



**GLOBAL  
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**2018-2019 ANNUAL REPORT ON ACTIVITIES**





I am pleased to share the International House of Chicago 2018-2019 Annual Report on Activities, which outlines achievements, milestones, and progress made in selected areas over the past year, as well as the support from our worldwide community making such achievements possible.

To begin, we at UChicago's International House were excited to receive a quarter-long study grant from campusCATALYST to bring a wealth of new skills and experience to our important work supporting international students and scholars.

Piloted two years ago, the **Graduate Commons Program** was established to ensure the exceptional diversity of the graduate student community at I-House. The program is now a permanent fixture and annually supports over 300 internationally focused programs through the 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 more!

This past year, our Graduate Commons Program, with vital support from alumni and friends worldwide created internships for 10 graduate students to arrange activities promoting interpersonal and intercultural understanding and friendship. The Graduate Commons Program also allowed us to award a record number of 55 graduate fellowships to students from 26 countries. Twelve of our fellowships are now named awards.

The Graduate Commons Program added a new initiative this year: the **Global Mentorship Network**, a collaboration between I-House and the Office of International Affairs that aims to develop and facilitate a support network for international graduate students at the University of Chicago through regular meet-ups and social events. Through the Global Mentorship Network, 11 cohorts with over 20 mentors provided guidance to over 90 mentees.

Our popular public events—including the **Global Voices Performing Arts and Lecture Series** programs—continue to provide all the communities we serve with opportunities for public discourse on community, national, and world affairs, and most are free and open to the public. During the 2019-2020 academic year, we'll increase that access by expanding live streaming and recording with support from the **UChicago Diversity and Inclusion Initiative Community Engagement Grant Program**. The Global Voices Program also continues to provide leadership opportunities for students in the College through the **Global Voices-Metcalf Internship Program**.

As we look ahead to the 2019-2020 academic year, I would like to thank all members of the International Houses worldwide community for your support which helps forge these global connections, nurturing the geographic, cultural, and economic diversity that is central to the mission of I-House. Through your generosity, International House at the University of Chicago can serve as "Host to the World" well into the future.

**Denise M. Jorgens, AM'83, PhD'95**  
**Director, International House of Chicago**  
**President, International Houses Worldwide (2014-2018)**



The central panel over the doorway to International House symbolizes the coming together of people from the four quarters of the globe. The points of the compass mark the divisions, and the convention of the north at the top is used. The bosses in the arch in the main entrance are flowers of various countries. Starting from the lower left they are in the following order: Sunflower-Russia, Fleur-de-Lis-France, Rose-England, Maple Leaf-Canada, Poppy-India, Chrysanthemum-Japan, Lotus-Egypt, Narcissus-China.

**ON THE COVER** Beginning in Autumn of 2019, our updated logo and other visual identifiers for our activities will provide a new unified graphic identity for International House. As a part of this project, new banners will be on display in front of International House along 59th street highlighting the role we play in public programming through our Global Voices Performing Arts and Lecture Series and in supporting student life.

## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

## International Houses Worldwide Community



**International Houses Worldwide (IHHW)**, is a consortium of 20 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.**

This year, IHHW welcomed our twentieth member, International House of Oklahoma at the University of Central Oklahoma. Representatives from IHHW met in Washington, DC during the annual NAESA: Association of International Educators conference. All IHHW directors will meet in spring of 2020 at International House, Melbourne and International House, Sydney. These annual gatherings provide IHHW directors and other staff representatives with an opportunity to discuss issues and concerns related to the future of IHHW and to share experiences and challenges related to international residential and program centers. Learn more about IHHW at [ihouseworldwide.org](http://ihouseworldwide.org).



**On the evening of November 14, 2018 Ambassadors from 10 countries, Members of Congress, special guests, and resident scholars from our sister house International Student House, Washington, DC gathered to honor Senator Patrick Leahy and Senator Susan Collins (above left) with our 2018 Global Leadership Awards. International Students House, Washington, DC was pleased to recognize these senior members of the United States Senate for their distinguished service to our country and work on behalf of international understanding and education. International Houses Worldwide directors participate in the annual Global Leadership Awards Dinner.**

## Davis Projects for Peace

International House graduate fellow, **Andrés Caro** has been awarded a Davis Projects for Peace grant for his project, **Summer Peace Program for Single Mothers, Immigrant Mothers and Children: Peaceful Playing, Peaceful Thinking and Common Living.**



**Andrés Caro, AM'19**

This project will create an opportunity for reflection and learning for a group of over 300 young and disenfranchised Venezuelan children who have been impacted by the political situation in Venezuela. This grant will support a series of masterclasses and workshops for mothers or caregivers with a focus on access to public services including education, technology, health services and job training opportunities available in Colombia. Andrés is an international student from Colombia studying in the Master of Arts Program in the Divinity School. Learn more about his project and follow his summer-long journey in Colombia on our website at [ihouse.uchicago.edu](http://ihouse.uchicago.edu).



