For a Better World—
Since 1932

International House of Chicago was founded in 1932 through a gift from John D. Rockefeller, Jr. as a coeducational residential and program center for students and scholars from around the world. For over 80 years, International House has enabled individuals from across the globe to live and learn together in an environment that builds lifelong qualities of leadership, respect, and friendship.

This mission is achieved by daily interaction among its residents through programs, facilities, and residential life designed to foster diversity of thought and experience. In addition to serving as a unique residential facility, International House supports the greater Chicago community as a cultural and intellectual center for a wide array of programs.

The role and mission of International House are more compelling now than ever. An increasingly interdependent world has made global understanding an essential attribute for all our communities. International House, in its role as “Host to the World,” makes an important contribution to the intellectual and cultural fabric of the UChicago community and to the Chicago region.
International House Yearlong 80th Anniversary Celebration

This past year, International House of Chicago celebrated its 80th Anniversary. Over the course of thirteen months, International House celebrated the strength and endurance of the International House movement and recognized the growing number of alumni who contribute their efforts and insights to institutions around the world.

During Alumni Weekend 2012, International House launched its anniversary celebration, highlighting the marvelous breadth of creativity and contributions that is I-House. The kick-off weekend, held May 31–June 3, 2012, provided an array of opportunities for alumni to rediscover International House. Highlights of special programs included: a welcome back social for alumni; a Global Voices Performing Arts concert with Maggie Brown; an afternoon coffee & tea for Coulter Couples; International wine-tasting co-hosted with the Alumni Club of Chicago; and the Festival of Nations Reunion Celebration featuring an international showcase of performing artists and the traditional candle-lighting ceremony. The celebration concluded with a Sunday brunch and chamber music concert by the Chicago Ensemble.

International House continued the anniversary celebration with a Founder’s Day event on October 5th with residents, faculty and staff assembled in the Courtyard for a special Oktoberfest. Throughout the academic year, a commemorative series of public lectures and performing arts programs, as well as residence life activities were held. These programs reaffirmed the role that arts and public programming play in supporting the I-House mission.

International House dedicated its main lounge as the Rockefeller Lounge in recognition of the Rockefeller family’s long support of I-House, including David Rockefeller’s (PhD’40) support of recent renovations. The ceremony, held on June 1 was one of the concluding events of the 80th Anniversary Celebration. The event featured remarks by Professor Emeritus and former International House Director Ralph W. Nicholas, AM’58, PhD’62, President Emeritus Hanna Holborn Gray, and Vice President for Campus Life and Student Services Karen Warren Coleman. The dedication ceremony was followed by the spring candle-light supper and International House pledge, which each resident reads in his or her own language.
International Houses Worldwide Community

Director of International House of Chicago Appointed

Denise M. Jorgens has been named Director of International House at the University of Chicago. Her appointment was effective February 14, 2013.

Jorgens has served most recently as the Director of Programs and External Relations for International House. As Director, she will play a central role in setting the overall strategy, direction and organization of International House including the residence life experience. She will also work to further strengthen the role International House plays as a vibrant cultural center for the University of Chicago, the Hyde Park community and the Chicago region. In addition, she will oversee all International House alumni relations and development activities, including external relations.

“As Director of International House at the University of Chicago, I am honored to continue my involvement with an institution that has such a far-reaching impact. The skills, values, and life experience that International House imparts prepare young people for the challenges and demands of a complex, changing world. It is a privilege to be a part of an institution that makes a difference and contributes to a better world. As Director of International House, I view my role as an advocate for the residents and for the unique mission of International House,” said Jorgens.

Jorgens, who will have the distinction of serving as the first female Director of International House, received her AM in 1983 from the University of Chicago in Middle Eastern Studies and her PhD in 1995 in history also from the University of Chicago. She is also an alumna of International House.

