Metcalf Fellows Contribute to Archives Project

This summer, International House will be completing its two-year Archives Project with the help of two Jeff Metcalf Fellows. The Archives Project is helping International House to rediscover and reconnect with old friends and former residents. It was begun in 2007 and has created a comprehensive index of the institutional records from nearly 40,000 residents who have lived at International House since it first opened in 1932. The goal of this project was to re-house the materials in archival quality conditions and allow easier access to the information, providing a glimpse into the history of the International House and the University of Chicago international student community.

The Jeff Metcalf Fellows Program currently provides over 230 paid internships exclusively to University of Chicago College students. The program began in 1997 in honor of Jeff Metcalf, who was Dean of Students at the Graduate School of Business from 1956 to 1975

Liz Flora and Lisa Fan are the Metcalf Fellows for the Archives Project. Liz will be a fourth-year in the College this fall with a major in International Studies and a minor in East Asian Languages and Civilizations. She is currently working on her B.A. thesis, which will focus on China-Tibet relations. Lisa is a rising second-year in the College. She hopes to gain first-hand insights into the cultural diversity at the University from this internship.

University to Celebrate 500th Convocation

On Friday, October 9, 2009, the University of Chicago will celebrate its 500th Convocation ceremony. Literally a “calling together,” this quarter’s Convocation will include special distinguished alumni speakers throughout campus, including at International House, as well as additional special events. All members of the campus community are welcome and encouraged to participate in the day-long program of events. A live broadcast of the ceremony will be shown at locations on the Hyde Park campus, and will also be available online. For a complete schedule of events visit http://convocation.uchicago.edu/500th_convocation.shtml.

Following the convocation, on Saturday, October 10, 2009, the University of Chicago invites alumni, friends, students and staff from across campus to attend the 2009 Volunteer Caucus. The Caucus will expand and enhance the University of Chicago volunteer network through informative workshops, updates on University initiatives, roundtable discussions, and more. Pre-registration is required for all attendees. For more information about the Volunteer Caucus, please contact Alumni and Constituent Relations at (800) 955-0065.

Welcome Back!

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

As the new academic year is upon us, all of us at International House are excited to have our building free of construction for the first time in over six years. All of the renovations and improvements that were supported through the University have now been completed including all of the improvements to make the House fully ADA compliant. It is very exciting for us to be able to welcome residents, guests and alums into the House through our rebuilt front entry and new front desk service area. These additions allow us to continue to provide both essential and improved services to all who visit this wonderful institution. The support of our friends and alums during the past decade has been crucial to the successful restoration of the House.

Our new residents are getting settled into the life of the House and adjusting to life at the University of Chicago. These transitions can often be difficult for those far from home. However, the welcoming spirit of International House remains as you knew it during your time here and our staff and returning residents continue to reach out to all in need of help and friendship as they experience the new challenges that abound in their academic programs and life in Chicago. I hope that you will be able to make time to come back and visit us at some point in the near future. Come see the restoration or attend one of the many performing arts or lecture programs. International House alumni are also encouraged to attend the Volunteer Caucus on October 10. On behalf of our current residents, thank you for your support and for the confidence it represents in International House’s continued commitment to its mission.

William L. McCartney, Director

I-House Resident Receives Davis Projects for Peace Grant

For the second year in a row, an International House of Chicago resident was selected to be a recipient of a Davis Projects for Peace grant. The Davis Projects for Peace are funded by Kathryn Wasserman Davis, a former resident of International House New York, who committed $1M to allow college students to design and implement their own grassroots project anywhere in the world with the goal of promoting world peace. Candidates are required to submit a proposal describing their potential project and future impacts. The Davis Projects for Peace initiative is open to all residents of International Houses Worldwide.

Malika Asma, a Ph.D. student in chemistry, was this year’s recipient from International House of Chicago. She used the $10,000 grant in the summer of 2009 to travel to rural areas in Pakistan to educate and create awareness among the residents about cancer prevention and treatment, especially women with breast and ovarian cancer. She worked with a team of doctors to help conduct cancer screenings in local centers in Pakistan. One of the main challenges Asma encountered was creating open discussions among cancer patients. She said, “Most of [the] women hesitate and feel shy to discuss their disease.” One of her goals of the project was to help provide both moral and financial support to patients. Asma is also looking ahead after the completion of this project and hopes her initiative will encourage further funding for cancer treatment and prevention.

