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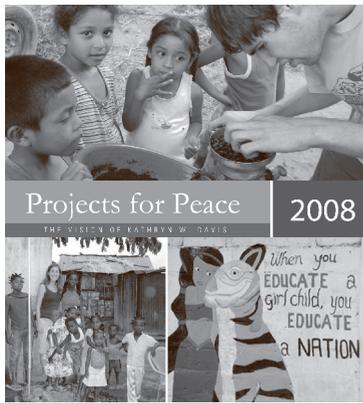
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I-HOUSE LIFE

Davis Projects for Peace— 2008 Grants Awarded

International House residents Genevieve Cour and Zaid al-Farisi have been awarded \$10,000 each for the design and implementation of grass-roots summer projects as a part of the



Davis Projects for Peace. Now in its second year, Davis Projects for Peace, is an initiative dedicated to finding new ways to advance world peace. It is funded by Kathryn Wasserman Davis, an accomplished internationalist and philanthropist and an alumna of International House New York.

Genevieve Cour, a Political Science student in the College, will use her award to form micro-banks in the villages of Arahuary and San Pedro de Casta in the Andean mountain range of rural Peru. Funds will be given to farmers and artisans to purchase items such as livestock, looms, lumber and tools. The project aims to provide the poor of rural Peru the opportunity to end their poverty and

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to create a vibrant state where all of its citizens are actively engaged in society. Cour hopes to achieve this ambitious goal one village at a time.

Zaid al-Farisi, JD '95 is a resident from Iraq and consultant for the International Human Rights Law Institute at De Paul University. He will use his award for the development of a peace park in Kabul, Afghanistan.

The project is designed to help bring the community together and build a strong spirit—something that is particularly important in an ethnically divided and war-ravaged country like Afghanistan.

Watch for updates on the Davis Projects for Peace in future issues of the I-House Life Newsletter and on our Web site at <http://ihouse.uchicago.edu>.

International House Hosts Citywide Spring Festivals

This spring International House Global Voices Performing Arts Series is host to a number of cultural festivals. On **March 28–30** the *43rd Annual Spring Festival of Dance and Music of Eastern Europe and the Mediterranean* celebrated over three days with workshops, performances, ethnic dinners, a concert and dance party with live music by James Stoyanoff and *Lamajamal*. This event was supported in part by Leonard

Plodzien, friend of International House, and the Boeing Company.

April 25 The Kalapriya Foundation presents a series of performances entitled "*Parampara*" (Tradition) featuring dancers and musicians performing a variety of original works. The program will feature the Gundecha Brothers of India performing Dhrupad, the oldest form of North Indian classical music. In conjunction with their student Shubha Sankaran,

Kalapriya Dance will present a performance of Bharata Natyam dance that uses stylized hand gestures, theatrical facial expressions, intricate footwork and complicated rhythms and counter rhythms to visualize poetry, mythology and universal themes.

April 26 The *India Blooms in Chicago Festival* presents *Stories in Motion: Narrative Dance in India*. See how various styles of Indian dance shape storytelling through footwork,

gesture, athleticism and music, featuring dancers Rumya P. Chatterjee (Kuchipudi), Shipra Mehrotra (Odissi), Kiran Chouhan (Kathak) with commentary by University of Chicago Professor Wendy Doniger.

May 4 The International House residents will host the Annual Festival of Nations, a joyful celebration of our multi-cultural community, featuring food, films, music and cultural performances from around the world.



From the Desk of the Director—

As we slowly move towards Spring in Chicago, my thoughts begin to gravitate towards issues of rebirth and renewal. These two words succinctly capture our experience at International House in the last few years. As we complete the final stages of our restoration and look at the great physical improvements and renewed life in the House, I feel alternately astonished and deeply grateful to all of our benefactors and friends for the tremendous support that they have shown.

International House has always been a place where students from all corners of the earth come together in the spirit of friendship and caring to learn from one another about cultures, world perspectives and life as experienced by others. This is as true today as ever. Today's students are able to enjoy a newly-invigorated facility that is better able to support their activities.

