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Through the Decades



The 60s and 70s

Executive Director's Message

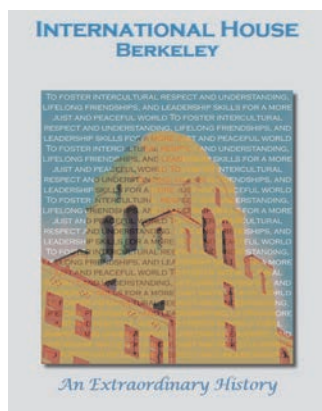
Impact *Through the Decades*



As we continue to celebrate our tenth decade, I am gratified and excited to learn about the transformational impacts made by generations of I-House alumni around the world. In the years to come, we will continue to reach out to our distinguished alumni to document ever more carefully the practical ways that living at I-House has made the world a better place.

We've recently updated the booklet *International House — An Extraordinary History*. If you haven't yet received a copy, please let us know. You can also find it on our website.

In this issue of our newsletter, we begin by welcoming our newest board member and thanking several other members who are finishing their terms of service. We've included a new feature highlighting the past year and an introduction to our new vice president to lead the Robertson Center for Intercultural Leadership and Programs, Nayeli Vivanco. As you can see, we are back after the challenging last few years!



Many of the features of our historic home are in need of safety and accessibility improvements. You may know, for example, that I-House was the first building on campus to complete necessary seismic upgrades. In this issue, we share

an update on the many upgrades and restorations we've been able to make recently to our beloved historic building. As we continuously envision the future while honoring the past, we are planning additional improvements to increase safety, accessibility, functionality, and ambiance.

In our Scholarship Spotlight, we highlight this year's recipients of the prestigious Gateway Fellowship.

Continuing the celebration of I-House "Through the Decades," this issue recalls the amazing 1960s and 1970s, and the experiences and recollections of some residents from that era.

As our annual appeal season is about to begin, we are pleased to share some ideas about "tax-savvy giving."

This issue contains the annual Honor Roll listing of gifts from the past year, including those gifts made in memory and in honor of special family members and friends.

As always, we hope that you will enjoy hearing about some I-House friends in our Back to Berkeley and News & Notes features, and will fondly recall those included in the In Memory section who have passed.

Thank you for being a part of the I-House community and for your support in keeping the I-House dream alive! You make a world of difference. ■

Sincerely,

Shaun R. Carver
International House Executive Director

Board Transitions

New to the Board



Marc Fisher
Vice Chancellor
of Administration,
UC Berkeley



Daniel Mouen Makoua
(IH 1984-85)
Executive, Finance,
Development Committees



Richard Palmer
(IH 1982-83)
Executive, Financial Aid,
Nominating,
Program Committees



Kwei Sang Ü
(IH 1961-65)
Executive, Financial Aid,
Finance Committees



Christopher Zand
(IH 2001-02)
Development
Committee

Rotating off the Board

Thank you for your service to our mission!

A New Day at I-House

Without a doubt, the last few years have been tumultuous at I-House. The unexpected House closure in spring 2020 and through the entirety of the 2020–21 school year shook the core of our operations. Continued struggles with COVID-19, workforce availability, inflation at greater than 8 percent, a 40 percent increase in food costs, supply chain problems, and aging infrastructure (particularly our steam system and WiFi) have created additional pressures. And yet, I-House remains strong.



Residents enjoying the traditional candlelight ceremony at Sunday Supper.

The House has reopened to residents and visitors. Residents are reporting high satisfaction with their experience in response to our formal surveys. We have (almost) filled the staff vacancies resulting from the closure. Our programs and signature events, including Wednesday night Coffee Hours, Sunday Suppers, and Orientation Retreats, are happening once again.

Despite relying on reserves during the closure of the House, with the support of our I-House community, we have entered

this new fiscal year with a budget that includes a \$200,000 contingency fund and reinstates the practice of returning 3 percent of our gross revenues to the operating reserve each year. Many restoration projects are complete or underway (the Heller Patio, Edmonds' Café, the Sproul Kitchen, Gamble Lounge and front entryway—see story page 4).

With some careful planning, we've been able to keep increases in annual room and board rates at less than half of the inflation rate. And we are delighted to report that for the first time I-House will be able to provide \$1 million in financial aid this academic year (an increase of 13.6 percent) for room and board for deserving residents.

We have 590 residents this academic year, representing 67 countries and 90 majors. It is indeed a new day at I-House! ■

For the most recent IRS form 990, please see our website at ihouse.berkeley.edu/giving.



Led by Manita Magar, Resident Engagement Coordinator, residents discover the amazing vistas from atop the Berkeley hills.

Meet Nayeli Vivanco



This fall we are pleased to welcome Nayeli Vivanco as Vice President to lead the Robertson Center for Intercultural Leadership and Programs (CILP) at I-House. CILP is a center of excellence for training to advance leadership, understanding, and collaboration across cultures.

Nayeli is a multi-lingual, cross-cultural, social justice practitioner with more than a decade of international education experience. As a first-generation Latina who grew up on the U.S.–Mexico border and through her work and studies in Africa, Asia, Europe, and North America, she is also a true citizen of the world.

Upon her appointment, Nayeli said, “I’m eager to get to know our residents and facilitate a safe space for everyone to engage in thoughtful and meaningful conversations. I look forward to continuing I-House’s long-standing tradition of convening thought leaders to address society’s most pressing challenges, and to find pathways to a more just and peaceful world.” ■

Thoughtful Restoration

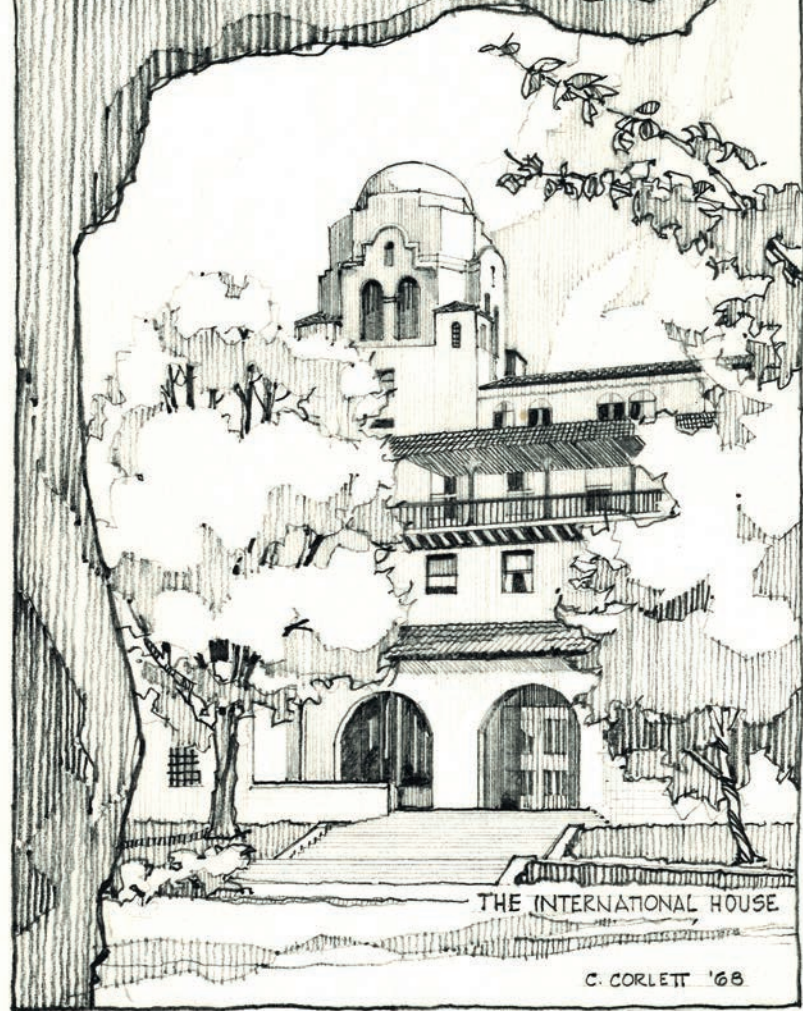
The need for restoration has been on the I-House “to-do” list for many years. In fact, in a heavily used building that is nearing 100 years old, “restoration” is a term that’s almost synonymous with “ongoing maintenance.” There’s always lots to do.