Jazz Scores in Hyde Park

International House will be one of 12 official venues for the Hyde Park Jazz Festival that will take place on Saturday, September 26, 2009. The Festival is an annual event that brings together famous jazz musicians and local emerging artists for 15 straight hours of free music. It began in 2007 with an attendance of 5,000, which tripled to 15,000 last year. This year over 100 jazz musicians including Ari Brown, Von Freeman, Jon Faddis, Richie Cole and Ariyo Ariyoshi, as well as returning artists Willie Pickens, Dee Alexander, and Orbert Davis will participate in a celebration of jazz on the Southside of Chicago. In addition to afternoon concerts, International House will host the closing Slam Jam from midnight to 2:00 a.m. International House has been part of the Festival since it began in 2007, and has worked with the Hyde Park Jazz Society to incorporate jazz into its music programming during the rest of the year, establishing the successful 59th Street Jazz Series. For more information on the 2009 Hyde Park Jazz Festival, visit the event Web site at http://www.hydeparkjazzfestival.org.

I-House Residents’ Council Receives Puttkammer Award

The Residents’ Council was awarded the 2009 Helen Puttkammer Resident of the Year Award. Nominated by current residents and presented by Mrs. Ernst W. Puttkammer’s daughter, Lorna P. Straus, SM’60, PhD’62, this award honors a resident or group of residents who have been outstanding leaders and have made a significant contribution to the life of International House. The award was presented at the traditional Candlelight Supper held on May 31. The IHRC sponsors a large number of cultural, social, and advocacy programs throughout the year. This year’s program highlights included the Annual Festival of Nations celebration, a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner, the Oscar Ceremony Party, I-Chef cooking demonstrations, the I-Green Environmental Initiative, and a memorial to former resident Amadou Cisse.

Standing up, left to right: Yael Vidan, Jennie Phelps, Mary Geiger, Melissa Minogue, Lydia Roll, Ruth-Anne Whitfield

Front row: George Vassilev, John Homer, Adam Beitman
International House Alumnus to Celebrate 100th Birthday

Tsuen-Hsuin Tsien, former curator of the University’s Far Eastern Library and a former professor of East Asian Languages and Civilizations at the University of Chicago, will turn 100 this winter as he continues his 62nd year of participation in the University community. His decades of distinguished accomplishments at the University began when he lived at the International House as an exchange scholar.

When Professor Tsien arrived at the University from China in 1947, the International House provided a family away from home for him while he waited for his wife and children to join him. He remembers befriending several notable fellow residents during his stay, including two Nobel Prize recipients and a vice president of the World Bank. He was active with resident activities at International House as a sponsor of a Chinese student group and of a Chinese New Year program that is still held annually. He continued his support for the Chinese student community after his stay when he became the advisor to the Chinese Students’ Association of the City of Chicago.

Professor Tsien has made invaluable academic contributions throughout his career. He succeeded in transforming the East Asian Collection from a small collection of volumes on China to a major national library on East Asia, which contains over 600,000 volumes and a vast collection of exceptionally rare materials. He has published more than 160 books and articles, many of which are considered classics in East Asian Studies. His book, Written on Bamboo and Silk, is the first comprehensive study on the history of Chinese books, documents and inscriptions before the invention of printing.

Since his retirement in 1978, he has continued with his research. His volume “Paper and Printing” was published as part of the Science and Civilization in China series by the Cambridge University Press in 1985. It is considered to be the most comprehensive book on the study of paper, ink, and printing in Chinese civilization. He still continues to conduct lectures and write articles for publication. He recently published his memoirs in Chinese, which are being translated into English. In honor of his 100th birthday, a group of his former students will publish a volume entitled Collected Writings on Chinese Cultural History.

Professor Tsien’s continued contributions to Area Studies and to the international community are what the International House strives to foster. He has stated, “I believe the principle of scholarship is to open a new area of research to avoid repetition,” and by following this principle, he has created resources that have made cross-cultural research more successful and rewarding. His body of work is an excellent example of what International House alumni have accomplished for the international community.