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. Andrés Caro's project was among the twenty projects of resident members of International Houses Worldwide funded at \$10,000 each in the summer of 2019.



# INTERNATIONAL HOUSE GLOBAL VOICES PROGRAM

OUTREACH, COLLABORATIONS, AND INTERNSHIPS



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 2018-2019 academic year, nearly 100 public programs involving 106 strategic community and university partnerships were held.

In addition, through the Global Voices—Jeff Metcalf Internship Program, 13 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.

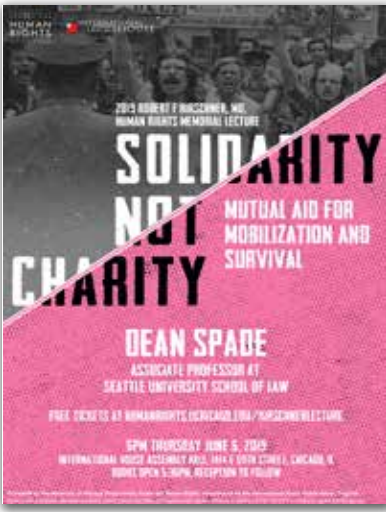
## 2018–2019 Global Voices Performing Arts and Lecture Series Highlights

### Lecture Series

The Global Voices Program and the Harris School of Public Policy Studies started the year off with the Diversity Luncheon and lecture by Natalie Y. Moore, author of *The South Side: A Portrait of Chicago and American Segregation*. TM Krishna, scholar, activist, and Carnatic vocalist discussed the role of arts and artists in leveraging institutional change in today’s political and cultural climate. Global Voices presented with the Institute of Politics (IOP) a conversation with *National Review* senior editor Jonah Goldberg on his new book, *Suicide of the West: How the Rebirth of Tribalism, Populism, Nationalism, and Identity Politics is Destroying American Democracy*. In collaboration with the Center for East Asian Studies (CEAS), this year’s Tetsuo Najita Distinguished Lecture was given by Yu Miri, an award-winning novelist, playwright, and essayist speaking on *Myself within Japan, Myself within Fukushima*. International House and the CEAS welcomed music ensemble Black String for a conversation about their careers and their repertoire of improvisation in traditional Korean music. International House hosted a panel discussion with the Kreisman Initiative on Housing

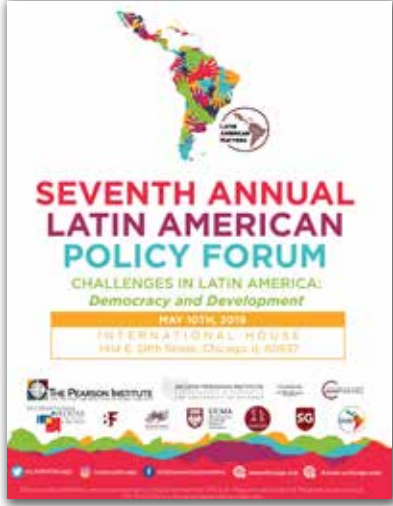
Law & Policy, a partnership between the University of Chicago Law School, the Office of Civic Engagement, and the Mansueto Institute. This discussion brought together the fields of urban science and law to advance housing scholarship and generate new ideas about cities and housing. In their lecture titled *Pluralism in a Polarized Age: Navigating Our Deepest Differences Together*, John Inazu, the Sally D. Danforth Distinguished Professor of Law and Religion and Professor of Political Science at Washington University and Eboo Patel, the founder and President of Interfaith Youth Core, two leading voices on pluralism discussed their own beliefs and what it means to bring one’s whole person into the public square with confidence and humility. Malynne Sternstein led the winter lecture of Readings in World Literatures with her talk titled *Speak, Memory, or the Ethics of Deceit*. In cooperation with the Center for Identity + Inclusion inaugural Common Book Initiative, International House hosted group discussions of the novel *The Best We Could Do* by Thi Bui. The Institute of Politics, The Pearson Institute, and International House welcomed US Senator Tammy Duckworth for a conversation with IOP Director David Axelrod. Along with the Phoenix Sustainability Initiative, International House brought together environmental professionals for the 4th annual Green Careers Panel. Together with IOP, International House welcomed His Excellency President Nana Akufo-Addo of the Republic of Ghana. Christopher McJetters examined current and historical