With the support of alumni and friends, during the recent I-House closure and reopening period, many projects were completed, including restoration of the Heller Patio at the center of the House; renovation of the I-House Café (renamed “Edmonds’ Café” after I-House founders Florence and Harry Edmonds); and most recently, the refurbishment of the Sproul Kitchen and the Gamble Lounge, both of which are community spaces for use by residents of I-House.

If you’ve had the opportunity to visit in the past couple of months, you’ve likely seen that we have yet another project underway—restoration of the front of the House. This is a large, multi-faceted project that will address a number of outstanding issues of accessibility, functionality, and ambiance.

One goal of this project is simply to make I-House more accessible to all. Toward this end, we are installing new ADA-compliant ramps for I-House residents and visitors with wheelchairs or other mobility aids, making alterations to stair heights, and installing new hand railings. We are also lowering the sidewalk to street level along Piedmont Avenue, providing new and better access to the campus shuttle, which stops in front of I-House.

The newly remodeled Edmonds’ Café



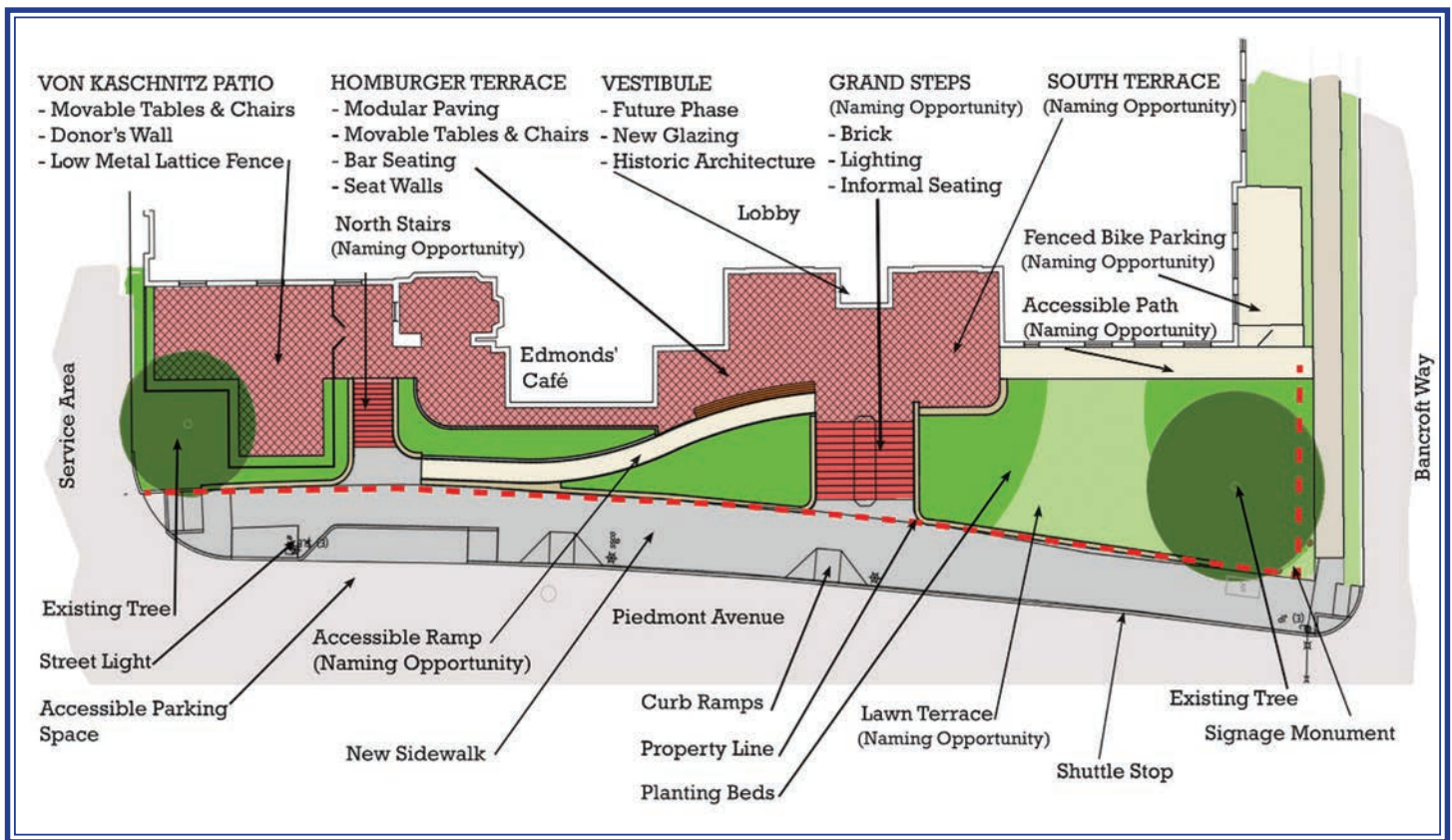
This beautiful drawing illustrates a view of I-House in the past.

A second goal is to provide additional room for residents and visitors to congregate outdoors in front of I-House. The project will expand the terrace near Edmonds’ Café and create additional patio space at the top of the front stairway.

Mark Cassettari, I-House Director of Physical Operations, says, “This project is really exciting. It’s going to bring more life to the front of the building. The changes we’re making will actually allow us to serve beer and wine outdoors on the patio in front of the café. Imagine sitting in front of I-House with a cup of coffee or a glass of beer, looking down across Berkeley to the Golden Gate Bridge!”

Finally, this restoration project is designed to enhance the beauty of I-House. A facility evaluation report from June 1994 states: “The streetscape can best be characterized as a cacophony of plantings, furnishings, walls, planters, signs, and surfaces. The many uses that occur along the street have been managed individually, resulting in a fragmented appearance which detracts from the building.”

To bring the front entryway in harmony with the design of I-House, we are simplifying the front streetscape. First, we are removing the unnecessary concrete walls and metal railings, and relocating the metal bike “cage” to the side of the building along Bancroft Way. The unsightly utility pole and wires that currently detract from the views of and from the House, will be moved underground. And of course, we will be adding new drought-tolerant plants and other landscaping.



Front Entrance Schematic Plan

All of these restoration projects are carefully designed to bring improvements and required upgrades while maintaining the historic character of the building and allowing I-House to truly shine. ■



Board Member Ron Silva and Executive Director Shaun Carver surveying the construction.



Refurbishment of the Sproul Kitchen and Gamble Lounge.

Naming Opportunities at I-House

We have taken care to incorporate all existing tributes (i.e., bricks, benches, etc.) into the design for the new patio spaces. If you have questions about your tribute or if you'd like to learn about new naming opportunities on the front patios and throughout I-House, please contact us at ihalumni@berkeley.edu or via telephone at (510) 642-4128.

Scholarship Spotlight

Opening Doors for Scholars from around the World

In collaboration with the UC Berkeley Graduate Division, I-House holds a competition for one-year awards for first-year or continuing graduate students in a doctoral program at UC Berkeley. We are pleased to highlight this year's superstar residents and the scholarships that make their stay at I-House possible. Learn more at ihouse.berkeley.edu/gateway.

