In the Autumn of 2017, International House will launch a year-long 85th anniversary celebration of its founding. It is a moment to reflect on and to celebrate our enduring mission: to enable students and scholars from around the world to live and learn together in a diverse community that builds life-long qualities of leadership, respect and friendship.

Founded in 1932 by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., International House of Chicago is today one of nineteen members of the International Houses Worldwide network. For nearly 85 years, the International House of Chicago experience of cultural exchange in a diverse community has transformed the lives of more than 42,000 people.

This report outlines our achievements and activities over the past year. It demonstrates how our mission is achieved by daily interaction among students and scholars through globally focused programs, unique facilities, and community life designed to foster diversity of thought and experience. In addition, International House continues to strengthen its support of the greater Chicago community as a cultural and intellectual center for a wide array of public programs.

As we look ahead to the 2017-2018 academic year, I would like to thank all members of our community for their ongoing commitment and their dedication to our mission. As the director of International House of Chicago and the president of International Houses Worldwide, I look forward to continuing to deliver the International House experience and to promoting its timeless values of peace and cross-cultural understanding.

Denise M. Jorgens, AM’83, PhD’95
Director, International House of Chicago
President, International Houses Worldwide
International Houses Worldwide Community

International Houses Worldwide (IHWW) is a consortium of 19 International Houses that are separate, independent, nonprofit institutions which span four continents and are united by one mission: **To provide students of different nationalities and diverse cultures with the opportunity to live and learn together in a community of mutual respect, understanding, and international friendship.**

Representatives from IHWW met in Los Angeles during the annual NAFSA: Association of International Educators conference. In addition, the annual meeting of all IHWW directors was held June 23–July 1, 2017 at International House Bucharest, Romania. These annual gatherings provide IHWW directors and other staff representatives with an opportunity to discuss issues and concerns related to the future of IHWW and to share experiences and challenges related to international residential and program centers. Denise M. Jorgens, AM’83, PhD’95, Director of International House Chicago was re-elected President of International Houses Worldwide.

Davis Projects for Peace

**Muntasha Quddus**

Muntasha Quddus, a student at the University of Chicago’s Public Health Sciences Department from the UK, used the grant for her project **Bidai Ballo Bibaho - Goodbye to Child Marriages.** The project raised awareness of the harmful impact of child marriages on the lives of girls in Bangladesh. She spent four weeks, conducting workshops in schools in three different Bangladeshi villages where child marriages are still a common practice.

**Erik Levin**

Erik Levin, a PhD candidate in the Anthropology and Linguistics Departments, used the grant money for his project **Conflict Avoidance through Access to Potable Water** to build a well for members of the indigenous Amawaka community in San Juan de Inuya, Peru. This community is located in the Central Eastern Amazonian region in Peru and the well will help avoid conflict between indigenous and non-indigenous people in the region.

The **Davis Projects for Peace** are funded by the late Kathryn Wasserman Davis, a former resident of International House New York, who committed $1 million to allow students to design and implement their own grassroots projects anywhere in the world with the goal of promoting world peace. The Davis Projects for Peace initiative is open to all resident members of International Houses Worldwide. Muntasha and Erik’s projects was among the twenty projects of resident members of International Houses Worldwide funded at $10,000 each in the summer of 2016.
International House serves the University and the Chicago-area community as a cultural center. Through the Global Voices Performing Arts & Lecture Series, International House presents programs that advance cross-cultural understanding and public discourse on community, national, and world affairs.

During the 2016-2017 academic year, over 100 public programs involving 136 strategic community and university partnerships were held and attended by approximately 35,000 individuals.