Representatives from International Houses Worldwide (IHWW), an organization of seventeen international houses from four continents, met in St. Louis, Missouri during the annual NAFSA: Association of International Educators conference. In addition, the annual meeting of all IHWW directors was held June 3–7, 2013 at International House New York. These meetings provided 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.

Representatives from International Houses Worldwide also met together in Chicago on June 1–2, 2013 as part of the closing events for the 80th Anniversary Celebration and the dedication of the Rockefeller Lounge. Information about International Houses Worldwide including the brochure International Houses Worldwide Sharing Cultures is available at http://ihousesworldwide.org/.

Davis Projects for Peace—

For the sixth year in a row, International House of Chicago residents were awarded Davis Projects for Peace grants. The Davis Projects for Peace are funded by 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 project anywhere in the world with the goal of promoting world peace. The Davis Projects for Peace initiative is open to all residents of International Houses Worldwide.

The 2012 award recipient from International House of Chicago was Maya Pillai, AM’12, who brought Indian culture to local students enrolled in Global Girls, an organization dedicated to empowering young women on the South Side of Chicago through the arts. For Pillai and her students, the climax of this past summer’s efforts was a Global Girls trip to India sponsored by the MacArthur Foundation.

This project was among the twenty projects of members of International Houses Worldwide funded at $10,000 each for implementation in summer 2012. Kathryn Wasserman Davis whose advocacy for world peace and support of International House only grew stronger as she advanced in years, died on April 23. She was 106. Honorary Chairman of International House of New York David Rockefeller was among the 400 friends and family members who attended a memorial service held at International House New York on May 21.

Additional information about the Davis Projects for Peace program is available at davisprojectsforpeace.org.
Many residents will tell you that they came to America knowing no one, and found at I-House an instant circle of friends—one that, for the first time in their lives, transcended political, religious, geographic and ethnic boundaries. In this vibrant, cross-cultural community, where respect and understanding are prized above all, residents know they can exchange ideas openly and freely. They know they can turn to each other for insights—
whether it’s navigating local transportation, mastering a new language, understanding current events or untangling a physics problem. In every connection residents make at International House, the complexities of the world are reflected on a more human scale. It is an important experience for any citizen of the global community—and essential for those who aspire to a leadership role in their own countries.

As part of an expanded commitment to residential community programming, International House continued its Community Fellowship Program for a second year. As part of this program, eight outstanding residents were selected to serve as Community Fellows plus one Lead Community Fellow. In reflecting the diversity of International House, Community Fellows came from the United States and a variety of other countries and represented graduate divisions and professional schools as well as the undergraduate College at the University of Chicago.

Community Fellows collaborate with other student program assistants including undergraduate College Metcalf Interns and Residential Fellows. Community Fellows also worked closely with the Resident Heads and Resident Masters of Booth House and Phoenix House to create a cohesive, interconnected residential community among graduate and undergraduate residents.

Highlights of traditional ongoing and individual residential community activities coordinated by Community Fellows include:

**Weekly Resident Social Hours**—A weekly social gathering for residents every Sunday evening. During this time, residents are able to interact with countless individuals from other cultures that can speak to their varied interests as they take a break from studying.

**Candle Lighting Ceremony**—A candle lighting ceremony is held in conjunction with each Sunday Supper to celebrate the close of a period of living together and sharing experiences and knowledge with friends from many parts of the world. During this ceremony the International House pledge is recited:

> As light begets light, so love, friendship and goodwill are passed from one to another. We who have come from many nations to live in one fellowship at International House promise one another to pass the light wherever we go.

The presentation of the Helen Puttkammer Resident of the Year Award concludes the Spring Quarter Sunday Supper and Candle Lighting Ceremony. The award is presented by Mrs. Ernst W. Puttkammer’s daughter and former board member, Lorna P. Straus, SM’60, PhD’62.
The 2013 Puttkammer Resident of the Year Award was presented to Daniele Macuglia, who will be the Lead Community Fellow in International House during the 2013–2014 academic year.

