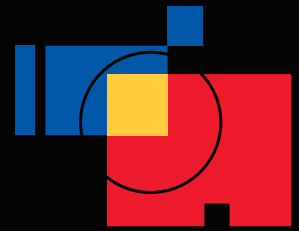


# INTERNATIONAL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO HOUSE



Annual Report on Activities 2013 - 2014

**For a Better World—  
Since 1932**



The mission of International House is to enable students and scholars from around the world to live and learn together in a diverse residential community that builds life-long 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.

Founded in 1932 by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., International House of Chicago is today one of seventeen members of the International Houses Worldwide network. Residents hail from all around the world and represent every division and professional school as well the undergraduate College. For 82 years, the International House of Chicago experience of international cultural exchange in a diverse community has transformed the lives of more than 40,000 people.

International House also serves the greater Chicago community as a cultural and intellectual center for a wide array of programs. Over 100 public programs are held each year including music and cultural performances, outreach programs with Chicago-area international organizations, collaborations with foreign consulates, language exchanges and discussions, and forums and debates led by distinguished guest speakers.

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 the Chicago region.

# International Houses Worldwide Community



IHWW Directors at International House Darwin

## International House Chicago To Lead International Houses Worldwide Organization



Representatives from **International Houses Worldwide (IHWW)**, an organization of seventeen international houses from

four continents, met in San Diego, California during the annual NAESA: Association of International Educators conference. In addition, the annual meeting of all IHWW directors was held June 29–July 4, 2014 at International House Darwin, Australia. 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. **Denise M. Jorgens, AM'83, PhD'95**, Director of International House, Chicago has been named President of International

Houses Worldwide. 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 seventh year in a row, International House of Chicago residents were awarded Davis Projects for Peace grants. The 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 2013 recipients from International House of Chicago were **Kathryn Colleton**,

**AM'13** and **Laura Rosenberg, AM'13**, who both implemented projects to engage and empower youth on the South Side of Chicago. Colleton partnered with Dewey Elementary School to teach dance and the arts as a way of mediating violence. Rosenberg partnered with the YWCA Metropolitan Chicago and Lindblom Math and Science Academy to engage youth in conversations around sexual violence in their own community, with the ultimate goal of the youth becoming activists and advocates within their schools and neighborhoods.

These projects were among the twenty projects of members of International Houses worldwide funded at \$10,000 each for implementation in summer 2013. Kathryn Wasserman Davis, whose advocacy for world peace and support of International House grew stronger as she advanced in years, died in 2013 at the age of 106. Mrs. Davis' legacy will live on in order to spark initiatives for building prospects for peace in the world. The Davis family and friends believe, like Mrs. Davis did, that today's youth—tomorrow's leaders—ought to be challenged to formulate and test their own ideas. Additional information about the Davis Projects for Peace program is available at [davisprojectsforpeace.org](http://davisprojectsforpeace.org).

## Discover I-House at [ihouse.uchicago.edu](http://ihouse.uchicago.edu)

**International House launched a new website**—the new design combines visual elements of the University of Chicago homepage and the multicolored international flag designs of the International House logo. The website conveys the unique role and mission of International House as a diverse residential community and cultural and intellectual center for a wide array of public programs.

On the homepage you will find notifications of upcoming public programs, including links to the full Global Voices Performing Arts and Lecture Series calendar. There are also links to connect with International House through a variety of social media outlets.

## Where We Come From

During the 2013–2014 year, I-House residents came from 38 countries and represented all areas of the University including the undergraduate College.

