The 2008 Nobel Prize in Physics was presented to Professor Yoichiro Nambu on December 10—not in Stockholm, but in Hyde Park. The Assembly Hall at International House was the site for this historic event, with the hall’s colorful flag display adding to the pageantry of the trumpeters’ herald that opened the ceremony.

International House not only provided an elegant setting for this high-profile occasion, but efficiently handled the innumerable details associated with an event of this nature involving matters of protocol.

The program featured remarks from President Robert Zimmer, Swedish Ambassador Jonas Hafström, and Professor Nambu, who delivered a talk entitled “My Road to Spontaneous Symmetry Breaking.” Dr. Nambu received the Nobel medal and diploma from Ambassador Hafström following a segment of video clips from the Stockholm ceremony.

The event was attended by 200 invited guests, including Dr. Nambu’s wife, Chieko and son, John as well as invited guests, including Dr. Nambu’s wife, Chieko and son, John as well as Dr. Wolf C. Heisenberg, 1972 Nobel Prize winner for Physics (Chair, Nobel Committee for Physics since 2002) and Speaker of the German Bundestag, Dr. Gerhard Schröder. Scintillating remarks were delivered by President Robert Zimmer, Swedish Ambassador Jonas Hafström, and Secretary of State for Sweden, Dr. Per Carlsson. Dr. Z. H. Rhodes, winner of the 1997 Nobel Prize in Chemistry, delivered a talk entitled “The Nobel Prize in Chemistry.”

The scientific work that resulted in Dr. Nambu’s Nobel Prize—“the discovery of the mechanism of spontaneous broken symmetry in subatomic physics”—was conducted in 1960. Dr. Nambu presented a talk entitled “My Road to Spontaneous Symmetry Breaking.”

The Nobel Prize Ceremony at International House

International House Nobel Laureates

International House proudly recognizes its alumni, who have been honored with Nobel Prizes in their academic disciplines:

James W. Cronin, SM’53, PhD’55
I-House resident in 1954
James Cronin (along with Val L. Fitch) received the 1980 prize in Physics for the discovery of violations of fundamental symmetry principles in the decay of neutral K-mesons, work done in part at the University. Cronin has been a member of the faculty since 1970, and is currently University Professor Emeritus, Department of Physics, the Enrico Fermi Institute, and the College.

Enrico Fermi
I-House resident from 1940 to 1942
Enrico Fermi received the 1938 prize in Physics for his demonstrations of the existence of new radioactive elements produced by neutron irradiation, and for his related discovery of nuclear reactions brought about by slow neutrons. Fermi led the team of scientists who achieved the first controlled self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction under the west stands of Stagg Field on December 2, 1942.

Tsung-Dao Lee, PhD’50
I-House resident from 1946 to 1949 and Chen Ning Yang, PhD’48
I-House resident from 1945 to 1948
Tsung-Dao Lee and Chen Ning Yang, received the 1957 prize in Physics for their penetrating investigation of the so-called parity laws, which has led to important discoveries regarding elementary particles. Yang was Instructor in the Department of Physics in 1948 and 1949.

George J. Stigler, PhD’38
I-House resident from 1933 to 1936
George Stigler was the Charles R. Walgreen Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus in the Booth School of Business and the Department of Economics. He received the 1982 prize in Economic Sciences. He was a member of the faculty from 1958 to 1991.
Message from the Director—

These are troubling economic times for the University of Chicago. This is not a startling revelation that I am sharing here. This problem has been building in the U.S. and around the world for months, and as we look to the future, it is imperative that International House address these issues head on in order to protect this valuable experience for future generations of students.

The dramatic drop in the stock market has affected the payout of our endowment which supports many of the programs and services that enrich the International House Chicago experience. Our senior management team at International House has been working on these issues for several months and has already begun to take steps to minimize the financial impacts of the current economic downturn. We are looking for opportunities to encourage new partnerships with local colleges and universities to increase our occupancy and further diversify our resident population. We continue to explore new partnerships to increase our public lecture and performing art revenues, such as the new 59th Street Jazz Series which will bring four jazz concerts to International House this spring. We are investigating several energy saving projects that will help us minimize costs in the future, as well as help conserve valuable energy resources. Lastly, we are searching for efficiencies at all levels of our operation as we seek ways to protect and preserve this wonderful institution.

Your enduring support through these difficult times is greatly appreciated. It is through the continued generosity of our friends and alums that we will be able to weather this period of economic turmoil. We are very fortunate to have such a passionate and committed group of supporters to assist us in our endeavors.

William L. McCartney, Director

Celebrating 100 Years of the Idea of International House

“...a miracle was taking place. The fact that they came from different countries lost its significance... They were just students—friendly, jovial, talkative.”
—From the Memoirs of Harry Edmonds

Throughout 2009 International Houses Worldwide are celebrating 100 years of the International House idea. International House was inspired by a chance encounter on the steps of Low Library at Columbia University. There in 1909, Harry Edmonds—a 26-year old YMCA secretary—greeted a Chinese student in passing. Surprised by Edmonds' warm recognition, the young man responded “Thank you for speaking to me. I have been in New York three weeks, and you are the first person who has spoken to me.” Deeply affected by the encounter, Edmonds and his wife Florence invited a group of international students to their country home for simple suppers.