Thanksgiving Homestay Program—The Thanksgiving Homestay Program, founded in 1956 allows residents and international students from throughout Chicago to become part of an American family during the four-day Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Over the last 57 years, the program has grown to include seven communities throughout Illinois who now open their homes to international students for the holiday weekend. 128 students participated in the 2012 Thanksgiving Program. A feature article on the program appeared in the Chicagoland section of the Chicago Tribune on Thursday, November 22, 2012 (Thanksgiving Day!)

Festival of Nations—The Festival of Nations is a traditional event that dates back to the early years of International House and is also celebrated at International Houses worldwide. During the festival, residents share their cultural traditions and cuisine with fellow residents and members of the University and surrounding communities. 25 countries, communities, and cultures were represented at the 2013 Festival of Nations.

International House Play—For the second year, International House Community Fellows organized and sponsored a theater production. The play is an opportunity for International House residents to participate in a theater arts project throughout the year and perform their work for other residents and community members. This year, residents performed Shakespeare’s Much Ado About Nothing.

I-Monday—“Italian” Monday provided an opportunity each week for International House residents to come together, prepare a meal, and dine together. Residents worked together to cook their food while also learning about Italian culture and cuisine. Approximately 50 residents joined to cook and eat together each week. I-Monday was expanded and now includes other international cuisines.

Winter Wonderland Ball—The Winter Wonderland event provided residents an opportunity to dress in formal attire and dance to music from a variety of cultures. Approximately 150 residents attended the Winter Wonderland Ball.

Dining Committee—The Dining Committee established in 2011 continued to provide resident and staff perspective and advice on the community kitchen, the dining hall facility and the Tiffin Café operation. The committee also provided input on the interface between dining facilities and the Tiffin Café operation and resident programs such as cultural celebrations or international holidays. Community Fellows played a key role in the success of this year’s Dining Committee and led a comprehensive dining services survey of all permanent residents.

Wayne and Phyllis Booth House established—In the fall of 2012, International House became home to the new Wayne and Phyllis Booth House. The College paid tribute to the late English scholar and dean of the College Wayne C. Booth, and his wife Phyllis, by naming a new residential house in their honor.
International House Fellowship Programs

The Residential Fellowship Program helps ensure the exceptional geographic, cultural, and economic diversity that is central to the mission of International House and the University of Chicago. During the 2012–2013 academic year, the Residential Fellowship Program provided support to 27 students from all areas of the University including the undergraduate College. Fellows came from 14 countries and were selected based on academic merit, leadership abilities, community activities, and their ability to contribute to the diversity in the House. Graduate and Collegiate Fellows live in the House and are expected to participate in a wide-array of programs and activities. Residential Fellows are awarded $1,000 to $3,000 to offset the expenses of living at International House. Included in this program are several endowed awards.

Gioh Fang and T.S. Ma Fellowships—This fund provides residential fellowships at International House for academically qualified students at the University of Chicago. Special consideration is given to students from China. The 2012–2013 Gioh Fang and T.S. Ma Fellowships were awarded to Cheung Yin Chan, a student from China studying public policy and to Anqi Zhang, also from China studying linguistics.

George H. Watkins Residential Fellowships—This fund provides residential fellowships at International House for academically qualified Mexican graduate students or students from Spanish-speaking countries attending the University of Chicago. During the 2012–2013 academic year, a Watkins Residential Fellowship was awarded to Paola Castano Rodriguez, a student from Colombia studying sociology.

JoAnn Klemmer Fellowship Fund—JoAnn Johnson Klemmer, International House resident 1956, established this fund to help support graduate students. The 2012–2013 JoAnn Klemmer Fellowships were awarded to Chiara Fratto, a student from Italy studying economics and Shivangi Gangwar, a student from India studying law.

Min-Sun and Anita B. Chen Residential Fellowship Fund—This fund is used to provide a residential fellowship for a doctoral candidate in history or sociology. This fellowship will be awarded in the fall of 2013.