Albania	Canada	Greece	South Korea	Poland	Turkey
Algeria	China	Hong Kong	Lebanon	Romania	Ukraine
Australia	Denmark	Hungary	Malaysia	Russia	United Kingdom
Austria	Egypt	India	Mexico	Singapore	United States
Bangladesh	France	Indonesia	New Zealand	Spain	of America
Belgium	Germany	Italy	Pakistan	Switzerland	Zimbabwe
Brazil		Japan		Taiwan	



# International House Residential Community Programs—A Cross-cultural Experience

At International House, a truly global community can live and learn together in a setting that instills leadership, respect, and friendship among students and scholars. Unique within the University's housing system, I-House provides a home for over 400 graduate and undergraduate students, trainees and interns, visiting scholars and postdoctoral researchers. Hailing from every region of the world, many of I-House's residents come to the United States knowing no one and find at I-House an instant circle of friends that transcends political, religious, geographic, and ethnic boundaries. And not all residents are international; students from across the United States are also drawn to I-House, and equally contribute to and benefit from its diverse and vibrant community.

## 2013–2014 Residence Life Highlights



**Laura B. Rosenberg, AM'13 appointed Assistant Director for Residential Programs.** As Assistant Director, Laura (above right) provides day-to-day guidance and support of the residential life experience at International House. She supports the Community Fellows resident student staff, and plans, implements, evaluates, and assesses programs, and services for the International House residential operation. She works side-by-side with the College Housing staff who manage and support the College Houses in International House. Laura plays a crucial role in ensuring that the International House residential programs and services align with the mission and strategic vision of Campus and Student Life and of the University of Chicago. This newly-created position will help shape the environment and experiences of our unique international student community. Laura is also an alumna of International House.

**Community Fellowship Program—**Nine outstanding residents were selected to serve as Community Fellows. In

reflecting the diversity of International House, Community Fellows came from the United States and a variety of other countries and represented various graduate divisions and professional schools at the University of Chicago. Community Fellows collaborate with other student program assistants including undergraduate College Metcalf Interns, Residential Fellows, and members of the International House Residents' Council. Community Fellows also worked closely with the College Housing staff to create a cohesive, interconnected residential community among graduate and undergraduate residents.

**International House Residents' Council reestablished—**The International House Residents' Council was reestablished and now provides an important advisory link between residents and the International House administrative staff.

**2014 Class Gift Fund Program—**The Residents' Council led the 2014 Class Gift Fund Program. This new initiative gave students the opportunity to support residence life. Over 100 resident members



International House pledge recited at the Spring Candlelight Sunday Supper

*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.*

came together to acknowledge the many opportunities they had at International House.

Traditional and individual residential community activities coordinated by Community Fellows included: **Weekly Resident Social Hours, Traditional Sunday Supper, Thanksgiving Homestay Program, Festival of Nations, Annual Spring Play** and **civic engagement** opportunities.

**Thompson and Shorey College Houses call I-House home—**In the fall of 2013, Thompson and Shorey College Houses were relocated from Pierce Tower and joined the **Wayne and Phyllis Booth House** (established 2012) and **Phoenix House** (established 2010) in I-House.

# International House Global Voices Program— Outreach, Collaborations and Internships

International House also 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 2013- 2014 academic year, 123 public programs involving 138 strategic community and university partnerships were held and attended by approximately 35,000 individuals.

In addition, through the **Global Voices—Jeff Metcalf Internship Program**, twelve students from the College were provided professional training in Global Voices 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.

## 2013-2014 Global Voices Performing Arts and Lecture Series Highlights

**Author Nights**—Debora L. Spar, president of Barnard College, explored the lives of American women in the fifty years following the Equal Pay Act in *Wonder Women: Sex, Power, and the Quest for Perfection*; Alex Prud’Homme, author of *The Ripple Effect: The Fate of Freshwater in the Twenty-First Century*, delivered a talk on his latest work *Hydrofracking*, an addition to Oxford’s *What Everyone Needs to Know* series; and Shadi Hamid, Brookings Fellow with the Project on U.S. Relations with the Islamic World in the Saban Center for Middle East Policy, explored how Islamist movements change over time during his talk on *Temptations of Power: Islamists and Illiberal Democracy in a New Middle East*. Michio Kaku, *New York Times* best-selling author and host of the Discovery Channel series *2057* and *Alien Planet* synthesized cutting edge research in neuroscience and physics while discussing his new book *The Future of the Mind*. Award-winning