In addition, through the Global Voices-Jeff Metcalf Internship Program, 19 students from the College were provided professional training in public programming, event management, marketing, and public relations. Founded in 1997 to honor Harold “Jeff” Metcalf, AM’53, and former member of the I-House board of governors, the Metcalf Internship Program makes it possible for undergraduates to receive the highly competitive and prestigious enrichment opportunities that they must have as a stepping stone to future employment.
2016–2017 Global Voices Performing Arts and Lecture Series Highlights

Lecture Series
In partnership with the 11th annual Tetsuo Najita Distinguished Lecture Series, the Global Voices Program presented a screening of Tell the Prime Minister and a keynote lecture by the film’s director, Professor Oguma Eiji. As part of the Road to 2016 series, International House and the Institute of Politics (IOP) welcomed 2016 presidential Candidate Gary Johnson. Former French Minister of Justice Christiane Taubira discussed same-sex marriage, slavery as a crime against humanity, and incarceration rates of youth of color as part of the Marianne Midwest Series. Professor Marc Edwards gave this year’s School of Social Service Administration Social Justice Address, Perspectives on Environmental Injustice in the Flint, MI Water Crisis. IOP Director David Axelrod and a panel of experts discussed the results of the GenForward study, which provided data on the political attitudes and policy preferences of millennials, with a focus on millennials of color. In Home Improvement: Young Mayors Tackle Old Problems, three of the country’s top young mayors discussed innovative solutions to the deep-seated challenges facing their cities. Former CIA Director John Brennan addressed the evolving nature of threats against the United States and the role of our country’s intelligence in world affairs. A panel of journalists addressed the successes and failures of the media in the 2016 election and the challenges for reporters under the Trump administration. Julián Castro reflected on his time as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development under the Obama administration. Author JD Vance discussed his book, Hillbilly Elegy, a memoir about his experience growing up in rural America. Buzzfeed media editor Craig Silverman addressed the proliferation of the fake news phenomenon and the line between regulation and censorship. Former congressman Jack Kingston, editor-at-large of the Weekly Standard William Kristol, and former congressman Vin Weber discussed the future of the GOP following the first month of the new administration. S.E. Cupp and Van Jones, CNN political commentators, spoke about the current state of American politics in a conversation moderated by IOP Director David Axelrod. As part of the Global Voices Black History Month Celebration, author and activist Rev. Dr. John R. Porter discussed his experiences during the Civil Rights Movement. Former senior adviser to President Obama and current IOP Fellow Shailagh Murray and Buzzfeed editor-in-chief Ben Smith discussed the role of social media in Trump’s presidency. Dr. Amy “Breeze” Harper gave a lecture entitled Anti-Racism, “White Fragility,” and the “Third Reconstruction.” Professor Anne-Marie Slaughter presented her book, The Chessboard and the Web: Strategies of Connection in a Networked World. A panel of current and former members of Congress discussed the policy outcomes of the first 100 days of the Trump administration. Nobel Prize-winning author Mario Vargas Llosa delivered a
series of four lectures as a part of the Berlin Family Lecture Series entitled The Writer and His Demons. The Honorable John Kasich, Governor of Ohio and 2016 presidential candidate spoke about his latest book, Two Paths: America Divided or United. Ambassador Dennis Ross discussed the future of Israeli-Palestinian relations and the role of the United States in the Middle East. This year’s Kestnbaum Writer-in-Residence, Edwidge Danticat, presented excerpts of her recent work. Visiting professor David Shulman delivered the 4th Annual Vivekananda Lecture: Do I Have to Become a Pot to Know a Pot? On the Sanskrit Theater of Kerala. The Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture’s annual public lecture featured Professor Vijay Prashad in a program entitled In the Ruins of the Present: Trump, Joblessness, and Anger. Micah White, co-creator of Occupy Wall Street, gave a lecture exploring the future of activism and questioning the efficacy of protests. North Korean defectors shared their testimonials of escape and hope in a program entitled Voices from North Korea.

