-4128. ■



Giovanni Dubois (IH 2003-04) and **Adrien Poulizac (IH 2007-08)** with I-House residents of the future.

Congratulations

I-House Davis Projects for Peace 2023 Award Recipients!



Eric Assan

Digital Literacy & Mentorship for Peace, Ghana

Dinah Lawan

Foundations of Peacebuilding,
Empowerment and Political Education:
Building a Voice for Indigenous Women
in Areas Most Impacted by the Boko
Haram Insurgency, Nigeria



Martin Ssemulugo

Hygiene & Sanitation4Peace at Kigungu Landing Site, Uganda



Projects for Peace is an initiative, with a \$10,000 award, that is open to residents of International House to design grassroots projects anywhere in the world that promote peace and address the root causes of conflict.

Learn more at ihouse.berkeley.edu/davis

Community Feedback

The recent survey of the I-House community spanned the decades. I-House asked, and almost 500 alumni and friends responded with their reflections, advice, ideas, and special memories of their time living at 2299 Piedmont Avenue.

Themes that emerged include overwhelmingly positive feelings toward I-House. Respondents amplified our mission by reflecting that I-House is in a unique position to help develop empathetic future leaders in politics, business, education/research, healthcare, community work, and more who will unite people and nations across the globe. We also received thoughtful, constructive advice. For example, many respondents expressed the need to update the bedrooms, restrooms, and other resident amenities to meet the needs of modern students while carefully preserving the architectural beauty of I-House.

Many people reminded us of the need to maintain and to enhance all forms of diversity, including economic

diversity, among residents. Living as part of a diverse resident population is at the core of the I-House experience. Many alumni expressed that, as climate change is a global issue that must be addressed, we should explore how I-House can become a cleaner, greener institution. We also learned that, despite the world's largely moving out of the pandemic-inspired Zoom era, our community is still hungry for online events and, increasingly, for in-person alumni gatherings.

We are already beginning to incorporate the feedback and ideas we received through the survey into our programs and plans for I-House. Thanks to all who participated and please stay tuned for our next community survey!

Make a Difference Today and Save on Taxes with a Gift from your IRA

Qualified charitable distributions, also known as "IRA charitable rollovers," are a great way for supporters 70 ½ years and older to use their IRAs to support International House. Charitable rollovers allow you to donate up to \$100,000 annually to qualifying charities, like I-House, without incurring income tax on your withdrawal. You can save on taxes, maximize the impact of your gift, and know that you are helping to support I-House's mission of peace.

To learn more, visit ihouse.berkeley.edu/waystogive.

Philanthropy Matters

Each year, I-House is proud to offer approximately \$1,000,000 in need-based financial aid to residents to assist with room and board expenses. These financial awards are made possible through the generous support of I-House alumni, board members, corporations, and foundations who believe in the power and promise of the I-House experience.

Six new scholarships have been established, helping to ensure socioeconomic, geographic, cultural, and academic diversity among our residents and contributing to the essence of I-House—a vibrant and inclusive multicultural community.

The **James V. Hubn and Betty R. Hubn I-House Scholarship** will provide room and board support for a resident enrolled in the Haas School of Business undergraduate program.

The **Professor David Jenkins Memorial Scholarship** will provide room and board support for a graduate student in civil engineering at International House.

The **Maxine G. and Hugh E. Macbeth Jr. Scholarship** will provide room and board support for a graduate or undergraduate student pursuing a degree in law or in the arts.

The **Ida Katherine Rigby Room and Board Scholarship** will provide room and board support for a resident from Africa.

The **Charles J. and Laurene Wu McClain Endowed Scholarship** and the **Dr. Jayanta Roy Memorial Scholarship for International House Room and Board** will enable future UC Berkeley students from any region of the world to experience I-House.

Gateway Fellowships

In collaboration with UC Berkeley, I-House awards Gateway Fellowships to a select group of I-House residents enrolled in a doctoral program at Cal. Award recipients receive one academic year of room and board, fees and tuition paid by the student's academic department, and a \$5,000 stipend from the UC Berkeley Graduate Division. We are pleased to announce the 2023-24 Gateway Fellows. To learn more about the Gateway Fellowship program, visit ihouse.berkeley.edu/gateway.