novelist Dinaw Mengestu, named one of New Yorker’s “20 Under 20” and a MacArthur Fellowship recipient discussed coming of age during an African revolution in his newest work, *All Our Names*. Dylan Yeats and John Kuo Wei Tchen brought together a panel of academics to consider the themes explored in their repository of anti-Asian images and writings, *Yellow Peril: An Archive of Asian-American Fear*; Columbia University sociologist Sudhir Venkatesh exposed how New York City’s underground economy has become an engine of economic prosperity and social transformation while outlining his newest book, *Floating City*. Three writers and activists—Danny Postel, Bernadine Dohrn and Afra Jalabi, author and contributors of *The Syria Dilemma* debated the Syrian conflict. *New York Times* best-selling author of modern fantasy, Patrick Rothfuss, described his latest work, *The Wise Man’s Fear*. Julia Lieblich and author Kenan Trebinčević discussed his new book,



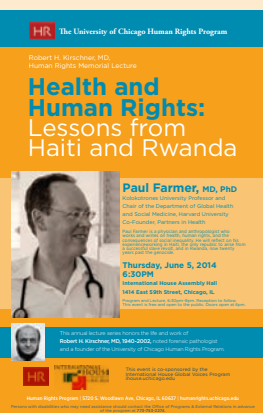
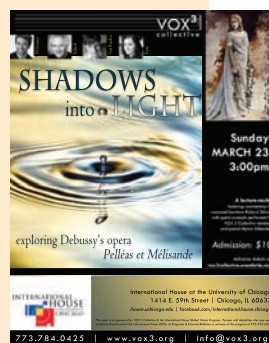
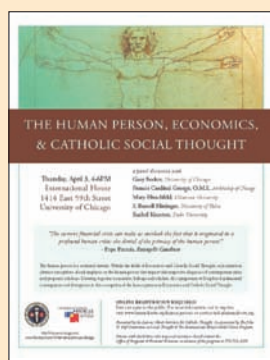
*The Bosnia List: A Memoir of War, Exile and Return*; and historian Dan McMillan presented a comprehensive analysis of the Holocaust from his book, *How Could This Happen?*

### Conferences/ Symposiums—

International House hosted U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and a panel of distinguished guest speakers for the symposium, *Implementing the Common Core: The Politics & Promise of Higher Learning Standards* in collaboration with the Institute of Politics. As part of Global Health Week events, Ambassador Nancy Brinker, founder and chair of Global Strategy, Susan G. Komen for the Cure gave the keynote address *An Integrated Approach to Women’s Health*. Former President of the Dominican Republic Leonel Fernandez gave the keynote address at the *2nd Latin American Policy Forum: Facing the Future* which featured government officials from across Latin America. Archbishop of Chicago Francis Cardinal George, together with economists, bishops and scholars explored the fundamental convergences and divergences in the conception of the human person during







**Performing Arts**—International House hosted acclaimed performances by the Jeff Parker Trio and the Tomeka Reid Quartet during the *7th Annual Hyde Park Jazz Festival*. During Hispanic Heritage Month, comedian Maria Costa took a sharp look at relationships, cultural diversity and family dynamics in her inspiring and hilarious performance, *Macho Men and the Women Who Love Them*. Japanese folk-rock legends Yoshio Hayakawa and the late Masahide Sakuma performed live in concert for their first-ever appearance outside of Japan; and renowned spoken word artist, Amir Sulaiman performed during the *Eid al-Adha*.