International House Public Programs—Outreach and Collaborations

Whether it’s a world music or dance performance, lecture or symposium, film screening or cultural celebration, International House presents public programming and outreach that advances cross-cultural understanding and promotes opportunities for discourse on community, national and world affairs. Since 1932, programs such as our Global Voices Program have provided Chicago’s citizens, universities and communities meaningful engagement with master artists, scholars and leading figures from the world stage.

Today, as we build upon our historic and educational position as a presenter and host of innovative, internationally-focused programs, we establish dynamic alliances with hundreds of constituency groups. These partnerships enable us to create new collaborations and influence new initiatives. As a result, the Global Voices Program has heightened the public profile of International House as a primary venue for exploring world traditions and global affairs in the city of Chicago.

During the past 2012–2013 academic year,
sixty-one lecture programs and forty-three performance events were held and attended by approximately 30,000 members of the University of Chicago and metropolitan area. In addition, 106 collaborative partnerships were leveraged with universities, student organizations and cultural institutions such as the French Embassy in the U.S., Chicago Public Schools, and the Chicago Consular Corps.

In addition, through the Global Voices-Jeff Metcalf Internship Program, eight students from the College were provided professional training in public programming, event management, marketing and public relations. This program makes it possible for undergraduates to receive the types of highly competitive and prestigious internships and enrichment opportunities they must have as a stepping stone to future employment.

Public Lectures—
Ambassador of the Argentine Republic to the US, His Excellency Jorge Arguello spoke on Argentina’s Economic Recovery After the Default; Ambassador at Large for Global Women’s Issues, the Honorable Melanie Verveer gave the keynote address during the inaugural Global Health Day symposium; Egyptian presidential candidate Abdelmoneim Abol Fotouh presented the lecture After the Uprising: Governance & Activism in Post Mubarak Egypt; Israeli Consul General Roey Gilad and Consul General of the Republic of Turkey, Fatih Yildiz, discussed opportunities and challenges facing their respective countries as part of the Diplomatic Encounters Series; former French Secretary of State Fadela Amara spoke on the social and political contexts leading up to France’s burqa ban; United Nations Humanitarian Coordinator to Iraq, Hans von Sponeck discussed the effect of UN Security Council economic sanctions; Chizuko Ueno, Tokyo University professor and leading feminist in Japan lectured on Forty Years of Japanese Feminism; What it has achieved... and what it has not; Northwestern University professor Douglas Foster presented his talk After Mandela: The Struggle for Freedom in Post-Apartheid South Africa; and Martha C. Nussbaum, Ernst Freund Distinguished Service Professor of Law and Ethics at the University of Chicago lectured on The New Religious Intolerance: Overcoming the Politics of Fear, as part of the World Beyond the Headlines Series. Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Paul Salopek and UChicago Trustee Jack Fuller engaged in a conversation entitled, Out of Eden: The Walk; Akio Igarashi, 2013 Tetsuo Najita Distinguished Lecturer spoke on A Structure of Deceit: The Japanese Nuclear Energy Program; Saba Mahmood and Mahmood Mamdani discussed Fictions and the Politics of Justice; Anishnaabe traditional teacher Greg Johnson from the Lac du Flambeau Chippewa Indian Reservation provided a lecture-demonstration on traditional foods through a partnership with the American Indian Speakers Bureau. Chicago Teachers’ Union President Karen Lewis spoke on Poverty and Education: To What End? Finally, Will Burns, Michael Dawson, David Axelrod and Jacky Grimshaw debated Race and Chicago Politics; and Tim Samuelson, official cultural historian for the city of Chicago presented a multi-

2012–2013 Global Voices Lecture & Performing Arts Series highlights include:
media presentation on the architectural preservation of Chicago's built environment.


