On May 15, 2010, experts from around the globe gathered at International House to discuss “China and the Future of the Global Economy.”

The Chief Economist of the World Bank, Justin Yifu Lin, delivered the keynote address. Lin, who lived at International House from 1982–85, received a PhD in economics from the University of Chicago in 1986. He joined other leading academic experts, policy-makers, and business leaders attending the conference to discuss China’s growth and impact on global financial markets.


Hosted by the student-run Chicago Society and the International House Global Voices Program, and co-hosted by two other student organizations, Culture and Career Club and Moneythink, the conference was organized to enhance a broader understanding of modern-day China, especially its rapid social, economic, and political transformations and its role in the post-crisis global economy. Despite the global financial crisis, the Chinese economy continues to prosper.

The conference participants examined the reasons for this growth, as well as its consequences, including the need to bring greenhouse gas emissions under control and expand the country’s banking system.

To view the keynote address and to learn more, visit http://globalchinaconference.org or http://mindonline.uchicago.edu.

University of Chicago News Office, May 21, 2010

Welcome Back!
If you are receiving this newsletter for the first time, it is a result of the completion of the Archives Project. The I-House Life newsletter is a quarterly publication that provides the International House worldwide community with updates on current events at the House, as well as news about alumni. All alumni and friends are invited back to International House either for Alumni Weekend or anytime during the year. We hope you enjoy reconnecting with International House and rediscovering old friends and former residents.

“China and the Future of the Global Economy” conference was the second major conference on China held at International House. In the spirit of informed and lively debate, economists and professionals from Beijing and Shanghai joined economists and academics from throughout the United States to address changes in China’s financial markets, and its rising environmental concerns, since the first conference took place in April of 2006.

Justin Yifu Lin (foreground), chief economist and vice president of the World Bank, awaits his introduction as the keynote speaker for the student-organized conference, “China and the Future of the Global Economy” held Saturday, May 15, 2010 at International House.
I-House Life

Message from the Director—

The 2010–2011 academic year—our 78th year of serving the University of Chicago and the greater Chicago community—is off to a strong start.

After nearly a decade, International House has completed the $30 million restoration project. As part of the renovations, the House’s facilities were updated, safety upgrades were made, and the House was made accessible to those with disabilities.

Thirty-two new residents have been awarded International House Residential Fellowships. In addition, this year we will welcome a larger group of students from the College who will add to the vitality and life of the House.

We have also completed our Archives Project which has provided a comprehensive index of the institutional records from nearly 40,000 residents who have lived at International House since it first opened in 1932. The Archives Project will help International House open its doors to reconnect with former residents and old friends. In addition, the quarterly I-House Life newsletter will now have a readership of over 26,000!

We look forward to expanding our engagement with all alumni and friends worldwide. We encourage you to attend the University of Chicago Volunteer Caucus on October 8–9, join us for a Global Voices Program and special receptions or come back for an International House reunion during Alumni Weekend.

We look forward to your homecoming!

William L. McCartney
Director

Center Stage—Hyde Park Jazz Fest

The 4th annual Hyde Park Jazz Festival planned for Saturday, September 25, 2010 will be heard in 13 creative and unexpected, indoor and outdoor venues throughout the Hyde Park neighborhood—including International House.

The Hyde Park Jazz Festival is called: “Best of the Best: A full day of free jazz unfolds in venues of all shapes and sizes throughout one of the city’s most storied neighborhoods,”—Chicago Magazine, September 2009

This year, the Festival will feature over 150 musicians bringing together both famous jazz artists and emerging local talents for a day of musical and cultural celebration. Featured artists at International House include the Robert Irving III Quintet performing a tribute to the classic Miles Davis, ragtime pianist Reginald Robinson, Two for Brazil with Paulinho Garcia and Greg Fishman, Dana Hall’s spring and La Excelencia as part of the World Music Festival Chicago 2010. Finally, International House will host the Midnight Jam Session with Dee Alexander.

In conjunction with the Hyde Park Jazz Fest, International House will also hold an Author Series Program with Tribune and DownBeat columnist Howard Reich speaking on his book Let Freedom Swing.

International House has participated in the Festival since its inception in 2007, and has worked in conjunction with the Hyde Park Alliance for Arts and Culture and the Hyde Park Jazz Society to bring the spirit of jazz into many of its musical programs throughout the rest of the year, establishing the successful 59th Street Jazz Series. For more information on this year’s Hyde Park Jazz Festival, visit the event web site at http://www.hydeparkjazzfestival.org.

2010–2011 Residential Fellowships Announced

The 2010–2011 International House Residential Fellowship Program will provide support to fifteen graduate students this year. In addition, International House will welcome seventeen outstanding advanced undergraduate students from the College of the University of Chicago to live at the House. In all, these thirty-two Collegiate and Graduate Fellows represent sixteen countries.