Zhebang Zhang (China)

Adrian Hao Yin Ü Gateway Fellowship.
Area of study: Sociology



Alireza Pourghaderi (Iran)

Carl and Betty Helmholtz Gateway Fellowship. Area of study: Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering



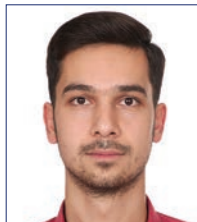
Diego Osorio (Colombia)

Chevron-Xenel Gateway Ph.D. Fellowship. Area of study: Earth and Planetary Science



Rivana Cerullo (Switzerland)

Joan and Egon von Kaschnitz Gateway Fellowship. Area of study: Anthropology



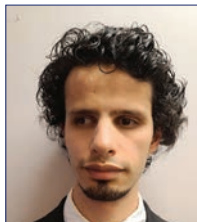
Jafar Farhadi (Iran)

Eltoukhy East-West Gateway Fellowship.
Area of study: Chemical Engineering



David Keith (USA)

Open Gateway Fellowship.
Area of study: History



Hussain Kadhemi (Canada)

EWJ Gateway Fellowship.
Area of study: Applied Mathematics



Romeo Tokinai (Togo)

Allan and Kathleen Rosevear Gateway Fellowship. Area of study: Anthropology

We are grateful to the individuals who have given so generously to establish these important financial resources as they help I-House and UC Berkeley attract and retain the brightest and most talented students from all over the world.

To learn more about endowed scholarships at I-House, visit ihouse.berkeley.edu/admissions/i-house-financial-aid. If you'd like to contribute to an existing scholarship fund or if you'd like to establish a new scholarship, please contact our philanthropy department at philanthropy@ihouseberkeley.org or 510-642-4128. ■

Creating a Lasting Legacy at International House



Like many I-House alumni, **John Burt Jr. (IH 1970-71)** has led a rich and adventurous life. Raised in the San Francisco Bay Area, John first began to truly explore the world during what proved to be a seven-year break from college. He migrated to Australia and stayed for

three years, and then joined the merchant marine working in the engine room of a tramp steamer. His journeys brought him to Southeast Asia, but his seafaring career was cut short when he was drafted into the U.S. Army, where he worked as a radio operator and developed his skills in Morse code.

After his service, John returned to the Bay Area, enrolled at UC Berkeley, and quickly navigated his way to I-House for his final undergraduate year. He cherishes his time at I-House and the memories he made here. "Mealtimes were particularly enjoyable," John says. "I had so many stimulating conversations over food." Discussing global events and comparing perspectives over a meal is, indeed, a time-honored tradition at I-House. John also recalls how, through time spent together and multiple conversations, he found more commonality than difference with his friends from around the world. "I even remember friends who spoke very different languages—for example, Finnish and Japanese—finding similarities in their language and cultures."

After graduating with a degree in economics, John embarked on a career in the mining industry, working on feasibility studies for prospective mining projects. His work took him to locations around the world to assess the economic viability of mining initiatives while considering their cultural and environmental impact. Over the course of his career, John developed a deeper appreciation for the global perspective and cultural awareness he gained during his time at I-House.

Today, more than 50 years since he lived "under the dome," John remains in close contact with friends he made here and still feels a strong bond with I-House. This is why John has been a long-term donor and why, he says, "Planning a legacy gift to I-House just seemed to make sense. I-House is a worthwhile recipient of my support."

He found a charitable gift annuity (CGA) to be an easy and tax-efficient way to plan a legacy gift to I-House while securing predictable income for his own needs.

CGAs offer individuals an immediate tax deduction, a fixed income stream, and the opportunity to support a cause that is important to their lives. I-House is grateful to John and others like him within our global community, whose passion for education, cultural exchange, and giving back continues to inspire us all.

If you, like John, value the connections you formed and the real-life global perspective gained at I-House, and if you too desire to leave a lasting legacy here, please contact us via email at philanthropy@ihouseberkeley.org or 510-642-4128 to learn more about the many

ways you can plan your gift. ■



The Florence and Harry Edmonds Legacy Circle recognizes the growing number of individuals who have chosen to include International House in their legacy plans. Their generosity ensures the future of I-House, supporting our global community and advancing a world of greater understanding. If you have planned a legacy gift and would like to be acknowledged as a member of the Florence and Harry Edmonds Legacy Circle, please let us know so that we can show our appreciation for your commitment to I-House and its mission.