These gatherings continued, and in the winter of 1910–11, the Edmonds held the first series of Sunday Suppers in Earl Hall at Columbia University, to which American students were also invited. In 1912, Edmonds established the Intercollegiate Cosmopolitan Club with student officers and a regular program of activities. In time, his goal expanded to include the promotion not only of friendship among individuals, but greater understanding and respect among nations. Although the Club had quarters at 2929 Broadway, Edmonds dreamed of a permanent home. The concept was radical: men and women of all races, nationalities and religions living and dining together as graduate students under the same roof.

Members of the Dodge family—Cleveland H. Dodge and his sisters, Grace H. Dodge and Mrs. William Osborn—were early supporters of the effort, helping to furnish the clubhouse. The younger generation of Dodies—Cleveland E. Dodge and Frederic Osborn—joined the Cosmopolitan Club board. Through Edmonds’ appeal the Dodge family donated funds to purchase six lots on Claremont Avenue in New York City in 1920.

Later that year the great philanthropist John D. Rockefeller, Jr. addressed the Club at one of its Sunday Suppers. Impressed by the students and seeking a way to foster global peace in the wake of World War I, he agreed to purchase the remaining property on Riverside Drive, and to finance construction on the majestic site overlooking the Hudson River. Ground was broken in August 1922, and International House of New York opened its doors in 1924.

The opening of International House of New York was heralded throughout the world. From the outset, residents were offered a wide range of opportunities to interact. Sunday Suppers, with guest speakers, immediately became part of the program, as did other activities which remain in one form or another to the present day at all International Houses Worldwide: national nights, dance parties, interest groups, noted speakers of the day and excursions.

The idea of the “world under one roof” was such a success that in 1926 John D. Rockefeller, Jr. formed a committee to “determine the needs and opportunities” for others. With intense consultation by Harry Edmonds and financing by Mr. Rockefeller, International Houses opened in Berkeley in 1930, Chicago in 1932, Paris in 1936 and Tokyo in 1954. Today there are scores of International Houses in countries throughout the world, all promoting qualities of leadership, tolerance, respect and friendship among individuals of all nations and backgrounds.

A more formal organization of International Houses Worldwide has been established in recent years further extending the International House idea.

International Houses Worldwide—Directors Meet in Sydney

Representatives from International Houses Worldwide (IHW) an organization of seventeen international houses from four continents met in Sydney, Australia from January 11–16, 2009. The meeting provided the directors with an opportunity to discuss issues and concerns related to the future of IHW and to share experiences and challenges of international residential and program centers. The directors also had the opportunity to tour the Sydney and Wollongong International Houses and meet with staff.

During this year’s meetings, it was decided that IHW should begin to form a stronger central organization to serve as a resource to preserve and enhance our shared mission and vision of a global community. A stronger IHW organization will serve as a resource and support system as we address core issues facing us today.
“Global Connections” Alumni Event held in New Delhi

Denise Jorgens, AM’83 PhD’95, Director of Programs and External Affairs, represented International House at a special gathering of UC alumni and friends at the historic Shangri-La Hotel in New Delhi on February 28. The event, hosted by the University of Chicago Alumni Association, feted a group of UC alumni travelers touring India with faculty lecturer Bulbul Tiwari, PhD’07. Dr. Tiwari, who earned her doctorate in the field of South Asian Languages and Civilizations, accompanied the group during the “Mystical India” alumni study trip, which included visits to UNESCO World Heritage sites.

Here What’s Being Said at I-House

Can’t make it to an event? Streaming and downloadable audio and video are now available for many events, including our popular World Beyond the Headlines Lecture Series, from CHIASMOS, the University of Chicago’s International and Area Studies, Multimedia and Outreach Source at http://chiasmos.uchicago.edu. Join the over 2000 subscribers to hear the latest discussions on world affairs. You can now help support these recording by making a gift at http://chicagoinitiative.uchicago.edu/.

Special Events at International House

Are you planning an event for the spring or summer 2009? The International House Assembly Hall will be air-conditioned beginning May 1st, 2009. 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/.

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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!

You’re Invited

International House alumni are invited to join residents for the annual Candlelight Supper on Sunday, May 31, 2009. This event marks the closing of a year of living together and honors all graduating residents. Reservations are required. Contact Alumni Relations at International House.

Robert Arthur Nottenburg
AM’47, PhD’50
A WWII and Korean War veteran who was born and raised in Boston, Massachusetts, Robert lived at International House for three years while he was completing his AM in Political Science and PhD in Educational Administration from the University of Chicago and went on to build a distinguished career in the field of higher learning while rising to positions of leadership in a number of professional organizations. He was a tireless member of the North Shore Chapter of the Retired Officers Association and the Democratic Party of Evanston, and served as a Cook County election judge for a number of years. He was a lifelong devotee of the opera, an enthusiastic participant in the Lifelong Learning Institute at National-Louis University, and a passionate fan of the Chicago Cubs.