Conferences & Symposiums
International House hosted the Climate Change Forum: A North American Perspective, featuring government representatives from Canada, Mexico, and the United States in a discussion about North America’s role in fighting climate change. The screening of Arctic Defenders, a documentary about the Inuit activist movement, continued the climate change program, as Canadian Inuit activist Aaju Peter discussed her role in the events portrayed in the film. K-12 teachers gathered for the 9th International Education Conference at the University of Chicago to discuss practical and innovative curriculum ideas. As part of the Green Careers Panel, environmental professionals spoke to students about pursuing jobs in a variety of fields, including environmental consulting, governmental organizations, and the nonprofit sector. Faculty members of the Harris School of Public Policy Studies led a series of public lectures on international development during the Driving Global Social Impact Conference. The Global Voices program hosted the opening reception of the Inter-Policy School Summit, with keynote speaker Rosalyn Byrd, an environmental policy professional in the United Nations Development Programme World Centre for Sustainable Development. The 5th Latin American Matters Forum featured keynote speaker Dr. Ernesto Zedillo, the former President of Mexico and Director of the Yale Center for the Study of Globalization. Panelists in the China and Latin American Forum discussed the interwoven economies and politics of the two regions.

Performing Arts Series
International House welcomed BaSH—the trio of Clark Sommers, Geof Bradfield, and Dana Hall—and the Joshua Abrams, Ari Brown, Gerald Cleaver, Jeff Parker Quartet as part of the highly acclaimed Hyde Park Jazz Festival. The world-renowned ensemble Etno Grupa “Trag” performed Serbian folk music with an introductory performance by Chicago’s Dukai and Biseri Folklore Ensemble. The Muslim Students Association hosted the annual Eid al-Adha banquet featuring Yasmin Mogahed, an acclaimed author and speaker, and the spoken word artist Jacinda Bullie. Takashi Teramoto, an atomic bomb survivor, presented his personal experience in Voices from Hiroshima: Atomic Bomb Survivor Testimony and Atomic Bomb Memoirs Reading. GRAMMY award-winning clarinetist and saxophonist Paquito D’Rivera participated in a facilitated conversation with Ben Waltzer.
to share examples of music that shaped his career. Artists showcased their talents for Korean arts in the International Korean Traditional Performing Arts Competition. MEChA de UChicago and Global Voices co-hosted the annual celebration of Día de los Muertos by inviting students and members of the community to enjoy lectures, performances, and food. Mark Rodgers presented DaVinci & Michelangelo: The Titans Experience, a multimedia event that compared and contrasted the two geniuses. The Chicago Ensemble performed five concerts throughout the year for its 40th season. International House residents and friends showcased their myriad talents during Open Mic Night. China Night provided an opportunity for the community to celebrate the 2017 Chinese New Year with food, music, dancing, and other activities. Henry Johnson, a GRAMMY-nominated jazz guitarist, was featured in the Seventh Annual WHPK 88.5 FM Chicago Jazz Format Black History Month Celebration. Yoko Hiraoka performed three pieces from the epic Tale of the Heike on the biwa and presented a brief history of both the instrument and the poem. A screening of the film The Illusionists and discussion with filmmaker Elena Rossini explored the epidemic of body dissatisfaction and the globalization of beauty standards around the world. In partnership with the Brazilian Cultural Center of Chicago, an ensemble of performances and activities exposed guests to Brazilian culture. John and Galia Kuo, the leaders of Chicago-based ensemble Balkanske Igre, provided a lecture-demonstration on the dance rhythms of the Balkans. The international, collaborative workshop on East Asian Poetry—Poetry in Motion—presented Brother Anthony of Taizé and Peter Robinson. The members of Alash, Tuvan throat singers, performed in concert. The Spring Festival of Eastern European Dance and Music celebrated its 52nd anniversary, showcasing the folk music, dance, and culture of the Balkan, Eastern European, and Mediterranean regions. Contributors to the Chicago Quarterly Review’s South Asian American Issue read excerpts from their work. The African and Caribbean Students Association annual cultural show highlighted the aesthetic nature of African and Caribbean cultures. Tsukasa Taiko continued to uphold the Japanese tradition and expand and evolve the taiko art form through their celebration of the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month of May 2017. Global Voices and the Graduate Commons Program co-hosted Inter-Salsa Night to promote cross-cultural connections through music. Students congregated together to watch the 62nd annual Eurovision Song Contest as 43 countries participated in the longest-running international song competition. Make Music Chicago returned to International House for its sixth year of concerts, concluding our program season.
Diplomatic Encounters Series