Daniel Premkumar
Gladstone Abraham
John S. Burt, Jr.
Alan Davidson
& Janet Roche Davidson
Dr. Ira Batra Garde
& Dr. Shrikant A. Garde

Alessandra Gulli
Bonnie McPherson Killip
J.A. Lamph
Maura D. Mack
Paresh & Debra Maniar
Laurie S. Masten

Anne & Henry Mollet
Arthur Van Zandt Strock
Nancy Stock Tivol
Kwei & Michele Ü
Laura Siegel Venning
& Robert Venning

Robert & Sheryl Wong
Anders Chung Yang, J.D.
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Gifts to International House

International House is proud to recognize contributors whose generous support b

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Ajit & Marjorie Sabnis

Global Diplomats

\$25,000 & Above
Martin & Kim Chavez
Chevron Corporation
Charles & Laurene Wu McClain
Jay Paxton
Lali Roy
Ronald E. Silva
Kwei & Michele Ü

Ambassadors

\$10,000 & Above
Ronald G. Olson
Candy & Peter Robertson
Robert & Sheryl Wong
Anonymous

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Back to Berkeley



1. While visiting I-House this spring, **Chenming Hu (IH 1969-71)** advised current residents that the best way to meet a life partner is to be on the front steps when new residents arrive and offer to help with their luggage, just as he did with his wife, **Margaret (Leung) Hu (IH 1970-71)**. To honor their long-lasting connection to each other and to I-House, the Hus decided to dedicate a bench, which sits near the spot where they first met.

2. Richard Simmons (IH 1971-72) stopped by I-House to see where he, and later his daughter **Alexandra R. Simmons (IH 2009-10)**, lived as young adults. Like many I-House alumni from the '60s and '70s, he remembers the placement of the television in the corner of the Great Hall, where residents gathered daily to keep up with world news.

3. Costas Hamakiotes (IH 1979-85) proudly showed his son Christos around I-House while in town for a college tour. Costas first came to Berkeley from a small village in Greece and was tremendously homesick until he was offered a room at I-House, where he found dear friends and a home away from home for six years. Costas hopes that his son will have the same opportunity as a student at Cal one day.

4. Nancy Stock Tivol (IH 1965-67) is from an "I-House family" with multiple generations of I-House alumni. Her love for I-House and belief in its mission was clear as she proudly showed current Cal student Tina Nguyen around and encouraged her to apply to live at I-House too. Thanks, Nancy and all our alumni who inspire others to live here. I-House alumni are our best ambassadors!

5. Vasil Diyamandoglu (IH 1980-81) stopped by I-House with his daughter Anna and found his old room and mailbox. He joyfully remembered I-House cultural events, especially the ones where he represented his home country of Turkey.

6. A few days after getting engaged in San Francisco, **Charlotte Guerín (IH 2013-14)** visited I-House with her fiancée while on a visit from France.

7. Martin Fischer (IH 1994-95) stopped by with his wife and daughters to see his beautiful home from almost 30 years ago.

8. Sandra Grace Kelly (IH 1979-81) is fairly sure she remembers her room number at I-House (62T!), where she made many lifelong friends.

We know it might be tempting to "drop in" unexpectedly, but to make sure we can welcome you properly and give you a tour, please contact us and let us know you're coming at alumni@ihouseberkeley.org or (510) 642-4128.

Look Who Came To Visit!



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9. Lee Peterson (IH 1970-72) stayed in the I-House Ambassador Suite, while in town for a meeting at the Phoebe A. Hearst Museum of Anthropology, for which he serves as Chair of the Advisory Board. Staying in the Ambassador Suite is a terrific way to get a taste of I-House again. And I-House alumni get a discount on their stay. Visit ihouse.berkeley.edu/suite to learn more.

10. Min Htet Hset's (IH 2016-17) experience at I-House is the inspiration for his company, Socius, through which he is creating international co-living communities around the world. Min Htet believes deeply in the value of intentional communities of diverse people living together to promote cross-cultural learning and understanding.

11. Johanna Langill (IH 2007-09) and Manal Ahmad (IH 2007-09) stopped by I-House for a quick visit this summer and took a selfie with staff member Larnie Macasieb. Johanna noted, "Such good memories and friends."

12. Asma Benothman (IH 1989) visited I-House with a group of high school students from France. Asma lived in I-House for just one summer while on an English language program. She was overwhelmed to be back at I-House and had tears in her eyes as she shared I-House with her students, I-House residents of the future!

13. Linda Igarashi (IH 1997-99) and family were very excited to see Linda's old room! More than 20 years since her last visit, she still remembers and spoke fondly of former Executive Director Joe Lurie and how welcome he made all the residents feel in their new home. She also remains grateful for the scholarships that she received to support her stay at I-House.

14. Mary Bergman (IH 1971), Alma Kagimoto (IH 1973), Connie Jean Johnson (IH 1960s), Mary (McDonough) Mitchell (IH 1972), their spouses, and fellow Cal alumni visited I-House on Cal Day. One of our greatest challenges at I-House is keeping up with our worldwide alumni. How great it is when you come to visit together!