Robert, 87, passed away peacefully on August 10, 2008 following a brief illness. He is survived by Marilyn (Corn), his wife of 58 years; daughters, Barbara Kramer (Stephen), Carol, and Gail Nottenburg (Mark Rosenblum); grandchildren Karen and Daniel Kramer; and a sister, Gladys Nathan.

Roy Ringo, PhD’41
Roy, a pioneering nuclear researcher at Argonne National Laboratory, was born in Minot, ND in 1917. He lived in Hollywood in the twenties, but returned to Minot during the Depression years and attended college in North Dakota.

Roy lived at International House from 1936 to 1939, while attending the University of Chicago for his Doctorate in Physics. Roy worked at the Naval Research Lab in Washington, D.C. during WWII before joining Argonne National Laboratory, where he specialized in neutron research. At the age of 88, he retired from Argonne, but continued as a research subject at Rush-Presbyterian Medical Center, to which he has donated his brain. He was 91. He is survived by Miriam (Kovner), his wife of 66 years; sons, Martin (Carol) and James (Mary Alice); daughter, Susan; five grandchildren; and many loving friends.
Help Strengthen the International Community on Campus
Lending Your Support—and Your Name

International House plays 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 exciting new spaces to meet and exchange ideas for years to come. Each year, International House sponsors a wide range of programs, workshops and activities designed to provide meaningful opportunities for discussion and engagement in community, national and world affairs.

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 integral mission. This is a wonderful opportunity to make an impact on global education while commemorating the time you spent at I-House or its role in the education of a famous international alumnus or alumna.

Legacy Recognition Opportunities for public spaces include:

- Assembly Hall • Library • Community Garden • Courtyard
- Fountain in the Courtyard • Home Room • Tiffin Board Room
- National Room • Dining Hall • Computer Lab
- Resident Sleeping Rooms • Private Study Rooms
- Music Practice Rooms

The International House Global Fellowship Initiative

The International House Global Fellowship Initiative ensures the exceptional geographical, cultural, and economic diversity that is central to the mission of International House and the University of Chicago. Global Fellows reside at International House throughout the academic year and are expected to contribute their unique perspectives and interests to the community. In turn, International House provides a supportive on-campus environment that helps ensure their personal fulfillment and academic success. The Global Fellowship Initiative provides crucial funding for students to assist them in meeting living expenses.

Gifts at the following levels endow in perpetuity Global Fellowships for students residing at International House:

- $40,000 endows a fund providing one student each year with $1,500 to help meet a major portion of the residential expenses for one quarter of the academic year
- $80,000 endows a fund providing one student each year with $3,000 to meet nearly 70% of the residential expenses over two quarters of the academic year
- $160,000 endows a fund providing one student each year with $6,000 to meet nearly the full cost of the residential expenses for three quarters of the academic year

For more information on the Global Fellowship Initiative, contact Alumni Relations at International House (773) 753-2281 or email i-house-alumni@listhost.uchicago.edu.

Make a World of Difference!

Fun and easy ways to give to International House

- **Global Voices Lecture Series.** A gift of $2,500 will support one program in our popular public lecture series.

- **“Language Tables.”** A gift of $3,000 would fund the program for one academic quarter; this amount would provide program support toward the coordinator’s stipend, advertising, and other operating costs.

- **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-alumni@listhost.uchicago.edu.
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.

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**March 1**
Women’s History Month Program
Gingarte Capoeira Chicago and the Brazilian Cultural Center celebrate Women’s Encounter

**March 3**
Global Voices Film Series
Invisible Children

**March 7**
DuSable Day Celebration
From DuSable to Obama: Lessons in Leadership

**March 10**
Global Voices Film Series
Las Mujeres de la Caucus Chicana

**March 12**
Author Night
with sociologist William Julius Wilson, Harvard University

**March 18**
Illinois Humanities Council—Lecture Program
All’s Fair in Oil and Water: Conflicts, Compromises, and Compacts

**March 20–22**
Spring Festival Series
44th Eastern European Folk Festival of Music and Dance

**March 23**
Cultural Celebration
Co-sponsored by the Middle-Eastern Studies Student Association
Saudian Cultural Night

**April 18**
Conference
Foundations for the Study of South Asia
Keynote Address by historian Sanjay Subrahmanyan

**April 23**
Cultural Celebration
Co-sponsored by the Middle-Eastern Studies Student Association
Saudi Cultural Night

**April 23–25**
Spring Festival Series
Kalapriya Center for Indian Performing Arts

**May 5**
Mark Gevisser,
South African correspondent, The Nation, speaking on his new biography, Thabo Mbeki—The Dream Deferred

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This popular public lecture series, held throughout the academic year, is a collaborative project of the International House Global Voices Program, the University of Chicago Center for International Studies, and the Seminary Co-op Bookstores. The program brings scholars and journalists together to consider major international news stories and their coverage. 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.
Plan now for your spring return

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» International Wine Tasting Event and 59th Street Jazz Concert and more

Get Started
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