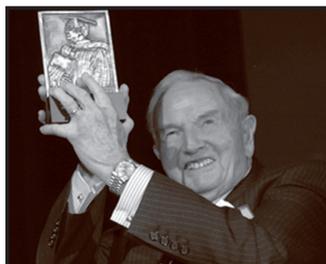
This summer we will complete the last phase of our \$30 million restoration with the completion of the ADA improvements making the building accessible to all students, guests and visitors. We will add a new ramp and front entry steps to the building, a ramp in the Main Lounge to allow access to the first floor corridor, and chair lifts to the Dining Hall, Assembly Hall, and stage; we will also open up an elevator from the Basement to the Home and National Rooms with an entry on the first floor. These changes and several other smaller improvements will make International House and its unique life and vibrant programs accessible to all peoples for many years to come.

We invite our alumni and friends to visit us to see and experience our revitalized building and to share your past experiences with us.

William L. McCartney, Director

I-HOUSE NEWS

Chicago Convenes 2008



Former resident David Rockefeller receiving the first Founders Circle award (2004).

Chicago Convenes is an annual event that recognizes the University's most generous supporters and provides them an opportunity to attend faculty-led panels, participate in College classes, and engage in Chicago-style inquiry. The daylong festivities culminate in the induction of new members into the Harper Society Founders Circle as well as the conferring of the University of Chicago Medal at a celebratory dinner in Rockefeller Memorial Chapel.

International House will host a special luncheon for alumni and friends of International House attending Chicago Convenes on May 2. Former Board member Adlai

Stevenson III will offer remarks at the luncheon program on the occasion of the 75th anniversary celebration of the founding of International House. For more information, please contact the Office of Programs and External Relations at (773) 753-2281 or visit the Web site at <http://chicagoinitiative.uchicago.edu/convenes2008/>

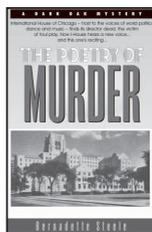
International Houses Worldwide

On behalf of International Houses Worldwide, alumni and friends of the University of Chicago are invited to a special gathering at the Austrian Embassy in Washington, DC. on Tuesday, May 27, 2008. This program is being held as a part of our year-long 75th anniversary celebration. Contact the Office of Programs and External Relations to receive an invitation card.



International House sets the Stage for Mystery Novel

Current resident Bernadette Steele has recently published her first murder mystery novel using International House and the gothic architecture of the University of Chicago as inspiration. *The Poetry of Murder* follows the adventures of a young African American aspiring poet as she works her way through a web of intrigue, revenge, deceit, and murder.



Have you written or contributed to a book? Send us a copy for the collection of International House Alumni books. Your book will be displayed in the library with a bookplate highlighting your name, degree and year(s) you lived in the House. For information on sending your book, email i-house-programs@uchicago.edu.

Transitions

International House has joined a new administrative division at the University of Chicago - the Office of the Vice-President and Dean of Students. Directed by **Kimberly Goff-Crews**, Vice President and Dean of Students, the office oversees services and programs dedicated to assisting all students in the exploration of the life of the mind outside the classroom. The focus is on supporting students' academic success, while providing them with opportunities for personal growth and leadership development in areas such as artistic expression, community service, spiritual exploration, athletic competition and more.



International House, in collaboration with students, faculty, and staff across the University, plays a significant role in graduate student life, promoting exposure to a diversity of people and ideas through its cultural programs, lecture series, residential fellowships and English Language Institute. International House's new partnership with the Office of the Vice-President and Dean of Students will assist in strengthening student community-building on both local and global levels to enhance students' social and intellectual experiences at the University of Chicago.

Plan now to return to campus for Alumni Weekend



Every year for Alumni Weekend, the campus comes alive as thousands of alumni, friends, and families from around the world return to celebrate all things Chicago. Alumni Weekend 2008 will take place June 5–8. Plan your return to campus for four days of events including lectures, tours, parties, exhibitions, and performances—many of them free.

- Hear from the University's president, Robert J. Zimmer.
- Honor Chicago excellence at the Alumni Convocation.