15. Anna Burnus (IH 1993-94) took the opportunity to stop by with her son and husband while in town for a conference.

16. I-House alumni Angie Wakefield (IH 2016) and Hans Husmann (IH 2016) came back "home" to I-House after seven years. They posted a memory of their visit on Instagram. Follow and tag us @ihouseberkeley.

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17. Although **Robyn McAlpine's** (IH 2019-20) time at I-House was truncated by the onset of the pandemic in 2020, the time she spent here left a deep impression on her. "I took every cultural training I could while I was at I-House. I think it's so important." She remains keenly invested in the mission of I-House and in the work of the Robertson Center for Intercultural Leadership and Programs. On a recent visit, she met with the RCILP team, including current I-House resident and Program Lead, **Alizé Jean** (IH 2022-24).

18. While on a Visiting Miller Research Professorship through the Miller Institute for Basic Research in Science, **Alan Robock** (IH 1973) stopped by I-House, where he lived while a graduate student working at Lawrence Livermore Laboratory more than 50 years ago.



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19. **Kaushik Das** (IH 1993-96) showed his daughter Nuriya around I-House, including a visit to the laundry room. Some of Kaushik's fondest memories are hanging out with I-House friends while waiting for the clothes to dry. Kaushik's wife **Cristina Martin** (IH 1996-98) and her brother **David Martin** (IH 1998) also lived at I-House; another I-House family!

20. **Gregory Morgan** (IH 1992) and his family were all smiles as he introduced them to I-House, where he once served as a member of the Resident Council.

21. **Lynn T. White** (IH 1964-65) and his wife, Barbara-Sue, spent a night in the I-House Ambassador Suite. With big smiles, they read Lynn's application to I-House from the 1960s. They look forward to continuing to visit I-House, attending themed dinners, and getting to know new residents. For a list of upcoming I-House events and ways you can reconnect, see the back page of this newsletter.



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22. **Gina (Saldanha) Ramanathan** (IH 1989-90) and **Sridhar Ramanathan** (IH 1982-83) met outside of I-House but both remain connected to its mission and many friends from their I-House years. As a former student worker in the Sarin Program Office, Gina was particularly happy to see that I-House traditions, including Sunday Supper, are still a part of the I-House experience today.

I-House All Years Alumni Reunion

We were pleased to welcome more than 160 alumni, families, and friends back to I-House on August 6th for the I-House All Years Alumni Reunion. It was clear that, although many alumni spent a brief time of their lives living at I-House, the impact was long-lasting. See photos of the event at ihberkeleyconnect.org. Stay tuned to our website, monthly emails, and social media for details about the 2024 reunion.



Alumni News & Notes

1940s



Evie Merritt, sister of alumni **Elisabeth (Karlsson) Peterson (IH 1946-48)**, **Hilda (Karlsson) Roderick (IH 1948-49)**, and **Doris (Karlsson) Burgess (IH 1959-60)**, visited I-House in search of a clock that her sister Elisabeth had designed more than 75 years ago. The clock featured the

original I-House logo, surrounded by two large brass hands and a brass dial. It was hung in the Great Hall and stood the test of time for many decades until replacement parts could no longer be found for its motor. The centerpiece of the clock is on display in the I-House Hall of History.

1950s

While a student at Cal, **William Shane (IH 1951-52)** studied astronomy. He is excited to welcome three new postdocs (from Australia, India, and the USA) to the Monterey Institute for Research in Astronomy, where he continues to conduct research today.

I-House, particularly the Great Hall, is a special place for **Abdelkader Abbadi (IH 1959-61 & 1966-67)** and his family. He met his wife, Maria, in the Great Hall in 1966 and shortly thereafter, also while in the Great Hall, received a job offer to work with the United Nations.



He says, “My position in the United Nations Division of the Security Council was to work for the resolution of conflicts and for peace and cooperation in various parts of the world. The I-House values, including international understanding, cultural diversity, tolerance, and brotherhood, served me well in my new assignments.” Abdelkader and Maria joined us in April 2023 for the I-House alumni gathering in New York City. Their son **Karim Abbadi (IH 1998-2000)** is also an I-House alum.

1960s

Tim Holt (1968-71) has written a futuristic novel, *On Higher Ground*, and a collection of essays on simple living, *Songs of the Simple Life*. He currently publishes a literary quarterly, *The Northwest Review*.