**Conferences/Symposiums**—The policy forum *Latin American Matters* presented keynote speakers former President of Colombia Álvaro Uribe, former Mayor of Chicago Richard M. Daley, Secretary General of the Presidency of Chile Cristian Larroullet, former presidential candidate of Mexico Josefina Vázquez Mota, former presidential candidate of Argentina Ricardo Lopez Murphy and former Mayor of Curitiba, Brazil Jamie Lerner. The series Full Access: *Inside the Obama & Romney Campaigns* cosponsored with the Institute of Politics, moderated by David Axelrod, featured seven panels of prominent political figures and analysts exploring topics ranging from *Women in Politics, The Art and Science of Public Opinion to Climate Change: A Policy Forecast and What's Next for the Republican Party?* International House co-sponsored the conference *Ending the Nuclear Age*, which included the film screening *The Atomic States of America* and a keynote address by Norma Field, Robert S. Ingersoll Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus. As part of our community outreach efforts, the conference *Humanitea Time* served as a platform for inspiring activism around social causes with presentations by Imam Suhaib Webb and Father Michael Pfleger; while the policy panel *Chicago Goes Global* discussed maternal and child health in low resource settings. In addition, the 15th Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference explored individuals, communities and social spaces that make up the city of Chicago; while the TEDtalk *Manifesting Ideas*, an official Chicago Ideas Week affiliate event, showcased the power of ideas and how they transform individuals, communities and nations. In recognition of national heritage month celebrations, International House sponsored the *Black History Month Women's Innovation Panel* hosted by LeeAnn Trotter, NBC5 reporter and the Midwest Polonia Civic Engagement Workshop. The symposium *The Question of Palestine* examined the viability of the one- and two-state solutions while the workshop *Travels of Law* provided an in-depth perspective on law, colonialism and the Indian Ocean arena. Examples of other notable conferences included *Pivot to Asia: A New Road Map to Sino-US Relations; Globalization and Mobilities: The Theory*.
Performing Arts—
The Topeng Dance Festival: The Masks of Indonesia produced in partnership with the Consulate General of Indonesia; the 6th Annual Hyde Park Jazz Festival featuring performances by the Melvin Butler Quartet, the Marlene Rosenberg Quartet, and the Denise Thimes Quartet; The Filipino American History Month Concert with jazz vocalist and world singer Charmaine Clamor, cosponsored with the Philippine Consulate General of Chicago and the University of the Philippines Alumni Association of Greater Chicago; 2012–2013 Chicago Ensemble Concert Series which featured five performances; the International House 59th Street Jazz Series featured Shawn Payne in Concert; Kabuki Theater

Performance: BELL with choreographer Yasuko Yokoshi; An Intimate Evening with Dreamgirl Sheryl Lee Ralph presented as part of the STI and HIV Intervention Conference; the Third World Percussion concert Metal; The American Chamber Opera’s performances of Madame Butterfly and Die Fledermaus; Eid Al-Adha Cultural Celebration; Black History Month Jazz with Hanah Jon Taylor and Willie Pickens cosponsored with University of Chicago Community Radio-WHPK; the satirical Law School Musical; the Bharatanatyam Indian dance performance Being, Becoming; the 48th Annual Eastern European Folk Festival—one of the largest festivals in the U.S. to showcase the musical culture of Eastern Europe; Global Girls Showcase honoring community individuals and organizations that empower women and girls locally and internationally; Soul Poetry Café featuring film screenings, hip hop and poetry performances; the Master Class on Georgian Traditional Music—an ancient three-part vocal tradition; film screenings of the Sengadal—the Dead Sea with independent filmmaker, poet and actress Leena Manimekalai; the documentary film 40 Years of Silence: An Indonesian Tragedy; and Emerging Thailand: The Spirit of Free Enterprise; the Midwest’s premiere Japanese drumming ensemble Tsukasa Taiko, commemorating Asian Pacific American Heritage Month; a special performance by University of Chicago gospel choir Soul Umoja featured during The James Hudson Unity Concert: Every Tongue, Every Tribe, Every Nation; The Franco-German Concert in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Elysee Treaty; Celebrating Resilience: Music from the Unvanquished Baha’i University of Iran; the theatre production of The Sultan’s Dilemma; the production of Much Ado About Nothing, directed and performed by International House residents; and Make Music Chicago, a music festival taking place simultaneously in over 500 cities around the world.
The English Language Institute

The English Language Institute (ELI) offers University students, international and domestic students, and their family members, as well as persons from the wider community the opportunity to build English language skills and to increase understanding and enjoyment of life in the United States.