connections between Black liberation and animal liberation in US American culture in his talk *Race, Class, and Animal Welfare*, presented with the UChicago Animal Welfare Society. The Global Voices Program, the CEAS, Center for East European and Russian/Eurasian Studies (CEERES), Center for Middle Eastern Studies (CMES), Committee on Central Eurasian Studies, Franke Institute for the Humanities, and Pozen Family Center for Human Rights presented *Human Rights Crisis in Xinjiang*. The panel discussion moderated by Kenneth Pomeranz, Professor of Modern Chinese History and in the College, brought together activists, policy experts, and leading scholars on the human rights crisis in Xinjiang. IOP Director David Axelrod spoke with former White House Senior Advisor Valerie B. Jarrett for a live recording of *The Axe Files* podcast. IOP and International House welcomed community organizers Ai-jen Poo and George Goehl for their conversation *So You Want to Start a Movement?* moderated by Osita Nwannevu, staff writer for *The New Yorker*. Human rights and





anti-corruption activist and a *New York Times* best-selling author, John Prendergast discussed with Chris Blattman, the Ramalee E. Pearson Professor of Global Conflict Studies at The Pearson Institute and Harris School of Public Policy Studies, his work with the Enough Project, a policy organization aimed at countering genocide and crimes against humanity. Together with UChicago Medicine International Programs, International House presented a special Cinco de Mayo Celebration where students learned about healthcare initiatives in LATAM & Latinx populations. For the 2019 Center for the Study on Race, Politics, and Culture (CSRPC) annual public lecture, Jose Antonio Vargas presented *The Master Narrative: Race and Immigration in America*. Human rights attorney and assistant professor at George Mason University, Noura Erakat gave a lecture titled *At an Impasse: Understanding the 'Deal of the Century'* for the Talat and Isabelle Othman Lecture with CMES. The Pearson Institute and International House welcomed Ben Rhodes, the Deputy National Security Advisor for former President Barack Obama. Rhodes shared anecdotes from his book *The World as It Is*. US Under Secretary of the Army Patrick J. Murphy spoke at a Memorial Day program with the Office of the Provost. Together with the Pozen Family Center for Human Rights, Dean Spade, Seattle University, presented the 2019 Robert. H. Kirschner, MD annual lecture. The Global Voices Lecture Series concluded with a talk by Marius Stan, Argonne Laboratory, on the interplay between science and cinema.



### Conferences & Symposiums

International House partnered with the Oriental Institute, the Franke Institute for the Humanities, CMES, the Chicago Booth School of Business, the Department of Economics, the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, and the Department of History to host a two-day conference titled *Industry & Industrialism in the Late Antique and Early Islamic Near East*. The Global Voices Program and the CEERES presented *Marking x8: Commemoration in Czech and Slovak History* to address the Czech, Slovak, and Czechoslovak anniversaries of the political upheavals of 1848, independence in 1918, the Nazi occupation of 1938, the socialist coup in 1948, and the Warsaw Pact invasion of 1968, and the 100th anniversary of Czechoslovak statehood and their place in Czech and Slovak culture and history. For the 2018 Fallfest with the Chicago Humanities Festival, speakers explored the topic “Graphic!” International House, CMES, CEAS, Office of Civic Engagement, Neighborhood Schools Program, Center for

Latin American Studies (CLAS), and the CEERES hosted the 11th International Education Conference, *Press Play > Globalizing Your Classroom Through Film*. With the Options Clearing Corporation, the Options Industry Council, and Barron’s Group, International House hosted a day-long conference on the opportunities and challenges that face investors and traders. International House, CSRPC, the Franke Institute, and the Global Studies Mobility Project hosted a two-day conference titled *Nativism, White Power, and Anti-Immigrant Violence in the US*. This conference brought together the scholarly work on anti-immigrant, racist, islamophobic, antisemitic, populist, nationalist, and other varieties of targeted violence across multiple scales. The seventh annual Latin American Matters Policy Forum provided an opportunity for renowned practitioners and world-class policy leaders to discuss Latin American policy issues. The UChicago Graduate China Forum aimed to promote intellectual exchange and bilateral cooperation between the US and China by creating a platform for presenting diverse perspectives on contemporary US-China issues. The conference featured panels on economics, cross-border investments, technology, FinTech, and entrepreneurship and venture capital.