14 fellows are male and 18 fellows are female. Within the University of Chicago, the Residential Fellows represent the undergraduate College as well as the Social Sciences Division; and four Graduate Schools—the Booth School of Business, the Divinity School, the Irving B. Harris School of Public Policy, and the School of Social Service Administration. The International House Residential Fellowship Program helps to ensure the exceptional geographic, cultural and economic diversity that is central to the mission of the House.

In addition to the Residential Fellowship Program, International House is pleased to announce the establishment of the Jeff Metcalf-Global Voices Internship Program for undergraduate students in the College residing at International House. This program will make it possible for the College to provide undergraduates with the types of highly competitive and prestigious internship and enrichment opportunities they must have as a stepping stone to future employment. By enabling the University to offer paid opportunities to undergraduates, International House—and our generous supporters—will make it possible for students from all economic backgrounds to pursue internships that relate to their academic interests and professional aspirations without sacrificing their need to earn money during the academic year.

This fall, we look forward to announcing the 2010–2011 Jeff Metcalf-Global Voices Interns.
Make a World of Difference!

Formed residents and friends are encouraged to attend this year’s University of Chicago Volunteer Caucus as representatives of the International House community.

The University of Chicago Alumni Board of Governors invites alumni, friends, students, and staff from across campus for a weekend devoted to the vital role volunteers play in the University’s success.

The 2010 Volunteer Caucus will include training workshops, roundtable discussions, and updates from University administrators. We will kick things off on Friday afternoon, October 8, with a keynote address and a volunteer reception in downtown Chicago. Activities will continue on Saturday, with working sessions on the Hyde Park campus.

Please visit http://alumniandfriends.uchicago.edu/volunteercaucus for additional information. For information on how you can become an International House volunteer leader or for housing information, contact the Office of Programs and External Relations at 773 753-2274.

International Houses Worldwide Community

Representatives from International Houses Worldwide (IHWW), an organization of seventeen International Houses from four continents, met in Philadelphia from June 21–26, 2010. The meeting provided the directors with an opportunity to discuss issues and concerns related to the future of IHWW and to share experiences and challenges of international residential and program centers. The directors also celebrated the 100th Anniversary of International House of Philadelphia. In addition to the festivities and events, there were reunion events for alumni of all International Houses Worldwide. Information about International Houses Worldwide including the newly-published brochure International Houses Worldwide Sharing Cultures is available at http://ihouse.uchicago.edu.

Alumni Weekend 2010—Four Days of Chicago-style Fun

On the first weekend in June, the University of Chicago’s 2010 Alumni Weekend brought together several thousand alumni and guests for four days of tours, concerts, lectures, parties, and class reunions. Former students enjoyed lunch with John Boyer, Dean of the College, returned to the classroom for UnCommon Core sessions, and attended the annual ChicaGO gala at Ratner Athletics Center. New additions to this year’s weekend activities included a Friday evening movie on the quad and hospitality tents for relaxing and reconnecting with old classmates.

International House was the site for a variety of activities in addition to providing accommodations to over 100 campus visitors. Alumni and friends enjoyed the International Brunch and afternoon Wine Tasting Reception with samples from around the globe. On Saturday, I-House’s 59th Street Jazz Series presented a concert featuring saxophone master Hanah Jon Taylor and Chicago’s most in-demand pianist Willie Pickens.

In addition, International House alumnus Myron Scholes (MBA’64, Ph.D.’70) received the Professional Achievement Citation Award—an honor that recognizes alumni who have brought distinction to themselves, credit to the University, and benefit to their communities through their vocations.

All alumni and friends are invited back to International House for Alumni Weekend or anytime during the year. Save the date! Alumni Weekend 2011 will be held June 2–5, 2011. For more information visit alumniweekend.uchicago.edu.

Hear What’s Being Said at I-House

Can’t make it to an event? Streaming and downloadable audio and video are now available for many events from CHIASMOS, the University of Chicago’s International and Area Studies Multimedia and Outreach Source at http://chiasmos.uchicago.edu. Alumni and friends are also invited to visit our web site at ihouse.uchicago.edu to subscribe to our weekly e-bulletin to learn more about our upcoming programs and events.
Banner Year for International House Annual Fund

Despite the presence of a national recession, International House saw record-breaking highs in annual gift-giving during the 2010 fiscal year, with increases in participation of more than 10% over FY’09 and nearly a 20% increase over FY’08. International House is especially appreciative of its new Chicago Society members. The Chicago Society is a community of generous alumni and friends who have made aggregate gifts of $2,500 or more to the University during the previous fiscal year. International House deeply appreciates all that our alumni community does—recommending International House to prospective residents; mentoring and hiring our graduates; supporting our community as donors and volunteers; and using their International House experience to make a difference in the world. There are nearly 40,000 individuals who have lived at International House since it first opened in 1932.