In autumn 2015, it was announced that International House, the Institute of Politics and the Center for Middle Eastern Studies were joining forces with the Chicago Consular Corps to expand the Diplomatic Encounters Series to better connect the UChicago community with representatives of diplomatic missions from around Chicago and across the nation. The series aims to provide a venue to hear from leading diplomats, engage them in open dialogue, and come to a better understanding of the issues, challenges, and opportunities facing countries around the world.

2016-2017 programs included:

- A Conversation with Hong Lei, Consul General of China in Chicago.
- The Future of US-Cuban Relations: A conversation with Miguel Fraga, First Secretary at the Cuban Embassy.
- A Conversation with Argentine Ambassador Martín Lousteau.
- Serbia and its integration in the EU: A discussion with His Excellency Djerdj Matkovic, Ambassador of Serbia to the United States.
- Turkey: Coup Attempt of July 15 and the Restructuring of the Turkish State: A discussion with Umut Acar, Consul General of the Republic of Turkey.
- Former United States Ambassador to Israel, Daniel Shapiro, discussed the future of US-Israeli relations.
- His Excellency John Mahama, the former President of the Republic of Ghana, spoke about the political and social evolution of post-independence Africa.

Attending an event? Visit the Tiffin Café before or after an event.

The University’s Office of Campus and Student Life named Bon Appétit Management Company as the new campus food service vendor, effective July 1, 2016. As a part of this program, the International House Tiffin Café (left) was renovated to better serve our community. The café is open to the public. Please stop by on your next visit or when attending an event.
International House has hosted internationally focused programming since it opened in 1932. A new partnership spawned by the launch of UChicago GRAD in 2015 is focused on specifically shaping I-House offerings for graduate students and post doctoral researchers.

During the 2016-2017 academic year, the collaboration between UChicagoGRAD and I-House gained momentum as several new initiatives were launched. The Graduate Commons Program, a collection of programs for graduate students, postdoctoral researchers and scholars to become involved in the dynamic and diverse community at International House was piloted. Also offered through the partnership are fellowships, internships, and a unique summer housing program for graduate students and visiting researchers both at UChicago and the Medical Center. During the first year of the Graduate Commons Program, 25 fellowships and 10 GRAD Global Impact Internships were awarded to students from 14 countries. As part of this program, graduate students from across the University enjoyed over 200 programs.

The partnership between I-House and UChicago GRAD furthers I-House’s mission to be a place that builds community and encourages UChicago students and scholars to engage with ideas and approaches from around the world.

Together, through innovative programs and services, we are preparing graduate students and post-doctoral researchers to lead in academia, industry, nonprofits, and government. These programs also provide enhanced resources to recruit PhD students across the university. Fellowships and internships enable top students to choose an academic destination based on intellectual, rather than financial considerations. In addition, programs support and enhance students’ professional skills, preparing them to become next-generation leaders in a broad range of careers.
Grad Community Life
UChicago GRAD and International House are committed to making the UChicago experience for graduate students and postdoctoral researchers a truly remarkable one, both inside and outside the classroom by hosting events that spark their intellectual curiosity, challenge their physical being, and make a difference to their community. Programming includes internationally focused public programs through the highly successful I-House Global Voices Performing Arts and Lecture Series, weekly language and culture tables and related dining activities, professional development opportunities, health and wellness programs, social activities and much, much more! These programs complement academic departmental efforts to help graduate students increase the impact of their scholarship and get an edge in the job market.