ELI academic year courses and workshops included pronunciation/accent reduction, presentation skills, effective listening and study skills, academic and professional writing for ESL students and the American classroom, and communication strategies. This year, classes continued to be offered both at International House and at the University’s downtown Gleacher Center.

In addition to the academic-year programs, the English Language Institute sponsored a Pre-Matriculation English as a Second Language Program for incoming international graduate students in the following academic divisions and professional schools: Chicago Booth (MBA & PhD students) and Economics; Chemistry, and Geophysical Sciences; Financial Mathematics; and Law. In conjunction with the Pre-Matriculation ESL Program, an informal program was offered for the spouses/partners of registered students.

The popular International Spouses/Partners Program completed its 14th year of organizing social, cultural and educational activities. Programs included cooking demonstrations, celebrations of international holidays, trips and tours throughout Chicago, and informal English language discussion groups.

This year, the English Language Institute Special Programs coordinated three courses for public administrators and legal scholars from the People’s Republic of China in conjunction with the Graham School of Continuing Liberal and Professional Studies-International Education Program. Courses consisted of intensive English language training designed to address all major skill areas, as well as orientation to American culture.

In addition, our Tutoring Program offered over 400 hours of one-on-one and small group tutoring to students and community members.

Alumni & Friends—A Culture of Engagement

Since International House first opened its doors in 1932, it has served nearly 40,000 University of Chicago students and scholars from around the world.

It’s exceptionally impressive group of alumni include Nobel Laureates: George Stigler (economics), Enrico Fermi, T.D. Lee and C.N. Yang (physics), as well as, Katharine Graham, former publisher of the Washington Post, and Theo Sommer, former editor of Die Zeit.

Former residents also include Trustee Emeriti Dr. Lien Chan, Justin Yifu Lin, former chief economist of the World Bank, Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad, Langston Hughes, American poet, novelist, playwright and innovator of the new literary art form “jazz poetry” and most notable, David Rockefeller, son of the founder of International House and many others.

From Nobel laureates and business and education leaders, CEOs and attorneys general, literary and film giants, winemakers, and history-makers, International House alumni carry on the tradition of using their experience to make a difference in the world.
Throughout the yearlong 80th Anniversary Celebration, International House recognized all that our alumni community has done throughout its history—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.

2013 Alumni Weekend

- Robert H. Kirschner, M.D., Memorial Human Rights Lecture given by Aryeh Neier, founder of Human Rights Watch and a leading activist in the human rights movement.
- Celebrating Resilience: Persian Music Concert with composers and performers from the Baha’i Institute of Higher Education.
- International Wine Tasting co-hosted with the UChicago Alumni Club of Chicago.
- Champagne Reception and Concert featuring the Chicago Ensemble, led by virtuoso pianist Gerald Rizzer, AB’62.

A Celebration of Leaders in Philanthropy

Each year, the University hosts an event to honor our top annual and lifetime donors. This year’s A Celebration of Leaders in Philanthropy recognition event was an interactive ‘Knowledge Fair’. The aim of the fair was to engage donors with the different projects and research occurring across the University. For International House, it was an opportunity to share and showcase our amazing activities. The International House exhibit Celebrating 80 years of Residential Success was enjoyed by supporters of I-House and the university.

Volunteer Caucus 2012

Former residents and friends of International House attended this year’s University of Chicago Volunteer Caucus. The 2012 Volunteer Caucus gave new and seasoned alumni volunteers an opportunity to brainstorm and strengthen their connection to the University. Community Fellows staffed the International House booth.