*Celebration*. Film-maker Audry Geyer and cast offered a screening and discussion of the film *Our Fires Still Burn: The Native American Experience* which was followed by a dance performance by members of the American Indian Center in Chicago. In *Mercy Killers*, playwright/performer Michael Milligan portrayed the struggles of a uniquely American experience—losing your health care in the land of plenty. The American Chamber Opera presented a modern adaptation of the classic opera *Carmen*; while *Alash in Concert* featured Tuvan throat singers. A presentation of Afro-Brazilian and Columbia cultural arts featured Chicago's *Gingarte Capoeira*; while the screening of the Oscar winning documentary *A Great Day in Harlem* included a discussion with WHPK Radio jazz hosts. The 2013–2014 *Chicago Ensemble Concert Series* under the leadership of Gerald Rizzer, artist director and pianist included five performances; and the a cappella group Voices in Your Head performed a series of two concerts. The 59th Street Jazz Series presented the *Frank Walton-Yoron Israel Sextet*; and also hosted Chicago's Brazilian gem, vocalist and guitarist Paulinho Garcia for a CD release concert of *Beautiful Love*. The 4th Annual Black History Month Celebration



Marc Monaghan

of Jazz featured *The Marquis Hill Septet* with special guest Willie Pickens; while the 49th Annual Eastern European Folk Festival showcased the musical cultures of Eastern Europe. *Rang-Rangili Holi*, presented with the Anila Sinha Foundation celebrated Diwali—the festival of colors; and the Japanese drumming ensemble *Tsukasa Taiko* performed in celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Performing arts

from around the world were demonstrated during the *Global Girls Showcase*; while the lecture-recital *Shadows into Light*, exploring Debussy's opera *Pelleas et Melisande*, featured commentary by renowned baritone Richard Stilwel. And as the finale to the 2013–2014 Global Voices Program season, International House presented *Make Music Chicago*, a music festival taking place simultaneously in over 500 cities around the world.

## International House Residential Fellowship Program

### 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 2013–2014 academic year, the Residential Fellowship Program provided support to 23 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 2013–2014 Gioh Fang and T.S. Ma Fellowship was awarded to Jingqiang Du a student from China studying in the social sciences division.

### 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 2013–2014 academic year, a Watkins Residential Fellowship was awarded to Manuel Antonio Cabel-Lopez, a student from Mexico studying political science.

### 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. The 2013–2014 Min-Sun and Anita B. Chen Fellowship was awarded to Guan Guan a student from China studying in the social sciences division.

## The English Language Institute

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**(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. 2013–2014 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. Specialized workshops and courses were held in conjunction with the

Graham School of Continuing Liberal and Professional Studies.

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 and coordinated over 500 hours of one-on-one and small group tutoring.



# Alumni & Friends—A Culture of Engagement

Since 1932, International House has transformed the lives of more than 40,000 residents representing all areas of the world. As they shape our world, International House alumni share pride in an extraordinary tradition of community, excellence, and global leadership.

## An Exceptional Year—Giving Highlights

**Alumni and friends made important new gifts and pledges; and support for the annual fund broadened.**

- 664 alumni and friends contributed to the **Annual Fund**
- Over 100 resident members contributed to the inaugural **Class-Gift Campaign**—a resident-led initiative supporting student life.
- **23 Residential Fellowships** were awarded to help ensure the exceptional geographic, cultural, and economic diversity that is central to the mission of International House. Fellowships were supported by gifts and endowments from alumni and other supporters.



- Dr. Birendra K. Sinha (2nd from left) established and endowed the **Birendra K. and Anila Sinha Fund for Indian Classical Performing Arts**.
- **John E. Bishop Trust** honors John E. Bishop and Elizabeth Bishop who lived at International House in the 1940s and early 1950s.

- Claude Weil and Irma Parker, AB'49 established the **Weil Parker Fund for Performing Arts** to honor their time as former residents.
- **Kaimay Yuen Terry's**, AM'64, planned gift to foster cross-cultural understanding at International House. Terry (below center) was recognized as a new member of the **Phoenix Society**.
- **Illinois Arts Council's** grant to support operating expenses related to public outreach programming.



## Enhancing Tradition, Engaging our Alumni Community

Over the last year, International House has made an effort to expand engagement of alumni and friends with a range of projects and programs.