### Performing Arts Series

Kicking off the year, International House welcomed both *Maggie Brown’s Vision Ensemble* and the *Miguel de la Cerna Quartet* as a part of the

highly-acclaimed 12th Annual Hyde Park Jazz Festival. The 2018 Founder’s Day Celebration commemorating another year of international friendship and public programming was held in conjunction with the inaugural UChicago Latinx Heritage Month Celebration. Chicago’s *iPachanga!* curated live music, vendors, and interactive experiences. We joined the Ballroom & Latin Dance Association to host the 2018 Ballroom Bootcamp program. Musician Will Kemp returned to International House with the Newberry Consort for a revival of their *Jig* program, featuring new ballads, hijinks, and even more antics from Elizabethan England. The UChicago Muslim Students’ Association returned to International House for a new program *Let’s Grow Together: A Night of Comedy and Community*, featuring comedic performances. As a centerpiece of the *Chicago Paris Cabaret Connexion*, an 8-day international conference celebrating the history of cabaret from France to the United States, we welcomed filmmaker Cheryl E. Grant, French historian Jacques Protat, singer Maryline Rollet, and Chicago-based



music historian Charles Troy for a day of film screenings and two “Razzle-Dazzles.” The 42<sup>nd</sup> season of the Chicago Ensemble included four concerts. Offering an innovative mix of familiar masterworks and lesser-known repertoire performed in varied combinations of instruments and voice, the Chicago Ensemble occupies a unique place in Chicago’s cultural life. The fifth International Korean Traditional Performing Arts Competition showcased arts troupes and organizations from across the Midwest which demonstrated a variety of performances—from traditional dance, to vocal, and instrumental—illustrating the artists’ talent and their passion for Korean arts. *Sweet Honey in the Rock*, an all-women African-American cappella ensemble, took center stage to present stories and other selections in their special 45th anniversary celebration. The South Asian Music Ensemble, a special repertory ensemble in the Department of Music, performed a variety of classical, vernacular, and popular song styles from the Indian Subcontinent, taken from a wide variety of vocal, instrumental, dance, and temple music styles. The 54<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Spring Festival of Eastern European Dance and Music featured Balkan, Eastern European, and Mediterranean dance, music, and culture. Together with WHPK 88.5 FM Jazz, we welcomed the Ernest Dawkins Ensemble, featuring saxophone, guitar, trombone, bass, and drums, as a celebration of Jazz Appreciation Month. The LA-Based Cambodian and indie rock band, Dengue Fever, brought their trademark blend of sixties Cambodian



pop and psychedelic rock to International House. Partnering with the Department of Music, International House welcomed Chicago string ensemble Spektral Quartet for their *Enchanted Islands: A Travelogue* program featuring Christopher Trapani’s *Isolario: Book of Known Islands* and the world premiere of *Isolario: Book 2*. Bringing together Serbian and Macedonian traditions from the Balkans on stage with authentic choreography, instrumental and vocal performances, and traditional costumes, International House welcomed the *Dukati and Biseri Folklore Ensemble* for their annual concert. Together with the Chicago Folklore Society, International House hosted *Our Gitanjali*, a night of Bengali music and reflection on the devotional songs of Rabindranath Tagore. In alliance with 700 cities around the world, International House presented a day of musical performances as part of the annual Make Music Chicago, to celebrate the gift of music and the joy of music making – all on the longest day of the year, June 21.



## Diplomatic Encounters Series

Launched in 2015, International House, the Institute of Politics and the Center for Middle Eastern Studies have joined 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.