Los Angeles Alumni Catch Up at Reunion

Alumni and friends of International House attended a special gathering on May 27 in Los Angeles hosted by former director and former resident Henry Pernet, Ph.D. ’79 and Denise Jorgens, AM’83 Ph.D.’95, Director of Programs and External Relations. The reception was held in conjunction with the 2009 NAFSA: Association of International Educators Conference. Regional reunions like this one are a wonderful opportunity for former residents in the area to reconnect and reminisce about their time at International House. Watch for information about future local alumni club events.

Former Board member Charles Werner Receives Alumni Service Citation

Former member of the International House Board of Governors, Charles Werner, MBA’55, JD’61, has received an Alumni Service Citation. An associate professor of accounting at Loyola University Chicago, Professor Werner earned two graduate degrees at the University of Chicago and was an active member of Psi Upsilon fraternity.

Since his own student days, Professor Werner has volunteered almost continuously for Psi Upsilon, serving on the Chicago chapter’s board of trustees (including two extended terms as president), its international board of trustees, and the board of the Psi Upsilon Education Foundation. From 1972 to 1991, Professor Werner served on the Board of Governors of International House, including two terms as treasurer and member of the finance, fellowship, executive, and centennial-program planning committees. Those who know him best say his example of thoughtful, cheerful service inspires other alumni to stay connected to the University.

Says a colleague, “Chuck Werner’s hard work, dedication, and visionary leadership have positively influenced hundreds of young U of C students, as well as many dozens of alumni from his era and thereafter.”

ALUMNI SERVICE CITATIONS

Created in 1988, the Alumni Service Citations are awarded for outstanding volunteer work on behalf of the University through service in alumni programs, on advisory committees, and through efforts made to ensure the welfare of the institution.
More Ways To Support International House

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

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

By making an annual gift, you provide International House with the greatest flexibility in ensuring the exceptional geographic, cultural, and economic diversity that is central to the mission of International House and the University of Chicago. To support the Annual Fund: call us at 888 824-4224; visit our Web site https://alumniservices.uchicago.edu/giving; or mail a check payable to International House at the University of Chicago to The Office of Philanthropic Affiliation, University of Chicago 5801 S. Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60637.

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• Global Voices Student Internship. A gift of $2,000 will support one student internship for one quarter of our popular public programs.

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• Trip the light fantastic! Your gift of $150,000 will provide new stage lighting for the Global Voices Performing Arts series.

• Guess who’s coming to dinner? Host the traditional Sunday Supper and Candle-lighting Ceremony for your gift of $15,000; includes a table for you and your family.

• Show your true colors! Purchase your country’s flag for a gift of $250.

To make a gift contact Alumni Relations at International House at (773) 753-2281 or email i-house-programs@uchicago.edu

Spirit of Giving

Margery Levine Berman
Margery was 91. She was a member of The Temple and Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority. She attended the University of Illinois at Chicago and graduated from the University of Cincinnati. She did graduate work at the University of Chicago in social work and was a resident of International House from 1942 to 1945. Mrs. Berman is survived by her daughters, Julie Berman of Louisville and Anne Berman Watt of St. Louis, MO; and grandchildren, Katie and Ted Watt of St. Louis, MO.

Chang-Yun “Charlie” Fan, PhD’52
A space-physics pioneer, Charlie had his research included in the Dover Collection of outstanding papers on cosmic-ray-origin theories. He lived at International House from 1947 to 1948 while completing his doctorate in physics. He later taught physics at the University of Arizona and helped foster cooperation between Chinese and American scientists. He was 91 and is survived by his wife, two daughters, a son, and two grandsons.

William Fawcett Hill, PhD’55
William was 90. He lived at International House from 1950 to 1951. He retired from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, in 1988 and then served 11 years as founding president of the Duke Ellington Society of Southern California. He is survived by his wife, Priscilla; two sons; and a daughter.

Louis E. Leopold, X’48
Louis was 86. His wife, Anna Marie Shaefer Leopold, lived at International House from 1944 to 1946. He taught for 20 years at Penn State–Altoona. He is survived by his wife, a son, a daughter, a granddaughter, and two great-grandsons.

Ben S. Meeker, AM’40
Ben was a World War II Navy veteran and joined the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois’s probation and parole office. He lived at International House from 1941 to 1942 while working on his AM in Social Service Administration. In 1979 he won the University of Chicago Alumni Association’s Professional Achievement Award. He was 97 and is survived by his wife, a daughter, a son, a sister, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Mark Silverman, MD’63
Mark lived at International House in 1959 and later spent 38 years at Emory University where he worked at Piedmont Hospital and was a founding cardiologist of the Fuqua Heart Center. He was also named a Fellow in London’s Royal College of Physicians. He was 69 and is survived by his wife, two sons, two brothers, a sister, and two grandchildren.