Support The International House Annual Fund

Annual gifts fortify programs of central importance to International House’s fundamental mission of welcoming people from around the world and creating a supportive, stimulating community for them at the University of Chicago.

Gifts to the Annual Fund help International House offer the unique cultural programs, residential fellowship support, and community leadership that are central to the International House experience.

By making an annual gift, you provide International House with the greatest flexibility in ensuring the exceptional geographic, cultural, and economic diversity that is central to the mission of International House and the University of Chicago. To support the Annual Fund: call us at 888-uchicago (824-4224); visit http://alumniandfriends.uchicago.edu; or mail a check payable to International House at the University of Chicago to Gift and Record Services, University of Chicago, 1427 E. 60th St., Chicago, Illinois 60637.

IN MEMORIAM

Robert Carter, PhB’46, AM’49, PhD’53, died February 22 in Bronx, NY. He was 82. He lived in I-House from 1950 to 1951. Ordained in 1963, he was one of the first Roman Catholic priests to publicly declare that he was gay. Co-founder of what later became the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Carter was also a social worker, and he supervised the outpatient AIDS program at Manhattan’s Bellevue Hospital Center. Survivors include a sister.

Gordon Donaldson, MBA’48, died February 12 in Parkland, FL. He was 87. He lived at I-House from 1946 to 1947. A member of the Royal Canadian Air Force during WWII, he taught corporate financial management at Harvard Business School for nearly 40 years before retiring professor emeritus. The coauthor of the influential 1983 management book Decisions at the Top: The Shaping of Strategic Direction, Donaldson held several administrative positions at Harvard, including senior associate dean for faculty development, and in 1995 a named professorship was created in his honor. Donaldson also helped establish the school’s Senior Faculty Center for emeriti professors. Survivors include two daughters, two sons, and six grandchildren.

Martin Gardner, SB’36, died May 22 in Norman, OK. He was 95, and was a resident of I-House in 1934. Gardner was the author of over 70 books on philosophy, magic, mathematical games, pseudoscience, and literary criticism, including annotations of famous works, such as The Annotated Alice (1960). He was a veteran of WWII and the recipient of a 1971 University of Chicago Alumni Association Professional Achievement Award. He was a leading scholar on the Alice in Wonderland books, and was also a leading figure in the realm of recreational mathematics. He published a column titled “Mathematical Games” in Scientific American from 1956 to 1981. Gardner was a magic enthusiast and never considered himself too old for magic tricks. An alumni profile article on Martin Gardner was published in the Spring 2010 issue of I-House Life. He is survived by two sons and three grandchildren.

David C. Knapp, AM’48, PhD’53, died April 13 in Concord, MA. He was 82. He was a resident of I-House from 1948 to 1949. Joining the University of New Hampshire in 1953 as an assistant professor, Knapp subsequently held administrative positions at UNH and Cornell and was named president of the University of Massachusetts in 1978. He was awarded the Order of the Rising Sun by the Emperor of Japan for his oversight of the Massachusetts-Hokkaido Sister State Committee. He is survived by his wife, two children, a sister, and four grandchildren.

Wasley Krogdahl, SB’39, PhD’42, died September 16 in Lexington, KY. He was 90. Krogdahl began his residency in I-House in 1939. He was an astrophysicist, and he taught in Northwestern University’s astronomy department from 1946 to 1958 and at the University of Kentucky thereafter until 1986. Krogdahl was a Harlow Shapley visiting professor at universities around the South and Midwest. Survivors include his wife, a daughter, a son, and a grandson.

Virginia M. Ohlson, SB’46, AM’55, PhD’69, died April 10 in Northbrook, IL. She was 95. She lived in I-House in 1955, and returned again in 1966. Ohlson was a nurse, and she traveled to Japan following WWII to assist with public-health efforts. Later, she became the director of nursing for the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission in Hiroshima, and was awarded Japan’s Third Order of the Precious Crown. In 1963, she joined the University of Illinois at Chicago’s College of Nursing faculty. Survivors include a sister.

Laughlin Phillips, AM’49, died January 24 in Washington, CT. He was 85. He lived at I-House from 1946 to 1947. A WWII veteran, Phillips was a CIA officer, holding posts in Saigon and Tehran, before founding Washingtonian magazine. In 1979 he sold the publication to become director of the Phillips Collection, his family's contemporary art gallery, often considered the first American modern-art museum. Over the next decades—Phillips was director until 1991 and board chair until 2001—he transformed the struggling enterprise into a thriving gallery, purchasing works by Picasso, Matisse, and Pollock. He is survived by his wife, Jennifer; a daughter; a son; four stepchildren; and 15 grandchildren.