Congratulations to the 2022-23 Gateway Fellows!

David Su (China)

Adrian Hao Yin Ü Gateway Fellowship



David spent his junior year at UC Berkeley as an exchange student and recently returned to Cal to pursue a Ph.D. in sociology. He has an M.A. in sociology and demography from the University of Oxford, UK. His research has included exploring the connection between social networks and health among immigrants in California; the health benefits of activating personal networks during the pandemic in Wuhan, China; and the implications

of China's "one child" policy on the health of children affected by the policy as adults. David says, "I am wholeheartedly grateful to the generous Adrian Hao Yin Ü Gateway Fellowship, made possible by Kwei Sang Ü and Michele Ü, for granting me this incredible opportunity to start my new chapter at Berkeley."

Godiya Simon (Nigeria)

Open Gateway Fellowship

Godiya grew up in a small village in the northern part of Nigeria. She is a native speaker of Kibaku and has come to UC Berkeley to pursue a Ph.D. in linguistics, in order to preserve her native language. Before coming to Cal, she completed her undergraduate degree in anthropology at the University of Notre Dame. She is looking forward to coming to I-House and to "making new friends from all over the world while enjoying the beautiful Berkeley weather."



Olivine Silier (France)

Joan and Egon von Kaschnitz Gateway Fellowship



Olivine is an incoming graduate student in mathematics who is looking forward to tackling problems in harmonic analysis while at UC Berkeley. In addition to having a penchant for numbers, she speaks French, Dutch, and English and has studied German, Spanish, and Russian. She is also an avid reader, an aspiring author, and a performing artist in comedy and improv.

Mark Williams Jr. (USA)

Joe Lurie Returning Peace Corps Volunteer Gateway Fellowship



Mark Williams Jr. is a first-year student in the UCB-UCSF joint Ph.D. program in medical anthropology. He has a bachelor's degree in anthropology and global public health from Bard College and an M.S. in community health education from Columbia University. His research will draw on theories and methods in public health, linguistics, and anthropology to examine mental health and psychopathology across the United

States and the Anglophone Caribbean, expert knowledge production in public health and the biomedical sciences, and the impact of new media on health communication.

Vincent Raphael Pacheco (Philippines)

Chevron-Xenel in Public Health (MPH)

Vincent is a Ph.D. student in South and Southeast Asian studies at UC Berkeley. He holds a B.A. in literature from De La Salle University, Manila, and an M.A. in English studies from the University of Macau. His main areas of academic interest are Southeast Asian cinema and literature, post-Marxist theory, and nineteenth-century gothic literature. His current research aims to unpack Southeast Asian populism by looking at how certain communities are represented in Philippine and Indonesian cinema. Vincent says, "I'm grateful to I-House, Chevron Corporation, and Xenel International USA for making this fellowship possible. I'm elated to be part of a community where cultural difference is a source of strength and unity."



Opening Doors for Scholars

As tuition, fees, and cost of living continue to rise, and the age-old scourges of conflict, mistrust, and prejudice persist, it is increasingly important for I-House to support deserving students in need from diverse backgrounds, to maintain a safe and inviting facility, and to equip residents with intercultural leadership skills. We appreciate your support! See ways to give at

ihouse.berkeley.edu/giving

Yasin Sonmez (Turkey)
Eltoukhy Gateway Fellowship

Yasin is a first-year Ph.D. student in electrical engineering and computer sciences. He has a B.S. with a double major in electrical and electronics engineering and physics from Boğaziçi University, Istanbul. His research interests are control theory, learning-based control, autonomous control systems, and robotics. Yasin loves to travel and meet people from different cultural backgrounds. Toward that end, he has volunteered in Cairo, Egypt, spent a semester as an exchange student at Sorbonne University, Paris, and interned in Tübingen, Germany. He says, “These experiences allowed me to meet with great people from all over the world and taught me that, even though we come from very different cultural backgrounds, we are very similar in nature, and gentle communication with each other can help to solve most of our problems.”



Donagh Coleman (USA - Finland)
I-House Gateway Fellowship

Finnish-Irish-American Donagh Coleman holds honors degrees in philosophy and psychology and music and media technologies from Trinity College Dublin, and an M.A. in Asian studies from UC Berkeley. He is currently a Ph.D. candidate in the joint UC Berkeley–UCSF Medical Anthropology Program. His research focuses on *tukdam*, the Tibetan Buddhist tradition of dying in meditation. Donagh is also a professional documentary maker for film, television and radio. He has made several award-winning films of the Tibetan cultural world and he directs radio documentaries for the Finnish and Irish national broadcasters.



Obiamaka Ude (USA)
Allan and Kathleen Rosevear Gateway Fellowship



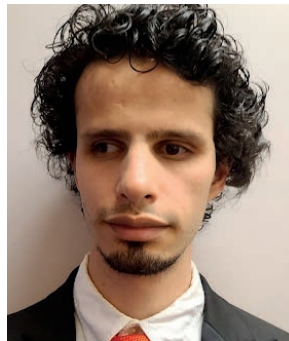
Obiamaka is a first-year doctoral student in the Department of City and Regional Planning in the College of Environmental Design. She received her master of city planning degree from the Department of Urban Studies and Planning at MIT and is a U.S. Fulbright Fellow. Prior to coming to Cal, Obiamaka worked as a city planner in Los Angeles. She believes that city planners as arbiters of land use and development have a unique responsibility and opportunity to reconcile ecological and economic systems. Her work as a graduate student will examine whether sustainable textile manufacturing can mitigate soil and water degradation while also producing sustainable economies in order to resolve cycles of production that are detrimental to the environment.

Anqi Yu (China)
Carl and Betty Helmholtz Gateway Fellowship

Anqi Yu is a Ph.D. student in the Department of Anthropology. She has an undergraduate degree in journalism from the Beijing Foreign Studies University and an M.A. in anthropology from Columbia University. Her research interests concern the intersection of knowledge production and state governance, and her recent activities include monitoring the state’s governance over the individual’s body and its intersection with the public discourse of medical technologies and knowledge. As an anthropology student, Anqi believes that the diversity and global immersion at I-House will be continuously inspiring for her academic life.



Hussain was raised in Toronto, Canada, to which his family immigrated from Iraq. He has a bachelor’s degree from the University of Toronto and a master’s degree known as Part III of the Mathematical Tripos from the University of Cambridge. He is a first-year Ph.D. student in mathematics who is very interested in how the mathematics of geometry and space can be used to probe and formalize our understanding of the fundamentals of nature. While at Cal, he plans to pursue research about the geometry and mathematical symmetry of quantum field theory. He will also be joining the computational research division at Berkeley Lab as a graduate student researcher, where he will be working on compiler features for high-performance computing. Hussain, who has been almost completely blind since birth, is accompanied by his guide dog of six years.



Ruth Kravis (Australia)
Chevron-Xenel Ph.D. Gateway Fellowship

Ruth is a first-year Ph.D. student in the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department. She has undergraduate degrees in engineering and philosophy from the Australian National University in Canberra, Australia. Her research interests lie broadly in energy system decarbonization, and particularly in how control theory and optimization can help us make decisions regarding the design and stable operation of future power grids. She is also interested in the economic and social dimensions of this transition. Ruth says “I am grateful to be supported by a Gateway Fellowship during my first year and look forward to becoming part of the vibrant I-House community at Berkeley.” ■



International House *Through the Decades*

There are lots of adjectives one might use to describe the 1960s and '70s: turbulent; violent; enlightening; hopeful; and/or groovy. These decades were marked by the war in Vietnam, the Cuban Missile Crisis, assassinations, political scandal, and civil unrest. They also saw new civil rights, protections for the environment, "free love," significant technological advancements, and of course rock-and-roll, disco, and bell-bottoms. The world was spinning, expanding, and changing in so many ways, and often, Berkeley was at the center of it all.