Marjorie Montague Wilson, MD’53
Marjorie was 88. She resided at the International House from 1949 to 1950. A U.S. Army physical therapist during WW II, Wilson founded two health clinics for the poor, retiring in 1984. She is survived by her husband, Wesley Wilson, MBA’54, and two sons.
The International House Global Voices Program has established a vibrant exchange with a wide range of Chicago-area academic and cultural institutions, arts organizations, dance companies, ethnic and folk arts groups, and music and theater groups. The Global Voices Lecture Series presents prominent speakers and organizes round-table discussion groups and special interest conferences and seminars. The Global Voices Performing Arts Series provides a showcase for all performing arts programs. For further information on programs or to subscribe to our e-bulletin, go to our Web site at http://ihouse.uchicago.edu. Programs are supported in part by grants from the Illinois Arts Council and the McCormick Foundation.

**September 13**
India Classical Music Society Concert

**September 20**
Viva Brazil 2009 Cultural Celebration

**World Music Festival**
Moroccan Orchestra of Tetouan

**September 26**
3rd Annual Hyde Park Jazz Festival

**September 28**
Author Night with Ralph Nader, speaking on his book, Only the Super Rich Can Save Us. Co-sponsored by the Seminary Co-op Bookstores

**October 9**
University of Chicago 500th Convocation

**October 10**
University of Chicago Volunteer Caucus

**October 13**
Global Voices Film Series
Middle East Film Program

**October 14**
Global Voices Performing Arts Series
Central Asian musical performance

**October 17**
Chicago Humanities Festival: Festival Day in Hyde Park

**October 20**
Author Night with Barbara Ehrenreich, speaking on her book, Bright-Sided: How the Relentless Promotion of Positive Thinking Undermines America. Co-sponsored by the Seminary Co-op Bookstores

**October 23–25**
International Kathak Festival of Indian Music and Dance

**October 31**
Annual Belgian Halloween Party

**November 5**
Panel Discussion
Thirty Years of the Islamic Revolution in Iran: The Tragedy of the Left

**November 13**

**November 25–29**
Annual Thanksgiving Homestay Program

**May 16**
Annual International House Festival of Nations
Food, films, music, and dance from around the world; hosted by International House residents

**May 25**
Annual Candlelight Sunday Supper for International House residents, alumni, and special guests

**June 3–6**
University of Chicago Alumni Weekend
On June 5, join alumni and friends for an international wine-tasting reception and jazz concert at I-House as part of this festive weekend.

**June 26**
International Houses Worldwide Alumni Reunion
Hosted by International House of Philadelphia

**May 17**
Global Voices Performing Arts Series Concert
Third Coast Productions

**March 19–21**
Spring Festival Series
45th Annual Eastern European Folk Festival of Music and Dance

**May 1**
Global Voices Performing Arts Series Concert
Third Coast Productions

This popular public lecture series held throughout the academic year is a collaborative project with the University of Chicago Center for International Studies, the Seminary Co-op Bookstores, The Chicago Council on Global Affairs, and the International House Global Voices Program. The program brings scholars and journalists together to consider major international news stories and how these stories are covered. Can’t make it to a program? Streaming and downloadable audio and video are now available from CHIASMOS, the University of Chicago's International and Area Studies Multimedia and Outreach Source at http://chiasmos.uchicago.edu. This program is supported in part by the McCormick Foundation.
Whether it’s a world music concert, a cultural celebration, a business meeting, or an academic forum, International House at the University of Chicago offers a setting unlike any other in the city—and everything you need to ensure a successful event.

We want to share this unique international setting with Chicago’s communities—university departments, international businesses, cultural institutions, performing arts groups, non-profit organizations and student groups. Contact the newly-established Office of Event Services for information on special events at International House at 773 702-3418 or oessched@lists.uchicago.edu. For information about co-sponsored programs or the International House Global Voices Lecture and Performing Arts Series contact the Office of Programs and External Relations at 773 753-2274 or i-house-programs@uchicago.edu.

Hear What’s Being Said at I-House

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