GRAD Global Impact Internship Program
International House is pleased to have participated in the pilot of the UChicago GRAD - GRAD Global Impact Internship Program. Interns at International House serve as ambassadors and advocates for I-House and its mission within the UChicago GRAD community and beyond. They conceive and implement activities for graduate and professional school students that enhance the mission of International House and contribute to the students’ positive campus experience. These programs also promote interpersonal and cross-cultural understanding and friendship among all UChicago grads. Internships also pave the way for institutions of higher education - and prospective employers - to see graduate students as valuable conduits of knowledge and skills from the academic setting to the marketplace.
Graduate Fellowship Program

Graduate Fellowships are awarded to help ensure the exceptional diversity of the graduate community connected to International House. Fellowships can be designated for students from a single department or any area of study across the university. Fellowship recipients have the unique opportunity to play a leadership role within the community and to exemplify the International House mission. Fellows are also given opportunities to engage with alumni and friends, helping them build a powerful network that fosters personal and professional success for our worldwide community—including the network of 19 houses across the International Houses Worldwide organization.

Included in this program are several endowed and special awards.

Gioh Fang and T.S. Ma Fellowship
Provides a fellowship at International House for academically-qualified graduate students at the University of Chicago. Special consideration is given to students from China or in East Asian Studies. The 2016-2017 Gioh Fang and T.S. Ma Fellowship was awarded to Yudong Zhang studying at the School of Social Service Administration.

Ralph W. Nicholas Fellowship
In 2016, International House announced the expansion of the Ralph W. Nicholas Fellowship Fund. This fund has been made possible by the generous support of Lorna Puttkammer Straus, LAB’49, SM’60, PhD’62, professor and former I-House board member and Stanley D. Christianson, MBA’60 and former chairman of the I-House board of governors. This fund honors Ralph W. Nicholas, PhD’62, professor, and provides support for up to four fellowships at International House for academically-qualified graduate students from South Asia or in South Asian Studies. The Ralph W. Nicholas Residential Fellowships were awarded to Sarath Pillai, a PhD student in the department of history and Druv Nagar, a PhD student at the Divinity School.

George and Catherine Watkins Fellowship
Provides fellowships at International House for academically-qualified graduate students of any race, gender, religious affiliation, or national origin who are citizens or residents of Mexico or from Spanish-speaking countries attending the University of Chicago. During the 2016-2017 academic year, Watkins Fellowships were awarded to Manuel Antonio Cabal Lopez, a PhD student in political science, and to Ricardo Diego Suarez Rojas, AM’17, a Master’s student in the Divinity School.

Kaimay Yuen Terry Fellowship
Provides fellowships at International House for academically-qualified graduate students attending the School of Social Service Administration at the University of Chicago. During the 2016-2017 academic year, the Kaimay Yuen Terry Fellowship was awarded to Sylvie Zhuang, AM’17, a graduate student from China.

Where We Come From
During the 2016-17 year, International House fellows and interns came from 15 countries and studied in all areas of the University including the undergraduate College.

Albania  China  Cyprus  Egypt  France  Greece  Hungary  Iran  Italy  Japan  Lebanon  Mexico  South Korea  USA
Since 1932, International House has transformed the lives of more than 42,000 residents representing all areas of the world. As they shape our world, International House alumni share pride in an extraordinary tradition of community, excellence, and global leadership. Over the last year, International House continued to expand engagement with alumni and friends.

You made an impact! We couldn’t have done it without you!

On February 22 and 23, International House participated in the third annual UChicago Giving Day. During a 24 hour period, alumni and friends around the world supported students and UChicago’s greatest priorities. At International House, your support helped us to better serve the University and the Chicago community as a cultural center through an array of internationally-focused public programs. Across the campus, 3176 gifts were received raising $1,413,492. Thank you for being a part of UChicago’s Giving Day. Your gift will have a tangible, lasting effect at UChicago, International House, and beyond.
This year’s Alumni Weekend spotlight was education, politics, & social impact. Alumni Weekend brings together the whole UChicago community together on campus to relive old times and make new memories with classmates, family, and friends. This year, International House hosted the Robert H. Kirschner Memorial Human Rights Lecture with David Cole, the National Legal Director of the American Civil Liberties Union; a performance of the Dukati and Biseri Folklore Ensemble, a Serbian and Macedonian music and dance group; and an Around the World Wine Tasting featuring a world music concert by the Ramón Raquello Trio.