As we head toward the centennial anniversary of International House in 2030 and reflect on past decades, what's remarkable is that the core of the I-House experience remains the same. Just as it does for residents today, I-House in the '60s and '70s provided a home from which residents witnessed groundbreaking events in Berkeley and across the globe. Residents were watching, listening, discussing, and learning to lead. At the same time, they were keeping up with studies, playing and following sports, engaging in the arts, traveling, and establishing friendships, many of which have lasted a lifetime.



I-House soccer team, intramural champions in 1961. Photo courtesy of Calvin Smith, back row far left.

Kwei Ü (IH 1961-65) arrived at I-House from Hong Kong in September 1961. **Calvin Smith (IH 1961-63)** was his first roommate and **Marcia Yao Smith (IH 1963-65)** was one of his close friends. Kwei remembers, "I was in deep trouble in calculus, and Marcia, who was a mathematics major, coached me through it. There was always studying to do, but there was also fun, games, and lots of music. After every weekly Coffee Hour and Sunday Supper, we would gather in the Great Hall. Someone would play the piano, and we'd sing folk songs from around the world." To see samples of the I-House song books from the '60s and '70s, visit ihouse.berkeley.edu/stories.

Of course, there was also politics. Freedom of speech was a big topic of discussion across the United States, on the UC Berkeley campus, and in I-House. Some residents got involved in the protests of the time while others chose to watch and listen.

"Whether or not someone got involved in the protests really depended on who that person was and their situation in life, just like it does now," says **Ida Rigby (IH 1966-69)**. Ida, a U.S. citizen,

remembers participating in protests during the U.S. invasion of Cambodia in 1969. But for many international students, protesting was risky, as participation could jeopardize their student visas and the chance to study at UC Berkeley.

Ida says, "I-House was an interesting contrast to the rest of Berkeley, which sometimes felt like a war zone. There was always lots of discussion about politics here, but it was also very peaceful. There were the Friday night folk dances and the wonderful Lodestar retreats, Sunday Suppers every month, and cultural programs and speakers."

Working as a student assistant in the Programs Office, Ida helped to arrange a number of I-House events, which often reflected the politics of the time. Speakers included Russian revolutionary and former Russian Prime Minister Alexander Kerensky; Vietnam War critic, civil rights activist, and future U.S. Representative Ronald V. Dellums; and singer, songwriter, and activist Joan Baez, accompanied by antiwar thought-leader and Gandhian scholar Ira Sandperl.



Former I-House Board Member and alum, Kwei Ü helps Marcia Yao play Scrabble on a balcony above the Great Hall.



A brick donated by Ida Rigby, installed on the von Kaschnitz patio.



The 60s & 70s

These remarkable anti-war posters, screen printed on the reverse of used computer paper, were produced by students in a Political Poster Workshop in May of 1970 at UC Berkeley. Posters courtesy of Graeme Orr.

Graeme Orr (IH 1969-70) from Scotland says, “It was at I-House that I really learned how important it is to listen in order to learn.”

“I remember a Mexican resident who explained that the police response to the unrest in Berkeley was nothing compared to the violent, deadly response of the Mexican government to the 1968 student protests in Mexico City.

“And then there was a very angry Venezuelan who made a poster with a poem about how the United States was meddling in Latin America.

“And feminism, which was just really beginning in the early ’70s—I remember a big discussion with some Indian residents about the practice of arranged marriages. To some of the people in I-House, this was a horrible sexist practice; to others, it was just their cultural tradition.”

Graeme also listened to lots of music during this time. The Berkeley music scene was vibrant, and he made the most of it. “At I-House, I saw folk musician Malvina Reynolds, and I also saw live music elsewhere in Berkeley—Jimi Hendrix, Son House, Lightnin’ Hopkins, Big Mama Thornton. Also, Art Flores, who worked at I-House, used to regularly gather people to get pizza at Larry Blake’s, a local music venue on Telegraph Avenue. It was a very social time.”

Kit Choy Loke (IH 1970-72) from Singapore chose to study at UC Berkeley precisely because of the wide range of conversations underway here. “To someone in their 20s, it was exciting to think that there were people making their voices heard. I wanted to see and hear what they had to say, and I wanted to witness first-hand what was going on.”

Racial equity in academia and elsewhere was being recognized as a social issue during this time, and UC Berkeley began implementing affirmative action policies.



Residents on the front steps circa 1975 with former Executive Director Sherry Warrick and his wife, Betsey.

“This was another topic of discussion over meals and at the Coffee Hours at I-House,” says Kit. “Maybe because diversity is built into the design of I-House, people here were more aware of these issues than people in society at large.”

The modern environmental movement also began to take shape in the '60s and '70s. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency was established in 1970, and major pieces of legislation were passed in the following few years, including the Clean Air Act (1970), the Clean Water Act (1972), and the Endangered Species Act (1973). Loke remarks, “People all around were now considering the environment. I remember a resident at I-House printing bumper stickers and flyers regarding Lake Erie (‘Lake Erie is Dead’) and distributing them in Sproul Plaza. There was so much going on, there was always so much to talk about, and at I-House you were bound to get a wide range of opinions and experiences.”



Alum and former I-House Board member, **Stuart Pawsey (IH 1964-66)** proudly displays his hand painted peace march poster. Stuart and his wife, **Glenda (Powell) Pawsey (IH 1966-67)**, established the Activism Era Scholarship at I-House in tribute to that revolutionary era.

Joan Canby (IH 1973) moved into International House in 1973 for a summer Latin language program. Joan recalls, “I-House was abuzz with activity. I remember watching Secretariat win the Kentucky Derby on a television set in the Gamble Room. And all summer long, the Great Hall was filled with residents following the Watergate Hearings on a small television set in the corner.

“And the people I met at I-House! On the weekends, I played golf with **Tetsu Ashida (IH 1973)**, a Japanese resident who was trying to perfect his English. We used to bow to each other in the dining room. I dated a Chicano man from Los

Angeles who introduced me to the activities of Cesar Chavez. And together with a resident from Pakistan, I met the Prime Minister of Pakistan, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, who was visiting the U.S. at the time.”

That’s also when **Daryle Ann Corr (IH 1973-76)** sketched a portrait of Joan that still hangs in Joan’s dining room today.

“For three days Daryle had me sit in her bedroom, posed with my hands on her desk while she sketched, and all the while, the murmur of world politics went on in the background. Funny thing about that summer, I spent hours on end in the I-House library reading *War and Peace*.” ■



Daryle Ann Corr painted this portrait of Sherry Warrick who served as Executive Director of International House from 1961-1987.

Share Your I-House Stories

We are continuing to collect stories to showcase “I-House Through the Decades” and would love to include yours! Submit your photos, captions, stories, and/or videos online at:

ihouse.berkeley.edu/stories

or send us an email at ihalumni@berkeley.edu. Select stories may be featured on the I-House website, social media, videos, or in the *I-House Times* newsletter.

Philanthropy Matters

There are many ways you can support International House that are “tax savvy” and that help us continue to prepare new generations of global leaders.* In addition to making regular, annual sustaining gifts, many alumni and friends choose to plan a special gift, often many times larger than their annual donations. These may come from assets like cash and marketable securities, though they may also come at the time of a liquidity event such as the sale of a business or real estate, or a change in lifestyle such as retirement.