Over 1100 alumni and friends returned for our **2014 Alumni Weekend Celebration** held June 5-8. The 73rd annual Alumni Awards Ceremony honored 15 distinguished alumni including Donald Steiner, MD'56, SM'56 (International House, '52–'53) who received the Alumni Medal, the highest honor the Alumni Association bestows.

Alumni Weekend programs provided meaningful opportunities for current residents to interact with alumni. Programs included:

- *Robert H. Kirschner, M.D., Memorial Human Rights Lecture*—"Health and Human Rights: Lessons from Haiti and Rwanda" with Paul Farmer, Harvard University.
- *Voices in Your Head Concert*—a university student a cappella group whose

repertoire spans many genres and includes original pieces.

- *International Wine Tasting*—co-hosted with the UChicago Alumni Club of Chicago and the Class of 2004.
- *Champagne Reception and Chamber Music Concert featuring the Chicago Ensemble*—led by virtuoso pianist Gerald Rizzer, AB'62.

**Volunteer Caucus 2014**—Former residents and friends of International House attended this year's University of Chicago Regional Volunteer Caucus held in San Francisco on February 22. The Regional Volunteer Caucus gave new and seasoned alumni volunteers the opportunity to brainstorm and strengthen their connection to the University.

**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 exhibit **International House for a Better World** was enjoyed by supporters of I-House and the university.



Professor Emeritus of Organismal Biology and Anatomy and former International House Board Member Lorna P. Straus, SM'60, PhD'62 (left) visited with I-House resident Daniele Macuglia, AM'10 (right) at the Celebration of Leaders in Philanthropy event.

# I-House 2014 By the Numbers

International House had a lot to celebrate in 2013–2014. The strength and endurance of the International House movement can be seen in the numbers:

## For a Better World

**40,000+** Students and scholars who have called I-House home since we opened our doors in 1932

**1** Global community that has served as a unique residential and program center at the University of Chicago for 82 years

## Our Worldwide Community

**17** International Houses Worldwide  
In July 2014, two new houses joined the IHWWW network and I-House Chicago Director, Denise M. Jorgens, AM'83, PhD'95, was named President of International Houses Worldwide

**664** Alumni and friends contributed to the Annual Fund

**1100+** Alumni and friends returned for our 2014 Alumni Weekend

## Diverse Residential Community

**4** College Houses—Phoenix, Booth, Thompson and Shorey College Houses all call I-House home

**3** Second-generation residents

**38** Countries represented by residents who study in all areas of the University including the undergraduate College

## Residence Life and Fellowships

**2** Residents awarded Davis Projects for Peace summer grants in the amount of \$10,000 each

**200+** Residential programs

**26** Countries represented at the Festival of Nations

**36** Sunday Social Hours—a tradition dating back to the establishment of the house in 1932 where

**80** gallons of ice cream were consumed

**109** Thanksgiving Homestay participants representing 17 countries

**32** Fellowships awarded to help ensure the exceptional geographic, cultural, and economic diversity that is central to the mission of International House

## Global Voices Public Programs

**35,000+** Attendees at the Global Voices Performing Arts and Lecture Series

**123** Public lectures and performing arts programs

**12** Paid internships each year at International House through the Jeff Metcalf Internship Program. Founded in 1997 to honor Harold “Jeff” Metcalf, AM'53, former member of the I-House Board of Governors, our participation in the College program started with one intern.



“I received a 2014 Davis Projects for Peace grant through International Houses Worldwide and this summer I will be traveling to Bhutan to engage youth in a participatory action research project. My favorite part of living in International House is seeing how inclusive and caring resident members are of each other. Everyone here puts in extra effort to let other residents know how much they are truly appreciated.”

Hasta Colman, AM'14  
Committee on International Relations



“I was born and brought up in Chennai, India and studied and worked in Singapore. I love I-House's community kitchen—cooking programs strengthen my love for discovering and preparing food, which I developed while traveling around South and Southeast Asia. The sense of communal living is really strong here and every day feels like a new learning experience.”

Venkatesh Pillai, AM'15  
Chicago Harris