- Return to the classroom during the *UnCommon Core* for lively conversations led by favorite faculty.
- Experience Alumni Weekend as a family affair with activities for all ages, including college-bound teens.
- Reconnect with one another at the all-University Picnic and the ChicaGO Party gala.
- On June 7 join alumni and friends for the International House Wine-tasting Reception as part of this special weekend.

Alumni Couples

Did you meet your future spouse while you were both residents at International House? If so, you are one of a growing number of Coulter Couples, named after Thomas and Mary Alice (Leach) Coulter, one of the first couples to meet at the House and subsequently marry. Write to us and tell us your story—whether you fell in love while sharing an ice cream in the Tiffin Café, chatting in the Courtyard, or when you finally got up the nerve to ask that pretty girl to dance at one of the Int. House dances!

Alumni News



Shige Masaki, 1955

Former resident **Shige Masaki Nagamura X'56** recently visited International House from Tokyo, while she was in Chicago to be honored with an Outstanding Alumna Award by North

Central College in Naperville, IL where she earned her undergraduate degree.

Four former residents recently gathered in Chicago to celebrate the 70th birthday of Ravindra Katiyar AM'63. Pictured here are from left to right **Sant Singh AM'67, Ranbir Bhatnagar, Ravindra Katiyar AM'63, and Khazan Agrawal, SM'64.**



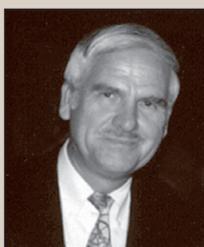
Larry Sjaastad, AB'57, AM'58, PhD'61 was recently awarded the 2008 Norman MacLean Faculty Award from the University of Chicago. This award is given to honor emeritus or senior faculty members who have made outstanding contributions to teaching and to students' experience of life on campus. Professor Sjaastad arrived as a student at International House in 1955 to study economics.



Larry Sjaastad, 1955

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Frank P. Baxpehler, MBA '72, President of F. P. Baxpehler & Associates, was a longtime member of the International House Board of Governors from 1981–1987 and 1988–2000. His commitment and support helped to steer a new direction for the role of International House in the new millennium. He is survived by his wife Hildegard and his daughter Kirsten.



Kenneth Ghent SM'33, PhD'35, was a resident of International House from 1933–1934 and served as the representative from Canada as Secretary of the Student Council. He was Professor of Mathematics at the University of Oregon from 1935 to 1976 and an international student advisor from 1952 to 1976. He is survived by his son Robert, daughters Dorothy Turchi and Margaret Ghent and four grandchildren.



Harper Society Founders Circle

Former resident **Jerry Knoll, AB'47, MBA'47** will be inducted into the Harper Society Founders Circle at the 2008 Chicago Conveners on May 2nd. Named for the University's first president, William Rainey Harper, the Harper Society recognizes donors whose cumulative gifts in support of the University of Chicago total \$500,000 or more. Within the Harper Society, the Founders Circle celebrates the legacy of the University of Chicago's first benefactors by recognizing alumni, friends, corporations, and foundations that have made cumulative gifts of \$1 million or more.



Jerry Knoll, 1945

Create a Lasting Legacy of Your Own

International House at the University of Chicago is especially grateful for the bequests it receives from alumni and other friends.

When you include a provision in your will or trust for the benefit of the University, you provide essential resources that will shape the future of International House and ensure its excellence for generations to come.

The Benefits of a Bequest

A bequest is simple to arrange, reduces your taxable estate, and allows you to retain your assets throughout your lifetime. The flexibility of a bequest permits you to designate a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your estate or a piece of property. Furthermore, your bequest can benefit a program that holds a special significance to you, endow a scholarship, or leave an unrestricted gift to the University.

Communicate Your Wishes

If you would like to include a bequest in your will or your living trust, you will need to incorporate specific language to describe your gift and its intended use by the University. To ensure an accurate understanding, we welcome the opportunity to work with you and your advisers to appropriately develop and tailor this language.