Among the many tax-smart giving techniques, making a gift of your appreciated assets (instead of cash) can provide tax savings for you while maximizing your gift to I-House.

Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs), otherwise known as IRA rollovers in the U.S., can allow an individual donor to transfer up to \$100,000 per year directly to I-House, free of tax and without increasing their adjusted gross income. This

is a great way for supporters who are 70.5 and older to use their IRAs to support our mission.

Stock gifts present another opportunity to support I-House—we receive the full value of the stock, while you avoid paying capital gains tax.

You may leave your gift unrestricted, or choose to support room and board scholarships, preservation and improvements to our historic building, or diverse intercultural programs—all of which benefit our nearly 600 residents each year. ■

*Please be advised that I-House board members, staff, consultants, and volunteers gratefully encourage gifts to I-House, but cannot give specific tax or legal advice. We encourage you to consult your own tax and legal advisors with respect to any gifts you make.

“Why do I give to I-House? To celebrate those life-long friendships that opened my eyes and the wonderful people from many cultures who were trying in their own way to make things better. Now that I’m retired, why not send those Required Minimum Distributions tax-free to a favorite charity?”

-Florence Yee (IH 1964-66)

Making a Bequest - It’s Not as Difficult as You Think

For those interested in leaving part of their estate to I-House, it doesn’t need to be a complicated process. Bequest language can be this simple:

“I give _____ (\$ or % of my estate) to International House, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, public-benefit corporation, registered in California with tax ID 94-1167403.”

“My gift(s) shall be (specify):

- Unrestricted—to be used where the need is greatest; (or/and)
- Restricted—to be used to support (please indicate scholarships, building preservation/improvements, or intercultural programs).”

Beneficiary designations of insurance policies, IRAs, or donor-advised funds are other straightforward and useful tools for planning your gift.

However you choose to give, you will help enhance I-House's excellence—and support its vision of a world of greater intercultural understanding and peace.

For more information on including International House in your philanthropic planning, please contact our office at (510) 642-4128 or ihalumni@berkeley.edu. All gifts, including estate gifts, can also be routed to I-House via the University of California Berkeley. The International House federal tax ID number is 94-1167403.

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Back to Berkeley

After I-House was able to safely reopen in August 2021, alumni started to visit us again in record numbers! We were fortunate to have new staff member **Margie Ryan (IH 1992-93)** join the I-House team to help welcome them.



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1. **Mathijs van Dongen (IH 2015)** and his wife, Amber, visited I-House on their honeymoon. Mathijs says, "I wanted to show her I-House and, because where we live in the Netherlands everything is so flat, I wanted to show her the hill that I had to walk up each day to get home."

2. **Steve Brunell (IH 1980s)**, **Jim Crook (IH 1980s)**, **Jerry Macfarlane (IH 1983)**, **Avi Chaudhuri (IH 1982 - 84/85)** returned to I-House to celebrate their friendship and rekindle old memories. Avi says, "We came to Berkeley to have our 40th reunion and of course we couldn't skip visiting I-House, which was such a pivotal part of our Cal experience."

3. **Mohammed (aka "Jack") Tejani (IH 1974-78)** visited with his family in tow, all wearing t-shirts featuring a photo of Jack during his years at Cal. The front desk of I-House holds many memories for Jack—when he was a resident, he used to work as a front desk assistant, welcoming fellow residents and guests as they entered the House.

4. **David Wing Tong (IH 1975-76)** stopped by I-House with his wife, Sandy. This was David's first visit back since leaving in 1976, and he was happy to find the dining table where he and his friends regularly gathered for meals.

5. **Koen Peeters (IH 2008)** from the Netherlands was pleased to find his old room 341 looking as cozy as always.

6. **Ida Sognaes (IH 2008-09 and 2012-13)**, with husband, Jack Wright, and their children, visited while in town for a wedding. Ida reminisced about the I-House library, where she spent many hours studying, and about watching spectacular sunsets through the window next to her bedroom. Ida, a Norway House Foundation Gateway Fellowship recipient while living at I-House, now researches global emissions trends, climate change scenario analysis, and energy-economy modeling to guide climate policy in Norway.

7. In April 2022, **Irving Tragen (IH 1943-47)** visited Berkeley and spent a few nights in the I-House Ambassador Suite. While here, he met **Piotr Kuznicki (IH 2021-22)**, recipient of the Tragen I-House Fellowship, established with Irving's late wife, **Eleanor "Ele" Dodson (IH 1944-47)**, to provide financial support for a UC Berkeley School of Law student.

If you are planning a trip back to Berkeley, consider staying in the I-House Ambassador Suite. See rates and details at ihouse.berkeley.edu/suite.

Look Who Came To Visit!

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 ihalumni@berkeley.edu or (510) 642-4128.



8. **Alexander Haydl (IH 2016-17)** and his partner, Sandra, stopped by I-House while visiting from Germany. Alexander was excited to see the renovated Edmonds’ Cafe and the I-House library, where he spent many hours during his year as a postdoctoral scholar in the UC Berkeley Department of Chemistry.

9. **Jonas Scharfenberg (IH 2016)**, who conducts research on teachers, teacher education, and intercultural school development, visited I-House while in town for a conference on educational psychology. He reminisced with I-House Alumni Engagement Manager, **Margie Ryan (IH 1992-93)**, “You know, when you live here, you’re busy living your life, collecting experiences, making friends. And when you leave, you really realize what a home I-House is and how ingrained I-House is in you and how deeply it affected your life.”

10. **Dietrich Ohse (IH 1971-72)** and his wife, Elke, stopped by I-House during a visit from Germany. Dietrich was particularly happy to see the mailroom, which he said, in the years prior to email communication, was one of the most important rooms in the House.

11. **Alla (Kruglyak) Batistella (IH 1996-98)** and her husband, Felipe, dropped by during a visit from London. Although Alla was a mathematics student while here at Cal, she later went on to study international relations, inspired, in part, by her experience at I-House.

12. **Nicolas and Maria (Terekhov) Woring (IH 2003-04)** met at I-House almost two decades ago and came back for a visit with their four daughters. They shared many vibrant memories of rooms throughout the House: long dinners and great conversation with friends in the Dining Commons; cooking French crepes and Russian delicacies in the Sproul Kitchen; Sunday Suppers in the Chevron Auditorium; late-night dance parties in the Game Room, and lounging in the Great Hall. Maria said, “Funny, I don’t actually remember my room number, but I certainly remember the people.”

13. **Manu Singh Bhuller (IH 2007-08)** wanted to show Cal and I-House to his wife, Linda, and their children. So while Manu was a visiting researcher in economics at Arizona State University Tempe, they made the trek back to Berkeley.

14. **Richard (“Dick”) C. Rowson (IH 1944-46)** returned to I-House for the first time in 56 years. Dick was enlisted in the Navy during WWII and lived in I-House (then “Callaghan Hall”) while enrolled in the U.S. Naval Officer Training School. He remembers with pride that the residents of Callaghan Hall — all Navy recruits — were not allowed to use the elevators in the building. “That daily exercise was part of our training.” To watch an interview featuring Dick and his life at I-House during the Callaghan Hall years, visit ihouse.berkeley.edu/stories or [Youtube.com/ihouseberkeley](https://www.youtube.com/ihouseberkeley).

Back to Berkeley

If you would like to come back to I-House for a visit or tour, please contact the Alumni Relations Office to schedule a time at (510) 642-4128 or ihalumni@berkeley.edu. You can also reconnect with alumni around the world at ihberkeleyconnect.org.