### 2018-2019 programs included:

- **Annual UChicago & Chicago Consular Corps Reception** was held on November 13, 2018 at the Neubauer Collegium hosted by Bala Srinivasan, Executive Vice President for Science, Innovation, and Strategy, Chief International Officer and UChicago Global. This year's focus was on UChicago astrophysics: a global perspective.
- **Phumzile Mazibuko, Consul General of South Africa in Chicago** was the keynote speaker for the Black History Month event "Celebrating Global Diversity in the African Diaspora." Co-sponsored with the Global Strategists Association.
- Visit of **Harriet Berg, Norwegian Consul General of New York** to campus to engage with students and faculty and to tour International House. Consul General Berg was accompanied by Paul Anderson, Honorary Consul General of Norway in Chicago.
- **Alexander Kulitz, member of the German Bundestag in the Free Democratic Party (FDP)** spoke on *The Trans-Atlantic Alliance: Opportunities and Challenges*. Co-sponsored with the American Council on Germany.
- **His Excellency President Nana Akufo-Addo, President of the Republic of Ghana** discussed his fifty years of public service, his vision for the future of Ghana, and the relationship between Ghana and the United States at an event co-sponsored with the Institute of Politics. President Akufo-Addo was introduced by International House graduate fellow Kevin Irakoze who is a PhD student from Burundi.
- **The Honorable Jian Zhao, Consul General of People's Republic of China in Chicago** was a special guest speaker at the Graduate China Forum 2019.



**TOP LEFT** The Annual UChicago and Chicago Consular Corps Reception was held on November 13, 2018

**TOP RIGHT** His Excellency President Nana Akufo-Addo, President of the Republic of Ghana

**FAR LEFT** (from left) Harriet Berg, Norwegian Consul General of New York, Denise Jorgens, Director of International House, Paul Anderson, Honorary Consul General of Norway in Chicago

**LEFT** (from left) Elke Rehbock, American Council on Germany, Alexander Kulitz, member of the German Bundestag in the Free Democratic Party (FDP)

# INTERNATIONAL HOUSE GRADUATE COMMONS PROGRAM A CROSS-CULTURAL EXPERIENCE



International House at the University of Chicago has hosted international programs since it opened in 1932. Now, in partnership with UChicagoGRAD, I-House is offering programs to enhance the community life of graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. The partnership between I-House and UChicagoGRAD furthers I-House's mission to build community and encourage UChicago graduate students and postdoctoral fellows to engage with ideas from around the world.

Through innovative programs and services, we are preparing future leaders in academia, industry, nonprofits, and government. Fellowships and internships enable top students to choose an academic destination based on intellectual, rather than financial considerations. These experiences enhance students' professional skills, preparing them to succeed in whatever career path they choose.

International House is committed to making the UChicago experience for graduate students and postdoctoral researchers a truly remarkable one, both in 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 on the job market.



GRAD Global Impact Internship Program



International House has been pleased to continue to participate in the UChicagoGRAD - GRAD Global Impact Internship Program. Interns at International House serve as ambassadors and advocates for I-House and its mission within the UChicago graduate student 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 intercultural understanding and friendship among all UChicago graduate students. 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 academy to the marketplace. In 2018-2019, International House awarded 10 GRAD Global Impact Internships.

Global Mentorship Network



The Global Mentorship Network is a collaboration between International House and the Office of International Affairs that aims to develop and facilitate a network of support for international graduate students at the University of Chicago through regular meet-ups and social events. The program connects second year and above mentors with a cohort of new international graduate students based on their preferences and compatibility. With support from I-House and OIA, mentors then foster a sense of community and provide resources for their cohorts. Through this collaborative cohort model, inclusive programming, and regular reflection and feedback, the Global Mentorship Network aims to enhance the overall international student experience at the University of Chicago. Begun in Autumn 2018, the program facilitated 11 cohorts with over 20 mentors who provided guidance to over 90 mentees. In addition, members of the network attended monthly coffee chats at International House, enjoyed trips around the city, and were able to participate in two special improv workshops led by The Revival Theatre Company. As the Global Mentorship Network enters its second year, its success continues to grow.

International House awarded three Community Engagement grants

The **UChicago Diversity and Inclusion Initiative Community Engagement Grants** are designed to further the inclusiveness of the campus environment and to promote stronger connections between the University and its surrounding communities. International House received three grants to support:

**LIVE@I-House** A program to extend the reach of our public programming through live streaming events and engaging the broader community across Chicago and around the world through International Houses Worldwide.

**Global Mentorship Program** A new initiative in conjunction with the Office of International Affairs to provide a mentorship program for the graduate student community.

**International House Sunday Supper Program** A traditional program which recognizes and celebrates life-long friendships created through internationally-focused programming at International House.

Community Engagement Grants recognize that our local Chicago community is one of UChicago’s most important partners. Together with the Office of Civic Engagement; the Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture; and the Mansueto Institute for Urban Innovation, grants are awarded for community-engaged research and programs.