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Your Plans

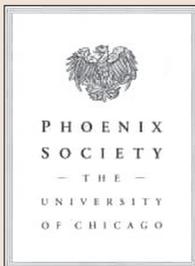
If you have already taken steps to include the University in your estate plan, we encourage you to let us know of your intentions so that we can express our gratitude to you during your lifetime. Sharing your plans with us ensures that your wishes will be met and also assists the University's long-term planning efforts.

The Phoenix Society— Our Gratitude

Donors who support the University through an estate commitment or life-income arrangement are invited to become members of the Phoenix Society. Members receive a welcome package, invitations to special University events, and recognition in an honor roll of contributors (unless anonymity is requested.)

Defining your legacy is one of the most important decisions you will make in your lifetime. When you create or revise your estate plan, we hope you will include the University among your beneficiaries.

For more information on bequests and other planned gifts, please contact the Office of Gift Planning at 773/702-3130 or at giftplan@uchicago.edu or visit <http://giftplanning.uchicago.edu>.



Building a Bright Future—Stone by Stone



Assembly Hall

As the new century begins, International House continues to play a vital role in preparing tomorrow's leaders for a global future. The University of Chicago affirmed the importance of this mission by committing to a major renovation of International House that began in 2000. With the renovation drawing to a close, International House is poised to provide its residents and the greater Chicago-area community with an exciting new space to meet and exchange ideas for years to come.

The completion of the renovation brings with it a unique opportunity for supporters to create a legacy at International House and the University. By making a gift to name a public space in the refurbished building, you can lend your name as well as critical support to the vital goal of global understanding.

The completion of the renovations marks the

commencement of an exciting era for International House, the University and the City of Chicago. By making a naming gift, you can ensure that your name, or that of someone you wish to honor, is associated with generous support of International House and its unique mission. This is a wonderful opportunity to make an impact on global education.

Naming Opportunities for public spaces include:

- Assembly Hall
- Home Room
- National Room
- Library
- Tiffin Board Room
- Dining Hall
- Private Study Rooms
- Music Practice Rooms
- Courtyard

To make a gift or to learn more, contact Denise Jorgens, Director of Programs and External Relations at (773) 753-2281 or d-jorgens@uchicago.edu.

Calling All Alumni: The Telefund is Coming!

Beginning in April, University of Chicago students will be telephoning alumni of International House to discuss ways in which you can support its on-going mission for future students. Tell us about your memories of the House and give us your ideas on how we can help you continue to participate in this unique and vibrant community.



Main Lounge

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 Performing Arts Series* provides a showcase for all performing arts programs. *The Global Voices Lecture Series* presents prominent speakers and organizes round-table discussion groups and special interest conferences and seminars. 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 Tribune Foundation.



March 28–30
Spring Festival Series
43rd Annual Eastern European Folk Festival of Music and Dance

April 4–5
Conference—Genocide: Crimes Unpunished, Lessons Unlearned
Sponsored by the Darfur Action and Education Fund, the Norman Wait Harris Fund and the Human Rights Program

April 13
Mostly Music Concert—
Quintet Attacca



April 14
Author Night with Professor Cass Sunstein, Karl N. Llewellyn Distinguished Service Professor of Law at the University of Chicago speaking on his latest book *Nudge: Improving Decisions About Health, Wealth, and Happiness*

April 23
Café Science: DNA and Tropical Habitats
Co-sponsored by the Field Museum



April 25
Spring Festival Series
Kalapriya Dance Company—
Paramapara (Tradition)
Performance of north Indian classical dance

April 26
Spring Festival Series
India Blooms in Chicago—
Stories in Motion: Narrative Dance in India

April 30
Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture Annual Lecture
featuring author Sherman Alexie

May 2
75th Anniversary Civic Luncheon
in conjunction with Chicago Convenes

May 4
Annual International House Festival of Nations Celebration—
Food, Films, Music and Dance from around the world hosted by International House residents



The Chicago Ensemble 31st Anniversary Concert Series
March 16 & May 18

The Chicago Ensemble spring 2008 schedule features diverse chamber music performances by well-known master composers and new works including three winners of the “Discover America” competition for new American chamber works. For complete program and ticket information go to www.thechicagoensemble.org