15 & 16. **Mark Payne (IH 1998-2002)** and **Dorthe Helena Larsen (IH 2002-03)** visited I-House to show their kids where they met 20 years ago. During his time at I-House, Mark was a member of Resident Council and also worked as an IT assistant. He met Dorthe while fixing her laptop. Love blossomed for the two of them over multiple “issues with the internet.” Dorthe couldn’t quite remember which room was hers in I-House, but she had no trouble finding the third floor computer room.

17. **Hannah Stewart (IH 2003-04)** stopped by I-House after teaching at the Island Sustainability Program (ISP), a new study abroad program that she developed, based at the UC Gump South Pacific Research Station in French Polynesia. The UC Berkeley Environmental Science Department program incorporates scientific research with the traditional wisdom of the Polynesian people. The focus on culture and traditional knowledge was largely inspired by her experiences in her favorite spot — the I-House Dining Commons. She says, “I tell the students, get to know these people. Sit down to dinner with them. That’s the best way to learn.”

18. Stephanie Han and her son Keohi dropped by to see I-House, where Stephanie’s parents **Tai June Yoo (IH 1960-63)** and Marie Ann Kauang-Hee met at a dance.

19. **George J. Ho (IH 1970)** dropped in on a visit from Hong Kong and had the chance to meet with I-House director of hospitality services Cedric Martin. George recounted a story about a time when his father, **George Ho (IH 1939)**, brought a bottle of beer into I-House in a brown paper sack. Executive Director Blaisdell stopped and spoke with him. As they stood there together, ultimately the condensation on the beer bottle caused it to slip and fall through the bottom of the sack “much to the consternation of all concerned.”

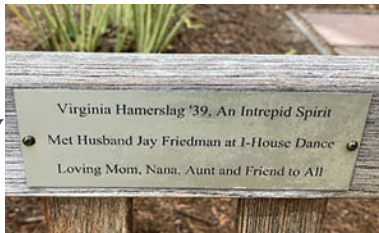
20. **Marijke Bolmers (IH 2005)** visited I-House with her family and talked about the great exercise she got each day hiking up the hill to I-House after classes on campus. Marijke is still in touch with many I-House friends from around the world and she recently joined I-House Berkeley Connect to connect with even more.

21. **Michel Garceau (IH 1981-82)** and his wife, Andre, stopped by for the grand tour of I-House, including a trip through our beloved library, where Michel spent many hours studying for his master's in engineering from UC Berkeley.

Alumni News & Notes

1930s

John and Joey Friedman stopped by to see the place where John's mom, **Virginia Hamerslag Friedman (IH 1937-39)**, and his dad, Nathan Jay Friedman, met at an I-House dance. John is an architect and was thrilled to see the inside of I-House for the first time, and particularly the auditorium where that fateful dance was held. They also visited the bench that the family dedicated in Virginia's memory. If you are interested in a dedicated brick, bench, or other naming opportunity at I-House, please contact us at ihphilanthropy@berkeley.edu or (510) 642-4128.



1960s

Edith Schwartz (IH 1962-63) writes, "I am 81 years old and I still remember the magic of I-House! Every evening, I sat down to dinner with a different part of the world."

Kashi Balachandran (IH 1962-65), now Professor Emeritus of Accounting at New York University's Stern School of Business, remembers, "My stay at I-House taught me to be an international citizen. I remember Mr. Sheridan Warrick and Mrs. Betsey Warrick, my great friends there, playing table tennis, walking to Strawberry Canyon, Hertz Hall. Oh, my memories!"

Peter Ward (IH 1968) let us know that his wife, **Dr. Rabab Kreidieh Ward (IH 1967-68)**, was elected in 2020 as a member of the National Academy of Engineering (NAE). Election to NAE is considered to be among the highest honors in engineering-related fields, and it often comes as a recognition of a lifetime's worth of accomplishments. While the majority of the NAE elected members are U.S. citizens, around 15 percent are international members.

1970s

Christy Hendrickson (IH 1970s) is retired in Solana Beach, California, and is enjoying watching her grandkids thrive and grow.

1980s

In early 2022, **Trausti Valsson (IH 1980-81 and 2006)** was honored with the Order of the Falcon for his contribution to planning studies and national discourse in Iceland. The Order of the Falcon is the highest honor that the Icelandic state bestows on individuals, and inductees are made on the nomination of the President and a five-member council. Trausti is Professor Emeritus of Planning at the University of Iceland. His life's work has focused on finding harmony between built and urban environments. Pictured below, Trausti (center) with his daughter and grandkids, and the President and First Lady of Iceland in January 2022.



Alison Dundes Renteln (IH 1983), professor of political science, anthropology, public policy, and law at the USC Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, won a Fulbright Specialist Program award to examine how intellectual property law applies to foodways in Iceland. Her research focuses on the marketing and selling of traditional Icelandic yogurt known as "skyr." She recently co-authored a new book, *International Human Rights: A Survey*.

Lynn Erlich Erfer (IH 1981-1983) has retired from her career in marketing and is now a certified yoga instructor teaching chair yoga.

In a note to I-House, **Margaret Miles (IH 1986-87)** wrote, "After meeting at I-House in 1986 and being friends for over 30 years, **Michael Riemer (IH 1986-88)** and I are now a couple, and we share our time between Berkeley and San Anselmo."

STAY CONNECTED

Visit ihberkeleyconnect.org to connect with our online network of I-House alumni and residents. This platform is designed to help bring our global community together by facilitating new connections, offering opportunities to give back through mentorships, and by helping to maintain I-House friendships around the globe.

Alumni News & Notes

In spring 2022, **Steve Rogers (IH 1986-88)** and Ana Wood married on the shores of Lake Hancock, Florida. The gathering included eight I-House alumni (members of the “Uhuru Avenue,” a group of friends from the 1987-89 years). The Uhuru Avenue, which includes over 35 alumni, celebrated their 30-year reunion at I-House in 2017.



From left to right: **Barbara Calhoun (IH 1987-92)**, Kalyani, Dr. Ramnarayan Ramachandran, **Linda Liaw (IH 1985-87)**, **Amado Caliboso (IH 1987)**, **Mimi Noorani (IH 1987-88)**, **Steve Rogers (IH 1986-88)**, Ana Wood, Liz Joseph, **Hitesh Mehta (IH 1987-89)**, **Kamal Bharucha (IH 1987-89)**, **Ketan Desai (IH 1987)**, and Bindu Desai.

1990s

Chloe Michalopoulos (IH 1996-97), who studied linguistics at Cal while living at I-House, is a bilingual speech language pathologist in Orange County, California, and tutors individuals in Italian, French, Spanish, and Portuguese.

Sharlene Ratcliff (IH 1991-93) recently established a new non-profit organization called Graceland Meadows Animal Rescue and Sanctuary located in Ossining, New York.

Rudi Matuschek (IH 1996) visited I-House while doing college tours with his daughter Olivia. Olivia says that she has “heard about I-House all of my life.” She hopes to one day live in I-House to experience it for herself.

2000s

Nicholas Bridgman (IH 2002) writes, “I just released a new album, called *Blue Horizon*, that features band members I met online during the pandemic in 2020, from Montana, Indiana, and Maine—and we recorded entirely by overdubbing using our computers and Dropbox. You can listen to the album for free at www.nicholasbridgman.com”



Jacquelyn Meinen (IH 2005-06) remembered back to a time, five years after her I-House stay, when she “realized that I had Turkish, Aussie, Armenian, French, Romanian, Liberian, Guatemalan, Persian, Indian, Mexican, Salvadorian, Israeli, and American folks at my dinner party...all eating Italian food.” She still misses I-House.