Tara Lamont (IH 1968-69) wrote, “I arrived in Berkeley in 1966 and was immediately drawn into IH activities. I performed Indian classical and folk dances at the cultural shows and spent many hours in the café debating the

important issues of the day. My best friends to this day are the ones I met at I-House.” Tara recently published *MOKSHA*, a didactic novel of Vedanta philosophy in the guise of a tale of adventure. You can find her book in the I-House library, where we are developing a collection of publications of I-House alumni from around the world.

Another published author, **Nadia Grosser Nagarajan (IH 1968-70)**, lived in I-House while getting her Ph.D. in comparative literature and, while here, met her husband, **Sambamurthy Nagarajan (IH 1968-73)**, who was pursuing his doctorate in structural engineering. Nadia has published three books, which can also be found in the I-House library.

Chenming Hu (IH 1969-71), TSMC Distinguished Professor Emeritus in the electronic engineering and computer science department at UC Berkeley, recently received an honorary doctoral degree from the University of Hong Kong and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Medal of Honor, IEEE's highest honor.

Constantin Bulucea (IH 1960s) is now a retired Distinguished Member of the Technical Staff of Texas Instruments and an Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Life Fellow. He still remembers “with great pleasure, the folk dancing evenings at the I-House and watching the news broadcast by Walter Cronkite.”

1970s

Joseph Landolph (IH 1971) is a tenured Associate Professor of molecular microbiology and immunology and pathology at University of Southern California.

At the University of Peshawar in Pakistan, **Muhammed Khan (IH 1972)** is the Vice Chancellor at FATA University in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan, and President of the Pakistan Psychological Association.

Richard Benson (IH 1974-76) is the president of the University of Texas at Dallas, a fast-growing research university, and his wife, **Leslie Brault Benson (IH 1972-76)**, is retired but an active volunteer, mostly helping organizations with website development.

Douglas Piirto (IH 1972-77) wrote, “Please keep things going as peace and harmony in the world require people showing respect as they seek common ground.”

Jim Silva (IH 1968-69) and **Edee (Westfall) Silva (IH 1973-75)** report that, for the past two years, Jim has served as an adjunct electrical engineering lab instructor at Union College, while taking many EE classes, satisfying a lifelong interest in electronics. Edee has worked for years as a church music director. Jim and Edee met in the Great Hall.

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Kamalakar P. Shenai (IH 1976-77) let us know that he was recently recognized as an AAPI leader by Congressman Darren Soto, U.S. representative for Florida's 9th District for his involvement with Asian Pacific Islanders Coming Together and the National Kidney Foundation.

Horst Simon (IH 1978-79) wrote, "After many years in the Bay Area, my wife, **Candice Yu Simon (IH 1977-79)**, and I will relocate to Abu Dhabi, UAE. I will take on the leadership of a new research center, ADIA Lab, funded by the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority."

After 32 years of teaching, **Subhash Risbud (IH 1970-74)** retired from UC Davis as a Distinguished Professor of Materials Science and Engineering.

Hidefumi Yamagami (IH 1975-77) is teaching international finance at the Institute of Business and Accounting at Kwansei Gakuin University in Japan, after a long career at the Bank of Tokyo.

Gregory Neil Ivey (IH 1977-78) and **Sharon Elain Ivey (IH 1977-78)** met while Gregory was a resident and Sharon was working as a Graduate Resident Assistant at I-House. This year they celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. Their wedding reception was held in the Great Hall.

Jeffry Canin (IH 1978-79) is serving on a number of startup and non-profit boards, focused primarily on cleantech.

Peter Pazzagli (IH 1978-82) is a Distinguished Senior Scholar and Adjunct Full Professor of History at Columbia University.

1980s

George Schultze (IH 1982-84) is a Jesuit priest living at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Jerusalem and working at the Latin Seminary in Beit Jala. He also has a ministry with Filipino migrant workers.

Khatharya Um (IH 1983-88) was awarded the Fukuoka Academic Prize 2023, which honors the individuals who have made contributions to the fields of Asian studies, Asian art, and Asian culture. She is UC Berkeley's Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the Social Sciences Division, Associate Professor of Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies, and affiliate faculty with Cal's Global Studies Program, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, and Institute for European Studies.

Stephen Liston (IH 1985-87) is moving with his family to Spain, after 33 years focused on Latin America and international work. His son **David Liston (IH 2018-19)** is now a Lieutenant in the US Navy, training to fly fighter jets. His daughter **Elizabeth Liston (IH 2021-22)** just graduated

from Cal and is embarking on a career in international relations.

After leaving the German Parliament, the Bundestag, in 2021, **Heribert A. Hirte (IH 1988-89)** began teaching again as professor at the University of Hamburg. He also became a fellow of the German non-profit Finanzwende and a board member of Transparency International Germany.