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



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT Kevin Irakóze, PhD student, Hani Warith, AM’20, Tomas Uriostegui, AM’19, Wanyu Sun, MPP’19, Yeon Sik Jang, AM’19, Sachaet Pandey, AM’19.

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 20 houses across the International Houses Worldwide organization.

In 2018-2019, International House awarded 55 graduate fellowships to students from 26 countries. Included in this program are twelve 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 2018-2019 Gioh Fang and T.S. Ma Fellowship was awarded to Anqi Zhang from China studying linguistics in the Division of the Humanities.

**Ralph W. Nicholas Fellowship**—In 2018, 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 six fellowships at International House for academically-qualified graduate students from South Asia or in South Asian Studies. The Ralph W. Nicholas Fellowships were awarded to Ram Itani from Nepal studying chemistry in the Physical Sciences Division; Sakina Lavingia from Pakistan, studying in the Harris School of Public Policy; Sanjukta Poddar, from India, studying South Asian Languages and Civilizations in the Division of the Humanities; and Varsha Sivaram, from India, studying in the Harris School of Public Policy; Debsouri Kundu, from India, studying Chemistry in the Physical Sciences Division; and Muhammad Zulnoorain, from Pakistan, studying Philosophy in the Humanities Division.

**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 2018-2019 academic year, Watkins Fellowships were awarded to Maria Jimenez Gama and Arturo Joachin, both from Mexico studying in the Harris School of Public Policy.

**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 2018-2019 academic year, the Kaimay Yuen Terry Fellowship was awarded to Yudong Zhang from China.

### Where We Come From

During the 2018–2019 year, International House fellows and interns came from 27 countries and studied in all areas of the University including the undergraduate College.

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| Albania    | Mexico                   |
| Argentina  | Nepal                    |
| Bolivia    | Pakistan                 |
| Burundi    | Paraguay                 |
| Canada     | Portugal                 |
| China      | Russia                   |
| Colombia   | Serbia                   |
| Egypt      | Singapore                |
| Germany    | South Korea              |
| Greece     | Taiwan                   |
| Hungary    | Thailand                 |
| India      | Turkey                   |
| Iran       | United States of America |
| Kazakhstan |                          |



# I-HOUSE 2018-2019 GRAD LIFE BY THE NUMBERS

At International House, UChicago graduate and professional school students and scholars can find many opportunities to become involved in our dynamic and diverse community. The success of these programs including a new initiative – the Graduate Commons Program – can be seen in the numbers:

## FOR A BETTER WORLD

**1**  
**GLOBAL COMMUNITY**  
that has served as a unique program center at the University of Chicago since 1932.



**42,000+**  
**STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS**  
who have called I-House home since we opened our doors in 1932

## OUR WORLDWIDE COMMUNITY



**20**  
**INTERNATIONAL HOUSES WORLDWIDE**  
providing accommodations to some **9500** students and scholars annually from more than **125** countries. Support from alumni and friends worldwide allows IHWW to award more than **800** scholarships annually which serve to promote the academic, economic and geographic diversity of our member houses.

**600+**  
Grad alumni and friends who contributed to the FY'19 Annual Fund  
**1000+**  
Alumni and friends who returned to International House for our 2019 Alumni Weekend activities

## GRAD COMMUNITY LIFE GRADUATE COMMONS PROGRAM

### 300+ Programs for UChicago Graduate students across 5 Areas of Focus

**Global Voices Performing Arts and Lecture Series**  
**90+**  
The number of lectures and performing arts programs with unique opportunities for graduate students.  
**6**  
Diplomatic Encounters Programs held – Annual consular corps reception plus South Africa, Norway, Germany, Ghana, & China.

**Language & Culture Tables & related dining activities**  
**10**  
Languages represented at weekly language and culture tables – Arabic, Bengali, French, Hindi-Urdu, Japanese, Kurdish, Mandarin, Spanish, Tamil, and English corner.

**Professional Development Programs**  
**GRADUCon 2019**  
provided an opportunity for graduate students to explore careers in academia, industry, nonprofits, and government. Over **400** graduate students and postdocs participated in the day-long program that included panel discussions and the chance to talk one-on-one with over **70** employers and alumni about diverse career trajectories.