2010s

Lukas Hackl (IH 2011) from Germany and **Bilen Akuzum (IH 2011-12)** from Turkey met in I-House and began their now ten-year long friendship. Lukas writes, “Staying in close touch...we motivated each other to apply to American Ph.D. programs... In 2019, we merged our research by initiating a collaboration between our respective research groups and starting our company, Aepnus Technology, focused on recovering battery minerals from natural waters. None of this would have been possible without the I-House pizza party at which we first met and the I-House music room in which we’d hang out after class to jam out together.”



Alex Mabanta (IH 2019) was the recipient of the 2021-22 UC Berkeley Chancellor’s Award for Civic Engagement. Alex is a Ph.D. student in the Jurisprudence and Social Policy program at Berkeley Law. He has served as a member of the Chancellor’s Building Name Review Committee, which, since 2018, has recommended the un-naming of four campus buildings (Boalt Hall, LeConte Hall, Barrows Hall, and Kroeber Hall). He has also served as a Chancellor’s Public Fellow with the American Cultures Engaged Scholars Program and as a member of multiple boards for a variety of non-profit organizations, many of which focus on justice for immigrant communities.



2020s

Chan’Cellore Makanjuola (IH 2019-20) is a multimedia journalist at International Leadership of Texas. Her short documentary, *Affirmative*, is currently on the festival circuit.



Sam Ruiperez-Campillo (IH 2021-22) (pictured above right) found a way to give back by leading walking tours of campus for summer residents. He writes, “As a former I-House resident, I remember the rush of emotions from the excitement about a fresh start and the opportunity to meet new people in the U.S. I was personally fortunate enough to have the I-House community, but not everyone gets the privilege to live in the House.” This inspired Sam to co-create SWiiFT—a platform that connects travelers with locals to swiftly make new friendships abroad. Read more of Sam’s story on our blog at ihberkeley.wordpress.com.

Friends

Laurene Wu McClain, I-House NYC alumna and the new president of the University Section Club, visits with Larnie Macasieb and Bill Howley of I-House. The Section Club has endowed a scholarship for I-House residents.



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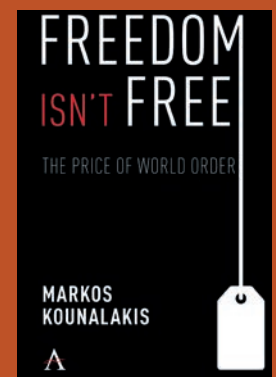
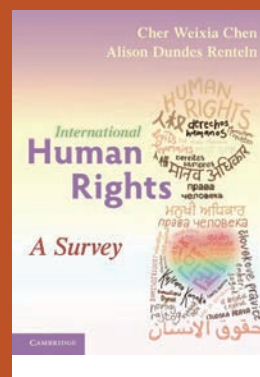
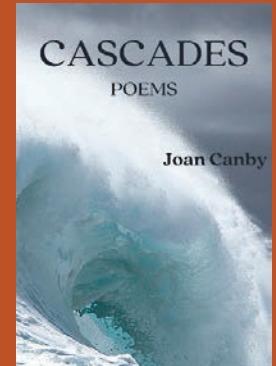
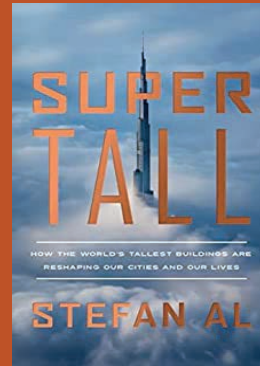
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SUPERTALL: How the World's Tallest Buildings Are Reshaping Our Cities and Our Lives by **Stefan Al (IH 2008-09)**, published by W.W. Norton & Company (2022)

Cascades Poems by **Joan Canby (IH 1973)**, published by Assure Press (2022)

International Human Rights: A Survey by **Alison Dundes Renteln (IH 1983)** and Cher Weixia Chen, published by Cambridge University Press (2022)

Freedom Isn't Free: The Price of World Order by **Markos Kounalakis (IH 1977-78)**, published by Anthem Press (2022)

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In Memory

1940s

Modern and adventurous, **Vera Kistiakowsky (IH 1948-50)** was a great physicist and a lifelong advocate



for women in science, peace, and nuclear disarmament. While living at I-House, she completed her Ph.D. at UC Berkeley, where she made the

first measurements identifying three new isotopes of promethium in the Radiation Laboratory of the university. She later became the first woman appointed as Professor of Physics at MIT.

Karl Pister (IH 1943-45) lived a life of service. He entered I-House as a Naval recruit during the Callaghan Hall years, received his bachelors of engineering in 1945, served as a Navy engineer in Okinawa, and retired from the Navy Reserves in 1969. He went on to serve as a structural engineering professor and then dean of engineering at UC Berkeley, as chancellor of



UC Santa Cruz, and in 2000, as the University of California's first Vice President for Educational Outreach. In his final role for the UC system, Pister led UC efforts to improve education for underrepresented students in California, a cause that was central to his efforts throughout his distinguished career. Karl was a longtime supporter of I-House and a former member of the Board of Directors.

Jean E. Heying Rusmore (IH 1941-42) was a trailblazer who left a lasting impact on the environmental community of the Bay Area. A long-

time resident of Portola Valley and Palo Alto, Jean was a passionate advocate for the protection of open space lands on



the Peninsula, an early member of Sempervirens Fund, and co-founder of the Ladera Recreation District and the Committee for Green Foothills. Jean also co-authored a number of local trail guides, including *Peninsula Trails: Outdoor Adventures on the San Francisco Peninsula*, *South Bay Trails: Outdoor Adventures In & Around Santa Clara Valley*, and *Guide to the Bay Area Ridge Trail*. A hiking group she started in the 1970s, the "Walkie Talkies," is still active. She met **Jay Theodore "Ted" Ruschhaupt Rusmore (IH 1938-1942)** in I-House. Together they raised six children and welcomed many international students into their lives through international home-stay and tutoring programs at Stanford University. They were longtime, generous supporters of I-House.

1950s

Albert Ball (IH 1951-53) was an American diplomat whose career took him around the world serving in roles, including at the U.S. Embassy in Kinshasa; as Cultural Attaché in Abidjan, Athens, and Brussels; as Director of American Cultural Centers in Hue and Danang during the war in Vietnam; as the officer in charge of cultural and press affairs at the U.S. Consulate in Osaka, Japan; and as Chief of Japanese and Korean Affairs in the Bureau of Education and



Cultural Affairs. He held a bachelor of arts, master of arts, and Ph.D. in English literature from UC Berkeley. In addition to English, he was fluent in French, Japanese, and Greek. Albert, along with his wife, **Grace Sarraffian Ball (IH 1951-53)**, was a long term generous supporter of I-House who truly embodied the I-House mission. A note sent along with one of his gifts to I-House reads "I trust my donation will contribute to the worthy goal of cementing international friendship."

Theodore (Ted) Bo Lee (IH 1950s)



was a proud alum and longtime supporter of I-House. He was the eldest son of a Stockton, California, immigrant, butcher, and

grocery store owner from China. After completing his undergraduate studies at Harvard, Ted served in the U.S. Army in Europe and then completed his law degree at UC Berkeley, postgraduate work at the University of Singapore, and an MBA at UC Berkeley. Deeply appreciative of the educational opportunities he had, he was committed to ensuring that such opportunities were available to others. He served on the Board of Directors and the Board of Governors of the East-West Center in Honolulu, Hawaii, which serves to promote regional understanding and cultural interchanges among the people and nations of the United States, Asia, and the Pacific. He also served as a member of the Harvard Board of Overseers, the UC Berkeley Foundation, and the I-House Board of Directors. As a real estate attorney, Ted worked as an advisor on a variety of urban redevelopment projects for various minority communities in California, including San Francisco's Japantown, Sacramento's Chinatown, and the Filipino Center in Stockton.