Babu Rahman (IH 1987-89) reports that the non-profit organization that he started, Agami, is formally registered in the U.S. and Bangladesh. Agami has served over 100,000 underprivileged children, teaching K-10. He also says, "My wife, Sophia, whom I met on my last day at Cal, has endured 30 years with me and seems ready for another 30!"

Kamran Nemati (IH 1984-95) joined the State University of New York at Buffalo as a Professor of Civil, Structural, and Environmental Engineering in September 2022.

1990s



In summer 2022, **Mario Turner (IH 1992-93)** and **Pedro Alcayde (IH 1992-93)**, former I-House roommates, reunited in Spain with their families.

Alen Voskanian (IH 1999-2000) published the book *Reclaiming the Joy of Medicine: Finding Purpose and Happiness in Today's Medical Industry*. He also recently became Chief Operating Officer at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

2000s

Robert Corrie (IH 2000) would love to return to Berkeley next year! Until then, he is based at Oxford University as a postdoc working on extreme weather events and climate change.

Achala Navaratne (IH 2002-04) shared, "I would not be in the job that I am doing today as a global citizen if not for the learnings and experiences I gained at I-House, which opened my eyes and opened new doors and paths."

Luana España (IH 2004-05) and Liliame Koziol, former Director of Programs at I-House, reconnected at the United Nations Association East Bay Chapter UN Flag raising ceremony at the Port of Oakland.



Luana is the Community Affairs Representative with the Port of Oakland Social Responsibility Division and Liliane is the Coordinator of the Northern California Fulbright Visiting Scholar Enrichment Program of the U.S. State Department Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Mohammad Soltani (IH 2008-09), who received a scholarship to support his stay at I-House, wrote, "Thanks for giving me a roof to live under and a community to belong to when I needed them most."

2010s

Gonzalo Leiva Fidalgo (IH 2014-15) says that after "experiencing I-House's rich and diverse atmosphere," he decided he wanted to be a career diplomat. Today, he is posted in Cameroon, as a Deputy Head of Mission.

Vishnu T. Chundi's (IH 2016) company, AssetVault, won the Season 5 pitch competition of *Meet the Drapers in Silicon Valley* (investor Tim Draper's Shark Tank-style television show). Vishnu encourages all I-House residents to remain connected and to make use of the global network of I-House alumni. He is available to mentor I-House alumni entrepreneurs: find him on ihberkeleyconnect.org.



In Memory

1940s



Howard Mel (IH 1943-45) was a member of Naval ROTC and was called to service in World War II before finishing his degree. After the war, he returned to Cal, where he finished his B.S. in physical chemistry and his Ph.D. in chemistry, and where he soon established his career as a researcher and professor.

Howard also served as Director of the Lawrence Hall of Science and Director of UC's Education Abroad Center in Bordeaux, France. A generous supporter of International House, Howard drove a fundraising effort to establish the Carl & Betty Helmholtz Gateway Fellowship at I-House.

Nancy Waldman (IH 1948-49) developed what would turn into an unwavering passion for economic justice. She was similarly devoted to the civil rights movement, and in the early 1960s, she joined the Congress of Racial Equality. Nancy studied international relations at UC Berkeley. While at Cal, she lived at I-House, where she met her husband, **Theodore Waldman (IH 1948-50)**. Nancy spent most of her professional life as a librarian in the college communities across the United States in which she and Ted lived. She and Ted were long-term, generous donors to I-House.



Mary Eleanor Post Grunland



Mary Eleanor Post "Peggy" Grunland (IH 1946-47) lived at I-House during what is often referred to as the "Golden Age," the years immediately following World War II. After receiving a master's in Spanish at UC Berkeley, she was invited back to I-House by Executive Director Alan Blaisdell to work in the new I-House Information

Office, which she continued to manage for the next four years. Deeply committed to I-House and the people she met here, Peggy once said, "For many of us, I-House is the original 'extended family.'" She will be remembered for her love of language, music, poetry, and her endless desire and willingness to make connections and friendships with people from all countries and backgrounds.



In Memory

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Zoe (Nakos) Canellakis

(IH 1947-51), a senior research scientist at Yale School of Medicine in the Department of Pharmacology, was a lifelong advocate for woman in science. She received a master's in biochemistry from UC Berkeley, and a Ph.D. in physiological chemistry from the University of Wisconsin. As the chair of the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women of the American Society of Biological Chemists and Carnegie Conference on Women keynote speaker, she organized panels that focused on helping scientists, especially women, along successful career paths—forever changing the trajectory of many of her mentees' lives. When one student asked what they could do to thank her, Zoe simply said, "Do it for someone else."