Enhancing Tradition—Engaging Our Worldwide Community

Over 200 alumni and friends enjoyed the program titled Post Election India-US Relations which included a distinguished panel of diplomats, journalists, academics, and foundation representatives. This program was sponsored by International Houses Worldwide Organization and was held in conjunction with the UChicago Center in Delhi.

I-House On the Map

In 1933, when the city of Chicago celebrated its centennial with an exposition billed as “A Century of Progress,” the University of Chicago had only 40 years of progress under its belt—a lifespan that dated to the city’s first great fair, the Columbian Exposition of 1893. International House had opened its doors only a year earlier on October 5, 1932.

Every fair has its share of souvenirs, and among the many generated by the 1933 event was a comic relief map of the quadrangles, showing not just the 80-odd buildings —including International House—that had sprung up since the University’s founding, but also something of the life that those buildings had housed.

International House is illustrated as a gift from John D. Rockefeller, Jr. welcoming students and scholars from around the world. Go to mag.uchicago.edu/1932map to read the full story and download a high resolution scan of the colorful campus cartoon.
The University of Chicago Campaign: Inquiry and Impact, the most ambitious and comprehensive campaign in the University’s history, will raise $5 billion and engage 125,000 alumni to support faculty and researchers, practitioners and patients, and students and programs across the University.

**Campaign Priorities**
Campaign priorities for International House include preserving our unique facilities that create lifelong memories for our residents and provide a center for public programming that creates an intellectual destination for the city at large; support for student life; fellowships and internships; and our Global Voices public programming which bolsters International House’s role as a locus for multicultural engagement and exchange. We invite you to join the UChicago campaign.

**Stay Engaged!**
Engagement of alumni and friends with International House helps build a powerful network that fosters personal and professional success for our worldwide community. **How you can stay engaged:**

**On campus**
- **Global Voices Performing Arts and Lecture Series**
  Attend one of our on-going internationally focused public programs.
- **Alumni Weekend**
  Save the date! Alumni Weekend 2018 May 31 - June 3, 2018
  Alumniweekend.uchicago.edu

**Online**
- **Weekly e-bulletins**
  Sign up at ihouse.uchicago.edu or call 773.753.2274
  youtube.com/user/IHouseUChicago

**Around the World**
- **Alumni clubs and events**
- **International Houses Worldwide**
  ihouseworldwide.org
- **AlumniU**
  A free online learning community exclusively for UChicago alumni – It’s like you’re back on campus! Learn more at alumni.uchicago.edu/alumniu.

**And more...**
Stay engaged with International House campaign priorities at campaign.uchicago.edu/priorities/ihouse/
Save the Date!
Celebrating 85 Years of Cross-Cultural Understanding

During the 2017-2018 year, International House of Chicago will launch its year-long 85th anniversary celebration with a series of alumni and public events. Over the course of the coming year, International House will celebrate the strength and endurance of the International House movement and will recognize the growing number of International House alumni who contribute their efforts and insights to institutions around the world.

Our 85th Anniversary Celebration will kick-off on our Founder’s Day on October 5 with a special concert by Chicago Blues legend Eddy Clearwater. This concert is supported in part by Bart Lazar, AB’82.

For more information
Visit ihouse.uchicago.edu or call 773.753.2274.
International House Library Restored

This year, the Seminary Co-op Bookstores curated a new collection of books and periodicals for the International House Library. The Library itself was renovated and restored to its original design including the beautiful oak bookcases surrounding the room. In 1947, The Noah and Frances Van Cleef Library Endowment Fund was established to support the International House Library. Since that time, this fund has provided domestic and international newspapers and periodicals as well as a wide range of books enjoyed by the International House community. International House has a long partnership with the Seminary Co-op Bookstores, regularly collaborating together on author night events and other programs.