Hans M. Mark (IH 1950s) led a life filled with research, education, and exploration. He was a world-renowned aerospace engineer, a NASA visionary, a beloved professor,

and an academic leader. Among his many leadership roles, he served as chair of the UC Berkeley Department of Nuclear Engineering and administrator of the Berkeley Research Reactor, secretary of the U.S. Air Force, deputy administrator of NASA, and as chancellor of the University of Texas System. He was a member of the Mission Control team during the first Moon landing in 1969 and developed the first man-made object to leave the solar system: Pioneer 10.

1960s

Barbara S. Bryant (IH 1960s) was a distinguished Bay Area attorney, mediator, and adjunct faculty member at Berkeley Law who specialized in sexual harassment and sex and race discrimination law. She served on many boards and was a frequent public speaker, a published author, and a fierce advocate for equal rights and justice for all. Outside of her legal work, Barbara led a very full life that included participating in 20 sports, summiting Mt. Kilimanjaro, traversing every corner of Yosemite, hiking the John Muir Trail, visiting 30 countries, attending more than 100 performances at Berkeley Repertory Theatre and San Francisco Opera, and riding a Harley-Davidson in San Francisco's Pride Parade.



Ashok Kikubhai Desai (IH 1968-69) was born in Abrama, a town in the Navsari District of Gujarat, India. After completing his bachelors of science at the MS University of Baroda, he moved to California to complete his



M.S. in electrical engineering at UC Berkeley. Ashok's time at I-House was an experience he would recall often and fondly, throughout his

life. He was a proud Golden Bear and was happy to watch many in his family follow his footsteps to Cal. Ashok went on to lead a distinguished career as an entrepreneur, industry leader, and thought expert in control systems and hard disk drives.

Serendipity being what it is—**Jean-Louis Goffin (IH 1967-68)** and **Richard Edwin Hills (IH 1967-68)** sailed to the USA on the same ship in August 1967. There they met and learned that they were both heading to Berkeley for doctorate studies. They were also both bound for I-House, where they cemented a friendship that lasted throughout their lives. Upon the completion of his doctorate, Jean Louis joined the Faculty of Management at McGill University. His research, focused on trends in mathematical optimization, continues to be cited in journals to this day. Richard became a Cambridge professor of astrophysics and builder of radio telescopes. During his long and distinguished career, he was a project scientist for Hawaii's James Clerk Maxwell Telescope; elected a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society and awarded the Society's Jackson-Gwilt Medal. More than these accolades, Jean and Richard loomed larger-than-life as kind and generous friends, mentors to the younger generation, and lovers of music, opera, travel, hiking, and exploration. The passing of these dear



Jean Louis Goffin (Belgian)



Richard Edwin Hills (Briton)

friends sparked a mini-reunion over Zoom organized by their wives and a cohort of I-House friends.

Born in Burma and raised in India,



Snehendu B. Kar (IH 1964) graduated from UC Berkeley with a Ph.D. in public health. He spent his life advocating for the underprivileged

and worked hard to empower women to promote health, quality of life, and multicultural health communication. His long career included serving in three governmental positions in India, in academic leadership at three world-class universities in the United States (including at UCLA), and as a consultant to numerous leading global organizations (including the United Nations World Health Organization).

As a young man, **Don Minore (IH 1960-63)** was employed by the U.S.

Forest Service to hike into the wilderness of the Pacific Northwest to map timber in the forests. Sleeping right on the trail and drinking water from streams, he found that raw, peaceful nature made him happier than ever. When he returned to the Bay Area to pursue a degree in plant ecology at UC Berkeley, he decided to stay at I-House, where he met his future wife, **Ione Bruning (IH 1960-62)**. They settled and raised a family in Corvallis, Oregon, where Don continued to work for the Forest Service until his retirement. Don and Ione were longtime supporters who believed deeply in the I-House mission.



Edward Barton Segel (IH 1961) graduated from UC Berkeley with an M.A. and Ph.D. in history. He began his teaching career at Cal and then went on to spend 38 years as a professor of

In Memory

laws: 1) All problems are essentially problems of diplomatic history; and 2) Always save room for dessert!

His full and well-rounded life included lecturing about the history of European diplomacy as well as on Mozart and Beethoven; advocating for and mentoring gay students at Reed; and lending his name to the student history majors' softball team, the "Flock of Segels."



1970s

Natalie Hahn (IH 1970s) was affectionately nicknamed "the bear lady" by I-House residents because she tirelessly sewed stuffed Cal bears for children during the holidays.

Close friend of the international community of Berkeley, she was also an active member of the



University Section Club, which funds annual room and board scholarships for I-House residents. Natalie was a professional librarian and a talented actress who remained active well into her 80s as a volunteer for the Berkeley Public Library and an actress in the Town and Gown women's club.

1990s

Daniel Rydzewski (IH 1991-93) completed his master's in civil



engineering from UC Berkeley while living at I-House and spent the bulk of his career working to enhance the public highway system in the State of Virginia.

Throughout his life, he often repeated how lucky he was to spend his graduate years at I-House where he developed many lifelong friendships, which were nurtured during annual gatherings at Lake Tahoe.

Friends

Richard C. Blum was an internationally recognized business leader whose dedication to combating global poverty and advancing educational opportunities in developing countries spanned more than five decades.



A thought leader and philanthropist, Blum founded the Blum Center for Developing Economies at UC Berkeley, which educates and inspires students as a new generation of global citizens. He served as Chairman of the University of California Board of Regents, as the trustee and member of the executive committee of The Carter Center in Atlanta, and as Honorary Consul to Mongolia and the Kingdom of Nepal. I-House was honored to recognize Dick as our *Global Citizen of the Year 2008*.

Didier de Fontaine led an adventurous life. He was born in Cairo under the shadow of the Great Pyramid of Giza,



was pushed in a stroller by Albert Einstein, and spent his youth traveling throughout Europe with his Belgian diplomat father. He obtained a Ph.D.

at the University of Chicago before moving to UC Berkeley where he taught and inspired countless graduate students for 15 years as a material scientist professor. Although they never lived in I-House, Didier and his wife, Danielle,

were longtime, generous supporters of I-House and the I-House mission.

Although **Norman Y. Mineta** did not live in I-House while a student at UC Berkeley, throughout his life, he endeavored to advance a more just and peaceful world. Mineta, who was among the 120,000 Japanese Americans forced into internment camps during World War II, later became one of the country's highest-profile Asian American leaders as a big-city mayor, a ten-term congressman, and U.S. Secretary of Transportation. While in Congress, Mineta was the driving force for passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, through which the U.S. government officially offered apologies for the injustices suffered by Japanese Americans during World War II and authorized payment to individuals who were interned. I-House was one of the very few institutions in California that protested the Japanese Internment camps. Three of his siblings were I-House residents: **Aya Mineta (IH 1930s)**, **Albert Mineta (IH 1947-48)**, **Helen Mineta (IH 1949-53)**. We were pleased to welcome Norman Mineta as our Gala Honoree in 2001.



Richard Wezelman was a longtime friend of I-House who loved the international world of culture and art.



Together with his wife, Beany, he was a world traveler and an importer of handicrafts from Africa, Nepal, Thailand, India, and Pakistan.

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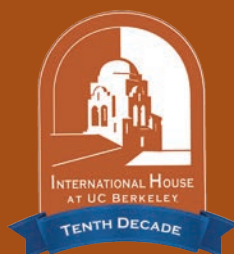


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