May 9
Middle East Music Ensemble—
Spring Concert



May 14
Annual Ryerson Lecture
with Martha Nussbaum, Ernst Freund Distinguished Service Professor of Law and Ethics at the University of Chicago

May 21
Spring Candlelight Supper
for International House residents, alumni and special guests



May 22
3rd Annual Commemorative Roe vs. Wade Event: Beyond Choice: Exploring Reproductive Justice from Scholarship to Activism
Co-sponsored by the Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture

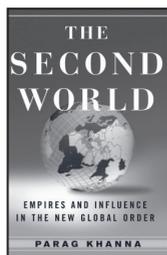
May 27
International Houses Worldwide Alumni Reunion
hosted by the Austrian Embassy, Washington, DC



June 5–8
University of Chicago Alumni Weekend
On June 7 join alumni and friends for a Wine-tasting Reception as a part of this special weekend



March 20
Parag Khanna,
Fellow and Director of the Global Governance Initiative of the American Strategy Program at the New America Foundation speaking on his forthcoming book, *The Second World: Empires and Influence in the New Global Order*



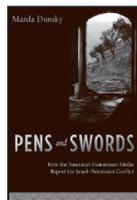
April 10
Panel Discussion—Faith and Community: A Dialogue
Panel discussion on the peace building process in Southeast Asia

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 Coop 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://chiasmus.uchicago.edu>. This program is supported in part by the McCormick Tribune Foundation.

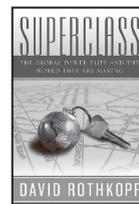
April 15
Michael Levin,
Executive-in-Residence at the Thunderbird School of Global Management speaking on his book *The Next Great Clash: China and Russia vs. the United States*



April 22
Marda Dunsky,
DePaul University speaking on her book *Pens and Swords: How the American Mainstream Media Report the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*



April 28
David Rothkopf,
President and Chief Executive of Garten Rothkopf, and visiting scholar at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace speaking on his book *Superclass: The Global Power Elite and the World They Are Making*



May 15
Jimmie Briggs,
journalist and goodwill ambassador for the United Nations speaking on his book *Innocents Lost: When Child Soldiers Go To War*



June 6
Steven Wax,
Seventh-term Federal Public Defender for the District of Oregon speaking on his book *Kafka Comes to America: Fighting for Justice in the War on Terror—A Public Defender's Inside Account*



June 10
Ahmed Rashid,
Pakistani journalist based in Lahore speaking on his book *Descent into Chaos: The U.S. and the Failure of Nation Building in Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Central Asia*



Special Events at International House

Are you planning an event for the spring or summer 2008? The International House Assembly Hall will be air-conditioned beginning May 1st, 2008. For more information on hosting an event at International House, contact the Office of Programs and External Relations at (773) 753-2274 or go to <http://ihouse.uchicago.edu/facility/>.

To contact us:

Web site: <http://ihouse.uchicago.edu>

Telephone: (773) 753-2273

Email: i-house-alumni@listhost.uchicago.edu

Last chance for International House Keepsakes

Hurry! Time is limited! You can still order commemorative keepsakes to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of International House until May 31st. For more photos and information on purchasing these items, please go the Web site at <http://ihouse.uchicago.edu/> or contact International House Alumni Relations at (773) 753-2273 or email i-house-alumni@listhost.uchicago.edu.



Designed exclusively for International House in 1932 by Bauscher China of Weiden-Bavaria, the elegant House china has been stunningly reproduced for the 75th anniversary by Bauscher with the original intricate pattern. We are

pleased to offer alumni and friends a 4-piece set including cup, saucer, salad plate and dinner plate for \$75 plus shipping and handling.

Own a piece of the House with authentic stone from the Courtyard. This beautiful blue and grey slate has been crafted into an attractive paperweight with a brass plate and will be a

touchstone back to hours spent sitting with friends by the Courtyard fountain. Cost: \$50 (includes shipping).



Wear your connection to the House with pride! Anniversary t-shirts are on sale for \$15 (includes shipping).

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