**220 Social Activities**  
**15**  
Show Me Chicago Trips and Tours, Movie Nights, Discussion Groups and Speaker Series including  
**4**  
Faculty Fellows Discussion Groups, Cooking Club, Game Nights, Study Breaks, Book Club, Concerts, Grad Mixers and Cultural Celebrations.

**Health & Wellness Programs**  
In conjunction with UChicago Health Promotion and Wellness. Programs included a winning I-House Soccer Team and Yoga Club.



## FELLOWSHIPS & INTERSHIPS



**\$10,000**  
Amount awarded from the **Davis Projects for Peace Grant** to UChicago graduate student and I-House fellow for summer 2019 project in Bogota, Colombia.

**55**  
**Graduate Fellowships** awarded to help ensure the exceptional diversity of the graduate community connected to International House.

**10**  
**GRAD Global Impact Internships** awarded complementing academic training while providing students with professional experience.

**27**  
Countries represented by GRAD Global Impact Interns and graduate fellows

**3**  
**Community Engagement Grants** awarded to further the inclusiveness of the campus environment and to promote stronger connections between the University and its surrounding communities.  
**66**  
Thanksgiving Homestay participants representing 13 countries.

# INTERNATIONAL HOUSE ALUMNI & FRIENDS

## A CULTURE OF ENGAGEMENT

Since 1932, International House has transformed the lives of more than 42,000 residents and tens of thousands of non-resident members 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 has made an effort to expand engagement with alumni and friends.

### 2019 Alumni Weekend June 6-9



Alumni Weekend is a four-day, campus-wide celebration that delights and informs Maroons of all ages with festivities, tours, lectures, and much more. This year, International House hosted the Pozen Family Center for Human Rights annual *Robert H. Kirschner Memorial Human Rights Lecture* with Dean Spade, Seattle University, who spoke on *Solidarity Not Charity: Mutual Aid for Mobilization and Survival*. A special Candlelight Ceremony and Reception was held to bring together alumni and current students.

An *Around the World Wine Tasting* was co-sponsored with the UChicago Alumni Club of Chicago. Marius Stan, Argonne National Laboratory, delivered a public lecture on the interplay between science and cinema. The weekend concluded with a champagne brunch reception and concert by the Chicago Ensemble.

**Save the Date! Alumni Weekend 2020 is planned for June 4-7, 2020.**



## 2019 Giving Day – Thank you for making a lasting impact!



On April 9-10, International House participated in the fifth 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-area community as a cultural center through an array of internationally-focused public programs. Across the campus, 4680 gifts were received from 50 states, 44

countries and 7 continents! Thank you for being a part of UChicago's Giving Day. Your gift will have a tangible, lasting effect at UChicago – and International House – and beyond.

## Celebrating a life-long friendship – begun at I-House!



On May 24, 2019, (From left) **Thomas Russell SM'73, PhD'80**, **Alene Bycer Russell, PhD'81**, **Barry Furze, PhD'76**, **Valerie Fargo, PhD'79**, **Grant Frame, PhD'81**, and **John Roper, PhD'82**, returned to I-House to tour our facilities—and to celebrate their life-long friendships begun when they were resident members in the 1970s.

## Enhancing Tradition—Engaging Our Worldwide Community



**ABOVE** International Houses Worldwide alumni event held in conjunction with the UChicago Center in Delhi, the India Habitat Centre and the Indo-American Friendship Association.

Over 200 alumni and friends enjoyed the program *70 Years of India-US Relations: Prospects and Challenges* which included a distinguished panel of diplomats, journalists, academics and foundation representatives.



**ABOVE** (from left) James Kondo, new Chairman of the Board of Governors, International House of Japan, Denise M. Jorgens, Director, International House of Chicago, Isamu Maruyama, Deputy Managing Director, International House of Japan

Alumni and friends of International Houses Worldwide celebrated the I-House spirit at I-House Day Tokyo on Sunday, January 13, 2019 held at International House of Japan. I-House



Days held worldwide are a wonderful way to meet, reconnect and gather with fellow alumni in your city.

## Milestones

Former resident of International House and former member of the International House board of governors, **Kamyar Jabbari, MBA'79**, 64, died on April 8, 2019.

Resident member, alumnus, Trustee, President and CEO and Life Trustee of International House of New York, **Donald L. Cuneo**, 74, died on September 1, 2018. A memorial service was held on October 12, 2018 at International House of New York.

## THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO CAMPAIGN INQUIRY & IMPACT

**Join the Campaign** 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 for International House

Campaign priorities for International House include preserving our unique facilities that create lifelong memories for students and provides a center for public programming that creates an intellectual destination for the city at large; support for student life; fellowships and internships for both graduate and undergraduate students; 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. Concluding in December of 2019, the UChicago Campaign will advance the University's scholarly mission and foster a more engaged, more connected community around the world.

## 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. Every time you connect with the University of Chicago—through giving, social media, events, lifelong learning and volunteering—you help advance future inquiry and its impact on human life. These activities – including the nearly 100 Global Voices Performing Arts and Lecture Programs at I-House – count towards the 125,000 engaged alumni goal for The University of Chicago Campaign: Inquiry and Impact.

**Stay engaged with International House campaign priorities at**  
[campaign.uchicago.edu/priorities/ihouse/](https://campaign.uchicago.edu/priorities/ihouse/)

## How you can stay engaged:

### Around the World

#### Alumni Clubs and Affinity Groups - A Global Community

Your fellow alumni can be found in cities and towns across the United States and in every corner of the globe. No matter where you go, from Albany to Italy to Zimbabwe, you can always find someone who speaks your language: Chicago. To find alumni club and affinity group contacts or to update your contact information email [alumniassociation@uchicago.edu](mailto:alumniassociation@uchicago.edu) or call 773.702.2150.

#### International Houses Worldwide

[ihouseworldwide.org](https://ihouseworldwide.org)

### On campus

#### Global Voices Performing Arts and Lecture Series

Attend one of our internationally-focused public programs.

#### Alumni Weekend

Save the date! Alumni Weekend 2020 June 4-7, 2020  
[alumniweekend.uchicago.edu](https://alumniweekend.uchicago.edu)



### Online

■ **Weekly e-bulletins** Sign up at [ihouse.uchicago.edu](https://ihouse.uchicago.edu) or call 773.753.2274

■ [facebook.com/international.house.chicago](https://facebook.com/international.house.chicago)

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■ [twitter.com/IHouse\\_Chicago](https://twitter.com/IHouse_Chicago)

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### Communicating International House Our new graphic identity

Our graphic identity is our visual language for communicating I-House. It is our logo, font, and color palette. A key component of our brand, it unifies our many programs and activities and amplifies our impact.

This past spring, International House reviewed the style of our logo, photography, and selection of imagery on all print, digital communications, and signage. Beginning in Autumn of 2019, our updated logo and other visual identifiers for our activities will provide a unified identity.



It's a busy summer at International House with workers on site completing Courtyard and exterior façade repairs. Construction began on June 19, to make façade repairs at building elevations in the courtyard. This is part of a multi-year façade restoration of International House. The completion date for the façade improvements is by September 20 in time for the new academic year.

## Legacy of International House founder—Great granddaughter traces his steps around the world

In 1966, the founder of the International House idea, Harry Edmonds, embarked on a 104-day tour of 22 International Houses worldwide. His travels took



Harry Edmonds

him from New York to California to Hawaii and on to countries in Asia, the Middle East, and Europe. The legacy of Harry Edmonds began in 1909 when he met a Chinese student on the steps of Columbia University library. Edmonds greeted him to which the student replied, "Thank you for

talking with me. You are the first person who has spoken to me since arriving here."

Recognizing the importance of helping international students feel welcome in the United States, Edmonds decided to invite a small group of international students to his home for dinner on a Sunday afternoon. This chance encounter inspired Edmonds to create a place for international students to feel at home and create camaraderie with others.

Edmond's dream was brought to life by the philanthropy of John D. Rockefeller, Jr. and the Cleveland H. Dodge family who funded the construction of the International House of New York. Rockefeller went on to build International Houses in Berkeley (1930), Chicago (1932), and Paris (1936). Keeping with the theme of global connections, the

inscription "May Brotherhood Prevail" stands out prominently above the main door of the NYC International House, as Rockefeller requested.

This year, his great granddaughter Alice Lewthwaite retraced his steps and engaged with alumni and friends of International Houses worldwide. Alice's trip took her to 22 countries. On March 9, 2019, Alice visited Chicago and spoke about her experiences and led a candle lighting ceremony to pass on the light from both her great grandfather's legacy and her own personal journey. Read more about Alice's adventure on her blog <https://grainsofsand.blog>.



**ABOVE** Alumni and friends enjoyed a special gathering at International House of Japan as a part of Alice Lewthwaite's trip.