1950s

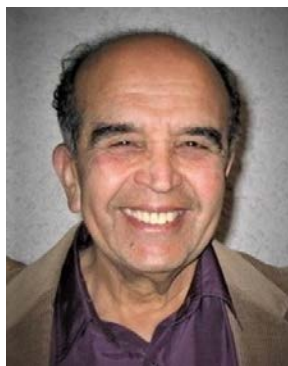


Walter John Jr. (IH 1950-54), was a distinguished scientist who lived in I-House while completing his doctorate in physics at UC Berkeley. It was at I-House that he met **Carol (Salin) John (IH 1953-54)**, his wife of 69 years. As a Livermore National Laboratory

Senior Physicist and Nuclear Reactor Research Group Leader, he discovered a new mode of fission in Fermium. He later transitioned to aerosol science, driven by the opportunity to study airborne particles contributing to Los Angeles smog, and spent most of his career as a research scientist at the California Department of Public Health. Walter was a decorated veteran of WWII, active in the anti-war movement during the Vietnam War era, and a committed pacifist. His daughter, **Leslie (John) Blackman (IH 1983-84)**, and her husband, **Gregory Blackman (IH 1983-84)**, are also I-House alumni.

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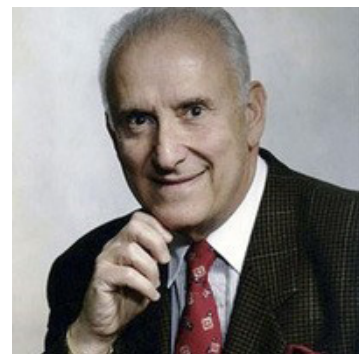
(IH 1951-53) championed social, political, educational, environmental, artistic, and spiritual causes during his long, prolific life. He earned his M.S. in structural engineering from UC Berkeley in 1953. While living at I-House, he met his true love,



Helen (Crane) Desai (IH 1951-52). They married in 1954 and settled in San Francisco, where they shared 68 years together, celebrating the best of their East-West cultures, raising three children, and building a successful engineering business that specialized in seismic engineering. They were longtime supporters of I-House and of Sanskrit Studies at UC Berkeley.

Marino Ronano de Medici

(IH 1956) attained a master of journalism degree from UC Berkeley before embarking on a distinguished career as a foreign correspondent for Italian publications, including *Il Tempo*, *L'Informazione*, *Le Gazette*, *Il Messaggero Veneto*, and *Il Secolo XIX*. De Medici covered historic events, including the Vietnam War and coups d'état in Chile and Argentina. He interviewed many prominent figures of the past century, including Muhammad Ali and every U.S. president from Lyndon Johnson through George H.W. Bush. De Medici also authored three books, served as Communications Director for the United Nations Agency IFAD in Rome, taught journalism at the Padua campus of Boston University, and upon returning to the United States, became an Adjunct Professor at Shenandoah University in Winchester, VA.



Following his tour in Okinawa as an Officer of the U.S. Marines, **Henry William "Hank" Schoenlein's (IH 1957-59)**

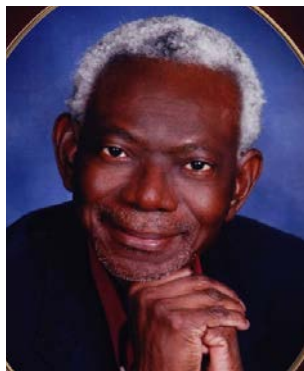
spirit of adventure led him from the Midwest to graduate school at UC Berkeley, where he completed his master's in social work. During this time, he lived at I-House, where he met his soulmate and best friend, **Laila (Gabriel) Schoenlein (IH 1957-58)**. Hank gave over 30 years of dedicated service to the State of California as a health care administrator and social worker. From his professional career to community service, to bicycle touring with his buddies, Hank pursued all his interests with tremendous passion. He especially loved engaging in and celebrating the lives and aspirations of his and Laila's children, grandchildren, and great-granddaughter.



1960s

Gerald “Gerry” Olali Diete-Spiff Sr. (IH 1961-63)

came to the United States from Nigeria as a college student to study engineering, mathematics, and statistics. After receiving his bachelor's degree from UC Berkeley, he then went on to complete his master's in electrical engineering at Penn State.



Gerry retired from Ford

Motor Company as an electrical engineer in 2002 after 31 years. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and godfather and was very devoted to his Catholic faith. He was also deeply committed to I-House and UC Berkeley, and was a long-term, generous supporter of both.



