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April 23–25



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The Dream Deferred*
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I-HOUSE LIFE

Nobel Prize Ceremony at International House

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 fellow Nobel laureates from the University of Chicago and other institutions and members of the University community. A live telecast was shown at Max Palevsky Auditorium and on CTV1 and was streamed live on the University's Web site.

Dr. Nambu, Harry Pratt Judson Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus of the Department of Physics

and the Enrico Fermi Institute, was born in Tokyo in 1921. Dr. Nambu arrived in the U.S. in 1952 to study with J. Robert Oppenheimer at Princeton University's Institute for Advanced Study. He came to the University of Chicago as a Research Associate in 1954, in part due to the reputation of Enrico Fermi (himself a fellow Nobel laureate in Physics and a 1940–1942 resident of International House).

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. Physics Nobelist James Cronin (SM'53, PhD'55), Professor Emeritus and a 1954 International House resident, who toasted Dr. Nambu following the ceremony, has deemed his colleague's contributions "the cornerstone of the standard model of particle physics, which unites the strong interactions, the electromagnetic interactions, and the weak interactions all in a clear,

understandable whole." After nearly fifty years, the Royal Swedish Academy of Science has honored Dr. Nambu's achievements as he takes his place as the 28th Nobel laureate in Physics at the University of Chicago.

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.



Swedish Ambassador Jonas Hafström and Professor Nambu



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

I-HOUSE NEWS

Celebrating 100 Years of the Idea of International House

"We soon became aware that ... 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



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 Dodges—Cleveland E. Dodge and Frederick 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



John D. Rockefeller

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

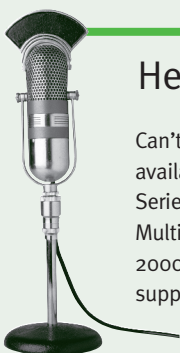
Representatives from International Houses Worldwide (IHHW), an organization of seventeen international houses from four continents met in Sydney, Australia from January 11–16, 2009. The meeting provided the directors with an opportunity to discuss issues and concerns related to the future of IHHW and 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 IHHW 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 IHHW 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://chiasmus.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/>.

To contact us:

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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.

I N M E M O R I A M

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.



International House Archive

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.



International House Archive

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



Assembly Hall



Main Lounge

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 \$1500 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 \$3000 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 \$6000 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.



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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.



The Chicago Ensemble Concert Series

March 29, May 24

For complete program and ticket information, go to

www.thechicagoensemble.org



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 11

Global Voices Film Series

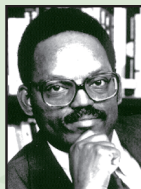
Las Mujeres de la Causa Chicana



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

59th Street Jazz series

In conjunction with the Hyde Park Jazz Society

March 22, April 4, May 2, and June 7 during Alumni Weekend

April 18

Conference

Foundations for the Study of South Asia
Keynote Address by historian Sanjay Subrahmanyam

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 7

Lecture

Philip Deloria, University of Michigan, Co-sponsored by Native American Student Alliance

May 17

Annual Festival of Nations Celebration

Food, films, music and dance from around the world; hosted by International House residents

May 30–31

University Ballet

Spring Performance

Giselle, Act 1 and Alice in Wonderland



May 31

Annual Candlelight Sunday Supper

for International House residents, alumni and special guests

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO ALUMNI WEEKEND

JUNE 4-7, 2009

Saturday, June 6, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Alumni Weekend, Wine Tasting
Main Lounge, International House

All alumni and friends are invited to stop by and sample a variety of wines from around the world while re-connecting with former residents. Current I-House residents and staff members will be on hand to lead tours of the newly-renovated facility. Further information on Alumni Weekend activities is at: <http://alumniweekend.uchicago.edu/>.

SAVE THE DATE!

September 26

3rd Annual Hyde Park Jazz Festival



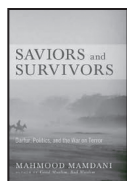
THE WORLD

BEYOND THE HEADLINES

March 10

Rashid Khalidi,

Columbia University, speaking on his latest book, *Sowing Crisis: The Cold War and American Hegemony in the Middle-East*



March 19

Mahmood Mamdani,

Columbia University, speaking on his latest book, *Sudan—Saviors and Survivors*. Moderated by Jerome McDonnell, WBEZ

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

April 16

Michael Klare

Rising Powers, Shrinking Planet: The New Geopolitics of Energy



April 30

Tariq Ali

Film Screening: *Partition (1987)*
Followed by a discussion
Partition: 60 Years On...



May 5

Mark Gevisser,

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



Alumni Weekend

June 4–7, 2009 | alumniweekend.uchicago.edu

Plan now for your spring return

Check Out the Highlights

- » Reunion celebrations and tours
- » Faculty-led classes
- » International Wine Tasting Event and 59th Street Jazz Concert and more

Get Started

- » Make your room reservation—lodging at International House is limited
- » Call your friends and former residents
- » Visit alumniweekend.uchicago.edu for all the details
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