Ann Linnea Sandberg, PhD’64, died December 31 in Livingston, MT. She was 71. She moved into I-House in 1960. Sandberg began her career as a research investigator at the New York City Health Department and as a New York University School of Medicine assistant professor. She held leadership posts at the National Institutes of Health’s National Institute of Dental Research, including chief of the microbial receptors and pathogenesis section in the microbial-ecology laboratory. Before retiring in 2005, Sandberg directed the Center for Integrative Craniofacial Research and received several NIH achievement awards. Survivors include four nieces.
The International House Global Voices Program has established a vibrant exchange with a wide range of Chicago-area academic and cultural institutions, arts organizations, dance companies, ethnic and folk arts groups, and music and theater groups. The Global Voices Lecture Series presents prominent speakers and organizes round-table discussion groups and special interest conferences and seminars. The Global Voices Performing Arts Series provides a showcase for all performing arts programs. For further information on programs or to subscribe to our e-bulletin, go to our Web site at http://ihouse.uchicago.edu. Programs are supported in part by grants from the Illinois Arts Council and the McCormick Foundation.

September 17–18
Conference
Something is Wrong: A Training and Resource Exchange for Youth Leaders and Adult Allies

September 25
4th Annual Hyde Park Jazz Festival
September 23–25, 2010
International House will also hold an Author Series program with Tribune and DownBeat Columnist, Howard Reich speaking on his book Let Freedom Swing.

September 29
Author Night Series with New York Public Library Children’s Book Blogger Betsy Bird on Reviews, New Media, and the Best Stories You’ll Ever Read

October 5
Global Voices Performing Arts Series
Kathak Dance from India—6th Element Special location—North Shore Center for Performing Arts

October 8–9
University of Chicago Volunteer Caucus

October 10
Collaborative Concert of South Side Youth Music
Presented by the Hyde Park Youth Symphony, Hyde Park Suzuki Institute, Calderon Music Studio, and MAGIC

October 12
Author Night with well-known author, commentator and public intellectual Gurcharan Das, speaking on his book The Difficulty of Being Good

October 19
World Beyond the Headlines Lecture Series
Executive Director, Center for Research and Security Studies at Islamabad, Imtiaz Gul speaking on his book The Most Dangerous Place—Pakistan’s Lawless Frontier

October 22
Chicago Public Schools International Education Conference

October 23
Fulbright Student & Scholar Welcome Reception

October 23
Global Voices Performing Arts Series
Hooked on Drums Youth Ensemble Concert

October 24
Chicago Humanities Festival:
Festival Day in Hyde Park

October 29
Muslim Students’ Association Fast-a-thon 2010

October 30
Beyond the Bricks Documentary Film Screening and Town Hall Meeting
A collaboration with the filmmakers of Beyond the Bricks (NYC) and The Black Star Project

October 30
Annual Belgian Halloween Party

November 24–28
Annual Thanksgiving Homestay Program

December 11
Global Voices Performing Arts Series
Brazilian Concert and Reception celebrating the 100th anniversary of singer, songwriter, and guitar-mando-lin player Noel Rosa—“o poeta de Vila”

January 21–22
University of Chicago Ballet

February 6
59th Street Jazz Series
A Big Band Tribute to Jaco Pastorius, featuring Italian bassist Maurizio Rolli with Jeff Lindberg’s Chicago Jazz Orchestra

February 8
Author Night with Saul Levmore and Martha C. Nussbaum speaking on The Offensive Internet: Speech, Privacy, and Reputation

February 18–19
Law School Musical

February 23
Soviet Arts Experience Program
Russian Duo: piano/balalaika concert

February 25–27
Spring Festival Series
46th Eastern European Folk Festival of Music and Dance

April
Fast-a-thon 2010

April
International House Residents Alumni weekend

April
Mayer Brown Memorial Concert

May 22
Spring Festival Series
Annual Festival of Nations

June 2–5
University of Chicago Alumni Weekend

June 5
Annual Candlelight Supper

April
Month-long Exhibition—Helen Suzman—Fighter for Human Rights

April
The Newberry Consort—Howard Mayer Brown Memorial Concert

May 23
Artspeaks
Oskar Eustis, producer and David Hwang, writer

June 2–5
University of Chicago Alumni Weekend
On August 11, 2010 a group of leading experts urged an audience of 400 to stop casting blame and start looking for answers via the EBONY Education Roundtable, hosted by Ebony Magazine, MSNBC and the University of Chicago. The key, experts say, is to update the business plan behind education, to hold every party accountable—whether private, charter or public school system—and to demand excellence from all.