Marna Feldt (IH 1963-66) was a friend and advocate of Swedish culture throughout her life. For 30 years, she was a key figure at the Swedish Information Service in New York, where she helped countless authors, translators, students, professors, and others make connections with Sweden. She received many honors for her work, including the Swedish

King's Medal for Devoted Service and the Swedish Order of the Polar Star. Marna lived at I-House while pursuing a master's in Scandinavian language and literature at UC Berkeley. She kept dear the lifelong friendships and lessons from her time at I-House, often coming back to visit and relive what she called “one of the most memorable events” of her life. It was with Marna's urging that her niece **Sarabeth Stutts (IH 1977-78)** later stayed in I-House. We are very grateful to Marna for leaving a gift to I-House in her estate, a legacy for future generations of I-House residents.

John Abbott (IH 1965-

66) was a multilingual, international businessman. What started as a summer project after his first year in college turned into an almost three-year stay in Europe, during which he studied Spanish in Madrid and French at the Cité Universitaire de Paris. His love of languages



never ended, and he diligently studied Russian well into his 70s. John lived at International House while earning a master's in economics from UC Berkeley, and it was at I-House that he met the love of his life, **María (Montoya) Abbott (IH 1965-66)**. He had a long career as a banker with Citibank's International Group that led to 20 years of assignments in Puerto Rico, Paris, New York, Uruguay, and New Zealand. After resettling in the Bay Area, John discovered the practice of yoga and bought *Yoga Journal* magazine, transforming it from a struggling non-profit business to a leading publication on yoga.

Eleanor Ross Crary

(IH 1967-68) loved her years abroad, which included stays in Germany, Switzerland, England, and Kashmir, just after the India and Pakistan partition, and relished the opportunity to meet and live with friends of diverse nationalities. In her late 30s, Eleanor enrolled at UC Berkeley, where she completed a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in library science. She was quickly hired by the Alameda County Public Library system as a library administrator, where she enjoyed working for many years until her retirement. Eleanor also had a lifelong passion for native plants and conservation and so, after her retirement, she shared her passion and skills serving for 17 years as a volunteer for the UC Botanical Garden.

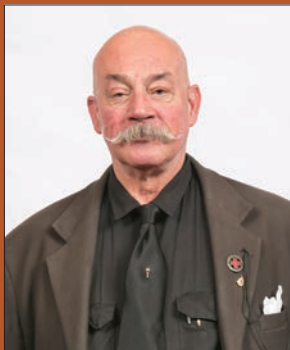


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David Lance Goines



Before earning his UC Berkeley degree in 1965, David Lance Goines worked as a printer's apprentice. Three years later, he founded Saint Hieronymous Press in Berkeley and worked there until his death in February 2023 at the age of 77. Goines created hundreds of poster designs for commercial clients, as

well as for political causes and organizations concerned with AIDS prevention. A political activist, he has championed many of the issues addressed in his posters.

Known for his artisan's approach to design, Goines was involved in all phases of production of his offset lithography prints, from creating a wood/linoleum cut print of the main subject and ink colors, to the final printing. His work has been the subject of solo exhibitions and is represented in the permanent collections of numerous museums, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Achenbach Collection of the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco. He was also the author and publisher of a variety of books.

The rich illustrative artistry of David Goines has been brought to life in three beautiful works for International

House, commemorating its 50th, 75th, and more recently, 90th anniversary. The beautiful I-House 90th Anniversary poster, which features a signature dove representing peace and hope, was inspired by 7th to 5th century BC, Greek Attic black-figure pottery.



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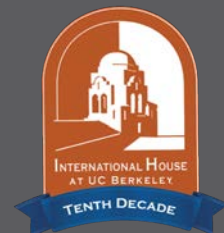
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Marciana Kui Chang (IH 1946-48) and her daughter **Laureen Chang (IH 1973-74)** stand in front of a photo of I-House residents from the 1940s (Marciana pictured front row, white flowered sweater). While living at I-House Berkeley, Marciana met her husband **Tun-Yin Chang (IH 1946)**; after leaving Berkeley, they went to Columbia University for their master's degrees and, while there, lived at International House New York.

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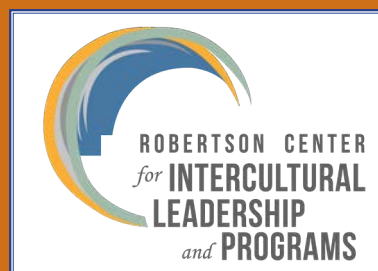
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